



Above: Chalet Chloe is two minutes' walk from the Swiss village of Saas Fee. Below: W London - Leicester Square is new to the capital's West End.

on the outside, the interiors are sumptuously appointed with flat screens, an indoor pool, a steam room and two spa treatment rooms. To the east, in **SAAS FEE, Mountain Exposure** ([www.mountainexposure.com](http://www.mountainexposure.com)) has the lovely little four-bedroom **Chalet Chloe** (from £928 per person per week), with a charming, open-plan living-dining room, a wide south-facing deck, and a location two minutes' walk from both Saas Fee village and the Hannig toboggan lift station.

➔ Of course, mountains and balmy summer pleasures aren't mutually exclusive. To enjoy both, head south of the equator, to **ARGENTINA**, where **Cazenove + Loyd** ([www.cazloyd.com](http://www.cazloyd.com); from £2,200 per person) is launching a six-day ride through Mendoza and the Andes, weekly from January through March. Riders will spend six to seven hours a day in the saddle, traversing a diverse landscape of dunes, lakes, woods and vineyards. Base camp is the new **Guatana** – the first at this altitude to feature full bathrooms, feather beds and electricity in lieu of floor mats and bucket showers.



Above: Cazenove + Loyd's riding holiday will cross many types of terrain in the Argentinian Andes.

➔ From the emptiness of the high Andes to the bustle of the Eighth Arrondissement in **PARIS**, where a sister hotel to the perennially sought-after Pavillon de la Reine has opened its doors. **Le Pavillon des Lettres** ([www.pavillondeslettres.com](http://www.pavillondeslettres.com); from €300) has 26 rooms (one for every letter of the alphabet), each styled after a famous scribe. Didier Benderli, who recently redesigned Pavillon de la Reine, is responsible for the uniformly-chic interiors, with poetry lines stencilled onto the walls – a whimsical touch.

➔ And, finally, back to **LONDON**, where there's no discernible slowdown on the hotel scene. In the west, **London Syon Park** ([www.waldorfasteria.com](http://www.waldorfasteria.com); from £179), opening in a few weeks, is a sleek 137-room new-build in the grounds of the Duke of Northumberland's Grade I-listed Syon House. Some of the more outstanding features: a floor-to-ceiling butterfly house in the lobby, and an artisanal ice-cream parlour. Proposing a more urbane experience when it opens – also in the

coming weeks – is the 192-room **W London - Leicester Square** ([www.starwoodhotels.com](http://www.starwoodhotels.com); from £275). With interiors by über-chic Dutch firm Concrete, an outpost of Jean-Georges Vongerichten's Spice Market restaurant and a VIP bar managed by Matt Hermer (of Boujis fame), it's bound to make waves in the West End. ✦



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