

## Garden Designers

BY KIT PEF

Former army office Jonathan Snow retrained as a garden designer ten years ago, first working for industry stars Arne Maynard and Tom Stuart-Smith before setting up his own London practice. His style is traditional and high quality, with Dutch and Belgian influences such as espalier and topiary. Jonathan particularly enjoys large country gardens and London courtyards. Thoroughly professional and utterly charming

Precocious design team Charlotte Harris and Hugo Bugg are among the Chelsea Flower Show's youngest gold medallists, with studios in both London and Exeter. Current projects include luxury London residences, a hospice garden in Surrey, a 220-acre Highland estate, a hotel in Ibiza and the new Royal Botanic Gardens Jordan. 'We combine a rigorous consideration of the singular spirit of the place with bold geometry and eloquent spatial planning, paying close attention to the emotional experience of the space,' says Harris.

Ben, Chris and the team at Innoscape specialise in traditional landscaping with a modern edge. Expect intricate drystone walling with copper details, rills and collaborations with artisan contractors. Book well in advance. Ply them with good coffee.





## Travel Concierges

BY LUCIA VAN DER POST

While some travellers trot down to Trailfinders or scan the Thomas Cook website, when they want to go a-roaming, there are some who turn to an elite group of travel planners who hold their hand every inch of the way, who know exactly which room you should book in any given hotel, who know the most discreet table in the best restaurants and who are on to the newest destination before the rest of the world has woken up. They are the high-end travel concierges. They are so sought-after by the rich and famous



that most only take new clients if they come recommended by existing ones.

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is run by Glen
Donovan, who
looks after a small,
discreet group of
travellers, most
of whom are high