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The power of a good travel agent should never be underestimated. These are the people who can make anything happen, anywhere, any time

Black Tomato

The prevalence of Black Tomato's name on the pages of this publication shows how much we love this funky travel company, which promises to 'excite and amaze' with unusual city breaks, action adventures and luxury destinations around the world. +44 (0)20 7610 9008; www.blacktomato.co.uk

Cazenove & Loyd

Whether you're after a floating island on a Peruvian lake or a maharajah's palace, C&L's passionate and knowledgeable staff are the ones to turn to for made-to-measure trips in Africa, India and Latin America. +44 (0)20 7384 2332; www.cazloyd.com

Dehouche

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Earth (London)

So exclusive that his phone number is ex-directory, Earth's Glen Donovan offers the haute couture of travel experiences to an incredibly select group of incredibly demanding clients. If you've got the money, he can make it happen. www.earthlondon.com

Exosphere

The new kid on the block, Exosphere is overseen by wonderwoman Sophie Leyton, who whizzes round London on her Vespa bringing tailor-made itineraries in global destinations (and a raft of extras) to cash-rich, time-poor customers. **By invitation only**, www.exosphere.com

Original Travel

Pioneering the concept of the 'big short break', Original Travel's inspiring portfolio ranges from Baltic spa retreats to night skiing in Iceland, or a bespoke trip of your desire. Weekends will never be the same again... +44 (0)20 7978 7333; www.originaltravel.co.uk

Quintessentially

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