



# Hotlist

October: Need a reason to reach for your passport? We've got loads!

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MALDIVES FOR LOUNGE LIZARDS

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Full deck, on a villa hanging out at the LUX\* Maldives resort

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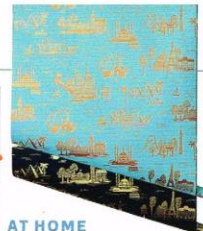
## PACK FOR... MEXICO

Enter into the spirit of the Day of the Dead festival

- 1 Temporary Face Tattoo £6.99; [tinsleytransfers.co.uk](http://tinsleytransfers.co.uk)
- 2 Cover-up £55; [thosheyourn.com](http://thosheyourn.com)
- 3 Top Hat £49.99; [dobbell.co.uk](http://dobbell.co.uk)
- 4 Earrings £5; [uk.accessorize.com](http://uk.accessorize.com)
- 5 Skirt £45; [joythestore.com](http://joythestore.com)
- 6 Rose Crown Headband £38; [rocknrose.co.uk](http://rocknrose.co.uk)
- 7 Sandals £29; [uk.accessorize.com](http://uk.accessorize.com)
- 8 Blue Shorts £12; [boohoo.com](http://boohoo.com)



...AND SOMETHING TO BRING BACK WITH YOU  
Yes, you could buy Tequila, but this eggnog-like Mexican tipple will look prettier on the shelf  
Santo Clara Rompage (£3.70)



## AT HOME PAPER PLANES

Your dream adventures are never far away when you decorate with this *toile de Jouy*-style travel wallpaper. With iconic landmarks from around the globe sketched in gold on a choice of colours, you can showcase Big Ben in your bedroom or Lady Liberty in the loo (monumentinteriors.com; £120 per roll).



## UK RETREAT Northern spa

We love a romp in the Lake District, but it leaves our cramped calves crying out for a mollycoddling massage. The modern Brimstone Hotel grants our wish this month with its new Langdale Spa — complete with a full-sized indoor/outdoor pool, scattered chill-out lounges, a healthy-bites menu and rigorous treatments from Elemis and Anne Semonin to dither over. Fire and brimstone? More like heaven on Earth... ([brimstonehotel.co.uk](http://brimstonehotel.co.uk); doubles from £275, B&B).

## THREE WAYS TO... 'BACKPACK' IN LUXURY

### Southeast Asia

Tick off the trad gap-year trio of Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos, with boutique hotels and cruises down the Mekong thrown in, on a bespoke 20-day tour, taking in Angkor Wat, the Pak Ou Caves in Laos and Vietnam's floating markets ([experiencetravelgroup.com](http://experiencetravelgroup.com); from £3,995pp, with flights). Or DIY like Alex Robinson (see p94).

### South America

Aracani's 'Best of Bolivia' trip does the country's exotic backpacker favourites with grown-up flair. Get maximum adventure points by hitting remote Lake Titicaca, foodie La Paz, the Salar de Uyuni salt flats and colonial Sucre in just 10 days ([aracari.com](http://aracari.com); from £3,900pp, with domestic flights, but not international ones).

### Australasia

Audley's 23-day 'Uncovered' tour of Oz and NZ cherry-picks the highlights of the well-trodden Down Under trail — Sydney, Ayers Rock, the Daintree Rainforest, laid-back Auckland, whale-watching spot Kaikoura and the Fox Glacier — and adds stylish digs ([audleytravel.com](http://audleytravel.com); from £5,720pp, including flights).

