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**LEOPARD-SPOTTING**  
Keep your eyes peeled when staying in the new luxury tents at Rajasthan's Jawai Leopard Camp, three hours from Jodhpur and Udaipur. [sujanluxury.com](http://sujanluxury.com)

**PERSONAL SHOPPERS**  
LHR offers experts to help you seek out tax-free chic at the airport. [boutique.heathrow.com](http://boutique.heathrow.com)



**VALMONT FACIALS**  
This Swiss anti-ageing miracle-worker, now at Coworth Park, Berkshire, lavishes skin with oxygen and collagen. [dorchestercollection.com](http://dorchestercollection.com)

BAROMETER



**BUTLERS**  
Kids at London's Grosvenor House Apartments will like the elves available this festive season. [jumeirah.com/GHA](http://jumeirah.com/GHA)

**JETLAG**  
Slap a Sleep Patch-It on your soles and let lavender, sage, bergamot and ylang ylang help you snooze. £29.99 for 20 patches. [hollandandbarrett.com](http://hollandandbarrett.com)



**BAUBLES**  
Corinthia's three-metre tree is decked out in thousands of gingerbread cookies this Christmas in SW1. [corinthia.com](http://corinthia.com)

DEPARTURES

ESCAPE ROUTE

Switzerland, Santa and skincare are among Juliet Kinsman's travel tips this season



**SWISS DELIGHT**  
Gstaad has been gifted a boutique beauty in time for the holidays – Le Grand Bellevue. This reincarnation of a 100-year-old palace-hotel is a colourful Bamford spa-studded stay, run by young Daniel and Davia Koetser who have conjured a uniquely relaxed take on alpine luxury. [bellevue-gstaad.com](http://bellevue-gstaad.com)



**LAPLAND IN LEGO**  
With a Santa sleepover (7–8 and 14–24 December) at Legoland Windsor Resort Hotel, kids can meet that most merry of men. With rides, sights and shows, good times are guaranteed. Two adults and three children, from £250. [legoland.co.uk](http://legoland.co.uk)

BORDEAUX BALLETT

Grand Hotel de Bordeaux and L'Opéra National de Bordeaux are in cahoots to offer culture lovers a stay that includes tickets to Prokofiev's *Romeo & Juliet* with exclusive backstage passes (16 December to 1 January). [ghbordeaux.com](http://ghbordeaux.com)

BYE-BYE EXCESS BAGGAGE

Banish dark circles when long-hauling it care of a couple of dabs of retinol-rich Peau Vierge Anti-Aging Correcteur, by Le Metier de Beauté, £78. [beautybay.com](http://beautybay.com)

VIP TRAVEL ANDRIA MITSAKOS



**Favourite hotel?**  
Hotel Grande Bretagne, Athens, known as 'GB' by insiders reflects the old and new of the vibrant city that I love so much. [grandebretagne.gr](http://grandebretagne.gr)

**Best destination?**  
Greece and Mexico. Countries with ancient civilisations have an energy that gets under your skin. The connection to the earth, the people, the culture – their magnetism is undeniable, they draw you in and never let you leave. The best trips are never planned.



**Dream weekend away?**  
Beachfront. No WiFi or mobile service.

**Packing essentials?**  
Dea Rosa python sleep mask; Sephora Instant Depuffing eye masks to wear under a sleep mask; Valmont Renewing Pack is like gold in a jar for your skin; Apricot Lip Balm by the Lab Room; a grey cashmere scarf I stole from my mum's closet years ago; dusty rose jumpsuit by Dimitris Petrou for a seamless day-to-night androgynous look.