

By Daniel Scheffler

GLOBAL EYE



ST ANTON AM ARLBERG, AUSTRIA: Just a hop away from either Innsbruck or Zurich (over the Swiss border), the

> über-exclusive Hotel Tannenhof's detox heaven awaits amid picture postcard-pretty Tyrolese scenery. Try treatments such as wraps and

Silverquartzite massages, interspersed with alpine hikes, skiing on the back country or groomed slopes and yoga. www.hoteltannenhof.net/en

PRINCE EDWARD COUNTY, CANADA: Drake on the Lake – just two hours' drive from Toronto – recently opened its doors. Noted for its city outpost, it now brings urban chic

to the countryside: think contemporary art, a skylighted room, deckchairs on the lake shore in which you can sit and contemplate,

marshmallows toasted over a fire and all that glorious locavore food. www.drakedevonshire.ca

NEW YORK: With British chef Jason Atherton at the helm, the New York Edition's restaurant, The Clocktower, has opened in Flatiron, below the grand hotel. Menus are classic Atherton – a little British, a little fun and endlessly inventive. Tuck into a traditional Sunday roast, complete with gravy, followed by a Pink Lady



apple tartin for two. www. editionhotels.com/new-york

PORTLAND, USA: The downtown Ace Hotel Portland is where you can park your bike, pick up a Stumptown coffee and stroke the neighbourhood dogs. Talking of pets, the hotel's teamed up with Fetch Eyewear and BarkBox until

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the end of this year
to make its

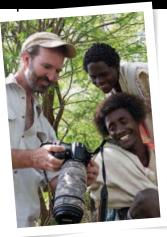


four-legged guests more comfortable. For humans, a Junior Deluxe room comes with a claw-footed bathtub. www.acehotel.com/portland

LONDON: Yashin Ocean House on Old Brompton Rd is just the place to experience Japanese fare at its best outside the Land of the Rising Sun. The fare's strictly fish and seafood, with soy sauce poured for you – all you need to do is sit back, relax and enjoy char-grilled eel, salt bowl grouper, miso cappuccinos and Japanese wagyu – all paired with sake, of course. www.yashinocean.com

BEAUFORT, USA: The newly-opened Anchorage 1770 overlooks the water in this little South Carolina town. A perfect romantic hideaway is what this historic inn offers, including enormous beds, the finest linen, home-cooked breakfasts, long, lazy afternoons on the porch on a hammock (cocktail in hand) and a slew of new friends. Nothing beats good, old-fashioned Southern charm. www.anchorage1770.com

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5 MINUTES WITH... Chris Koche

Having started his career as a bush guide, Roche is now CMO of Wilderness Safaris. Besides launching new properties like ecoaware Linkwasha in Zimbabwe, it recently worked with Uma Thurman to raise awareness of rhino-poaching.

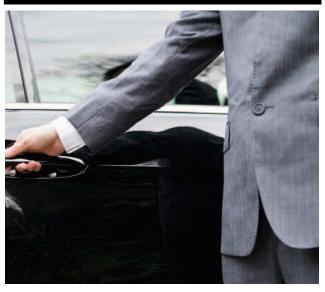
How has travel changed over the past 10 years? Essentially, it's still the same as it was a century

ago. It's all about discovery, difference and diversity.

Most exotic destination? A long-time favourite is Rwanda, a country I love. It's very different from any others in Africa, with its inspiring recovery from the 1994 civil war and genocide. It also has amazing biodiversity that we hope to showcase in a new circuit of ecotourism lodges we're currently building there.

Favourite travel movie? I love the sense of dislocation embodied in the jetlag and cultural bemusement in Sofia Coppola's Lost in Translation.

What do you never travel without? My passport, cellphone and a sense of adventure and discovery.



The right ride

It's good to know there are safe drives available nowadays, given the rise of cab services that have come to the fore in SA.

This festive season, add Avis to your contact book. For a luxe delivery, add Avis Chauffeur Drive offers a pick-up and drop-off service in a choice of the BMW 5 Series, the Land Rover Discovery Sport, the BMW X5 or the Range Rover Sport. The chauffeur waits for you outside the location, so you're assured of getting home with the same driver.

Avis Point 2 Point is a transfer service with a choice of cars (you're charged per vehicle, from economy to MPV) that takes passengers from A to B at any time. The Toyota Quantum has been adapted to transport wheelchair-bound passengers and has a hydraulic side-lift to assist them into the vehicle. www.avis.co.za

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