

# Best Holiday

you're after a detox, ski slopes or full-on R'n'R, the GLAMOUR

“...for **not seeing a soul**”

By **Ali Harris**, Deputy Features Editor



ico, a member of the Small Luxury World, is a little bit of paradise of the Costa Rican rainforest. As my spa suite, complete with ed and outdoor soaking tub, fic Ocean and rainforest views, completely forget about modern life. with the howler monkeys at 5am to-do list were reading by the pool, showering in jungle spring nic tropical food, and indulging in spa Tranquila (the incredible day I meandered down the Sierpe ere I saw howler, spider and



Ali wasn't smiling on the way back up...

“I realised I could completely forget about modern life”

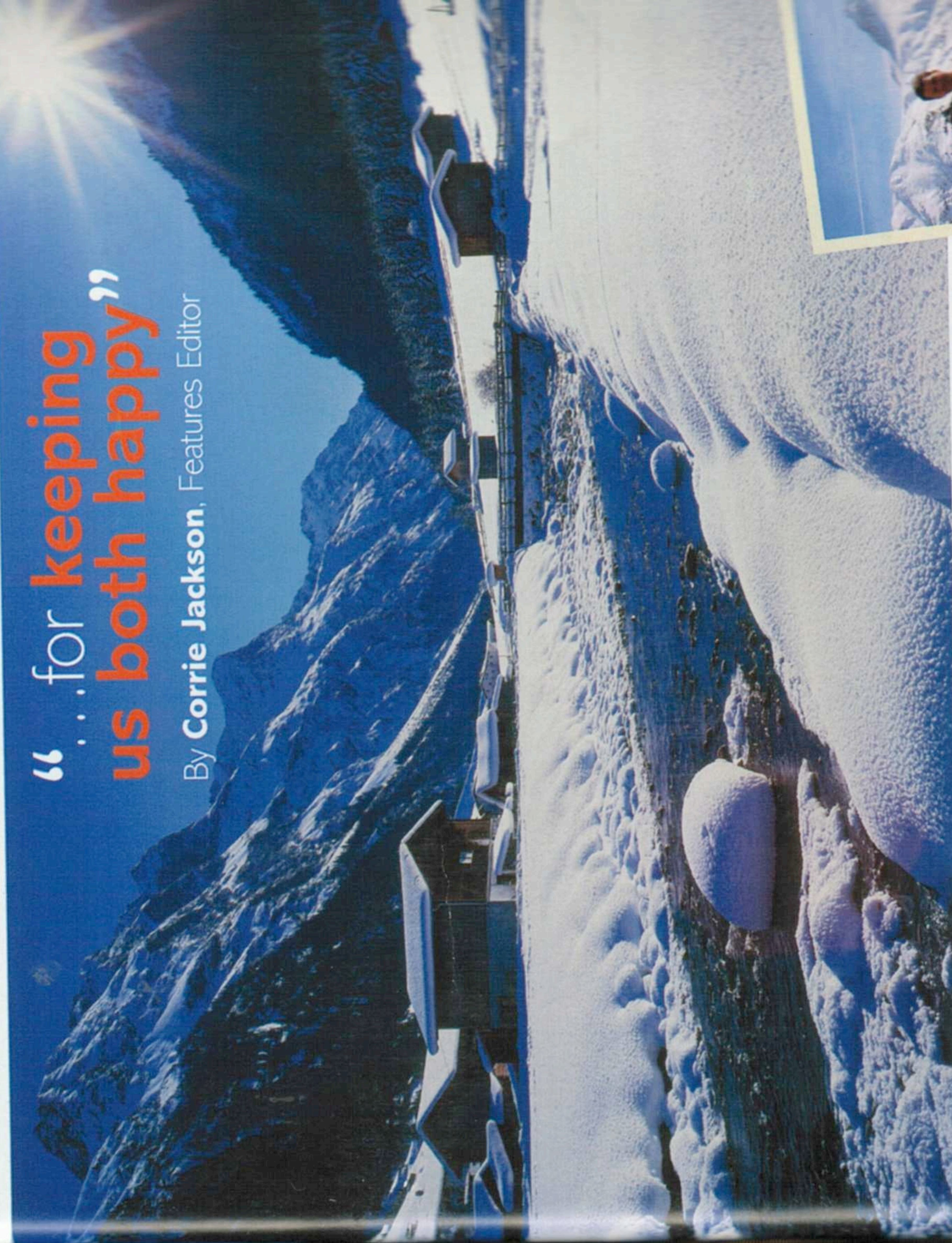
white-faced monkeys in their natural habitat, as well as toucans, macaws and snakes. And that was all the company I needed. **Get it booked** A Rancho Pacifico spa suite costs from \$250 (£125) a night, excluding taxes; [RanchoPacifico.com](http://RanchoPacifico.com) **Get there** Fly BA from Heathrow to San José from £570 return (BA.com). Then fly with Nature Air ([Natureair.com](http://Natureair.com); approx £50 return) to Palmar. The hotel is a short cab ride away

# Ever Mad

team's top destinations of all time should inspire you

“...for **keeping us both happy**”

By **Corrie Jackson**, Features Editor



A s the taxi made its way to the hotel, my boyfriend, James, and I sat noses pressed to the window. The view was breath-taking snow-capped peaks as far as the eye could see. The Goldener Berg in Oberlech, Austria is a family-run hotel that sits halfway up a mountain. Our room was simple but modern; the bathroom was enormous (two sinks is a mark of luxury in my book!). When the skiing-related aches began to take their toll, I hit the spa. The Stolen Moments body massage (€72, approx £56) was heaven. Next up, the sauna, where I soon realised the locals like to be totally naked! The hotel food is traditional, hearty Austrian cuisine (think roast duck with dumplings,



Corrie and James happily, fully clothed!

and cheese fondues), but the Klösterle restaurant in nearby Zug is also worth a visit – if only for the drunk accordion player! **Get it booked** Double rooms start from £45 per person per night, including breakfast. Visit [Goldenerberg.at](http://Goldenerberg.at) or call the hotel on 0043 5832 2050. Ski hire starts at around £150 per person for six days. **Get there** Thomas Cook offers flights to Innsbruck from £169 return. Visit [Thomascook.com](http://Thomascook.com) for details. The 10-minute transfer from Langen station costs around £30. ”

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