

Alone time: Costa Plenti, Australia's first one-room hotel.



Travel NEWS

ALONE and loving it; jet-setting cashmere; and a new high FLYER.

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ONE is the loveliest number

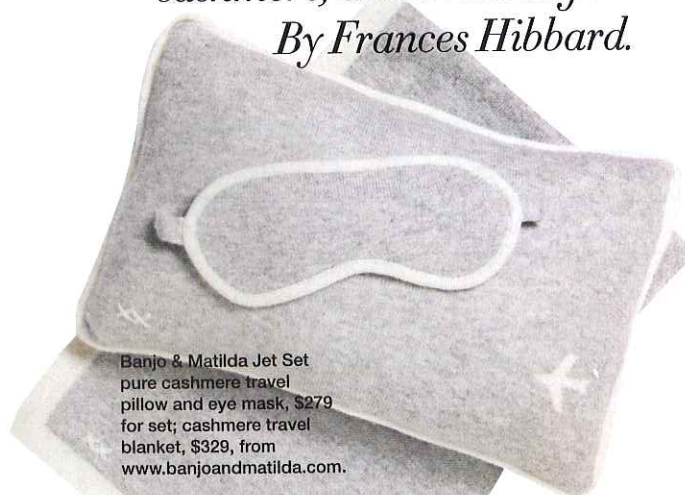
Australia's first one-room hotel is now open for business in Sydney's Double Bay.

Costa Plenti is the brainchild of travel whiz Fay Cohen, above whose Transvaal Avenue agency, Travel Phase, the sexy space is located.

The sleek pad offers all the services you'd expect from a five-star hotel (room service, private entry, parking) but with the bonus of Cohen — considered one of the best in the business — as your exclusive concierge.

Throw in some serious luxury — a private courtyard filled with exotic Asian sculpture, Frette linens, a Bang & Olufsen entertainment system, Miele-equipped kitchen and Aesop beauty products — plus Transvaal's boutique delights (Marni, Belinda and Cerrone) on your doorstep, and going it alone never looked so attractive.

Costa Plenti, Transvaal Avenue, Double Bay, New South Wales, (02) 9326 1166; www.costaplenti.com.au.



Banjo & Matilda Jet Set pure cashmere travel pillow and eye mask, \$279 for set; cashmere travel blanket, \$329, from www.banjoandmatilda.com.

SOFT LANDING

Banjo & Matilda's classic-with-a-twist cashmere offerings have already earned the Australian label a celebrity following, with the likes of Elle Macpherson and Mirando Otto among its fans. Now B&M has thoughtfully turned its attention to luxurious transit. Out this month is the so-cute-but-so-useful pure cashmere Jet Set, comprising edged blanket, sleep pillow and a super-soft eye mask.

The small but perfectly formed collection is the ideal inclusion in your carry-on.



The Como Shambhala Estate, Bali: accessible via Jetstar.

BAZAAR LOVES ... StarClass from Jetstar

Yes, Jetstar. We tested the low-cost airline's pointry end on a recent trip to Bali and the verdict is two thumbs up.

OK, there's no flat-bed, but there is a roomy, reclining leather armchair; a dedicated cabin of just 38 seats; impressive food and wine choices; access to Qantas lounges; extra baggage allowance; and routes to hotspots including Thailand, Hawaii and Japan.

But the real bonus, aside from fares that are on a par with the economy prices of many airlines, is that Qantas Frequent Flyers earn points at business-class levels. So you can have a comfortable, recessionista-approved short-haul trip while earning enough points to make a European first-class award flight a reality. Love it.

www.jetstar.com/au/en/travel-info/starclass.aspx

COSTA PLENTI

Just opened in the exclusive suburb of Double Bay, Sydney's first luxury one-room hotel, Costa Plenti, caters to the most discerning traveller. With its own private entrance, landscaped feature courtyard and contemporary design, Costa Plenti is the ultimate urban retreat.

Located on famous Transvaal Avenue, Costa Plenti is right on the doorstep of Sydney's most exclusive designer boutiques, restaurants, and cafes. Your private hotel is also just a two-minute walk to the Double Bay ferry wharf and one of Sydney Harbour's most spectacular vantage points. Now you have the opportunity to experience the kind of exclusivity that only a private hotel can offer.

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