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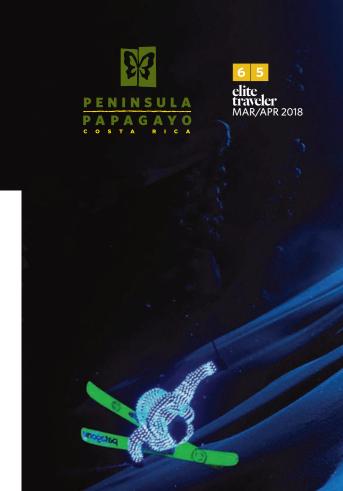


## BOBSLED WITH AN OLYMPIAN

UTAH, US

If the 2018 Winter Olympic Games has left you wanting a piece of the action, the St. Regis Deer Valley hotel in Park City, Utah, has just the thing. As part of an exclusive partnership with the Utah Olympic Legacy Foundation, the St. Regis is offering an exciting opportunity to bobsled alongside an Olympic medalist. Guests can take a thrilling ride on Park City's bobsled track at Utah Olympic Park (used in the 2002 Salt Lake City games) alongside brakewoman Valerie Fleming or driver Shauna Rohbock, who together won the silver for the US in the 2006 two-woman bobsled event. They share inspirational stories while giving an exclusive tour of the track. Following a safety demonstration, guests will take the white-knuckle ride of a lifetime — tearing through 10 exhilarating turns and hitting speeds of up to 70mph with three g of g-force. Your day on the track ends with a medal ceremony, an autographed photo from Shauna and Valerie, plus a special souvenir.

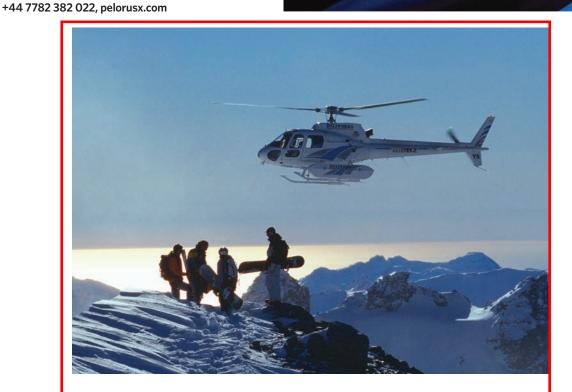
Luxury Suite from \$6,000 per night, bobsled package \$3,500 per person for a 90-minute session. Contact Ben Edgar, concierge, ben.edgar@stregis.com, +1 866 932 7059, stregisdeervalley.com



## **NIGHT SKI**

**BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA** 

With an itinerary that includes heliskiing and cat-skiing around the Mount MacKenzie, Monashee and Selkirk regions, the British Columbia package from adventure-travel specialist Pelorus spoils skiers for choice. Your guide will take you into Canada's breathtaking backcountry to explore run after run of untouched powder. If that's not enough, the package includes a world-exclusive opportunity — don a ski suit studded with LEDs and light up the slopes at night while a film crew and photographers capture your illuminated jumps. Pelorus can also arrange parachuting, fast-roping, helicopter jumps into water ... or just about anything else that takes your fancy. From \$20,000 per person. Contact Jimmy Carroll, cofounder, jimmy@pelorusx.com,



## HELISKIING

**NEW ZEALAND** 

Registered as a Unesco World Heritage site, New Zealand's Fiordland National Park is an incredibly remote (and famously inaccessible) area of sublime natural beauty. See it for yourself from above with a helicopter flight through the lakes and alpine valleys. Discover the fjords of Milford Sound (which you can only get to by helicopter) and forage for lobster that will be served as your dinner at Minaret Station Alpine Lodge. Then spend the afternoon heliskiing through hundreds of acres of untouched terrain — expect an average of 10 to 15 runs. Each trip is customized to create your perfect day.

Minaret Station Alpine Lodge Chalet from \$3,000 per night, from \$10,000 for day trip per person. Contact Suzy Mercien-Ferol, owner, suzy.mercien@touringtreasures.com, +1 800 536 5328, touringtreasures.com



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TUSCANY, ITALY

Grotta Giusti, a 19th-century villa and the former home of poet Giuseppe Giusti, guards what he and composer Giuseppe Verdi considered to be the eighth wonder of the world — a 130-year-old thermal cave with an underground hot-spring lake. The only way to explore this unique formation is with an underground cave dive. Three qualified instructors ensure complete safety while guiding guests into the water and through the curious underwater cave systems. Without fins, divers are able to climb as well as swim through the cave. The key section is a cleft in the rock running at approximately 20 to 30 degrees off vertical. The main pass-throughs are at 32ft, 60ft and 90ft — and are breathtakingly beautiful, offering sights unlike anywhere else on earth. The clear waters reveal ancient stalagmites and stalactites, and the super-brave can even swim in total darkness — fully submerged between winding cave tunnels, there's a second cave that is only accessible by traveling through the underwater system.

Junior Suite from \$900 per night, underground cave dive \$125 per person. Contact Eleonora Bellini, personal travel adviser, eleonora.bellini@ihchotels.it, +39 057 857 2333, grottagiustispa.com