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Things to do, buy, see and try



Play (featuring the Comme des Garçons Play range). www.thejouledallas.com

3. HONG KONG St George used to be a place where senior English civil servants and *tai-pans* would kick back after a busy day, with fine fare, vintage port and choice cigars. Today the restaurant is still the most intimate setting in town. <http://hulletthouse.com/dining/st-george>

4. VENICE, ITALY Few places are as relaxing as Palladio's Spa, close to St Mark's Square. From the Dr Vitalis steam cocoon to the open-air massages, the establishment offers a well-deserved escape from the waterways and tiny streets. www.palladiohotelspa.com

5. SINGAPORE The much-awarded Pollen at Gardens by the Bay is the acme of fine dining in the city. The culinary direction taken by British chef Jason Atherton means the food's Mediterranean, just the way we like it – all about the ingredients. The ambience is warm and welcoming. www.pollen.com.sg

6. COPENHAGEN, DENMARK Although liquorice was traditionally seen as a sweetmeat, that perception is now changing, thanks to Danish brand Lakrids. It promotes the use of the anise plant (which is actually a legume) as a spice, in the tradition of the salty version, beloved by northern Europeans. <http://liquorice.nu>

7. BROOKLYN, USA Found Object, owned by South African siblings Judith Sakinofsky and Salvo Stoch, is a decor and jewellery business at the Brooklyn docks and is filled with great gifting items. From textiles to jewellery, rugs and tableware, the business now ships globally. www.foundobject.co

1. PARIS, FRANCE La Maison Champs-Élysées has always added a distinctive aesthetic to the French capital. The hotel, designed by Maison Martin Margiela, now also presents the "blind bar", with designer Philippe di Méo at the helm. The dark, shadowy space – in which bottles and their ingredients are obscured, compelling patrons to guess which drink is which – adds a whole new edge to Happy Hour! www.lamaisonchampselysees.com/the-blind-bar.html

2. DALLAS, TEXAS, USA The recently-revamped Joule Hotel has opened, featuring a flagship ESPA Spa designed by Adam T Tihany, a rooftop garden terrace with a climate-controlled pavilion and some very exciting retail offerings, like Traffic

