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# Travel

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## Crash, bang, wallop

Singapore sees the first-ever night-time Formula One grand prix in September, and the ultra-posh Fullerton Hotel (below) is offering packages to go and see it from the rooftop (they're a high-octane £3,500 through [www.blacktomato.co.uk](http://www.blacktomato.co.uk)). It should be a cracking view, but we're not quite sure about the pitch: "The Fullerton overlooks one of the track's most dangerous hairpin bends," the hotel says proudly. *Tasteful.*



## Hot chocolate, sinful chocolate

They've done gambling, booze, sex, but the big new thing in Las Vegas is chocolate. Caesars Palace has installed a 13ft imitation-choc cuckoo clock that has melted chocolate running through it and dispenses free truffles when the birdie pops out. The Bellagio has gone one better. Its new 27ft, floor-to-ceiling chocolate fountain pumps two tons of the melted ooze at 240 pints a minute. Apparently, they won't have to change the gloop for a year. We'll have a salad, thanks.



## Titikikinikinakino

We've got to concentrate here: Peru's newest boutique hotel is Titilaka Titicaca (the second bit is the lake it's on). Tongue-twisting aside, it looks luvverly — 18 suites on a private peninsula, gorgeous views, minimalist rooms with heated floors and (we think this is a boutique-hotel first) a private oxygen cylinder. Well, you're at

12,500ft. Just try saying it when you're gasping for breath. Cazenove & Loyd (020 7384 2332, [www.caziloyd.com](http://www.caziloyd.com)) has a week in Peru, with three nights at the hotel, from £1,930pp.

## Bling, blood, death, hair

Excitement builds around the new Ripley's Believe It or Not! museum, coming to Piccadilly, in central London, in August: sources now confirm it will be displaying a Mini Cooper covered in Swarovski crystals, vampire-killing kits and three shrunken heads from Ecuador — and that's on top of our favourite, the 27in hairball taken from a cow's stomach. How can something be so pointless and so compelling at the same time? We're camping on the pavement.

## You won't find another trend like this, babe

Note to Cadogan Holidays: if you're going to make up "a new breed of traveller", choose the name with care. "They're savvy, contemporary, culture-seeking, 45-plus... they're the New Seekers!" the company says. Hmm. Readers aged 45 and up will remember the full horror of the 1970s pop combo of that name — and would sooner go to a South Pole nudist camp than be associated with them. Though the latter, of course, would be run by the Kinks.



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