



escape route

Close to home or far away, we've uncovered the breaks, trends and products that will make you want to book your ticket right now



MONKEY SEE
GorillaPod tripods have twisty legs that mean you can secure them anywhere. From \$29.95.

WISHING I WAS FISHING "There's not much here but forestry and fishing," says Chris Fehon, owner of Nimbo Fork Lodge, **LEFT**, in Tumut. So, it's lucky that even in the midst of a drought the Tumut River is flowing and the trout are jumping. Don't worry if you've never cast a line in your life: there are guides on hand to provide lessons in the delicate art of fly-fishing. And, for city slickers heading bush, there's also no need to fret: the luxe digs, in either a cabin or the lodge, are designed by Chris' wife (and co-owner), Maureen. 330 Nimbo Rd, Tumut, NSW, (02) 6944 9099, nimboforklodge.com.au.



ART IN THE PARK The 22 finalists in the 2007 Helen Lempriere National Sculpture Award, such as Mike Taylor's *Architect*, **ABOVE**, are on display at beautiful Werribee Park, outside Melbourne, until 27 May. It's the perfect opportunity to pack a picnic and spend time outside. lempriereaward.com.au.



FLOWER POWER
Catherine Manuell Design's Red Duco Rose airport trolley set, \$400, is a total scene-stealer on the conveyor belt.



April). The £6000 per tent includes two VIP (ie backstage access) tickets. Enquiries, +44 1749 860 077, campkerala.com.



COCOA NUTS It's always been good for the soul, but now it seems chocolate is good for the body. Thanks to its skin-enhancing qualities, chocotherapy is the latest spa craze to hit Europe. At Vienna's exclusive Sacher Hotel, a therapeutic range of hot-chocolate treatments has been designed to protect and rejuvenate the skin, while the Chocolate and Cherries Jubilee Facial at the elegant Villa Kennedy in Frankfurt is used to

soften and moisturise. In the UK, choices range from inch-loss massages with gianduja chocolate oil at The Vineyard in Berkshire to a chocoholic's dream at New Park Manor in Hampshire. Here, the Bath House Spa offers a Rich Chocolate Body Wrap package that includes a slice of chocolate gâteau. Closer to home, organic Éminence Skin Care offers a Chocolate Mousse Hydration Mask as part of its facials (1800 142 182 for salons).