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Phu Quoc, Vietnam

trailer, nature outside your front door, and all the marshmallow-roasting you can stomach.

Stripping and Soaking in Switzerland

THE HOTTEST SPOT in the Swiss Alps is just that: incredibly hot. The 108-degree Fire Pool at Therme Vals, a 2009 Pritzker Prize-winning public bath designed by Peter Zumthor, is made from 60,000 stone slabs of Valsler quartzite that make for one ultrasleek bathtub (\$40; reserve in advance; therme-vals.ch). After your parboil, tiptoe past the black leather curtains to the relaxation areas, a labyrinth of

mineral pools, hidden grottos, and fogged-up steam rooms. The spa closes to the public at 8 P.M., but guests staying at the adjacent Hotel Therme can continue to soak past midnight (from \$210).

Sweating Out the Stress in Jamaica

THE GOLDENEYE is not just the latest sun-splashed, reggae-infused, ganja-wafting-through-the-treetops utopia from Island Records founder and de facto Jamaican tourism czar Chris Blackwell (from \$536 including breakfast; goldeneye.com; opens November 12). It's also a Caribbean resort

for the multitasking vacationer who would rather spend days bird-watching for some 255 resident species, or triathlon training with a former member of the Jamaican Olympic team. Of course, should you want sand and only sand, you have that option; the edenic James Bond Beach, surrounded by the verdant mountains of St. Mary, is only half a mile away, while the resort is adjacent to a wave-free lagoon.

Skippping From Pool to Beach in Curaçao

WANT TO BE parent of the year? Take your kids to the coolest swimming pool on an

island—heck, on a whole island chain—that's littered with them. The pool at the Renaissance Curaçao Resort & Casino (from \$160; marriott.com), located in Willemstad's Otrabanda neighborhood—once, literally, the “other side” but now the capital's hot spot—doesn't just have an infinity edge peering out on the postcard-perfect Caribbean. It's actually the world's first “infinity beach,” with tons of trucked-in white sand. When the kids tire of the faux beach there's also the real thing: Sail on Bounty Adventures' 54-foot catamaran to Klein Curaçao, an uninhabited spit of land encircled by turtle- and stingray-filled waters (from \$89, bountyadventures.com).