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Power lunch
Where
Washington's
politicos eat

**Is it a boat,
is it a spa?**
Island hopping,
Maldives-style

**The Louvre
has landed**
Inside Abu Dhabi's
new art museum

Red alert
The Chinese wine
set to conquer
the world

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Northern powerhouse

*The world's first industrial
city has been reborn as a
21st-century cultural capital.
All hail the new Manchester*

MANCHESTER
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Malé-Phuket-Manila

The holiday life aquatic

According to research by travel organisation ABTA, active holidays are beating out fly and flop breaks, with aquatic adventures topping the wish-list; a trend particularly well served in Asia this year. With departures from Phuket in November and December, Intrepid Travel offers a new, nine-day sail around the islands of southern Myanmar, which includes daily kayak trips in the super-remote Myeik archipelago. Even the Maldives, likely the world's most popular do-nothing destination, now has a more active option: Scubaspa (pictured), the high-end "floating resort" that combines yoga and diving aboard a 15m yacht, now offers part-resort, part-cruise packages with dives around some of the most remote islands in the atolls. Or try the Philippines Sailing Challenge in which teams of two or three race between remote islands near Boracay. It's a sailing adventure for non-sailors, says organiser Large Minority.



Beijing

Liquid assets

"Bold. Dramatic. Compelling... A bright new star has just burst onto the fine wine firmament." So said wine critic John Stimpfig last year, reviewing the first ever bottle of Moët-Hennessy's new wine, Ao Yun, in *Deconter*. And there would be nothing odd about that, of course, except perhaps that this "magical, high-wire" wine was not from Bordeaux or Burgundy but the remote mountains of Yunnan, China. As the country's middle class grows, so does its taste for western delights, including wine.



As the second vintage of Ao Yun is released this month, Chinese wine is finding favour with drinkers not just at home but worldwide. Can it crack the global wine elite? "It's early days," says Bianca Bosker, sommelier and author of recent bestseller *Cork Dork*, "but there's every reason to be excited about the wine flowing out of China. Still, to get the lasting imprimatur of sommeliers, they'll have to prove they can make wines of real distinction. Something uniquely Chinese."