



WHERE I'D RATHER BE ...

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IN A WEEK: Enjoying a unique pre-Christmas getaway at World Travel Award-winning New Zealand retreat, Annandale. The pioneering sheep and cattle farm on Banks Peninsula has four luxury villas onsite, and encourages guests to "stay where the world can't find you". Annandale, which looks absolutely divine, was named the World's Leading Experiential Luxury Property at the World Travel Awards, held this month in the Maldives. ● annandale.com

IN A MONTH: Eating my way around Peru, which won the award for World's Leading Culinary Destination. The third-largest country in South America – the home of potatoes and pisco sours

– was named world's best for food, ahead of other nominees: Australia, China, France, India, Italy, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, Spain, Thailand and the US.

● visitperu.com

IN A YEAR: Relaxing at COMO Cocoa Island, the World's Leading Private Island Resort, in the Maldives, the World's Leading Beach Destination and Dive Destination. While I'm there, I may duck over to the Anantara Kihavah Villas for dinner – it's the newly crowned World's Leading Underwater Hotel Restaurant. Who knew there was such a thing?

● comohotels.com/cocoaisland; kihavah-maldives.anantara.com/sea



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Dinner for one

Want to go out to dinner but can't be bothered making conversation? Japanese restaurant Ichiran may be for you. The Japanese restaurant chain, which recently opened an outlet in New York's Brooklyn, thinks that eating solo helps customers to concentrate on their food. The eateries' dedicated "flavour concentration booths" are small tables with blinders on either side – sort of like study booths at university libraries – and a hole in the wall, covered by a blind, with a direct view of the kitchen if they desire. There is barely any human interaction, with diners able to select their own seat upon entry and their meals from an interactive menu. There's even a button to press for a water refill. Kampail!

● facebook.com/ichiranny

Object of Desire

Not only is it a wearable work of art, but this Bird and Knoll cashmere and modal scarf is handy in all situations. Wear it as a sarong on the beach, around your neck in a cool breeze, or over your nose as you push through a busy bazaar. This Fiji: Bula Paradise design is a digitally printed photograph featuring a scene of palm trees and water, with the different variations on pristine blue bringing to mind long, lazy days on perfect golden sands. It's luxurious, hard wearing, and we think it looks pretty cool. Plus it's on sale, down from \$325 to \$235.

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