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THIS WEEK'S TOP STORIES

This week we hopped aboard 9¾ famous trains. We hightailed to Mexico's secret town of the summer, and were first in at London's all-new bar-with-rooms. We've rounded-up the rooftop bars around the world that shouldn't be missed and the best ways to keep kids entertained this upcoming May half term. Plus, Christian Louboutin gives the lowdown on his hometown and Gray Malin shares his top photography tips.



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9¾ GREAT FILM TRAIN RIDES YOU CAN ENJOY IN REAL LIFE

Cinema has always loved the railway. No wonder: trains make an enclosed stage set, a built-in plot driver and, with all that moving scenery, a meta-replica of the cinema experience itself. Here are some to try



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15 THINGS TO DO AROUND THE UK THIS MAY HALF TERM

Starting in London, we've rounded up 15 ways to keep kids of all ages busy – here's what to do around the UK, this May half-term

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DESTINATIONS

THIS SUMMER'S SURF SPOT

While other Mexican surf towns have lost their rhythm, Zihuatanejo – a once-swinging spot on the Pacific Coast – is getting its groove back but still holding on to its wave-chasing soul



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THE BEST ROOFTOP BARS IN THE WORLD

Hit the high spirits in these sky-scraping joints

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PLACES TO STAY

FIRST IN AT THE BUXTON, LONDON

We were first in at The Buxton, a slick bar with bedrooms that opened on Brick Lane in May 2019, two blocks away from sister hotel The Culpeper



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THE LATEST TRAVEL TREND? SUPER SABBATICALS

A gap year used to mean full-moon parties in Thailand with \$100 to last two months. But now, burned-out billionaires are turbocharging the concept

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DREAMY IMAGES OF ITALY BY PHOTOGRAPHER GRAY MALIN

Get inspired to book a trip to Italy with these retro-tinged shots – plus five top photography tips



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CHRISTIAN LOUBOUTIN ON LISBON

The French master shoe designer who made stilettos big gives the scoop on the Portuguese city where he has a home



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FOOD TRENDS 2019: CURATED RESTAURANT PLAYLISTS

Silent dining rooms are a thing of the past as a generation of musically minded chefs set a new score, creating playlists as meticulously as tasting menus

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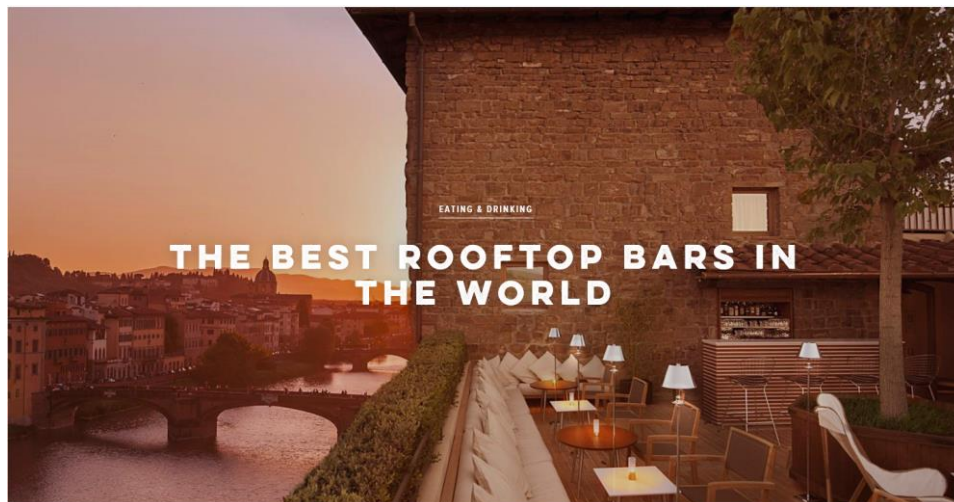
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