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São Paulo, Brazil

The race: A half-mile above sea level, São Paulo's Interlagos track, known for its bumpy and counterclockwise circuit, is a challenge for both drivers and their engines. Race attendees are tested as well, as the nearly 20 million people in Brazil's party capital take it to the next level when the Grand Prix comes to town (October 31 to November 2)—extending the usual 11 p.m.-to-6 a.m. nightlife to 24-hour revelry. **Details:** British luxury-holiday specialists Exsus Travel offers many packages, starting with three days of Orange Club seating overlooking tricky ferradura (or "horseshoe") turn 3 and track transfers for \$6,250 (866-397-8769 or exsus.com). The deal includes six nights' accommodation near the track—a bonus because of the city's infamous traffic jams—at the fashionable Fasano hotel, where the restaurant serves the continent's best Italian food and the lobby bar attracts Formula One's in crowd. **Sustenance:** Competing drivers are often found dining elbow-to-elbow at Fogo de Chão, a classic Brazilian churrascaria famous for its unlimited servings of 15 delectable cuts of fire-roasted meats (fogodechao.com). After dinner, choose from literally thousands of bars and clubs; the expat crowd heads to Bar Brahma (barbrahmasp.com). **Off-track excitement:** If being cooped up in South America's largest and most congested city gets too much, don't fear—São Paulo, which will host the Adventure Travel World Summit a month before the race, is surrounded by beaches, mountains, and jungles. Adventures Productions provides private group tours for various outdoor activities like mountain biking and canyoning (brasil-adventures.com), and Global Surf Guides offers private, guided surf trips to places like the picturesque Barra do Una (\$110 per person includes lesson, equipment, and food; globalsurfguides.com).



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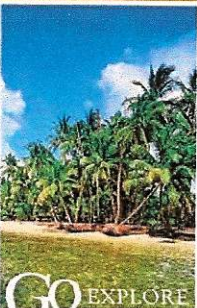
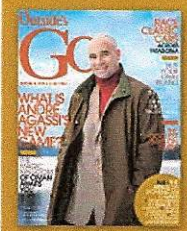
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