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## Winter sun special

Our choice of great hotspots around the world

**Arabian nights**  
and balmy days in Oman

**Egyptian  
treasures**  
25 reasons to go to Cairo

**Out of  
this world**  
The dramatic landscape of  
Chile's Atacama Desert

**Spain** A long weekend in the Castilian capital

**Mexico's  
new wave**  
Where to find  
barefoot luxury

**Barbados**  
Away from the crowds

**Plus**  
New Zealand  
Mauritius  
Argentina  
Las Vegas



## Wear to go

**BRIGHTER DAYS** Give your winter-sun wardrobe some glamour and glitz, with our pick of the best jewelled accessories from the Resort Collections



Clockwise from above: jewelled sandals, price on request, **Prada** (020 7647 5000). Jewelled swimsuit, £1,250, **Louis Vuitton** (020 7758 9240). Crystal and gold necklace, £5,230, **Baccarat at Harrods** (020 7730 1234). Embellished Diorita bag, £980, **Dior** (020 7172 0172). Diamond, gold, steel and mother-of-pearl Classic Lady watch, £3,050, **Ebel** ([www.ebel.com](http://www.ebel.com)). Gold-plated powder compact, £125, **Estée Lauder**, exclusive to **Harrods** (0870 034 2566)

Luxe for less

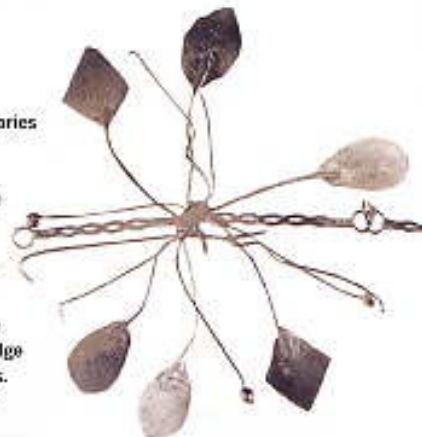
Marrakech's Siwa Bougies Artisanales (00 212 24 391241) creates affordable silver and coloured-stone pieces. In Tokyo, Loveless (00 81 334 012301) is good for quirky designs and new talent



## Treasure island

Ethical buy

If you're going to Cape Town this winter, visit Africa Nova ([www.africanova.co.za](http://www.africanova.co.za)), an accessories and art shop that promotes local talent and now sells fabulous silver jewellery made on Ibo Island, off the coast of Mozambique. Ibo artisans have been making silver pieces for centuries, although since independence in 1975 they have had to smelt down colonial-era coins to use as their raw material. Now, with the support of the Aga Khan Foundation, their unique designs are produced in sterling silver again. The delicate pieces of jewellery are also available at the Ibo Island Lodge ([www.iboisland.com](http://www.iboisland.com)). All profits go directly to the artisans. Contact Carrier ([www.carrier.com](http://www.carrier.com)) for details on travel to Cape Town or Ibo Island. Earrings £35 for a pair



## Quintessentially sources New York's finest with the eco-conscious traveller in mind

**TRAVEL** **OZOcar** is NYC's first eco-luxury, private, hybrid-car service. 1440 39th Street, ([www.ozocar.com](http://www.ozocar.com); 00 1 866 696 5966)

**STAY** **70 Park Avenue Hotel** runs an 'Earth-care commitment' programme, which uses organic, recycled and chemical-free products and asks guests to recycle. 70 Park Avenue, 38th Street (00 1 212 687 7050; [www.70parkave.com](http://www.70parkave.com))

**SHOP** **Kaigt** is an 'eco-boutique' that promotes stylish ethical fashion. 83 Orchard Street (00 1 212 680 5630; [www.kaightnyc.com](http://www.kaightnyc.com)). **Ekovaruhuset** specialises in clothes made from organic fabric. 123 Ludlow Street (00 1 212 673 1753; [www.ekovaruhuset.se](http://www.ekovaruhuset.se))

**SPA** **Priti Organic Spa** uses only organic and non-toxic products. 35 East 1st Street (00 1 212 254 3628; [www.pritiorganicspa.com](http://www.pritiorganicspa.com))

**EAT** **Pure Food and Wine** is a high-end raw and vegetarian restaurant serving organic and seasonal food. 54 Irving Place (00 1 212 477 2010; [www.purefoodandwine.com](http://www.purefoodandwine.com)). **Mas** uses seasonal ingredients from small and organic farms in New York. 39 Downing Street (00 1 212 255 1790; [www.masfarmhouse.com](http://www.masfarmhouse.com))

**DRINKS** **Counter** is renowned for its organic Martinis. 105 First Avenue (00 1 212 962 5870) For more details contact Quintessentially (0870 850 8585; [www.quintessentially.com](http://www.quintessentially.com))

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**SIZE ME UP** Heidi Klein now offers mix-and-match bikinis in its Cruise Collection, so you can find the right top and bottoms for your shape ([www.heidiklein.com](http://www.heidiklein.com))