

AFFORDABLE FRENCH CHIC

Vintage joins contemporary, alpine intersects urban, affordable meets chic. From France's famed Maisons et Hôtels Sibuet comes the launch of a new line of ski hotels called

Terminal Neige that promise to be easy on the eye as well as on the pocket book. The first to open is in the heart of car-free Flaine — a three-star, design-forward *boîte* of beauty called Hôtel Le Totem. Think: street art and polished concrete softened by chestnut furnishings, warm woolen bedding, traditional French breakfasts, and on the walls: Native American motifs. All for a room rate for two under \$250? *Mais oui!* — LESLIE WOIT

WWW.TERMINAL-NEIGE.COM



A LITTLE WINE WITH YOUR HELI-SKIING

For heli-skiing paired with wine tasting, head to the Southern Hemisphere this summer. Argentina's Vines Resort and Spa is offering heli-skiing the Andes by day courtesy of Powder South Heli Ski Guides, followed by luxe villa stays by night on a private Mendoza vineyard in the Uco Wine Valley. Says Rodrigo Mujica, director of Powder South: "The Vines Resort & Spa is the most stunning and luxurious heli-ski lodge on the planet!" WWW.VINESRESORTANDSPA.COM



CHEESE, PLEASE!

All aboard the Train du Fromage, a single-day Swiss rail excursion between Montreux and Château-d'Oex that's all about cheese. Operated by the Montreux-Bernese Oberland Railway from December to April, this snow train seats passengers in a comfortable panoramic railcar as it passes through the Lake Geneva region, serving local wine paired with a selection of Swiss cheese. A fondue lunch and cheese-making demonstration follows at Château-d'Oex's Le Chalet Bio. WWW.SWISSTRAVELSYSTEM.COM/CHEESETRAIN



LAKE LIFE

Whistler, British Columbia is well-endowed with spectacular views, but few are quite as peaceful as the one from the terraces of the spa and over-sized suites in Nita Lake Lodge. Scenes surrounding Whistler's only lakeside property lull guests into a state of stillness — hard to believe it's only 1500 feet from Creekside lifts and in the midst of lively local hangout Cure Lounge. New in 2016: An ice bar and a fondue hut with more fine views of the glacier-fed Nita Lake. *Nice.* WWW.NITALAKELODGE.COM



PISTE PLEASURE

Forget ham sandwiches. A slopeside lunch goes gourmet with the help of a Backcountry Picnic from Cured. Salamis and cheeses are hand-selected by the Colorado-based charcuterie and packed to withstand extreme temperatures, then delivered to your hotel or ski home on the eve of your adventure. "We always head into the mountains with great meats and cheeses," says Cured's Will Frischkorn, an avid skier and former pro cyclist. "We want to show other skiers that the eating portion of the adventure can be pure pleasure." Ordered online, each picnic comes with two salamis, two chunks of cheese, two apples, two house-baked treats, and a tub of Marcona almonds. WWW.CUREDBOULDER.COM

PHOTOS: TERMINAL NEIGE - TOTEM, J. C. ARNAL & DR. TERMINAL NEIGE; COURTESY OF THE VINES RESORT AND SPA (VINES RESORT); GOLDENPASS (CHEESE TRAIN); COURTESY OF NITA LAKE LODGE (LAKE LIFE); DOUGLAS BROWN/CURED (CURED BOULDER)