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**WELCOME
TO K-TOWN**
LOS ANGELES'
KOREAN NEON

CRYING WOLF
ON THE HUNT
FOR THE LAST
PACK IN EUROPE

FREEZE!
THE COLDEST
ADVENTURES
ON EARTH

WATCH IT

It's a *Kick-Ass* month on board, plus Irvine Welsh's *Filth*, the life of Liberace and *Despicable Me 2*.
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EXCLUSIVE

MARIO TESTINO

RETURNS TO PERU



12 Decades hotel
The dozen rooms and suites were each designed by a different local artist to represent a decade in the city's history. The result is art installations you can sleep in — highlights include 1886-1896: *Vision – Main Street Life*, a stark white space with a telescope for viewing street scenes below. 12decadeshotel.co.za

The Blackanese Sushi & Wine Bar
Biltong sushi? Deep-fried sushi? This isn't your average sushi joint. Chef/owner Vusi Kunene adds an African flair to Japanese staples, creating a distinct Afro-Asian experience. The tiny, minimalist space is quite the neighbourhood hangout, especially on Sunday afternoons when Kunene hosts a convivial prawn braai (barbecue) on the patio. theblackanese.co.za

Ozlo
Local designer Jabu Mdluli stocks his retro-chic boutique with his own urbanwear, along with fellow South African labels such as RockPaperScissors, Faezha Khan, LadyK and LoveHate. *CNR Fox and Kruger Streets*
The Bioscope
Jo'burg's only independent movie house shows underground documentaries, innovative local films and global indie cinema. thebioscope.co.za

Maverick Corner
A new mixed-use development inspired by shipping containers, Maverick Corner houses funky retailers such as Whippet Cycling Company and a second branch of Sha'p Braai, where patrons feast on Boerie rolls, pap and chakalaka salad – while sitting on plastic crates. mabonengprecinct.com



Blinded by the white
1886-1896: *Vision Main Street Life*, a bedroom at the 12 Decades hotel; sizzling street food at Sha'p Braai (above)

PHOTOGRAPHY

MOUNTAIN MAN
Explorer, mountaineer, photographer, cartographer – Henry Bradford Washburn spent 80 years travelling the globe documenting dramatic landscapes, like this 1960 shot of the Doldenhorn mountain in Switzerland. The American, dubbed a 'roving genius of mind and mountains' by legendary landscape photographer Ansel Adams, used his images to assist in his expeditions, but they were soon recognised as works of art. A large body of his work is on view at Michael Hoppen Gallery in London. 29 November- 27 January, michaelhoppengallery.com



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SPORT

AS HARD AS THEY COME

Endurance challenges are getting bigger and better than ever. As the Talisker Whisky Atlantic Challenge kicks off, are you ready to take on the most gruelling?



ROWING THE TALISKER WHISKY ATLANTIC CHALLENGE

HOW HARD? 8/10
The lowdown 25 teams take up to 90 days to follow the 3,000 nautical miles of Columbus's route to the Caribbean. **Toughest part** Resupplies of food, drink or equipment are not allowed. **When** December

RUNNING THE BADWATER ULTRAMARATHON

HOW HARD? 9/10
The lowdown Athletes have to complete 135 miles within 48 hours in

California's Death Valley. **Toughest part** Competitors are advised to carry multiple pairs of trainers, as the 49°C heat makes the ground hot enough to melt rubber. **When** July

RACING THE DAKAR RALLY

HOW HARD? 7/10
The lowdown Drivers in the 2014 Dakar Rally wind through dangerous off-road conditions in Argentina, Bolivia and Chile. **Toughest part** The slightest slip-up could lead to death in the treacherous terrain. **When** April-May

CYCLING THE RACE ACROSS AMERICA

HOW HARD? 8/10
The lowdown Race nonstop for 12 days over 3,000 miles in 12 states. **Toughest part** Time out for sleep and food are optional luxuries. **When** June

LEADING THE IDITAROD TRAIL SLED DOG RACE

HOW HARD? 7/10
The lowdown 'Mushers' lead teams of 16 dogs across 1,409 miles of frozen Alaskan tundra. **Toughest part** -70°C whiteout conditions. **When** March

HOTEL

HOTEL BRISTOL, WARSAW

A bust of the late Ignacy Jan Paderewski – PM of Poland, pianist and owner of a prodigious pair of eyebrows – gazes out from an alcove as you enter the Hotel Bristol, which he founded over a century ago. Details from the hotel's history are sewn into the

décor, but the place feels squeakily new after a £10 million renovation. Fitting perhaps, as Warsaw is a hodgepodge of shiny reconstructed artifice. There are burnished brass lifts, a crystal chandelier in the lobby and Art Deco flourishes in the ivory, blue and charcoal rooms (beware: the fish-eye mirror above the headboard can be disorienting after one too many drinks at the Column Bar). The neo-renaissance façade looks out over the Royal Avenue and is just a short walk from the Old Town. Doubles from £104. hotelbristolwarsaw.pl



Detours

TRAVEL

THE RAIL THING

Trainspotting, starring Ewan McGregor (below), hit the big screen 20 years ago – with lots of bad behaviour and no trains whatsoever. To celebrate, here's our pick of quirky rail journeys

MONTENEGRO EXPRESS

Belgrade in Serbia to Bar in Montenegro

A 296-mile engineering marvel, through spectacular mountain scenery at up to 1,000m above sea level. And all for just £17.

NIGHT TRAIN TO THE FALLS

Bulawayo to Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe

Just £9 buys a first-class berth on the night train to the Falls, in a wood-panelled, British-built 1950s sleeping car.

SLOW TRAIN FROM THAZI

Thazi to Shwenyaung, Burma

A breathtaking amble stopping at villages and the mock-Tudor station at Kalaw, as you recline in your upper-class seat for £4.

THE REUNIFICATION EXPRESS TRAIN

Hue to Danang, Vietnam

On the dramatic central section of the 1,070-mile route from Hanoi to Ho Chi Minh City, the rails hug the cliffs, with the waves crashing against the rocks of the South China Sea below.

SPIRIT OF THE OUTBACK

Brisbane to Longreach, Queensland, Australia

A classic 24-hour, 1,325km journey heading deep into the heart of Queensland's outback. **The Man in Seat 61** (seat61.com)

