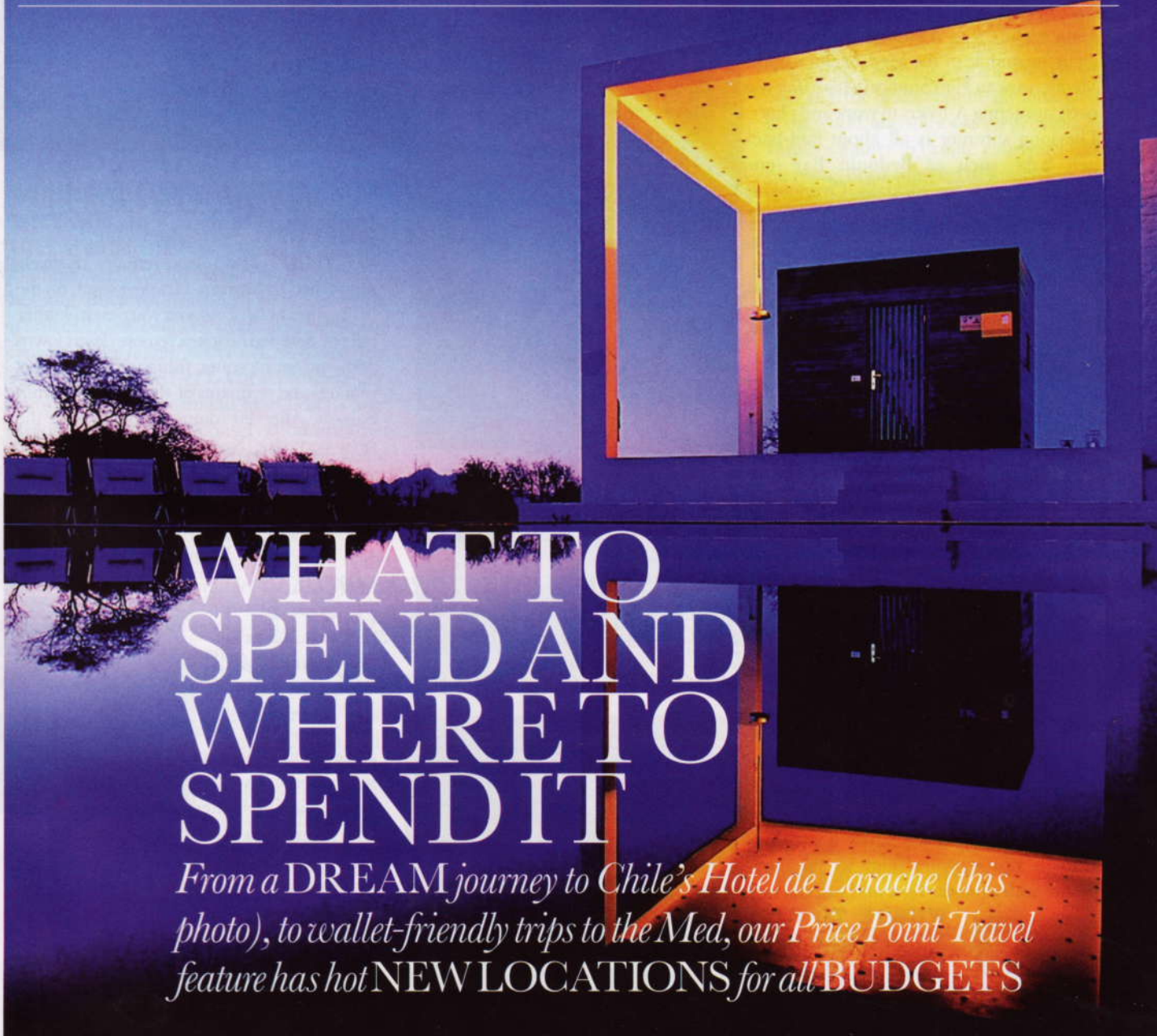


# ELLE *travel*

THE HOT DESTINATIONS AND WHAT TO WEAR WHEN YOU'RE THERE



## WHAT TO SPEND AND WHERE TO SPEND IT

From a DREAM journey to Chile's Hotel de Larache (this photo), to wallet-friendly trips to the Med, our Price Point Travel feature has hot **NEW LOCATIONS** for all **BUDGETS**



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HOLIDAY  
HOT SPOTS  
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# hot weekends SKI BREAKS

From MOUNTAIN festivals to luxe CHALETs, here's ELLE's pick of cool places to spend a snowy weekend

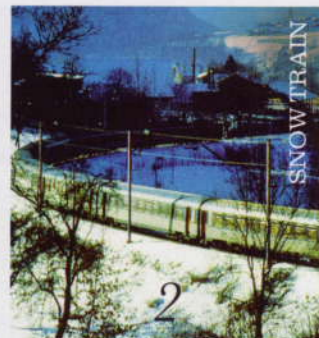


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## THE LUXE LODGE

Alpine accommodation doesn't get much more lavish than this beautiful chalet in the tiny village of Le Miroir, near Val d'Isère in France. Each of the six bedrooms has a fabulous bathroom; the living room has a massive, hunting lodge-style fireplace and French doors opens

onto a mountain-view balcony. Service, with wonderful food and unlimited drinks, is exemplary. The nearest village is tiny, and Val d'Isère is 20 minutes away, but with a hot tub (complete with disco lights) in the garden, a chic, cabin-style room for spa treatments, champagne on tap and 1,000 DVDs to watch, you won't get bored. There's also a small, hi-tech gym and the off-piste guide can arrange everything from heli-skiing to snowshoeing and tailor-made runs. *Chalet Merto, Le Miroir, Val d'Isère. Enq 0845 324 3521; chaletmerto.eu. From £500pp for three nights, half-board with all drinks, airport transfers and daily resort transfers. CityJet for Air France flies to Geneva from £80.90 return. Enq 0870 142 4343; airfrance.co.uk*



## THE PARTY TRAIN

The Orient Express it is not, but what the Snow Train lacks in glamour, it makes up for in fun. Leaving Friday evening from London's St Pancras, our first leg was a civilised two hours on the Eurostar to Paris, before changing at Gare du Nord for the rowdier overnight southbound train, which has a disco carriage. Most passengers get drunk and dance badly, whizzing through French villages in the early hours – probably to reduce time in the tiny, six-berth couchettes. I shared with my husband, two brothers and two male friends, and it was less than fragrant come 6am. Still, if you want to get your skiing party started early and maximise slope-time, this is the way to do it. *Rail Europe Snow Train costs from £229 return, including Eurostar and a place in a six-berth couchette on the overnight Snow Train, stopping at Alpe la Plagne, Chambéry, Albertville, Moûtiers, Landry and Bourg-St-Maurice. Enq 0844 848 4071; ralleurope.co.uk*

