



24-25 (F) Glow All Night

Candlelight? Such a cliché. Blow her mind with an after-dark kayak tour of the Bio Bays north of Grand Cayman, where billions of microscopic plankton radiate an electric blue glow beneath the water. From £44 sweetspot watersports.com

Like that? A sunset kayak trip around Rangitoto Island offers the perfect vantage point from which to take in the Auckland region's youngest and largest volcano. £108 aucklandseakayaks.co.nz

26-27 World's End Ice Climbing

Make like a Wildling in Game of Thrones (albeit with more success) and climb a vast ice wall in Antarctica's frozen valleys. Under the watchful eye of an instructor, of course. From £5654 polarcruises.com

Like that? If you want icy breath and burning muscles, you'll find frozen waterfalls in the French Alps. From £816 responsibletravel.com

28-29 (**)
Ski Fresh Powder
In Iraq. Yes, Iraq

High up on Halgurd, there's no sign of the war ravaging the country – only acres of untouched powder, fit for a 10-day skiing expedition. From £1970 anotherworld adventures.com

Like that? Too close for comfort to a war zone? Instead, paraglide onto the otherwise inaccessible Alpine snow fields in Les Arcs. From £94 speedriding-school.com

30−31 Fat Bike The Fjords With tyres the size of a small car's, fat bikes allow you to pedal your way – over the course of five glorious days – across a 200km stretch of virgin terrain between the glaciers of Kangerlussuaq and the coastal town of Sisimiut in the Arctic Circle. £4958 fatbike-greenland.com

Like that? Pro cyclists do their pre-season prep on the roads of Mallorca; for an even tougher challenge, take your Lycra to the island's superb MTB trails.

From £24 tramuntanatours.com

32-33 **●**Longwave Action

Chicama on Peru's Pacific coast has iconic status among surfers, for good reason: the unique off-shore geology creates a single, unbroken, mile-long wave. Catch it right and you can ride the crest for a full two and a half minutes. From £POA aracari.com

Like that? So-called 'cold Hawaii', Klitmøller in Denmark is much like regular Hawaii in terms of its highquality surf spots. Bring thermals. £POA coldhawaii.com

34-35 ♥ Ride The World's Highest Railway

That it's about the journey, not the destination is a gapyear platitude, but in this case it's true. This 11-day rail trip from Lhasa in Tibet to Ûrûmqi, China, takes in the Himalayas, reaching a height of 16,640ft. From £8050 goldeneagle luxurytrains.com

Like that? Through mountains, deserts and salt flats, the American railway allows you to appreciate the 3400 miles between California and New York at high velocity. From £172 dereklow.co

