

**THE HOT SKI RESORT** ➔

Since the launch of four new lifts, Ski Arlberg in Austria has become the largest contiguous ski area in Europe, offering 305km of pistes. For luxury lovers, Lech is the obvious place to stay. Not only does the town have several established properties – including Chalet N, Chalet 1597, Uberhaus and the Aurelio Clubhouse – it also has Severin's new Alpine Retreat (right). Inside the 150-year-old wooden walls of this chalet there is slick Minotti furniture and contemporary art, as well as a pretty spa and a buzzy restaurant. ([severins-lech.at](http://severins-lech.at))



**THE BEAUTY TREATMENTS**

Travellers have long brought back health and beauty therapies from abroad that are reputed to have healing properties. Our latest discoveries? Sóley Organics' creams (from €35), which include extracts of volcanic mud and Icelandic herb oils; Dolomitic Water moisturiser (€78), which is made in Italy with the water from mineral-rich mountain streams; and Apivita's antioxidant-packed plant extracts (body milk, €18) from Greece. ([soleyorganics.com](http://soleyorganics.com); [dolomiticwater.com](http://dolomiticwater.com); [apivita.com](http://apivita.com))



**THE SMART BAGS** ⬆

There's no excuse for getting caught with a dead phone while travelling now thanks to a range of new suitcases that offer inbuilt chargers. The Horizn brand is the smartest; its super-light case has slick wheels, handy pockets and a battery with two USB ports (from €199). If it's a handbag that you want, then Knomo's Elektronista clutch (from £179) is super-practical thanks to its inbuilt battery and organiser pockets. ([horizn-studios.com](http://horizn-studios.com);

**THE CARIBBEAN HANGOUT** ➔

Once St Barts was a sleepy outpost in the Caribbean, but as the celebrities arrived, so did the superyachts and glamorous hotels, of which several new ones have opened during the past year. On the wilder side of the island there's Le Toiny, with its laid-back beach club and private villas. On a beautiful white arc of beach there is Le Barthélemy, which has interiors by the decorator Sybille de Margerie, food by the Michelin-starred chef Guy Martin and a Crème de la Mer spa. Inland, far away from the celebrity huddle at Eden Rock, there's Jocelyne Sibuet's super-chic Villa Marie Saint-Barth (right), its rooms all sunny yellows and jungle prints, with lush gardens crawling with wildlife including tortoises and parrots. Next year's big opening will be Taiwana, which was recently purchased by LVMH. ([letoiny.com](http://letoiny.com); [lebarthelemyhotel.com](http://lebarthelemyhotel.com); [A photograph of a bedroom interior. It features a bed with a white canopy, a ceiling fan, and a striped blanket. The room is decorated with sunny yellows and jungle prints.](http://saint-barth.</a></p>
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