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VILLA THRILLER

Porsche Cayenne S Hybrid, £32,610; bike rack, £105, both by Pomello; '20th-century' mountain bike, from £1,495 (Stratocruiser); by Joe Ingram, for Independent Fabrication; 'Cinco' full suspension mountain bike, £3,300 (frame and rear shock); by Monia, both from Monopista Bikes
Thomas (left) wears round-neck linen sweater, £245; trousers, £185, both by Emporio Armani Resort; Louisa (right) wears double-breast T-shirt, £138; trousers, £450, both by Burberry Prorsum Resort; sandals, £220; bag, £1,190; 'Bambini' gold bracelet, price on request, all by David Bevan
Thibaut wears jacket, price on request, by Loula Vulliamy-Crozier; jeans, £128; scarf, £160, both by Hugo Boss; boots, price on request, by Loula Vulliamy-Crozier; 'Pegase 60' suitcase, price on request, by Loula Vulliamy-Crozier

Happy valle

The most exclusive vacation destination? The future. Join us, thanks to a little creative wizardry, at the escape of tomorrow, in Valle de Uco, Argentina

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We had our collective hearts broken when some breezy slip of a thing bounded into the office recently, eagerly describing his four weeks trekking in Bhutan, only to be met by cold indifference. The bored sighs and snide asides – ‘Bhutan, again!’ – caused such hurt and confusion that we wanted to scoop young Rory up into our muscular arms and stroke the pain away.

The problem, we explained, is that everyone has been everywhere these days. You have to queue to join the Inca Trail, Mount Everest runs package holidays and that Branson man has outer space in the bag. The only destinations that draw gasps of interest in these jaded times are headline nations as chosen by the news boys on the grounds of body count: Afghanistan, Iraq, Sudan, Chechnya...

How, then, are we to give you the edge in the social cage fight that fills the stormy months between summer holiday and winter vacation? Which destinations can you mention with confidence in the canteen of a Chinese biotech consortium

near Pao Alto, on the roof of the Fasano in Rio or après ski in Valle Nevado.

We puzzled over this at a recent team-building exercise on the North Korean border, until young Rory, a plucky sort, suggested we offer the one destination no one can claim: the future. He was onto something, so we set off at once for Valle de Uco in Mendoza, Argentina.

Snow-capped Andes mountains? Check. Boutique hotel surrounded by forests, rivers and an observatory in one of the eight great wine capitals of the world? Check. What's not to like? And the best thing about it? It doesn't exist yet. Building is under way, but the full development, Valle de Uco Golf, Wine and Country, doesn't complete until 2014.

We were keen to send an advance team for a pre-sampling, not only before the local landing strip was back to back with Cessnas but before it had even been built. So we enlisted Manchester-based creative agency The Neighbourhood, which is already producing 3D models for the

MORNING GLORY

Grasshopper' chairs, £222 each; table, £306, all by **Studio Wabi Somers**, for **Tectona**. On table, clockwise from top left, chopping board, £38, from **Margaret Howell**; Pear Juice, \$4, by **Baggio**; Yerba mate tea, £3.50 for 500g, from **Ché Mate**; Dulce de leche, \$5, by **La Salamandra**; Polka' candle, £33, by **Alejo José**, for **Puede C**; 'Sensipilar' coffee maker, £225, by **Ricardo Dulal**, for **Aleesi**; Glass, £24, by **Alejo Bakker**, for **Thomas Eyck**; 'Alma' napkin, £46 for four, by **The Kitson Collection**; 'Tense' plates, bowl, all prototypes, by **Bourrice Durand**, for **ICAL**; Granola, \$12 for 500g, by **Maravilla**; 'Highart', \$5, by **Dahl**; 'Alfonso de

Molina' cakes, £8 for six, by **Zella**; Ceramic mini ground with straw, \$87, by **Nobrand**; New York' spoon, £14, by **Hermann Krippel**, for **Georg Jensen**; 'Valko' bowl, £54, from **Miller**; Background, from left, 'Vir' sunlounger, £816 each, by **Kattal**; 'Spinaker' table, £3.75, by **Gordon Gullhammer**, for **Buda**; 'Sociedad' chairs, £345 each, by **Jean-Marie Massaud**, for **Dedon**; '300' BBQ charcoal grill, £1,999, by **Ernsting Boddentrie**, for **Ridhulla**; Dress, £1,560, belt, price on request, both from **The Fall Collection**, by **Salvatore Ferragamo**; Sunglasses, £70, by **Calvin Klein Eyewear**; Shoes, £175, by **Calvin Klein Collection**.

WET SET

'Vir' sunlounger, £816, by **Kattal**. From left, towel, £55, by **Diesel**; from **Desianges**; Environmental Repair Serum, AS4 (£24) for 50ml, by **Invisible Zinc**; Sunglasses, £51, by **Calvin Klein Eyewear**; 'Tonale' tray, £55, by **David Chipperfield**, for **Aleesi**; Dresser' plate, £56, by **Non Sans**; 'Raison', water, \$1, by **Eco de los Andes**; 'Grip-No 281' decanter, £394, tumbler, £56, both by **Marco Deoni**, for **Lafont**.

On face: Environmental Skin Protector SPF 30+, AS25 (£14) for 50ml; Environmental Skin Protector SPF 30+, AS35 (£20) for 100ml, both by **Invisible Zinc**; 'Flip' flip, £18, by **Revlon**; 'Sister' swim shorts, £25, by **Orlebar Brown**. For stockists, see Resources, page 270.

Fashion assistant: Angela Kang
Interiors assistant: Tamara Tucker
Hair: Nina Deckert at Soho Management
Make-up: Kenneth Solt at Soho Management
Models: Florian and Daniela Foster at Elite; Thomas Vesali at Premier



How did we build the future? See a film showing the making of our vision of the Valle de Uco Golf, Wine & Country at www.wallpaper.com



resort's lead architects, Waldo Works. Neighbourhood has experience realising remarkably real but unreal worlds for everyone from Sony PlayStation to Heston Blumenthal, soot' Design to Manchester United soccer player Gary Neville.

'I suppose you could say everything we do is about imagining the future,' says Ben Davies, The Neighbourhood's MD. The company was handed 3D plans of the resort's winery and villas and, charged with communicating the project's unique situation and architecture, set about rendering them in fine detail while the Wallpaper' team collected and composed elegant clothes, and furnishings from the likes of Richard Lampert, Poggenpohl, Zanotta and Established & Sons.

On the day of the shoot, the real and the virtual worlds fused in a Tim-style

energy transfer between mainframe and studio, plunging our fashion models forward into the resort as it shall be.

To be fair, they responded well. At casing, we'd wondered: how would they react to spending so much time together? What tangled webs would they weave? We realised how NASA felt when planning Space Shuttle crews. So like Lab techs with unusually pink-nosed mice at our mercy, we watched our beautiful trio roam free in their private futurescape. Would they play the 18-hole professional course? Sample fine local vintages? Would they explore the countryside on horseback or star-gaze from the observatory?

As you can see, you could have cut the atmosphere with a knife. She glided from room to room, while they ploned. She took midnight walks with one, while the

other nearly wrenched the handle bars from his mountain bike. It was no surprise she breakfasted alone or that the pool was a chance for soulful reflection.

And then, one day, they went off the grid completely. She whispered to them in the night and they flickered into cyberspace like digital snowflakes. For a while, we tried to find them. But we had their pictures. And we knew how the future would be – beautiful, like Eden, but with contemporary design, fine wines and much better clothes.

Thanks to Neighbourhood's mighty server farms and Waldo Works' imagination, we can safely say that the future is also a foreign country. And we've been there. ★ www.valle-de-uco.com; www.the-neighbourhood.com