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After last fall's economic turmoil, **Germany is rebounding**, with U.S. travel to Berlin surging this past summer. Despite the dollar's faltering against the euro, now is still the time to go, as the city's yearlong commemoration of the 20th anniversary of the fall of the Wall culminates in the **Festival of Freedom** on November 9....In Hong Kong, meanwhile, the economy and the HK dollar have been **holding strong** even as the rest of the world struggles. But **travel from the Americas has taken a hit**, with hotel occupancy—not to mention room rates—down significantly....Closer to home, Aspen has seen a number of hot hotel, restaurant, and store openings in preparation for **this year's ski season**. But as in places like Nantucket and the Hamptons over the summer, vacationers seem to be delaying their bookings, which means there may still be prime real estate, choice weeks, and **deals to be had**.

Hong Kong

Eight high teas for two at **Sevva**, featuring a platter of treats like ginger cheesecake, turtle pie, and crumpets with cream cheese and smoked salmon. The terrace is the place for cocktails come evening. sevvahk.com

