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Fifteen architects have banded together to design a whimsical collection of cottages tucked in the Litchfield Hills of Connecticut. A favorite of the new WINVIAN cottages will undoubtedly be the one tucked amongst the tallest branches. A testament to ingenuity, this bi-level treehouse stands 50 feet off the ground and is built within three trees where you can cuddle up with a hot toddy and watch snowflakes drift down from the comfort of your aerial abode. From \$1,450 per night. www.winvian.com

— NICOLE ALPER

They Ardbeg to Differ

Long a favorite of Scotch lovers, **ARBEG**, a malt produced on the windswept Scottish island of Islay, was historically used only in whisky blends. Yet the malts from the distillery, many believed, were far superior to other Scottish single malts. Now, members of the Ardbeg cult finally have a single-malt bottling to truly celebrate — and fight over. Glenmorangie purchased the vintage-1815 distillery in 1997, and after years (and millions) were spent restoring the facilities and getting the product up to snuff, Ardbeg is definitely back. There are now three fantastically fiery, peaty, and masculine Ardbeg malts available in the U.S. market: the toffee-faced, smoky Ardbeg Ten Year Old, \$55; the rich, creamy — yet spicy — Uigedail, \$95; and the peppery and fruity Airigh Nam Beist, \$120; all available at fine wine and spirit shops throughout the country. www.ardbeg.com

— LAURA VOGEL



A Fabulous Fortnight

CRYSTAL CRUISE's 2007 World Cruise Grand Combination Voyage, a two-week trip from Istanbul to London (and the last two segments of its full 109-day World Cruise), lets passengers embrace Mediterranean antiquities and the wonders of Western Europe while edifying themselves with a host of onboard activities and lectures. Who will you rub elbows with on deck? Everyone from CNN's food and travel anchor Carolyn O'Neil to pro football Hall-of-Famer coach Don Shula. Besides expert lectures, passengers will also take part in the Crystal Wine & Food Festival, which includes big bashes and high-end gifts. Dates for the cruise are April 7 to May 1, 2007. Fares start at \$11,200 per person. www.crystalcruises.com — N.A.