



CHALET CHIC

Sagittaire is the stylish new stay from CK Verbier. Residents have the best of this Swiss resort on their lap as well as a pool, spa and gym and one of the finest wine cellars in the land at their fingertips. Sleeping up to 31 as a whole, it also divides into three private apartments: from £4,052 a week, Les Esserts is perfect for three-couple groups.

ckverbier.com



ARRIVALS

ANTARCTICA

See this mesmeric wilderness from aboard new luxury cruiser MV Le Boreal (above); book before 31 March and get 20 per cent discount. abercrombiekent.com/antarctica

BEIRUT

CampbellGray Hotels' new outpost, Le Gray (left) ramps up the escape appeal of this Middle Eastern hub. legray.com



ESCAPE ROUTE

Holiday revolutions and travel resolutions are top of Juliet Kinsman's agenda

JUST THE TICKET

If your aim this year is to get organised, let Thomas Lyte get your on-the-hoof admin in order. We especially love this soft leather travel wallet in extra-easy-to-spot mustard, £205. thomaslyte.com



TRAVEL BAROMETER

THE TOURIST TRAIL

Sidestep the beaten path with Not for Tourists' straight-talking insider guides. notfortourists.com

JUNIOR AIRMILES

Apparently, the Beckham brood clocked up almost 30,000 miles last summer. Let's hope this year's carbon footprints won't be so yeti-sized

'BRAGABONDS'

Be gone. We know you took that flashy winter holiday just for its boasting potential

DEPARTURES



LIP SERVICE

Sign up for Spanish tutorials with Argentine linguist, Esteban Saggese (above), and stick to that new-year promise. Private classes £20 an hour; email ejsaggese@gmail.com.



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FAVOURITE HOTEL

Azura, an eco-boutique retreat on Benguerra Island, Mozambique. Built almost entirely by hand by islanders using local materials, the Presidential Villa 'PV' has its own library, bar, treehouse, infinity pool, beach salas and sundecks galore. Magical. azura-retreats.com

BEST SHOPPING

Marrakech's souks for beaded slippers, wonky dark wood bowls, beautifully smooth chopping boards and hooded cotton pyjamas.



DREAM HOLIDAY-HOME LOCATION

I love Camber Sands (above) for that wonderful faded British seaside feel: caff on the beach, seafood stall and bucket 'n' spade shops. The seaside very inspirational and I often come up with design ideas when I'm there (see plate below).

PACKING TIPS

Plenty of sarongs: they can be used as towels, beach mats, blankets, skirts and headscarves.

I always check stuffyourrucksack.com before travelling: it advises you on what to take that the local community might really need.

