

travel talk







THINGS TO DO, BUY, SEE AND TRY

1. SHANGHAI Right on the famed Bund, the historic Waldorf Astoria has restored its famous 1910 long bar in the former Shanghai Club style. Archival photos, marble columns, dark wooden panelling and stained-glass

windows set the perfect scene for an exclusive whisky tour or the finest Cuban cigars. www.waldorfastoriashanghai.com





3. PARIS Built in 1850 during Napoléon III's Haussmann renovation, La Reserve's latest incarnation is the result of a collaboration between hotelier and vintner Michel Reybier and designer Jacques Garcia. With 25 suites (four with butlers on bell) and 15 rooms, the secluded, elegant residence slips off the Champs-Élysées into the 8e Arrondissement. If you decide to move in, the hotel also has 10 apartments and a spa. www.lareserve-paris.com

4. SWELLENDAM Now with new owners, the country house Jan Harmsgat – situated between Swellendam and Bonnievale – dates back to 1723. For the harvesting season, the estate will join the Robertson

Hands-on-Harvest festival nearby with its new, exclusive, very small collection of fine wines. www.janharmsgat.com

5. PUNTA DEL ESTE, URUGUAY The latest development in this chic and

untrodden area is the Grand Hotel, right on Brava Beach. With a spa, an Olympic-size swimming pool, Roman baths and a beauty salon, there might be no good reason to

leave the hotel. The South American Riviera awaits. 

www.puntagrand.com



- 6. LOS ANGELES Downtown LA is having more than just a moment. With new developments, restaurants, cool bars and places to hang out, the Ace Hotel is leading the pack. The roof pool overlooks the city and the cool kids are all there spreading their ideas. www.acehotel.com/losangeles
- 7. WINDHOEK Looking for a Namibian getaway with a difference? Try the capital's loveliest boutique hotel, the Olive Exclusive, now with new rooms and a seasonal food extravaganza. Designed in eco-naturals, the hotel is a perfect transition between the desert and the big city. Bliss. www.theolive-namibia.com

