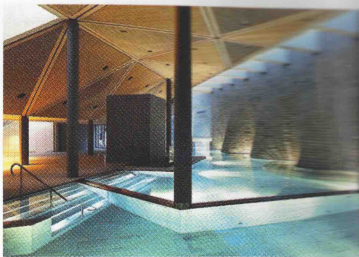


The best in the world

You don't want an OK holiday, you want an OMG one. Which is exactly why *Travel's* expert editors have spent the past 12 months sorting the truly outstanding from the merely very good. Now, from hotels to hamburgers, airlines to adventure sports, tour operators to turndown gifts, we reveal our absolute favourites...





The best... **Spas**

● In the Swiss ski resort Arosa, **Tschuggen Grand Hotel** (above) is a futuristic slice of five-stardom, and the spa its trump card — enclosed in sail-shaped skylights of stained glass. The pool is the main pull, its indoor grotto areas perfect for gliding into before swimming out under the snowflakes (tschuggen.ch).

● The **Palace Hotel** Tokyo's Evian spa is a vision in white. The treatments are sublime, but nothing is as soothing as working your way up and down the geometric, royal-blue pool with skyscrapers glinting at you through floor-to-ceiling window panes (palacehoteltokyo.com).

● At **Whatley Manor** in Wiltshire, go beyond pampering La Prairie treatments, saunas and steam rooms — this unwind-wonderland also features a detoxifying mud chamber, salt scrub showers and Iyashi Dôme weight-loss machine (whatleymanor.com).

● Jungly oasis and limestone hills pour in through floor-to-ceiling windows at **Phulay Bay**, in Krabi, Thailand. Local herbs leave you sweet-smelling post-treatment, too (ritzcarlton.com).

● For pure spa drama, try **The Rockhouse** at Negril, Jamaica, where the ginger body-scrubs come with a side of crashing surf. Treatments take place at sunset in cliff-edge cabanas overlooking the sea (rockhouse.com). ➤