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Wear to go



Left, Lisa Marie Fernandez.
Below, Maria Luisa, Paris

are so well-priced. In **New York**, **Olatz** (www.olatz.com) makes the finest silk pyjamas, and **Bellora** (www.bellora.it) gorgeous linens. **Bali** has some great stores, like **Biasa** (www.biasabali.com) which sells bohemian kaftans and Indian-cotton beachwear. **Lane Crawford** (www.lanecrawford.com) in **Hong Kong** has the best-edited fashion in South-East Asia – and it's duty-free. In

Florence I'd recommend **Santa Maria Novella** (www.smnovella.it) for perfume.

WHERE TO SHOW OFF WHAT YOU'VE BOUGHT

In **Bali**, the new **Nammos Beach Club** (www.karma-kandara.com) is the place to hang out, and I love **Padang Padang** beach (it's great for surfing) and the Tirta Ening Residence pool at **Como Shambhala Estate** (www.cse.como.bz). In **St Barts** there are **Saline** and **Gouverneur** beaches; **The Hamptons** and **Montauk** have great beaches too. Some of the best pools I've found are at the **Hôtel du Cap-Eden-Roc** (www.hotel-du-cap-eden-roc.com) and **La**



Colombe d'Or (www.la-columbe-dor.com) in the **South of France**; and at **The Standard** (www.standardhotels.com) and **The Raleigh** (www.raleighhotel.com) in **Miami**. Lisa Marie Fernandez's debut collection is available now at www.net-a-porter.com

Must pack

Chanel's summer make-up gives a great sunkissed look. For daytime, sweep highlighting powder across the cheekbone; for evening use the illuminating fluid, a liquid bronzer for the face or body. 020 7493 3836



Radiant Glow Highlighting Powder, £42



Quadra Eye Shadow Kaska Beige, £34



Soleil Tan de Chanel Sheer Illuminating Fluid, £29

What's in store? **Groom** at **Selfridges** offers those short on time a fast solution to beauty needs. It has **private treatment suites** (so no shoppers wandering past while your eyebrows are tweezed) where **two therapists** can give you four treatments within an hour. Choose from packages including **facials, manicures** and **waxing** or create your own bespoke session. 020 7499 1198; www.groomlondon.com

CHIC SHOPPING OUTLETS

Discount retail villages are on the up-and-up: here's where to get your designer labels without the huge price tag



BICESTER VILLAGE
OXFORDSHIRE, UK

British brands Anya Hindmarch, Smythson, Alexander McQueen

New stores G-Star, Phaidon Books, Ugg

Top tip Use the valet-parking at weekends or, better still, the new home-delivery service. www.bicestervillage.com



LA VALLEE VILLAGE
FRANCE

French brands Celine, Bonpoint, Zadig & Voltaire

New stores Moncler, Loro Piana, Jimmy Choo

Top tip Take the Cityrama shuttle from Place des Pyramides in central Paris direct to the Village www.lavalleevillage.com



KILDARE VILLAGE
IRELAND

Irish brand Louise Kennedy
New stores 7 for All Mankind, Superdry, Lacoste

Top tip Go and visit the Japanese Gardens, five minutes' walk from the village, celebrating their 100th anniversary this year. www.kildarevillage.com



FIDENZA VILLAGE
ITALY

Italian brands Versace, Missoni, Dolce & Gabbana

New stores Armani, Wolford
Top tip Go in May when Fidenza is the starting point of the Giro d'Italia bike race. A daily shuttle leaves Milan's Piazza Castello at 10am. www.fidenzavillage.com