

## Why should I care about... Marine-friendly SPF?

Ever worried about the greasy sunscreen-sheen you leave behind post-swim? New research suggests you should be — chemists have found that key ingredients oxybenzone and octinoxate in our SPF sprays can bleach and kill coral reefs, as well as harm sea urchins, fish and marine mammals. The evidence is so compelling that some Mexican resorts have banned oxybenzone products outright, with Hawaii set to follow. Meanwhile, skincare companies are researching biodegradable options. How to help? Look for natural, organic products marked as 'reef safe' or 'nano free'. Aethic Sôvée is the only brand to have a patented marine-friendly formula (aethic.com; £53), but cheaper Tropic does a nifty, natural SPF50 balm (tropicskincare.com; £15), and Green People does a kids' lotion and a tan-accelerating version (greenpeople.co.uk; £22). **Our verdict:** If you want to help save the coral, Green People is best value.



**ON THE ROAD**  
**GOT YOUR BACK**  
It may look like your average rucksack, but this Bobby backpack has top-spy levels of anti-theft design. With invisible zips and cut-proof material, its warren of hidden pockets keeps your valuables under wraps (prezzybox.com; £74.95).

### TRAVEL CRUSH: The Retreat at the Blue Lagoon

We've always wanted to float in the eerie cerulean waters of Iceland's Blue Lagoon — it's the schlep back to adjacent Reykjavík afterwards that we don't fancy. So we cheered at the chance to stay right on the steaming crust of this world wonder — in a Scandi-cool designer lodge, no less, with suites that have direct access to the waters (bluelagoon.com; doubles from £1,000, B&B). Now that's a morning dip.



### CITY STOP Night owls

Stopping off in Singapore? Stay up late to see its sights all aglow: first a night-walk through the city zoo, as it's illuminated with animal projections and the roar of exotic beasts (rainforestlumina.wrs.com.sg; July 2018 to Feb 2019); then to the dazzling Night Festival, where kaleidoscopic projections turn its iconic buildings into artworks (nightfestival.sg; Aug 17-25). Top it off with legendary nightlife: the city's iconic '50s NCO club has just reopened (thencoclub.com).



### ANIMAL MAGIC FUR AND WIDE

Roly-poly pandas and solemn gorillas get endless column inches each year — but what of the Japanese flying squirrel? These goggle-eyed cuties are found in rural Karuizawa (three hours from Tokyo) and are easiest to spot in summer. From August, Inside Japan will visit them on its Japan Enchantment tour (insidejapantours.com; 14 nights from £5,975pp, excluding flights).



## We're excited about...

- The 'sea to roll' fishing trip where you make sushi out of your catch. Try it at Mirihi Island in the Maldives (mirihi.com/en; from £262 per couple).
  - Shopping in Mykonos's Nammos Village, which just opened chic boutiques from the likes of Dior and Gucci alongside its celeb-magnet beach club (nammosvillage.com).
  - The diner from cult '90s TV show *Saved by the Bell* popping up in West Hollywood. It'll serve up Mac'n'Screch and Zachary Daiquiris until the end of September (exploretock.com/savedbythemax).
  - Picnicking in the gardens of the Pope's summer house, in the lush wine country outside Rome — on new summer-only tours from the Roman Guy (theromanguy.com; £105pp).
  - Staying in Shania Twain's former New Zealand home, Mahu Whenua. This remote eco-mansion now has individually bookable rooms. That does impress us much (newzealand-indepth.co.uk; doubles from £969, all-inclusive).
  - The reopening of Tibet's Friendship Highway in September, meaning tours can go overland from Tibet to Nepal once more (try worldexpeditions.co.uk).
  - New underwater photography classes at St Lucian hideaway Jade Mountain (jademountain.com). Snap that snapper!
- AND WE'RE NOT SO EXCITED ABOUT...**  
The oddly named new Massachusetts resort 'Tourists', complete with logo'd baseball-cap merchandise (touristswelcome.com). We're not sure if it's fun or unbearably hipsterish.