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SPACE X

When the astronauts stationed on the International Space Station (ISS) open the hatch and enter the Dragon spacecraft for the first time in December, it will mark the beginning of a new era in space travel. All thanks to SpaceX, a company founded in 2002 by SA-born Elon Musk. Future passage – priceless.



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GRAND ROOM

Romance your partner in this decadently designed French boudoir-styled retreat in Camps Bay. With 24-hour butler service, private access and their signature style king-size bed decked out in fine Italian bed linen, plus a full selection of multimedia and a library of classic films, you may never want to leave except to step out onto your own balcony. Overlooking uninterrupted views of a palm-studded beach, Grand Room offers a truly grand experience. Prices range from R5,500 to R9,500 per room, per night, depending on season. www.thegrand.co.za

DE HOEK TRAVEL

Feed body and mind in the Magalies with top wildlife guide, Mark Tennant, when he hosts a *Stones and Bones* weekend package mid-October. At nearby Cradle of Humankind, learn how the large predators of Africa evolved for survival. Visit Pretoria to see the world famous 2.2 million-year-old *Australopithecus Africanus* skull of “Mrs Ples.” Scientist Stephany Potse will be on hand to lead the question and answer session, which will be followed by a walk in the Sterkfontein caves, the site of more hominid bone finds than any other palaeontological site in the world. Gourmet chefs await your return by end of day. R8,500 per couple. www.dehoek.com

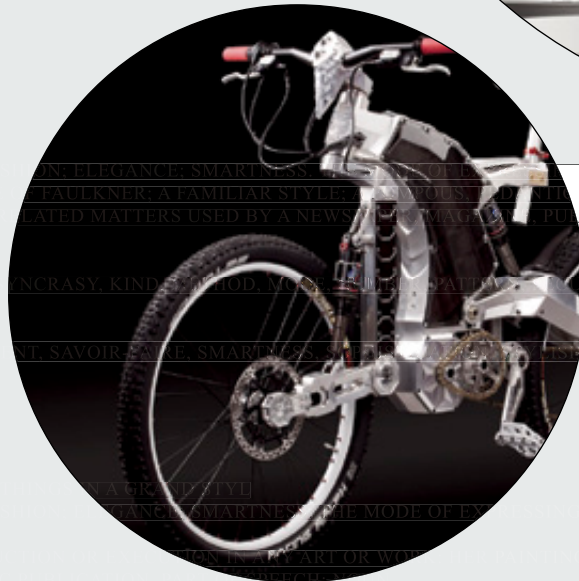
EXPENSIVE REDHEAD



She’s a redhead, topless, and a screamer who fetched \$16.4 million, the world record for a car sold, at a recent auction at Pebble Beach. She’s a 1957 Ferrari 250 Testa Rossa, whose name means “redhead” in Italian in reference to the red valve covers on the V12 engine. The previous record (US\$12.1 million) was set just last year, also by a 1957 Testa Rossa. One of Ferrari’s most successful racers to take to the track, the Testa Rossa won the 24 Hours of Le Mans in 1958, 1960, and 1961. It was the profound success of the 250 Testa Rossa that cemented Ferrari’s reputation as the preeminent manufacturer of racing cars during arguably the greatest era in the history of motor sport.

GLASS SPEAKERS

There is no need to explain Harman Kardon sound quality. And when they call these speakers “desktop art” it’s hard to argue otherwise and they look twice as surreal in physical form. The comparison with “Indiana Jones and the Crystal Skull” may be unfortunate but it cannot be shaken – these speakers look as if they are cast from crystal. Retail price R7,999 at specialist electronic stores. www.harmankardon.com



HYBRID BIKE

Following its 2010 debut of “The Beast,” the Hungarian luxury hybrid “The Terminus” will be made available in five very limited runs of 55 pieces each. The first run will have a White Brothers Groove 160 double-crown fork at the front. The second will be a Biceps model featuring a strange-looking one-of-a-kind Biceps single-arm front suspension system. The third is currently being described as a “tailor-made” edition, designed in collaboration with customers. www.m55-bike.com

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