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Word of mouth

ON A HIGH NOTE

Hear this Latin music maestro **SERGEANT GARCIA** has released his first album in five years. **UNA Y OTRA VEZ** (Time and Time Again) is another helping of his signature sound: salsa-meets-reggae-meets-Columbian-music. He calls it 'Salsomuffin'; we call it a sunshiney music for any occasion. 'Una y Otra Vez' is out now on GumGardista. One free track is downloadable at <http://on.ft.me/sergentgarciafreetrack>

Across the border and over the Line

USA Coinciding with the second-phase opening of New York's **High Line Park** is the launch of Mexican **HôtelAmericano** on West 27th Street. New York is missing a hotel with Latin spirit, says Carlos Couturier of hotel group Grupo Habita. Architect Enrique Norien has delivered a striking steel-mesh facade split by a glass lift shaft that shuttles guests between a street-level restaurant and the roof terrace with views of the Hudson. Inside, 56 rooms have Japanese platform beds, fireplaces and deep bathtubs. Look out for more to come from Habita, in Austin, La Paz, Tulum and Baja California. **GUY DITTRICH** Doubles from 155,325 (www.hotelamericano.com)

WHAT A FELINE! Designer Alice Temperley has put her luxe-glam spin on a travel kit for beauty brand Elemis. The leopard-print case comes filled with travel-sized essentials, and a percentage from each sale goes to the Mothers4Children charity. £79, at department stores nationwide (www.elemis.com)



Staycation: Cornwall

Everything you need to know for a close-to-home holiday in the West Country

THE RENTAL	THE B&B	THE SURF DIGS	THE EVENT	THE CAMPER	THE KIDS' CLUB
 <p>Carn Cobba is the latest addition to the Cornish Cribbs' portfolio of exclusive holiday homes in the county. Not far from St Ives, Carn Cobba has six modern-rustic bedrooms, five bathrooms and gorgeous sea views. Best of all, the 15-acre plot isn't overlooked by anyone. From £1,995 a week. 0844 800 2813. www.cornishcribs.com</p>	 <p>Artist-turned-hteler Charlie Newey has opened an eight-room B&B in a Georgian house in Penance, Artist Residence Hotel & Gallery. Themed rooms are individually designed by local artists. Doubles from £70. 01735 365664. www.artisthotelcornwall.co.uk</p>	 <p>On a cliff near stylish holiday resort The Park at Mawgan Porth is new six-bedroom Marver House. With private access to the beach and its own supply of boards and surf gear, it's a great spot for comfort-seeking wave-lovers who can also use the pool and facilities at Mawgan Porth. From £3,000 a week. www.mawganporth.co.uk</p>	 <p>Every four years, yachts gather in Cornwall for the start of the Ascres and Back Yacht Race, the UK's biggest ocean race. At next month's launch on 4 June, more than 100 international yachts will set sail from Falsouth. www.aazab2011.co.uk</p>	 <p>The Edge is a green caravan for the 21st century, about as far as you can get from poky fins on wheels. It has floor-to-ceiling glass and spacious open-plan living and is available to rent at Penmayne Edgy Park, near Rock. Seven more should be available by the end of the year. From £650 a week. www.penmayneedgypark.co.uk</p>	 <p>Sand safaris, non-alcoholic cocktails and rock-pooling all feature in the Mini Moritz children's club, which launches this spring at the St Moritz Hotel, near Polzeath. Parents can play in the leisure centre and spa. Doubles from £105. 01208 862242. www.stmoritzhotel.co.uk</p>

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