

## travel talk













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## THINGS TO DO, BUY, SEE AND TRY

- 1. GENEVA Iconic train the Eurostar has launched a year-round service to Geneva via Lille with high-speed train service TGV Lyria. Suddenly the snowy slopes are easier to reach than ever before from London, Amsterdam and other cities. www.eurostar.com
- 2. RAJASTHAN With only a few rooms, the Shahpura Bagh is situated on a private estate and is a haven of peace and quiet. Flee the crowds and enjoy a drink at the hotel, or watch the birds and the sunset. www.shahpurabagh.com
- 3. DELHI The newly-opened Vivanta by Taj in the city's exciting new district, Gurgaon, is close to the airport and offers a plethora of dining options and a Jiva spa. There's also a giant pool to cool you down. 🕒 www.vivantabytaj.com
- **4. LOS ANGELES** The Four Seasons LA on Doheny isn't just a place to enjoy the Californian sun at the pool: you can now experience innovative facials and bio-meditation healing as part of its holistic package. Www.fourseasons. com/losangeles
- 5. HONG KONG Jonay Armas's exciting restaurant, The Principal, offers fine dining in a refreshingly informal setting. The Expedition menu with wine pairings is a memorable culinary experience. www.theprincipal.com.hk
- 6. LONDON With Andrew Turner at the helm, Ten Room serves traditional British cuisine with a contemporary twist. Start with a Loch Duart salmon ceviche and work your way through a Somerset lamb rump caponata with buttered spinach. The desserts are equally heavenly. www.hotelcaferoyal.com
- 7. TOKYO To shake off jetlag and revitalise mind, body and spirit, the Mizuki Spa offers dedicated treatment combinations. Blend the Action Sublime facial with a massage using essential blended oils and spend the rest of the afternoon soaking in an ofuro hot tub. www.conradtokyo.co.jp

