



ANTON APARTHOTEL ST ANTON, AUSTRIA

Unlike most Tyrolean ski resorts, St Anton isn't stuck in a faux-Alpine *Sound of Music*-style rut. In 2000, the railway that ran through the centre of town was torn up, and a cluster of bold new buildings has filled the gap, with not a geranium box, fondue fork or painted mural in sight. Next-door to the cable-car is the Anton Aparthotel

(above), which is as sharp as a crisp white shirt, with well-designed apartments for two, four or six people, a few small single rooms and a rooftop sauna with a view. The Anton Café downstairs is the hub of the new St Anton, and an excellent place for *après ski*. *Anton Aparthotel* (+43 54 462 408; www.anton-aparthotel.com). *Doubles, from £100 a night B&B; apartments, from £84 a night, including saunas.*

EDEN AROSA, SWITZERLAND

Eden (right) used to be a dull, grey four-star hotel in the middle of a sedate resort with an ageing clientele. Now, Eden has no stars at all and it rocks. 'I don't agree with the star system,' says owner Christian Leu, known to all as Hitch. 'This is a hotel for people who like to live in the modern way.' Hitch wanders around in jeans and trainers and doesn't shave too often; his staff dress like students; and he offers new arrivals a choice of prosecco or schnapps. He has also injected new life into the dreary routine of Alpine dining: there's Sapori, a cheerful Italian restaurant, and theme nights in the black and white dining room, with fish fondue on Tuesdays and an aphrodisiac menu on Fridays. There's internet access in the hall, a snooker table in the bar, a 'jungle gym' downstairs and a nightclub in the basement, playing hip hop on Wednesdays and house on Thursdays. Hotel guests get in free.

Eden (+41 81 378 7100; www.eden-arosa.ch). *Doubles, from £110 a night.*

