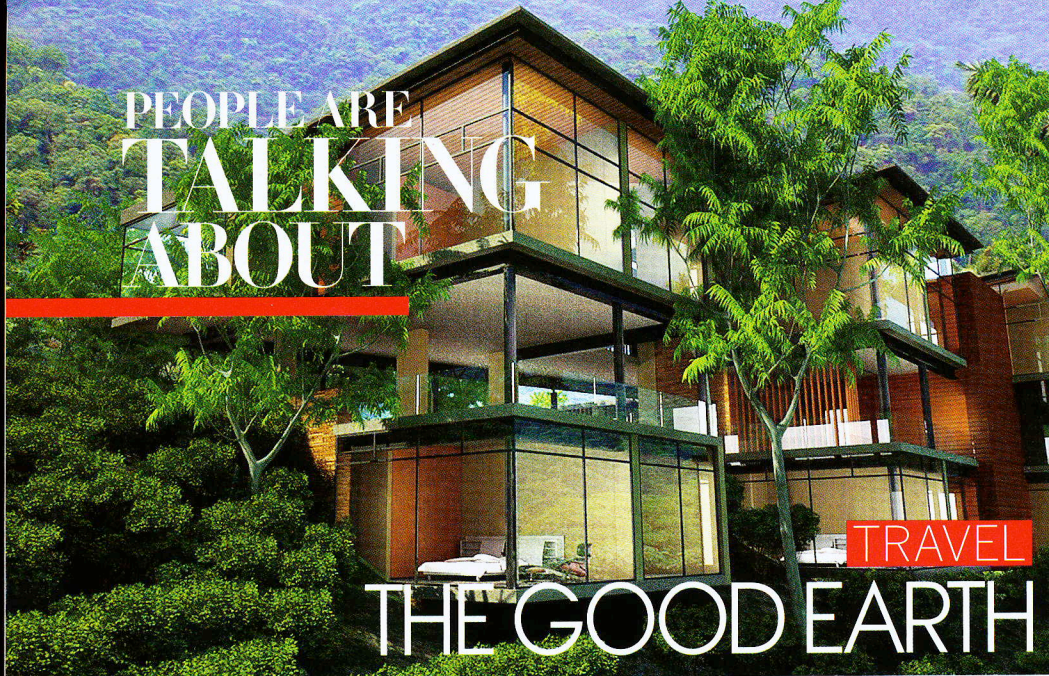


PEOPLE ARE
TALKING
ABOUT

MAGIC TREE HOUSE
THE DRAMATIC FACADE
OF MASHPI LODGE.



TRAVEL
THE GOOD EARTH

RICHARD ALLEMAN TRACKS
DOWN SOUTH AMERICA'S MOST
ECO-CHIC RESORTS.

Opening this fall in Ecuador's 2,600-acre Mashpi Rainforest Biodiversity Reserve, a primeval world of giant ferns and waterfalls, is the highly anticipated **Mashpi Lodge**. Rising on steel stilts, in places, to protect the jungle floor, this striking new retreat—with 22 glass-walled suites—is a model of eco-correctness with its own hydroelectric plant; a futuristic tram lets guests float above the cloud forest.

Rates start at \$1,552 per person, double, for a three-day visit, including meals, guided tours, and transfers from Quito; adventure-associates.com. Chile welcomes the exciting new **Tierra Patagonia Hotel & Spa**, on the edge of the famed Torres del Paine National Park. The 40 guest rooms—all with views of the

Torres del Paine peaks—have a crisp Scandinavian feel: blond-wood walls and handcrafted furniture and woolens. Rates start at \$1,950 per person, double, for a minimum three-day stay, and include not only all meals but also bar drinks, airport transfers, and excursions led by some of the area's most knowledgeable

guides; tierrapatagonia.com. In Peru, guests at the **Titilaka Experience Lodge**, overlooking Lake Titicaca—with eighteen rustic-chic rooms with water views—can now explore it aboard a sleek new 31-foot Hunter sailing yacht, which will take off on day-long sails to islands, remote villages, and secret beaches. Rates at the lodge start at \$455; nine-hour sails are \$230, single; \$850 for groups of up to four; inkasailing.com; titilaka.com. And over in Uruguay, the beach village of José Ignacio is now home to **Playa Vik**, whose stone, glass, and curved-titanium structure was built by world-class Uruguayan architect Carlos Ott; its nineteen suites boast works by local artists. Besides swimming—cantilevered above the sea, the 75-foot black-granite pool is a stunner—surfing, and kayaking on the property, guests can go hiking and horseback riding five miles inland at Estancia Vik, Playa Vik's sister hotel. Rates at Playa Vik, from \$750; vikretreats.com. □

MUSIC FREE SPIRITS

The L.A.-based band **Grouplove** met as five strangers visiting the Ikarus artists' residency on the Greek island of Crete. "We'd throw a party in the backyard of these ruins every Friday night," says 28-year-old front man Christian Zucconi. "We'd pass the guitar around, sing songs for each other, and just hang out." A year later the musicians met up again (this time in California), and before they knew it they were recording their debut album, *Never Trust a Happy Song*—which, despite its name, is filled with infectious indie ballads about skinny-dipping and other laid-back summer pursuits. After Crete, "it had to be L.A.," says Zucconi. "A tiny apartment in Brooklyn just doesn't compare to waking up with the sun coming through your windows every day." —FREDDIE CAMPION



LIGHT SHOW
FROM LEFT, RYAN RABIN,
SEAN GADD, HANNAH
HOOPER, CHRISTIAN ZUCCONI,
AND ANDREW WESSEN.



DESIGN HIGH POLISH

SET PIECE
MADELINE WEINRIB LUCE-
PATTERN SIXTEEN-INCH TRAY,
\$495; BARNEYS.COM.

The design has a camouflage effect, like an animal print," says **Madeline Weinrib** of the tribal pattern covering the lacquered boxes, trays, and Parsons table that constitute her latest collection, made exclusively for Barneys. "It works kind of magically." We agree: instant glamour for your fall desk.—v.t.

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