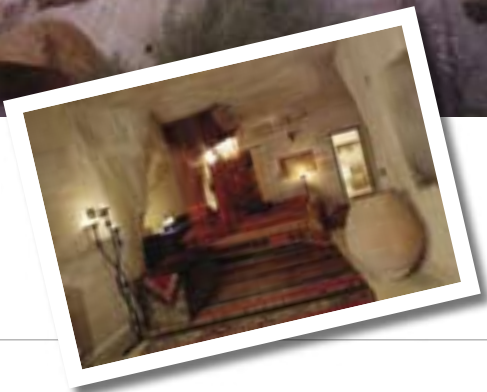


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Work & play: Editor's picks

Off the beaten track

Been working hard recently? Here are some out-of-the-way places to have that well deserved rest



Caved in

If you want to “go underground,” Gamirasu, an 18-room “cave house” in the ancient Turkish city of Cappadocia could be just the thing you need. Located in a restored 1,000-year-old Byzantine monastic retreat, the hotel has all the amenities you would expect from a top-class hotel – so there is no need to live the “monk” lifestyle. Go to www.gamirasu.com for more.

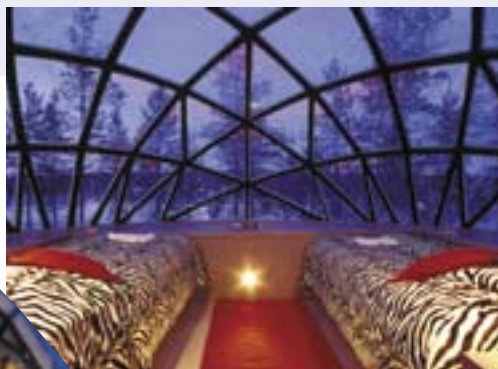
- A+** Feel the 1,000-year-old spirituality
- A-** Dealing with claustrophobia



In the doghouse

Hark back to the golden years of Americana at the Dog Bark Park Inn in Cottonwood, Idaho. The bed and breakfast guesthouse is inside the body of the “world’s biggest beagle,” with a loft room in the head and a reading room in the muzzle. Go dog crazy at www.dogbarkparkinn.com.

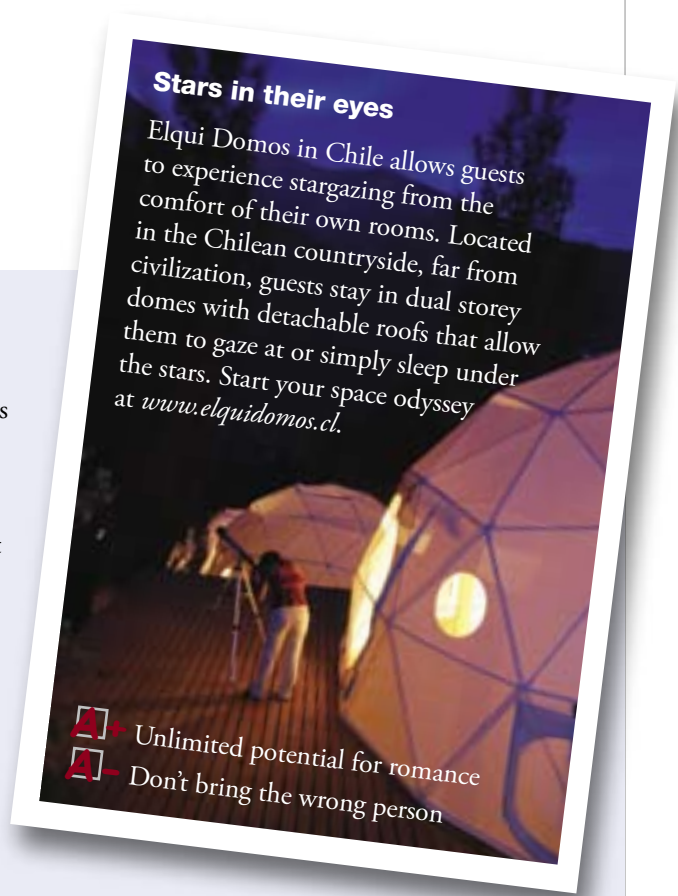
- A+** Woof! Perfect for dog lovers everywhere
- A-** Meow... not recommended for cat owners



Cold comfort

Stay in a log cabin, glass igloo or traditional snow igloo at the Hotel Kakslauttanen in Finnish Lapland, where you can see the northern lights from late August to late April or experience the “midnight sun” in June and July. Take a dip in a hole in the ice as you dart to the sauna, or check out a range of Arctic activities from husky and reindeer safaris to snowmobile rides and ice fishing. Put on your jacket and go to www.kakslauttanen.fi for more.

- A+** Go “Santa-style” in Lapland!
- A-** Brrrr! It’s soooo cold!



Stars in their eyes

Elqui Domos in Chile allows guests to experience stargazing from the comfort of their own rooms. Located in the Chilean countryside, far from civilization, guests stay in dual storey domes with detachable roofs that allow them to gaze at or simply sleep under the stars. Start your space odyssey at www.elquidomos.cl.

- A+** Unlimited potential for romance
- A-** Don't bring the wrong person