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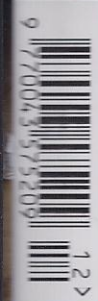
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# INTERIOR INSPIRATION

*A designer couple's stylish town house*

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*A tranquil timber cabin in upstate New York*



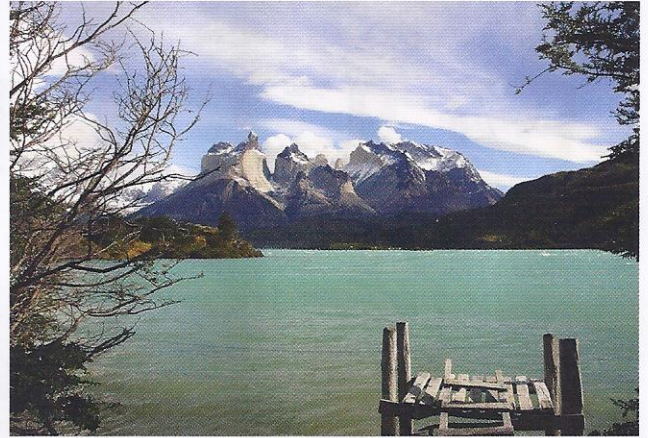


# WORLD BULLETIN

THIS WINTER SEASON PROMISES AN AURORA TO REMEMBER, NEW ACTIVITIES AND RENTALS IN THE ALPS, AND A LANDMARK PROPERTY UNVEILED IN PATAGONIA

## NEW AT WORLD'S END

Tierra Patagonia ([www.tierrapatagonia.com](http://www.tierrapatagonia.com)), a 40-room luxury resort on the shores of Lake Sarmiento in the Torres del Paine National Park (pictured), a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve, opens this December. This unique property, designed to appear like a sand dune flowing across the plains towards the lake, has views of the iconic Paine Massif and is designed by three of Chile's leading architects Cazu Zegers, Roberto Benavente, and Rodrigo Ferrer.



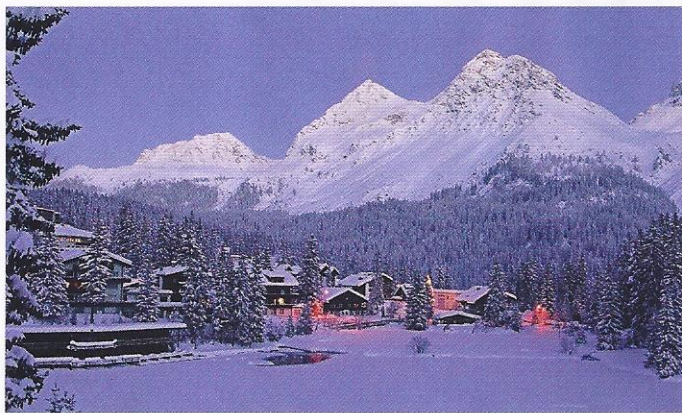
Abercrombie & Kent offers a seven-night stay in Chile including three nights at Tierra Patagonia from £2,950pp

(based on two sharing), with flights, transfers and excursions. 0845 618 2211; [www.abercrombiekent.co.uk](http://www.abercrombiekent.co.uk)

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to boring

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## SLIDE AWAY

Learn to drive and keep control of your vehicle in the iciest of conditions – on a frozen Swiss lake. For the first time this winter season, guests of the Sporthotel Valsana in Arosa (pictured) will be able to try their hand at driving on the frozen Lake Obersee, with guidance from an expert from the local Ice Snow Driving Academie. From around £435pp including one night, half-board. [www.valsana.ch](http://www.valsana.ch)

Ferne favourite Nicky Dobree, the interior designer behind luxury ski chalet Ferme de Moudon, has designed a range of bedding and covetable accessories – including these cashmere socks and a leather rucksack created with Bill Amberg – inspired by the property in Les Gets. Available at [www.nickydobreecollection.com](http://www.nickydobreecollection.com)

