

4 ESCAPES TO EXPERIENCE THIS OCTOBER

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From Greece to Zanzibar to Chile, these are the hottest escapes that need to be on your wish-list this month...

3. CHILEAN SPLENDOUR



Lost among the hills of Chile's Millahue Valley, sits the futuristic retreat of VIK Chile. Bestowed with an undulating structural roof of titanium and bronze, a shimmering glass exterior invites guests to savour 360-degree views of the Andes Mountains, as well as the sprawling vineyards that stretch out over 11,000 acres. Inside, the blend of extraordinary architecture and remarkable art continues with guests being greeted by a central patio and Zen Garden, home to vibrant and colourful flowers. Aesthetes should make their way to The Living Room where notable artworks include paintings by Roberto Matta and a diptych from Anselm Kiefer's famous series, *The Secret Life of Plants*.



However, the true exquisiteness of the Smiljan Radic-designed property is spotlighted by its one-of-a-kind activities for all the family. Parents can tour and sample wine from the retreat's vineyards while little ones can partake in a 'Smell Don't Taste' experience alongside introductions to the basics of winemaking. There are also nature hikes with local guides, horseback riding, Spanish lessons and an epic game of capture the flag across the expansive grounds. When stomachs murmur, head to Milla Milla, the signature, glass-walled restaurant for a Chilean feast before retiring to one of the 22 themed rooms or your glass-encased bungalow.

