



Plush in Patagonia

It's not often that Chile gets a new resort and so that's why we're especially excited to hear about **The Cliffs at Patagonia** (www.cliffspreserve.com). Set within 8,000 acres of the Valdivian Temperate Rainforest, 70 minutes from Puerto Montt's El Tepual Airport, this luxury eco-resort has six miles of wildly beautiful beach that complement the pristine design of its 14 residences perfectly.

Visitors can opt for a number of accommodations at The Cliffs, and they're all grand. For starters, Junior Suites are 750 square feet in size and have panoramic views of the Pacific. From there it only gets better, because the Residential Suites have full kitchens, living rooms and dining rooms. But for the client who would still feel closed in by these enormous digs, there are the Oceanfront Residences, which range from two to four bedrooms and 2,500 to 4,000 square feet and sport amenities created by Chilean craftsman, whirlpool tubs,

fireplaces and high-end music systems.

Those who want to take in the rugged, awe-inspiring scenery can hike, bike or go horseback riding or join up with an expert guide for sea lion watching or exploring the nearby penguin colony.

What to wear? The climate here is close to that of Northern California, but remember, Chile is deep in the Southern Hemisphere, so our winter is their summer. We're thinking cashmere would work. The property's luxury travel advisor liaison is JoAnn Kurtz-Ahlers (joann@kurtzahlers.com).

Those who want to see Patagonia from another perspective can travel with **International Expeditions** (www.ietravel.com/brochures), whose program there allows clients to learn lasso dancing from local gauchos. Contact the company's Patagonian specialist, Charlie Weaver (cweaver@ietravel.com), or its agent liaison, Jennifer Reynolds (jreynolds@ietravel.com; 205-901-3205). ■

Mii Amo Spa & Resort

in Sedona, AZ is opening a new destination spa in Punta Mita, Mexico. Mark Grenoble, Mii Amo's president, tells *Luxury Travel Advisor* that the new property, which will likely open by the end of 2010, will have 30 rooms and reflect the indigenous culture of Punta Mita. Mii Amo is looking for other destinations in which to build, however, Grenoble says management's intent is to be certain not to dilute the Mii Amo brand. www.miiamo.com

The Park Hyatt Saigon has appointed Michael Golden (saigon.park@hyattintl.com) its new general manager. Golden succeeds Jan Peter van der Ree, who is the Grand Hyatt Dubai's new GM. Most recently, Golden was the general manager of the Hyatt Regency Auckland. www.hyatt.com

One&Only Resorts named Allison Burnett director of sales and marketing at One&Only Kanuhura, Maldives. Burnett's previous experience includes tour operations for A&K. www.oneandonlyresorts.com

The Lodge at Vail, A RockResort named Bryan Austin (baustin@vailresorts.com) general manager. Austin joins The Lodge at Vail from the Wingfield Nevada Group in Las Vegas. www.vailresorts.com