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All you need to know from the world of travel, from sensory sleep programs and new hotel launches to a pop-up nightclub on a tiny Scottish island. We'll see you there

[TRAVEL NEWS]



WORTH THE DETOUR

Too old for Fabric? Dreading the closure of Printworks? Anyone looking to scrape together travel and clubbing cred in one fell swoop will want to set their coordinates for the Inner Hebrides – the Isle of Coll to be exact – when Detour Discotheque returns in September 2023. The dark-sky island has only 200 inhabitants and a few streetlights, so you can imagine how crazy it's going to get when An Cridhe (the town's community centre) gets transformed into a 1970s New York City-style nightclub. With a 250-person capacity, a line-up of leading bands and DJs, a performance by Coll's very own Cosmic Ceilidh Band and, of course, a mirrorball, it's a party for the books in an unforgettable setting. detourdisco.com



OH, STARRY NIGHT: [above] The Isle of Coll's night skies are the setting for the second Detour Discotheque

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WEEKEND WARRIORS

To celebrate its 90th anniversary in the outdoors, Ellis Brigham Mountain Sports is teaming up with The North Face, Montane and Rab for a weekend of exploration and adventure. Explore Weekend will take place from 15-17 September in Bala, North Wales, set across 16 acres of parkland in Snowdonia National Park. The weekend will feature the UK's top outdoor professionals guiding you through activities such as paddleboarding, wild swimming, hiking, trail running and rock climbing – perfect for revellers looking for a bit of adventure with their camping getaway.

Tickets start at £140; ellis-brigham.com



NEVER WALK ALONE

MORE THAN 20 community leaders from young and diverse outdoor communities are receiving mental health first aid training in an initiative that's part of the Hike Society by Columbia. It aims to inspire the next generation of outdoor adventurers, comes ahead of the society's annual hike on 29-30 April, and encourages conversations around mental health in the outdoors. columbiasportswear.co.uk



Isle of Coll: Tony Oliver



DREAM GENIE

Counting sheep not doing the trick? Many hotels promise the best night's sleep you've ever had, but Pan Pacific London in the City actually delivers. With almost 1 in 5 people in the UK not getting enough sleep, the hotel launched a Sensory Sleep Programme to coincide with World Sleep Day. The beds come complete with Ooler Sleep Systems by Chilislleep, which pipe the desired air temperature into a hydra-powered sleep sheet atop the mattress. This is complemented by a womb-like Mela weighted blanket, a selection of Pañpuri aromatherapy oils to wind down as you take a bath, and a series of yoga stretches to help you shove off into deep slumber that would give Rip Van Winkle a run for the money. Just FYI, even with an infant in the room, we slept like a baby.

panpacific.com

WE HAVE DRIFT-OFF: [above] Pan Pacific London's new Sensory Sleep Programme involves professional aromatherapy

PIGS AND BLANKETS

Want to see England at its most lovely, like it just stepped out of the pages of Jane Austen? Stay at one of The Pig Group's hotels and you'll be happy as a pig in... mud. This year it's launching not one but two properties – and one of them, The Pig at Groombridge, actually did provide the backdrop for a Jane Austen story in the 2005 production of *Pride & Prejudice* with Keira Knightley. Formerly known as Groombridge Place, the moated property straddles the border between Kent and East Sussex and dates back to the 13th century. The second property will be The Pig on the Farm, a mid-16th-century listed stone farmhouse just south of Stratford-upon-Avon set in 53 acres of pasture and arable land. Sounds, ahem, pig-turesque. thepighotel.com



LIQUID ASSETS

Let's call it like it is: a lot of airport security procedures are annoying, so it's a relief when things loosen up a bit. That's why we're delighted to hear that London City has become the first UK

airport to scrap the 100ml liquid rule in hand luggage, thanks to new CT x-ray technology. And it's not alone: the government has set a deadline for all major UK airports to take up the technology. We've all had that traumatic *Sophie's Choice* separation with the sunblock we

bought the day before. Well, not anymore. And if this brings with it visions of hulking huge bottles of shower gel across national borders, think about this: wine in your hand luggage. It should make the security process a little bit quicker, too. Result. londoncityairport.com ♦