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With spring upon us at last, it's time to begin dreaming up adventure plans for the months ahead. From once-in-a-lifetime experiences in some of the most breathtaking destinations the world over to soul-nourishing recipes that take cues from the East, plus the inside track on the colour-splashed Moroccan capital, we bring you 12 pages of outrageously enticing travel ideas, sure to inspire your next unforgettable escape...

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From a culinary extravaganza in Umbria's cypress-studded hills to a starlit sleep-out in the Zambian bush, allow us to introduce ten of the world's most extraordinary experiences...

FAR & AWAY



Jungle-framed Chablé Yucatán will tug at your heartstrings

1 SIP TEQUILA IN MEXICO'S YUCATAN JUNGLE *Chablé Yucatán*

THE EXPERIENCE: All dew-drenched jungle and sacred cenotes, there's magic at play in the Yucatán and, though sun-sleepy afternoons here are quite something, never is the magic more palpable than at last light, when fireflies turn the air to seas of glitter. A painstakingly restored 19th-century hacienda, Chablé Yucatán has a swishy sort of glamour about it. Sweeping lawns, crumbling stone columns and grand façades painted calamine pink and sunburst yellow provide a backdrop for languid lounging – and master-led tasting journeys featuring some of the most sought-after tequilas on the planet. From the floral to the herbaceous and spicy, every pour is different and married with offbeat flourishes to draw out the notes in each one.

THE STARS: Emily Ratajkowski (right) is very fond of Mexico.

DETAILS: Berkeley Travel can arrange seven nights at Chablé Yucatán from £8,250pp based on two people sharing, including business class British Airways flights from London; visit berkeleytravel.co.uk.



Airelles Le Grand Contrôle does nothing by halves

2 LIVE LIKE MARIE ANTOINETTE AT VERSAILLES *Airelles Le Grand Contrôle*

THE EXPERIENCE: The allure of the Château de Versailles is not up for debate and royal fans can live out their fantasies at the adjacent Airelles Le Grand Contrôle. You can float through the palace's chandelier-hung halls after hours, contemplating its rich history, or take to the hunting lanes on horseback, gawping at the lavishly planted parterres, fountains and tree-lined groves. Days come to a close in the lofty dining room, where flames flicker atop brass candelabras and suppers are as theatrical as they are delicious. After coffee and petits fours, creep upstairs to the silk-draped sanctuary of your suite.

THE STARS: Olivia Palermo has spent time at the Château de Versailles.

DETAILS: Rooms at Airelles Le Grand Contrôle begin at €2,000 (£1,700), including a butler, tours and breakfast; visit airelles.com. Eurostar offers fares from London to Paris from £39; visit eurostar.com. Airelles can arrange limousine pick-up from Gare du Nord.

