

BRITISH AIRWAYS

nightlife

GO UP IN THE WORLD
AUGUST 2008

INSIDE
Your new
entertainment on
demand system
Page 135

Beijing: art's new superpower
Inside the Dragon's secret provinces
The Britons going for gold

**THE
CHINA
ISSUE**



Villa Feltrinelli

ITALY

For a touch of *la dolce vita*, head for the opulent 21-room Villa Feltrinelli by Lake Garda. Sheltered by olive, orange and cypress trees, the mansion offers a luxe retreat from the world.

New for this summer are revamped menus by Stefano Baiocco (straight from Ferran Adrià's famous El Bulli restaurant in Spain) at the villa's Michelin-starred restaurant – salivate over *gnocchetti* with a stew of lobster, crustacean oil and lemon herbs. There is also a vintage riverboat to take trips across the lake and a restored 18th-century lemon grove, perfect for an outdoor massage. From £880 per night. +39 036 579 8000, villafeltrinelli.com



THE MARK NEW YORK

After much anticipation, the classic 1920s landmark on the Upper East Side is set to reopen this month after a major £71m renovation. The 15-storey building has bold new interiors and furnishings designed by French designer Jacques Grange and his partner art dealer Pierre Passebon. The duo have done away with the previous over-cluttered décor

and introduced a livelier, contemporary palette that will be sure to attract the cool downtown crowd uptown fast. With 118 hotel rooms – and every conceivable five-star amenity you could wish for – it is described as 'the ultra-European living experience' in the heart of NYC. Get booking now. Doubles from £510 per night. lhw.com, themarkhotel.com



Clockwise from main picture *La dolce vita*-style at Villa Feltrinelli; a witty take on French design at The Mark; rejuvenating indulgence at Encantado in New Mexico

ENCANTADO NEW MEXICO

If New Age enlightenment, the arts and pampering, is your thing, then head for the Auberge Resorts' latest property in the foothills of the Sangre de Cristo Mountains in New Mexico.

Opening this month, the resort is made up of a main lodge and 65 *casitas*, decorated in a modern southwestern style – in other words, earthy tones with exposed wooden



beams, oversized windows, fireplaces and indulgent bathrooms with deep tubs and heated floors.

The hotel, with its close proximity to Santa Fe, aims to be a sanctuary destination for those seeking

rejuvenation. With its on-site art gallery and healing spa, it calls upon the spiritual traditions and art scene that the city is known for. Doubles from £167 per night. +1 505 988 9955, encantadorresort.com