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## Travel updates: Lausanne, Miami and the West Indies

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### Lausanne



A cyclist tackles the Haute Route in the Dolomites

Final route details will be announced this week for the world's toughest amateur cycling event. The Haute Route "Triple Crown" runs from August 15 to September 6 and consists of 21 stages spread across the Pyrenees, Alps and Dolomites. The total distance covered will be 2,615km, with 60 climbs totalling around 60,000 metres of ascent. The event, run by Lausanne-based OC Sport, is designed to give amateurs a taste of professional racing, with support vehicles, motorbike outriders and nightly prize-giving ceremonies. Entry for the Triple Crown costs €4,100; less masochistic riders can sign up for any of the three constituent week-long sections.



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### Miami

Visitors joining the seasonal influx to Miami this winter will find a raft of new high-end accommodation options, most of them opening just in time for the annual Art Basel Miami Beach and Design Miami events in December. The Thompson Miami, a 380-room hotel in a 1940s and 1950s building in the up-and-coming Mid-Beach area, opens this weekend in a location that allows for easy access to the Design District and new Perez Art Museum. Nearby is the two-week-old Edition Miami Beach, with a contemporary aesthetic, a large spa and 28 ocean-view bungalows. Closer to the bustle of South Beach, the New York-based hotel group Sixty is about to open the Nautilus, also in a refurbished 1950s building. It will be joined on Collins Avenue by another NYC offshoot, Villa Bagatelle, the hotel version of the popular Meatpacking District brunch spot.

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### West Indies

Golf and sustainability rarely go together but a new course on St Kitts says it is striving to bring a more environmentally productive approach to the game. The Ian Woosnam-designed Irie Fields course at Kittitian Hill claims to be the world's most edible course, featuring fruit trees and organic crops. The course is part of a wider development project incorporating a rustic-luxe boutique hotel, Belle Mont Farm (opening next month), and private villas (due for completion next year), all with an environmentally friendly outlook not often seen in Caribbean luxury resorts.

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