

inner, and I made friends with a bona fide Lady with a manor house. You see, hunger is a great leveller. Status means nothing when you're all starving and defecating (Epsom salts is a thing - a great 'cleansing tool', if you know what I mean).

Of course, there is so much more to this place than 'power chewing'. There is a whole wing dedicated to vitamin injections and nasal reflexology and all sorts of weird

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all, VIVAMAYK basically changed my shape, my mind and my life. I came away lithe, uplifted and with a green Tyrolean hat. (Well, I did say this place changes you.) Yes, the 40-bite rule is boring as sin for my husband, but it works. Three months later, I'm still losing weight, still dreaming of Lake Altaussee and even occasionally wearing the hat.

> DO IT Rooms at VIVAMAYR start from £192 per night based on single occupancy (a minimum stay of seven nights is recommended); vivamayr.com

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Longevity Thalassa & Medical Spa. Portugal

Want to detox and lose weight? How about some laser resurfacing and intravenous nutrient therapy while you're at it? Do the lot here - you'll come back at least 5lb lighter and with an addiction to expensive fluffy bathrobes too.

Seven-night wellness break from £2,885 per person; Longevityvilalara.com



Lanserhof Tegernsee, Germany

This state-of-the-art spa follows the LANS Med Concept; Mayr method with some extra techniques thrown in. Whether it's bloating/ weight gain/bad skin or hell, anything else, they'll find the problem and vow to fix it. Roman Abramovich is a fan of its sister hotel in Austria. If it's good enough for an oligarch...

Rooms from £333 per night; Lanserhof.com



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As in the bottled water? Damn straight. There's a whole thermal spa dedicated to the stuff, including an Evian Source detox and re-energise programme, plus water-based medi treatments for muscle pain, digestion problems and cellulite. And all this while overlooking stunning Lake Geneva. Eau so good.

Rooms at the Hotel Royal from £231 per night; Evianresort.com