

## Star escapes

China could be the next top A-list destination thanks to Mission Hills Haikou, a luxury resort on Hainan Island. Among its first famous visitors are Olympic champion Michael Phelps and actors Hugh Grant and Matthew McConaughey, who are descending on the island for a celebrity golf tournament. The links incorporate native lava rock formations, but if golf is not your bag, there are plenty of other attractions, including a spa oasis, pristine sand beaches and tranquil azure waters.



## World tour

Pack light and cruise into fall with our guide to the globe's most desirable destinations



## Hot spot

Recently christened by the Queen herself, her namesake ship, the Queen Elizabeth – Cunard's newest addition to its fleet of sophisticated ocean liners – represents luxury at its finest. It boasts 16 decks, sumptuous cabins featuring dark wood, and fine dining, including a Todd English restaurant and Baron Philippe de Rothschild Graves white wine bottled especially for the company. The \$634-million vessel is the hottest spot on the high seas: its six maiden voyages sold out in a matter of hours. The next available voyage is a 13-day round-trip cruise docking from Southampton, U.K., on Dec. 1, with ports of call in Spain, Portugal and the Grand Canary Islands. Book your balcony suite for \$3,295 per person and set sail on the voyage of a lifetime.



## Trend

Most of us have made the mistake, at least once, of wearing less-than-comfortable footwear on vacation. But for those who have curtailed their sightseeing because of tender tootsies, there's a solution. Bellasole Foldaways are cute ballerina-style flats small enough to fit in your purse. Pack a pair while you're out and about discovering a new city and take comfort in the notion that you're only steps away from foot bliss. And you won't be sacrificing glamour for comfort. Available for \$21.99 in classic colours like Chat Noir, Shiny Penny and Smoking Gun, the shoes are a go-to item even after you've returned home. Stash them in your clutch before heading out for a night on the town and you'll never hobble home in your stilettos again. For more information, go to [mybellasole.com](http://mybellasole.com)

## My favourite place

With her busy schedule of concert dates, film festival appearances and breast cancer awareness advocacy work, Grammy-winning singer Olivia Newton-John makes it a priority to relax whenever she gets the chance. Where does the English-born, Australian-raised star of the beloved film *Grease*, and most recently, the Canadian film *Score: A Hockey Musical* go to find tranquillity and nurture her soul? The stunning 62-year-old tells *Hello! Canada* that there's no place she'd rather be than at her Gaia Retreat & Spa in the hinterlands of New South Wales, near Byron Bay. "It's so special to me because after all of the travel I do it is one of the few places I can go to completely relax and rejuvenate. I like to refer to it as 'barefoot Armani,'"



says Olivia, who loves the resort so much that she chose it as the location for her 60th birthday festivities. "All of my friends and family were on hand to celebrate and enjoy the beauty together."