

Grand Hotel Tremezzo  
Square Meal Lifestyle  
Spring 2014

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## HOT TICKETS

### The Pig is flying

The latest in a small empire of swine-themed country hotels, The Pig near Bath recently opened in the Somerset countryside. Expect rustic-chic rooms, a restaurant supplied by a grand kitchen garden, plus a potting shed in which, believe it or not, you can get a massage.

From £139 per night; [thepighotel.com](http://thepighotel.com)



### Height of elegance

The newest addition to Chicago's roster of sky-high hotels is the Godfrey (above), a striking cubist building that looks like it might be made out of Meccano. Pride of place goes to a vertigo-inducing rooftop bar, with its own retractable roof for days when the Windy City gets too blowy.

From £100 per night; [godfreyhotelchicago.com](http://godfreyhotelchicago.com)



### Abode of cobblers

Owned by Italian shoemaking dynasty Salvatore Ferragamo, Portrait Firenze (above) opens in Florence this April, with decor inspired by vintage Italian fashion. Rooms have views to the Ponte Vecchio and the old town.

From £295 per night; [portraitfirenze.com](http://portraitfirenze.com)



## COMO-TOSE, ITALY

Roman nobles wanting to do something with their annual leave other than indulging in orgies and watching gladiatorial combat went to Lake Como. Over the two millennia since, it has remained Italy's most cherished holiday destination. Few places have played a part in this proud history like the Grand Hotel Tremezzo – an art-nouveau landmark newly reopened after a renovation. Spruced up Lake View rooms boast plush fabrics and muted colours, with balconies commanding views of Bellagio on the far shore – the very spot where the Romans first took their holidays.

● Lake View Prestige rooms from £426 per night; [grandhoteltremezzo.com](http://grandhoteltremezzo.com)

● British Airways flies from Heathrow to Milan Malpensa. From £130 return; [ba.com](http://ba.com)



## Cycle-therapy, New Zealand

New Zealand has been building bike lanes on a scale to make Lance Armstrong speed-dial his pharmacist – a network of nearly 2,500km. The landscape along the way is pretty exciting; a mosaic of wilderness coastline, mighty mountain ranges and rolling meadows. Head down under now before the Southern Hemisphere winter kicks in. One of the most accessible routes is the Rimutaka Cycle Trail – an easy 15km, three-day ride starting in New Zealand's capital, Wellington.

- For more on the Nga Haerenga project, see [nzcycletrail.com](http://nzcycletrail.com)
- For more on the Rimutaka Cycle Trail, see [hutvalleynz.com](http://hutvalleynz.com)
- Air New Zealand flies to Wellington from Heathrow, via Auckland. From £1,148 return; [airnewzealand.co.uk](http://airnewzealand.co.uk)