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Wander woman Maria Shollenbarger fast-tracks international intelligence on where to be and what to see

→ A new private mountainside estate designed by Paola Navone is quietly preparing for spring on **SANTORINI**. The four standalone suites of **Erosantorini** (www.erosantorini.com; from €5,000 per night) are

cleverly configured with courtyards and panoramic terraces to provide total privacy or be used communally. Top hospitality credentials abound: the host is a master sommelier and the chef has 20 years' experience in Athens' finest kitchens – and will bring the kids along on his morning fishing trip. The 35m infinity pool sets an island record for size – and jaw-dropping views.

→ In **CAPE TOWN**, the finishing touches are being put to the Thomas Heatherwick-designed **Zeitz Museum of Contemporary Art Africa** (www.zeitzfoundation.org), housed in the old Grain

Silo, a waterfront landmark rescued from decrepitude by the German philanthropist/collector/Africophile Jochen Zeitz. At the same time, Liz Biden – the hotelier of impeccable taste behind the Royal Malewane in the Greater Kruger National Park, and La Residence in Franschhoek – is preparing to introduce **The Silo** (www.theroyalportfolio.com; from £728), the much anticipated boutique hotel whose 28 rooms – among them a spectacular one-bedroom penthouse with what might be the city's most staggering views – will be spread across several upper floors of the building. Besides a jewel-box bar and private access to the museum collections, The Silo promises to be strong on the soft, unassailable

service we know and love from Biden's other properties.

→ **LAPLAND**, in Finland's far north, is a gelid wilderness, where those willing to brave adverse temperatures will find surfeits of otherworldly beauty. **Amazing Escapes** (www.amazingescapes.ch), the Swiss-based, ultra-exclusive private camping outfitter, knows a good location when it sees one; witness **Napapiiri** (from €6,400 per person for four nights), whose six luxury yurts, each with wood stove and fully appointed bathroom, put guests into intimate communion with frozen lakes, the Northern Lights (purportedly visible about 200 days a year in these parts) and subarctic joys of all stripes, from ice fishing and dog sledding to midnight saunas.

→ "The Big Cat People", Jonathan and Angela Scott, the photographer-conservationists who have lived in Africa since the 1970s, earned their moniker through decades of dedication to preserving wildlife. In June, they will lead a lucky group on an eight-day journey through **BOTSWANA**'s Okavango Delta



Above: a communal dining terrace at Erosantorini, with views of the Aegean. Below: the bathroom of a deluxe superior suite at The Silo in Cape Town



Above: the interior of a yurt at Amazing Escapes' Napapiiri camp in Lapland

