

discover the luxe life

VOGUE

AUSTRALIA

ENTERTAINING + TRAVEL

Crab and cucumber sandwiches; Spanish olives; watermelon and Jamón with parsley picada

CHRISTMAS STARS
dazzlingly simple festive recipes

TALKING ITALIAN
THE LATEST HOTSPOTS

ON SAFARI
south africa's best lodges

**EXCLUSIVE
AT HOME
WITH LEONA
EDMISTON**

CHIC, CREEK,
BOUTIQUE
**LUXE ISLAND
HOTELS**

party season

**PLUS MAURICE TERZINI + ALAIN DUCASSE
GARY RHODES + TERRY DURACK + GREG DOYLE**

\$8.95 DECEMBER/JANUARY 2009 NZ \$9.90



contents



TRAVEL

61 travel news

Where to escape this summer

66 check in: paris

The legendary Hôtel le Bristol

69 hotels on the cornish coast

There's a new wave of luxe accommodation adding style to UK's Cornish coast

85 wear to go

Get in touch with your wild child

ON THE COVER

136 on safari in south africa

Adventure seekers don't need to give up creature comforts at these luxury lodges

144 istanbul: 15 reasons to go

Design hotels and chic restaurants meet minarets and spice markets

ON THE COVER

152 the greek islands

Sumptuous seaside resorts

161 long weekend: tasmania

Matt Preston uncovers the best of everything on a trip down south

164 city correspondent: san francisco

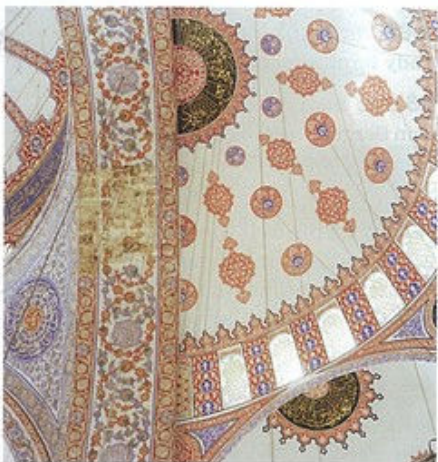
This cool city by the bay still ticks all the boxes for sleeping, eating and shopping

168 excess baggage

Sally Feldman sets off on her battle with the ghost of Christmas presents



136 on safari in south africa



144 istanbul: 15 reasons to go

REGULARS

12 editor's letter

18 contributors

20 letters + club VE+T

Exclusive offers for subscribers

44 books

53 homewares

Bring the garden party indoors with these bright and breezy buys

82 drive buys

Cars to fulfil your need for speed and lust for luxe

166 subscription offer

Win an indulgent weekend valued at \$14,000 at The Langham, Melbourne

170 stockists

172 agenda

174 going out

183 recipe index



85 wear to go

rhodes

MELENOS LINDOS

Luxurious but funky, this hillside complex is set in a picturesque village just below a Greek Byzantine acropolis. The maze-like property is spread over several levels lined by stairs and passageways, and has spectacular views over the Aegean Sea. The 12 rooms and suites open onto plant-filled terraces and have wonderfully quirky features that play on traditional styles. Beds, dressed in fine Frette linen, are arranged on sleeping platforms hand-carved in cedar. Rooms are hung with elaborate embroideries and furnished with ceramics and antiques from the owner's collection. In the outdoor bar and dining area, shaded by awnings and vines, you can enjoy a menu that gives a modern twist to traditional local ingredients.

Lindos, Rhodes; +30 22440 32222;

melenoslindos.com; doubles from \$530.

A plant-filled terrace at the quirky
Melenos Lindos, Rhodes



INTO THE BLUE

Discover the finest boutique hotels and luxe resorts dotted along the Greek and Cypriot coasts, and you'll wish that island-hopping was an Olympic event

words Harriet O'Brien

