



## L'Occitane makes luxurious Spanish debut

**Spain:** L'Occitane has made its Spanish debut at Tenerife's Gran Hotel Bahia del Duque.

The Spa by L'Occitane boasts 20 treatment rooms as well as five open-air massage cabanas and is said to be a "natural extension" of the L'Occitane brand.

Other facilities include a Seawater Spa Circuit that features a vitality pool and an ice well, along with a hammam and saunas. The Kinesis Zone is supplied by Technogym and a Chi Studio offers yoga, meditation, Pilates and T'ai Chi classes.

The spa's interiors were created by Pascua Ortega from a range of natural materials such as Colmenar limestone, native basalt stone and oak.

Architecture was provided by the Teotimo Redgriguez Hermoso studio, which designed the spa as an ecological concept, complete with roofs that can be walked on and flexible spaces that blend into the landscape with the intention of promoting a balance between the spa and its surrounding gardens.

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## Inaugural Café of Europe event



**France:** The first Café of Europe event is set to take place on June 14 in the Centre des Arts in Enghien-les-Bains, just north of Paris.

Organised by the European Historic Thermal Towns Association (EHTTA), the round-table 'café' debate will focus on the ways that digital technologies can revolutionise the visitor experience and the impact they can have on wellness tourism in thermal spa towns.

The event is part of the Sources of Culture: the Cafés of Europe project, a €400,000 collaboration of nine spa towns in six countries across Europe that was recently awarded 50 per cent funding by the EU's Culture Fund.

Further debates and a series of creative projects are scheduled to take place over the next two years, with the next 'café' event scheduled for July in Spa, Belgium.

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## spa talk



Vladi Kovanic

This year's Forum HOTel & Spa will take place on June 20 at the Four Seasons George V Hotel in Paris, France.

The sixth annual event will have a theme of 'Excellence' and

offers attendees the opportunity to benefit from high-level networking as well as gain insight from a range of international expert speakers.

Founder and organiser Vladi Kovanic said: "The forum is an ideal place to meet future investors, partners and clients. It is also an opportunity to share and discuss business solutions and strategies to maintain your competitive edge."

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## Spa Life 2013 is set to inspire at Wyboston Lakes

**UK:** The 2013 Spa Life event is scheduled to take place from November 12-13 at Wyboston Lakes Executive Conference Centre in Bedfordshire, England – home of the recently opened £3million Y Spa.

Following the format of last year's event, there will be a CPD-certified conference as well as an invitation-only CEO summit and a buyer and supplier forum.

Two keynote sessions will be provided by

performance management expert Andy McCann and international coach and presenter Lexie Griffiths.

Andrew Hammond, event organiser, promised a busy event. "We've worked hard to gather meaningful feedback from partners and delegates so we can constantly evolve the format of Spa Life and meet the needs of the spa industry," he said.

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