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Hotel News

Petit St Vincent Resort, the Grenadines

In October, the Caribbean island of Petit St Vincent opens up its shores to anyone seeking a Robinson Crusoe hideaway. The 22 stone cottages of Petit St Vincent Resort are the ultimate in barefoot luxury – but it's not all lounging on the beach. Fitness trails, hiking, tennis, watersports and private yacht trips to Tobago Cays are among the recreations on offer. Details from PSV (001 954 963 7401, www.psvresort.com). Prices start at £330 per couple per night.

Grosvenor House West Marina Beach, Dubai

One of the Gulf state's most sought-after residential areas has its first hotel – the 45-storey Grosvenor House West Marina Beach by Le Meridien. A mixture of furnished apartments and hotel rooms, it boasts a health centre and spa, 12 bars and restaurants, a 44th-floor observation deck, plasma TV screens and personal butlers as well as access to the pools and beaches of its sister hotel, Le Royal Meridien. Further details from Le Meridien (08000 28 28 40, www.lemeridien.com). Double rooms start at £149, including breakfast, taxes and late check-out.



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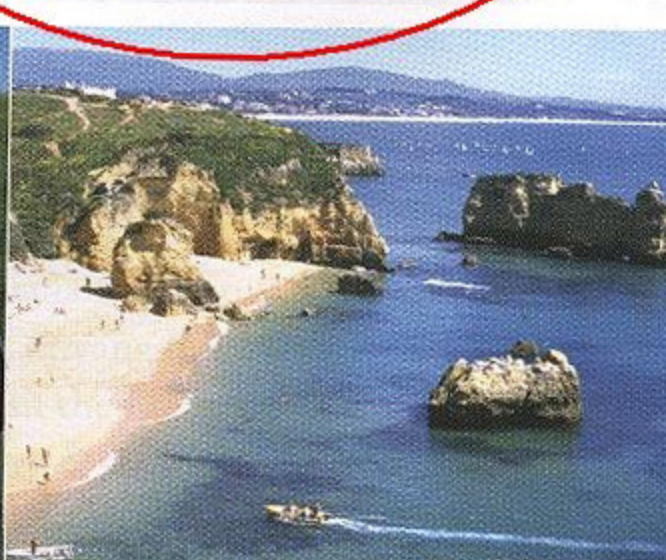


DUBAI – THE NEW DAVOS?

Packing skis for a holiday in Dubai would, until now, have raised a few eyebrows. Not any more. Billed as the world's first indoor ski resort, Ski Dubai (www.skidxb.com) will be launched later this month. Its covered snow area is one of the world's largest, with six runs for skiers and snowboarders as well as après-ski zones complete with a play area featuring an ice cavern. The runs measure up to 260ft wide, boast 60-degree turns and are said to be so high you cannot see the bottom of the slope from the top.

Villa della Pia, Tuscany

A villa with the facilities of a hotel, this new luxury mansion in Tuscany has its own private golf course. Set among 2,300 acres in the Maremma region, it is a 25-minute drive from the beach and comes with a maid and cook, pool and hammam bath house. Further details from ITC Classics (01244 355527, www.itcclassics.co.uk). Prices start at £539 per person per week, based on 12 people sharing.



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