

# DESIGN SECRETS OF THE VERY RICH TOWN & COUNTRY

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HAYEK'S  
GUIDE TO  
POWER

HOW TO  
SHOW  
YOUR  
KIDS  
THE WORLD

THE YEAR  
OF THE  
MAD  
KING  
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FRANK  
GEHRY'S  
ONE-ROOM  
AMERICAN  
MASTERPIECE

THE  
\$10,000  
SKINNY PANTS

WHY  
BAD  
THINGS  
HAPPEN ON  
BIG  
BOATS



# WINTER TRIPS:

*Because who doesn't love a snow day?*



**HAPPY FEET**  
One of the sights  
you'll see during a  
Ponant cruise to  
Antarctica.

## HOW TO SPOT BABY PENGUINS IN ANTARCTICA

For the intrepid, this is one unforgettable way to spend that long Christmas break: cruising to the most remote continent on earth during its summer. French cruise company **Ponant** operates ships with just 132 staterooms and suites, which makes things intimate, and offers trips of 11 or 17 days. The longer voyages include stops on South Georgia Island, site of many shipwrecks and of Ernest Shackleton's grave. Whichever you choose, you and your troupe will earn explorers' stripes (and bragging rights) just for having crossed the Drake Passage, the infamously rough but exciting body of water between Cape Horn and the South Shetland Islands of Antarctica (it takes two days). What sets these cruises apart—aside from private balconies in most rooms, butler service, and a staff-to-guest ratio of nearly one-to-one—are the off-ship activities: touring Neko Harbor on Zodiacs to spot leopard seals and gentoo penguins (December–January is baby penguin time), kayaking alongside humpback whales with icebergs towering above, and hiking on the continental ice itself. Ponant now takes children as young as six to Antarctica—your call. **TO BOOK** ASHTON PALMER, ASHTON@EXPEDITIONTRIPS.COM, 877-412-8527 *E.C.*

## HOW TO SLEIGH YOUR WAY TO DINNER IN MONTANA

Few things say winter-cozy quite like a ranch in the snow. The Douglas Fir House at Big Sky's newly renovated **Lone Mountain Ranch** has four bedrooms and its own sauna, and the ranch has 53 miles of nordic ski trails. In the evening, a horse-drawn sleigh ride to an oil-lit cabin for a feast of prime rib makes for a family dinner to remember. But save a few nights for the five-star **Ranch at Rock Creek**, where the ice skating and hockey pond comes with a hot chocolate–stocked warming hut. Wildlife bonus: Yellowstone's Lamar Valley is "America's Serengeti," and February is the perfect time to spot wolves (it's their mating season), elk, and bison against the whiteness. **TO BOOK** SAM HIGHLEY, SAM@ALLROADSNORTH.COM, 310-402-2031 *E.C.*

## HOW TO CHASE THE NORTHERN LIGHTS IN NORWAY

Would 40 huskies competing for your attention as you take the reins thrill you as much as Santa's reindeer would? Then the three-bedroom cabin at Norway's secluded **Trasti & Trine** lodge, near the northern town of Alta, is for you. After speeding through the forest with the dogs or tobogganing down the slopes, head out for a night of chasing the aurora borealis (optimal viewing is January–March). The lodge's Nordic-chic food is organic and local, so expand the kids' palates with five-course tasting menus of goose, elk, hare, bear, and grouse. On your way into or out of Oslo, check into the **Thief** hotel and marvel at the wonders of the Viking Ship Museum. **TO BOOK** GEORGE MORGAN-GRENVILLE, GMORGAN-GRENVILLE@REDSAVANNAH.COM, 855-468-5555 *E.C.*

**ALSO RECOMMENDED**

**Cliff House, in Maine, for its winter wonderland of snow plus waves.**