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# Few things are more disconcerting than seeing a giant fox on the piste...



But, as anyone who's been on a mountain recently can concur, the sight of skiers decked out as exotic beasts is

become increasingly commonplace with the arrival of animal onesies – otherwise called kigus – as a bona fide fashion trend.

It's certainly the most out-there look of recent times, but we have it on good authority that there's another way to make a style statement on the slopes this winter: the Aztec print.

That's just one of the revelations to be found starting on p36, where we're celebrating what's brilliant, best and most bonkers this new ski season.

Elsewhere, you'll find us in Asturias with the fans of Real Oviedo football club, who are in equally celebratory

mood. The reason? Well, simply the fact that their team is still kicking a ball at all. Two years ago, Oviedo was on the verge of financial ruin. Then, in a plot straight out of a feel-good movie, supporters across the world united to save the day. How are they faring now? We travelled to northern Spain for a unique taste of match day there (p56).

The good vibes continue in the German capital. It's big news that this month marks 25 years since the Wall came down, but did you know that David Bowie can claim to have had a hand in it all? I won't give anything away, but you can find out more (p48), as we visited the city to retrace the musician's footsteps when he lived in 1970s Berlin. Enjoy the issue and I'll see you next month.

**Simon Kurs**  
Editor



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WE'RE TALKING  
ABOUT...



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Ramen is already a 'thing' in London, but the arrival of Ippudo – one of Japan's best purveyors of this soupy soul food – is proof we've fallen for it big time.

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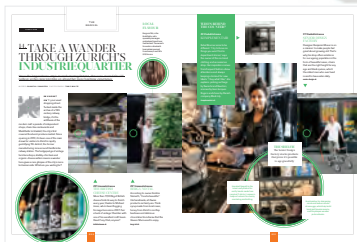
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Finally, I am pleased to announce that easyJet's app, which has been downloaded over 10 million times to date, now enables customers who have an iOS or Android device to scan their passport details with their mobile-phone camera. We are the first European airline to have such a feature and are really pleased to make the check-in process easier and quicker for our customers. You can read more about this on page 145.

We are always looking at ways to make travel easier for our passengers. As always, if you have any feedback on how we're doing, send your comments to me at [carolyn@easyjet.com](mailto:carolyn@easyjet.com). Have a great flight!

**Carolyn McCall**  
CEO easyJet

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**GAVIN MCOWAN**

When the production editor for *The Guardian Travel* section told us he was "chained to the desk", we were almost ready to take pity on him. Then we discovered he's been to New Orleans ("Fabulous!") and Brazil this year alone. And his trip to Taroudant in Morocco, known as 'Little Marrakech' (see p66), and a stay at the world's best riad means he certainly won't get any sympathy from us.



**SUSAN BURGHART**

"There's nothing more invigorating than doing what you love," says this illustrator, whose work can be seen everywhere from McDonald's ad campaigns to the pages of the *Wall Street Journal*. She says creating a paper-doll illustration for our interview with Danish CEO Christian Stadil (p98) particularly sparked her imagination: "He's a very accomplished person".



**TRISTAN RUTHERFORD**

As a regular in the travel pages of *The Times* and *The Independent*, as well as a lecturer in travel journalism at London's Central Saint Martins, this is one writer who knows his beans. But even he was surprised to learn that Brits are the most common visitors to Berlin (a fact he puts down to the local beer). This was just a happy side-effect of his research into David Bowie's love affair with the city (p48).



**REBECCA MILES**

Obsessed with all things snow related since she was a kid, there are few people better qualified to tell you where to find the best backcountry bars or most perfect pistes. So this regular contributor to *Telegraph Ski and Snowboard* and *Daily Mail Ski and Snow*, was the ideal candidate to help us cherry pick the best snow-based happenings of the new ski season, on p36.

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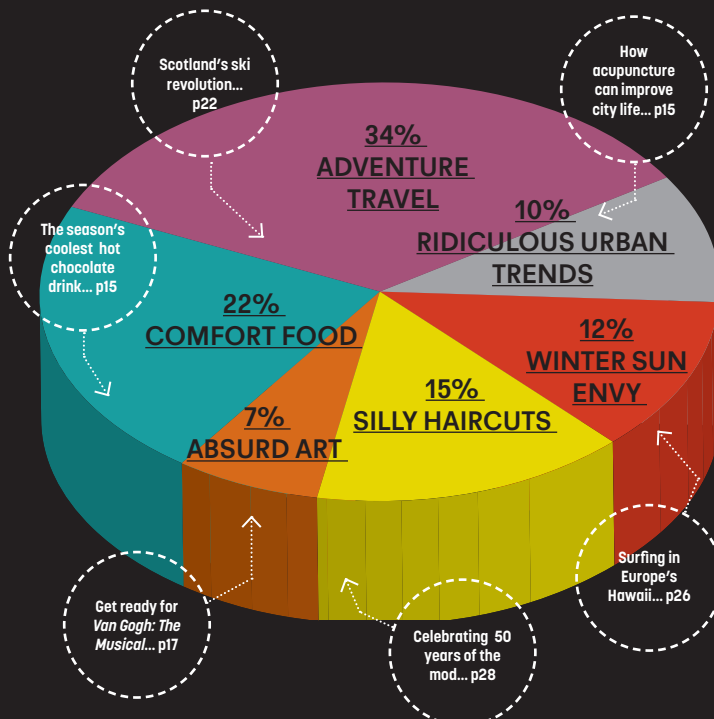
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1 KETTLE 4 EGGS  
FLOUR 3 GIDEON  
BIBLES UHT MILK  
3 BUTTER PATS  
1 SACHET OF  
SUGAR AND A  
PLASTIC SPOON

## PIE IN THE SKY

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Numbers we discovered this month

3,600

Number of curved glass panels that make up new Louis Vuitton Foundation in Paris  
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1,500,000

Estimated sale value of Wallis' Simpson's jewellery (in €), in auction this month  
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17,000

Kilos of British cheese imported to Zurich every year (and sold in a chichi cheese shop)  
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14 ESSENTIAL INSTRUCTIONS

TURN THE PAGE TO  
START THIS MONTH'S JOURNEY



### 1. HIRE THE INDUSTRY'S BEST

Canadian-American Frank Gehry is the crème de la crème of the architecture world, famed for the Guggenheim in Bilbao. For this, he was apparently inspired by Parisian greenhouses of the Napoleonic era to create a building "that would evolve according to the light".

### 2. MAKE GOOD USE OF SPACE

The 11,700m<sup>2</sup> building is now one of the biggest contemporary art museums in Paris, with 11 exhibition galleries dedicated to Louis Vuitton's private collection, alongside temporary exhibits and commissions. There's also a 350-seat auditorium space for the presentation of multidisciplinary performances and events, and terraces on the upper levels that provide panoramic views of Paris.

### 3. LOOK THE PART

Each of the 3,600 panels that make up the gallery's 12 glass sheets, were created in a special furnace in Padua, Italy, using a special technique that curves the glass. Inspired by sails being blown in the wind, they were designed to appear opaque from the outside, yet transparent from the inside, to give a view of the surrounding park.



# 01. HOW TO BUILD A FASHION CLOUD

**THIS FUNNY-LOOKING** building might resemble an elongated replica of the Sydney Opera House, or a gigantic glass armadillo, but in fact it's home to the Fondation Louis Vuitton, a cultural centre 13 years and €110m in the making. The Cloud, as it's known, finally opened at the end of October as a permanent home for a pretty impressive art collection. Company CEO Bernard Arnault, who commissioned Frank Gehry to design it after visiting the Guggenheim gallery in Bilbao, has described it as "a space that provides intellectuals with a platform for debate and reflection". And with those reflective surfaces, it's also a perfect excuse to don that fashion staple – oversized sunglasses. [fondationlouisvuitton.fr](http://fondationlouisvuitton.fr)

## 5. DRESS IT WELL

Surrounding the building, the Jardin d'Acclimatation is a 19th century garden in the northern part of Paris's Bois de Boulogne park. Alongside the building's construction, it's been the subject of a landscaping project that has redesigned a number of walks, while replenishing the area with a range of new plant varieties.

## 4. THINK ABOUT STRUCTURE

The cloud's skeleton is built of 15,000 tons of steel – twice the amount used for the Eiffel Tower – and curving beams made of larch. The facing is made from 19,000 panels of Ductal (high-performance, fibre-reinforced concrete made from sand, cement, organic fibres and water), which make it look a bright white.

## 6. FILL IT WITH STARS

Site restaurant Le Frank is headed by Michelin-starred chef Jean-Louis Nomicos, while an exhibition on Gehry and his team's architectural efforts will run until July.



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MILK CHOCOLATE  
WITH HAZELNUT  
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**02.  
PRESENTATION IS  
EVERYTHING**

Pronounced *bee-chair-eeen*, the name is from the Piedmontese dialect and means 'small glass', which is what it should be served in, with layers of espresso, chocolate and cream within.

**03.  
NO COCOA POWDER**

What separates bicerin from a Starbucks mocha with whipped cream? "The chocolate should be the best you can afford," says chef Skye Gyngell. "At Spring, we use Valrhona Kalingo, which is 65% cocoa, melted in a bain-marie."

**04.  
IT'S IN THE DETAILS**

For a seemingly simple drink, the method is complex. "I softly whip in a little cream, stir in a teaspoon of icing sugar and a drop of vanilla extract, then dollop the rest of the cream on top."

**01.  
GET THE LOWDOWN**

Bicerin should satisfy even the most demanding hot-chocolate snobs. It hails from Turin, a north-western Italian city known for its coffee bars, artisanal chocolate and Alpine culture.

**05.  
SIP SLOWLY**

The Turinese will tell you, bicerin deserves to be savoured. Order one after your meal and don't be ashamed to linger.

*Spring (springrestaurant.co.uk)  
is now open at Somerset  
House, London*

## 02. A SHORT GUIDE TO THIS WINTER'S HOTTEST DRINK

Forget pumpkin-spice lattes. The go-to beverage this cold season is far more refined. **Skye Gyngell**, head chef of hot new restaurant **Spring**, has the inside track on Turinese favourite bicerin...

## 03. HOW TO HEAL A SICK CITY

**THE CROWDS, THE SQUALOR**, your neighbours' inexplicable Monday-night parties... living in the city has its problems. The solution is 'urban acupuncture', according to a new book of the same name (Island Press, £12.31). This doesn't involve sticking your noisy neighbour with a pin – rather, it advocates a host of small, simple

improvements to city life, such as turning vacant lots into parks or making more pedestrian zones.

"Just as in the medical approach, this intervention will trigger positive chain reactions, helping to cure and enhance the whole system," says the book's author, Jaime Lerner, who employed such small but significant changes as mayor of Curitiba, Brazil, in the 70s and 80s, even leading to a Global Sustainable City Award. So, while his methods might not make your neighbour pipe down, they might just make cities more positive places to be.



Wall of light: 25 years on, the people of Berlin remember



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## 04. TEN WAYS TO HAVE A MORE EXCITING LIFE

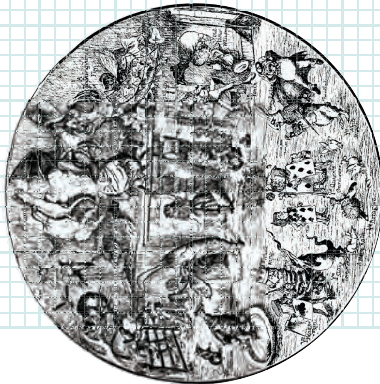
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NEXT MUST-DO



### SHINING MEMORIES

For those of us who remember where we were when the Berlin Wall came down, it seems inconceivable that those moments were 25 years ago this month. To mark the occasion, and illuminate the German capital's complex relationship with its divided past, an installation of 8,000 lit-up balloons will run 12km along the route of the former barrier as, in the words of the exhibit's creators, "a symbol of hope for a world without walls".

*Fly to Berlin. 8-9 Nov. [kulturprojekte-berlin.de](http://kulturprojekte-berlin.de)*



### ASLAN AND CO

Changing the way children peer into wardrobes since 1950, C S Lewis is Northern Ireland's most famous literary export. A four-day festival in the storyteller's hometown this month will feature film screenings, workshops, readings and art exhibits celebrating his work. We can't think of a better reason to bust out the Narnia costumes.

*Fly to Belfast. 20-23 Nov. [visit-belfast.com](http://visit-belfast.com)*

### CELEBRATION

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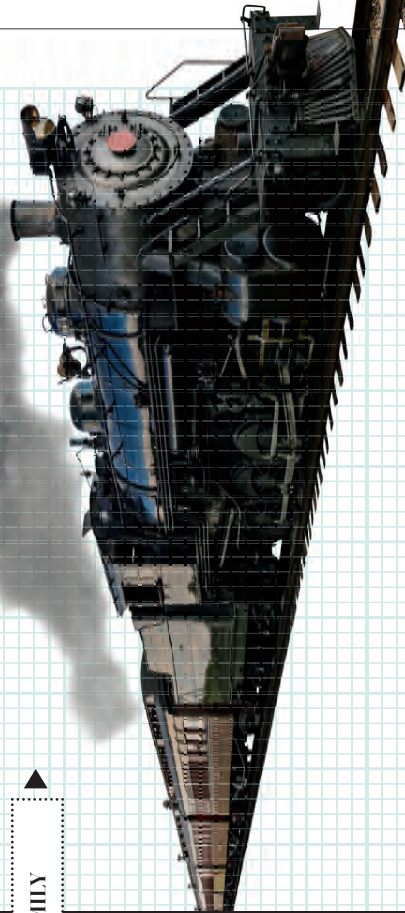
#### STAY IN THE LOOP

Dubbed the 'world's prettiest boulevard', Vienna's Ringstrasse celebrates its 150th birthday next year. Expect new tours, exhibitions and events aplenty along the road where Freud, Klimt and Johann Strauss once socialised. You can even enter for an all-expenses paid visit to join in the fun in a tourist-board competition. *Fly to Vienna. [wien.info/en/special/remembering](http://wien.info/en/special/remembering)*

#### ALL ABOARD THE POLAR EXPRESS

While the ticket collector isn't Tom Hanks and the hour-long train ride doesn't go all the way to the North Pole, Copenhagen's Nordsjællands Veteran tog (North Zealand vintage train) will fool the kids into thinking they're starring in the family classic. Fibbing to family members... it's what Christmas is all about. *Fly to Copenhagen. 6-7, 13-14, 20-21 Dec. [visitcopenhagen.com](http://visitcopenhagen.com)*

### FAMILY





WORDS JANE LEUNG PHOTO GETTY

### GET PISTE

Whoever first thought to mix snow sports with music deserves a lägermeister or seven. WOW Glacier of Love, at Zell am See, Kaprun, is the latest, greatest place to indulge in all three. Headliners include noisemakers Rudimental and DJs from Mars, so watch out for avalanches. *Fly to Salzburg. 7-9 Nov. [wowglacierlove.at](http://wowglacierlove.at)*



### PARTY

Pristine powder and party time in Kaprun

### HIGHER TIMES

Moving to a bigger site this year – in the French Alpine resort of Alpe d'Huez – to cope with demand, Snowboxx promises the usual array of DJs, pistes, parties and *vin chaud* – just much, much more of all of it. Plus, this year, festie-goers should be ready to be part of a fancy dress world-record breaking attempt. *Fly to Grenoble. 21-28 March 2015. [snowboxx.com](http://snowboxx.com)*



### WORLD AT WAR

It may not be the merriest activity you do this Christmas, but it will be a memorable one. *Sad Christmas*, an exhibition at Basel's Museum der Kulturen, looks at how the festival has been celebrated during wartime. With original documents and mementos, it'll show how, even with battlegrounds between them, families found a way to share affection at this time of the year. *Fly to Basel. 14 Nov-11 Jan. [mkb.ch](http://mkb.ch)*



### CULTURE



### EAR, EAR

Get set to see a lot of *Starry Nights* and *Sunflowers* next year as galleries mark 125 years since Van Gogh's death. The BAM Museum in Mons will kick things off with an exhibition of the Dutch painter's early works, followed by retrospectives in London, Brabant and Amsterdam. In the latter, there's even going to be a musical of his life. Sounds like a must-go (or, for Americans, a 'must-gogh'). *Fly to Amsterdam. [vangoghmuseum.nl](http://vangoghmuseum.nl)*

### SHELLING OUT

For seafood lovers, nothing compares to the joy of a scallop: rich, juicy chunks of pale flesh, smothered in sauce or pan-seared and served with bacon in one of the world's best culinary marriages. Right now, it's scallop season in Normandy, where ideal conditions mean that over half of France's harvest comes from here. Le Goût du Large festival, in Port-en-Bessin, celebrates with tastings, cooking demonstrations, fish auctions, a book fair, concerts and tours. *Fly to Paris. 8-9 Nov. [bayeux-bessin-tourisme.com](http://bayeux-bessin-tourisme.com)*



### FOOD

### YOUR NEXT DINNER RESERVATION

Known for his mohawk and peculiar food pairings (coffee grounds and baby squid, anyone?), David Muñoz set Madrid's restaurant scene alight with his Michelin triple-star DiverXO restaurant. Soon, Londoners will be able to sample the mad genius themselves, as StreetXO comes to town at the end of the year. Speed dial at the ready – it's sure to book out fast. *Fly to London.*



A picture paints a thousand words...



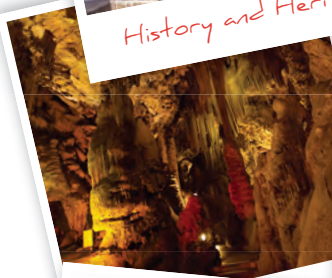
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Q&A

**WHETHER HE'S DRESSING** down Lady Gaga for wearing fur, hammering Barack Obama over his gay-rights policy or fighting vociferously for Scottish independence, *The Good Wife* actor Alan Cumming has never been afraid to speak his mind. Given his track record for shooting from the lip, it comes as little surprise that his new book, *Not My Father's Son*, is an open and honest memoir with some extraordinary twists. Its release follows a tumultuous few years for the entertainer, during which he not only discovered his maternal grandfather died while playing Russian roulette, but also had to deal with a shocking revelation from his abusive dad. No wonder his policy, as he reveals, is always better out than in...

**Your new book is already winning fans for its no-punches-pulled revelations. Was it cathartic to write?**

"Yes, in some ways the book was like therapy for me and I learned a lot about myself writing it. For instance, it was an eye-opener that I have mental illness on both sides of my family. I can't believe how well balanced I am."

**Are you worried that its dark content might change people's perception of you?**

"It's certainly nerve-racking to be revealing so much of yourself, so I am girding my loins. But I feel it's kind of necessary and time for me to get that story out, and from the early feedback that I've had, it does help people realise they can overcome things."

**You're a passionate Scot. What do you miss about the country, being based in New York?**

"I miss the sense of humour and the spirit of the place. Fortunately, I go back and forth between Scotland and America. I think Scottishness plays a big part in me being forthright, in fact. I don't think we are good at holding back our opinions."

**You have a recipe for stovies on your website.**

**How often do you make Scottish dishes?**

"Quite often, actually. It's a big Scottish thing to have a big pot of food, invite people around and have some drinks."

## 05. HOW TO BE OUTSPOKEN AND GET AWAY WITH IT, LIKE ALAN CUMMING

AS TOLD TO PIERRE DE VILLIERS PHOTO KEVIN THOMAS GARCIA



**“I’m having a great time and enjoying life, but I look forward to slowing down – there are lots of books I want to read”**

**You’re a member of the Family Equality Council, which fights for the rights of gay and lesbian parents. Do you want to be a dad yourself?**

“No. I did for a long time. For years and years I did try in various unsuccessful relationships. Now that I’m in a good one, I feel like I got older and content, and I don’t want to have a child.”

**You’re turning 50 next year. How do you feel about reaching that landmark?**

“It’s a big one. I’ve been telling people I’m 50 for a long time, and they go, ‘You’re not, you’re 49, shut up.’ And I say, ‘I am in my 50th year!’ I’m having a great time and enjoying my life, but I look forward to slowing down. When I go upstairs to my dressing room, there are lots of books I want to read.”

**There is some really strange trivia about you on the internet. Is it true that you were once headbutted by a deer?**

“[Laughs] Yes. When I was growing up on an estate, I worked as a beater on Saturdays. One day, I was going down a strip of trees and there was a deer at the bottom. Why it didn’t jump over the fence I don’t know, but it was getting distressed. It looked up, saw me as the weakest link and went for me. It headbutted me on my hip and knocked me out.”

*Not My Father’s Son (Dey Street Books, £20, hardcover) is out now*

## Alan Cumming’s six to see in Scotland



### West Highland Railway

Take this scenic line north from Glasgow for amazing views. Jump off at Fort William or Oban for the Western Isles.

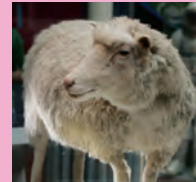
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[visitscotland.com](http://visitscotland.com)



### Inverness

The capital of the Highlands is an interesting place to visit, as well as being a beautiful gateway to other parts of the country.

[inverness-scotland.com](http://inverness-scotland.com)



### Cawdor Castle

“There’s a portrait of the first Earl of Cawdor who looks exactly like me. I think some earl got one of my ancestors up the duff.”

[cawdorcastle.com](http://cawdorcastle.com)



## 06. HOW TO SKI IN A CAR

### HEADING TO THE SLOPES THIS WINTER?

You could get that skiing feeling before you arrive if you travel via Grenoble, thanks to a new car-sharing scheme launched there last month. The three-year trial of Cité Lib by Ha:Mo is providing 70 of Toyota’s 100%-electric COMS and i-ROAD buggies (one and two seater, respectively) to hire, starting at €3 for the first 15 minutes.

By leaning with the driver as they corner, the three-wheelers recreate the feeling of gliding on snow. “Driver and car have to move in synchronicity,” explains chief engineer Akihiro Yanaka. “When I thought about the most natural way to achieve this, I thought of skiing.”

With speeds of up to 45km/h for around 50km on a full charge, it’s a great way to get around town. And, according to Toyota, that’s just the start. Plans are afoot for cars that react to emotion and even communicate with each other. Now, that’s what we call a really smart car. [cite-lib.com](http://cite-lib.com)





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## 07. HOW TO GROW A SKI RESORT

Scotland's top snowsports area has announced a £6.2m investment plan, but can it really start to challenge on the world stage?

'WE'RE OFF TO THE CAIRNGORMS'. It's not the kind of statement that many of us are likely to have heard uttered all that often in relation to a ski trip (or any trip, for that matter). But skiing in Scotland could be about to take off in a big way thanks to a five-year, £6.2m (£7.9m) investment plan for Cairngorm Ski Centre that's intended to transform the UK's biggest snowsports hub (120,000 already visit annually) into a serious international player.

"We want Cairngorm Mountain to compete with Mont Blanc and Chamonix," revealed Matt Spence, CEO of Natural Retreats, the holiday company behind the project, recently. The ambition, he said, was to become "the adventure capital of Europe", home to the "biggest terrain park in the world" and host the X Games.

So, should the competition be quaking in their ski boots? Not yet, according to Andrew Duthie, deputy editor of snowboarding magazine *Whitelines*. "There are two things you can't change: the size of the mountain and the weather – that's your enemy," he says.

Still, he concedes, "If they're serious about what they're doing and can just keep doing it incrementally – rather than a revolution – it's great news for British snowboarding." [cairngormmountain.org](http://cairngormmountain.org)

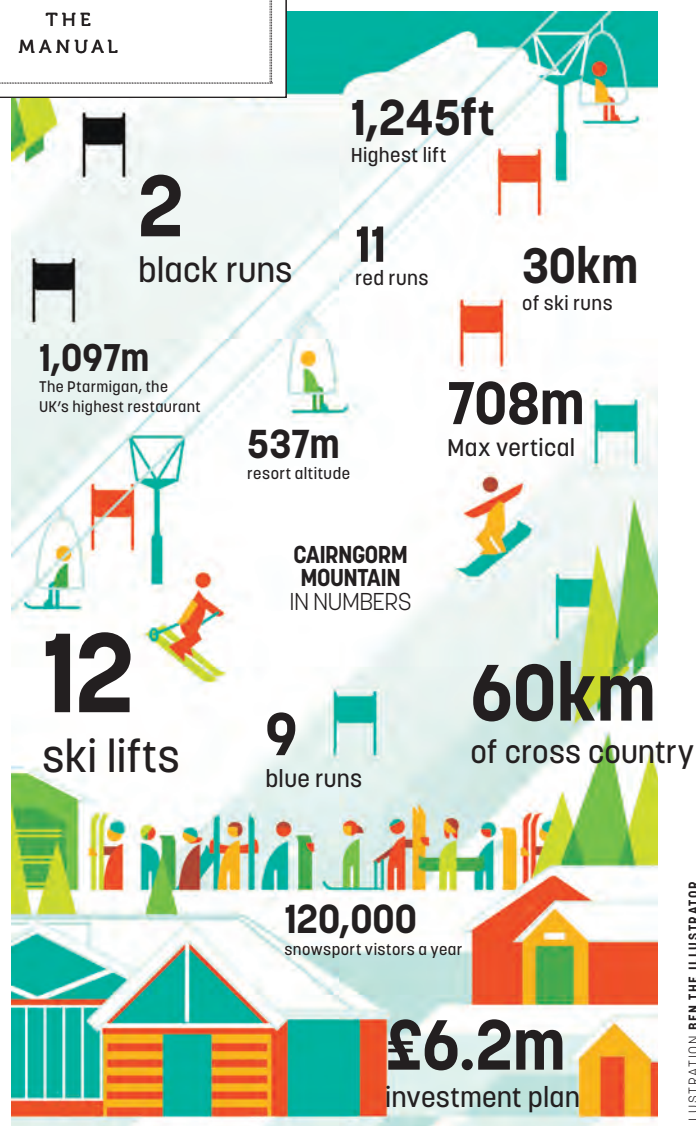


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## 08. WHERE TO SEE THE ULTIMATE BLING

Get an eyeful of Wallis Simpson's jewels, as they go on show in Geneva



**POOR OLD WALLACE.** Being responsible for her boyfriend's abdication and exile must have been a bit of a social drag. But, judging by two of her most flamboyant pieces of jewellery, now on show at Christie's in Geneva, it's clear there were compensations for her pariah status.

This Cartier tiger brooch and bracelet, decorated with diamonds, onyx and emeralds, were bought by the prince for his consort in the late 1950s. Their current owner, Sarah Brightman, one of Britain's

top classical singers and the former wife of Andrew Lloyd Webber, will be selling them as part of a sale of 700 pieces of jewellery and watches at the auction rooms. Members of the public are invited to view the lots between 7-10 November, before the hammer come down on the 11th, and the tigers are expected to raise more than \$2m (£1.5m). Out of reach for most of us, we assume, unless you're bankrolled by an oligarch – or a former monarch's current squeeze. [christies.com](http://christies.com)



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# 09. HOW TO SEE BARRACUDA, JACK FISH, SNAPPER AND MAYBE EVEN A REEF SHARK

Discover some great dive spots while enjoying the sunshine this winter, says this member of the get-up-and-go generation

## FACT FILE

**NAME** Jenny Burford

**AGE** 28

**FROM** Hertfordshire, UK

**HAS WORKED IN** Egypt,  
Tel Aviv, Jordan, Thailand

**OCCUPATION**

Diving instructor

## FIND THE RIGHT SPOT

"In winter, it's nice to go where it's hot. One of my top sites is the Shark and Yolanda Reef in Sharm el Sheikh, where you can see barracuda, jack fish, snapper and even reef sharks."

## WRECK IT

"If possible, do a wreck dive. Cedar Pride, in the Gulf of Aqaba – which can be accessed from Tel Aviv – is amazing. It's a cargo-vessel wreck from the 80s that has over 30 years of coral growth and is rich in marine life."

## HEALTH CHECK

"Get a good night's sleep before a dive and if you're not feeling well – especially if congested – don't do it. You won't have as good a time and it can be very uncomfortable."

## JUST DO IT

"If you haven't dived before, then it's time you tried. It's a wonderful feeling to be immersed in a new world. You also get to see creatures as incredible as dolphins (off Sharm el Sheikh) and whale sharks (near Hurghada) in their natural habitat."

## DRINK THE RIGHT FLUIDS

"It's tempting on holiday, but don't drink before diving. I've had groups turn up swigging beer who we've had to turn away. If you dive with alcohol in your blood, you're more susceptible to decompression sickness – which, trust me, isn't worth that booze."

## TAKE THE LOWS BEFORE THE HIGHS

"It's best to book your dive for the middle of your trip, as it can be dangerous to fly straight after because of the residual nitrogen in your body. You should wait a minimum of 12 hours, though the official advice is to wait 24."





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# 10. 15 REASONS WHY FUERTEVENTURA IS EUROPE'S HAWAII

Surf writer **James Stewart** explains why the Canary island is this winter's top spot for wave action (and that's not even including showing off your great tan to the poor shivering folk back home)

**01** The same Atlantic storms that batter British shores in winter also pump swell towards Africa, firing up the breaks of Fuerteventura. Between now and February, there's good surf on eight days out of 10.

**02** Volcanic reefs mean you get powerful waves – not for nothing do surfers call the Canaries the 'Hawaii of Europe'.

**03** Fuerte is also known as *Isla del Sol* (island of the sun), with temperatures averaging 22°C in winter – a lightweight 3mm wetsuit is all you'll need.

**04** There are 40 or so recognised breaks, around a quarter of which lie within 10km of main resort Corralejo.

**05** El Hierro is particularly good, says pro surfer Tom Lowe: "A beautiful bay that's



# 11. HOW TO BECOME A STAR BRAND

**JUST WHEN YOU THOUGHT** there were enough unnecessary products in the world, the news arrives that rapper 50 Cent has joined up with Intel to create heartbeat-measuring headphones. In a complete non sequitur, here's our list of the most cynical celebrity cash-ins of all time, from image savers and cash cows to something utterly absurd from a boyband...

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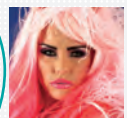
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**DANNY DEVITO'S LIMONCELLO**  
Launched after a drunk interview on US TV, it has a scratch-'n'-sniff label. Classy.



**KP EQUESTRIAN BY KATIE PRICE**  
The glamour model is the, ahem, brains behind this horsey clothing company.

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superconsistent during autumn and winter. It's an epic spot."

**06** Isla de Lobos, a 15-minute boat ride from Corralejo, wraps around an extinct volcano, now a national park. According to Lowe, "It's one of the best right points in Europe, and so long that it spreads the crowd out."

**07** Beginners will love the waves and long powder beach south of Corralejo.

**08** The *majoreros* (Fuerteventura islanders) are extremely welcoming: "Show respect and you'll get waves, good vibes and a great tan."

**09** For beginners, there are plenty of surf camps around Corralejo, which offer tuition from half a day to a week.

**10** The chill factor – 7 Island

Surf ([7islandsurf.com](http://7islandsurf.com)) has surf and yoga packages in its Lotus Yoga Lodge (from €655 a week).

**11** Forget the car – you can be taken to breaks by yacht ([surfboatfuerteventura.com](http://surfboatfuerteventura.com)).

**12** The scenery is as awesome as the surfing and the island has recently been designated a protected Biosphere Reserve, with one of Europe's biggest desert and semi-desert regions.

**13** Even in the depths of winter, the island averages nine hours of sunshine daily, so downtime can be spent happily basking.

**14** There are 152 beaches on the island, of which Jandía, in the south-east, is the best.

**15** Finally... look up. Fuerteventura is one of the best places in Europe to see the stars once the surf is over.



Launched with his own money, it was KO'd within a year

#### HULK HOGAN'S PASTAMANIA

The wrestler and *Mr Nanny* 'star' set up this budget restaurant in the mid-90s.



#### JUSTIN BIEBER'S SINGING TOOTHBRUSH

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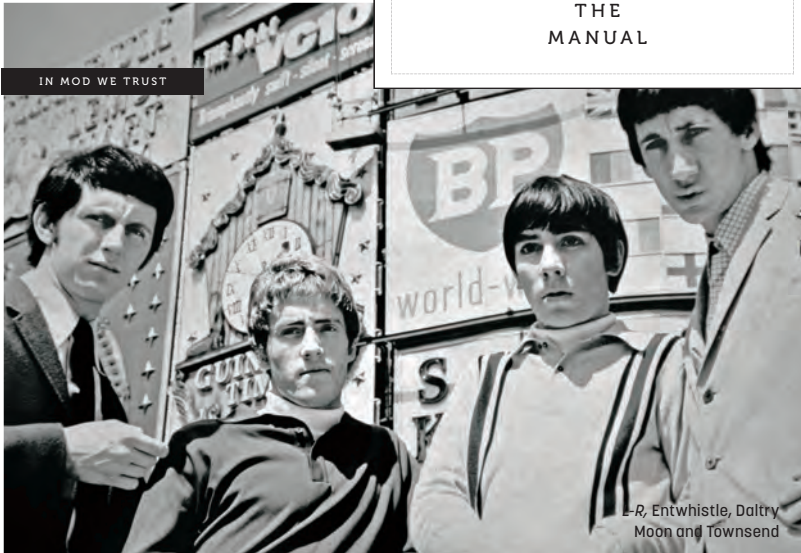
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### THE 60s MOD

YEARS 1964-1966

ICON Roger Daltrey

SOUNDS Italian jazz and American blues

TOGS Immaculate handmade Italian suits

SCENE Scooter rallies, Manchester's Twisted Wheel, fighting on Brighton beach

### THE 70s REVIVAL MOD

YEARS 1978-1981

ICON Paul "The Modfather" Weller

SOUNDS The Jam, R&B, early ska

TOGS Parkas, fitted jeans,

Fred Perry shirts

SCENE At gigs, watching *Quadrophenia*, tinkering with their Lambretta scooters



### THE BRIT-POP MOD

YEARS Mid-late 90s

ICON Liam Gallagher

SOUNDS Oasis, Blur, Ocean Colour Scene

TOGS Three-button blazers, Ben Sherman

SCENE Eschewing grunge culture, indie festivals



### THE MODERN MOD

YEARS 2010s

ICON Bradley Wiggins

SOUNDS Jake Bugg,

Miles Kane, Missing Andy

TOGS Paul Weller suits, retro-styling

SCENE Sharing new music and style tips

on sites like [facebook.com/groups/theukmodscene](https://www.facebook.com/groups/theukmodscene)



## 12. HOW TO BE A MODERN MOD

As The Who start their 50th anniversary tour this month in Glasgow, the subculture that launched them is back in some style

**VESPAS, UNION JACKS, BRAWLS WITH ROCKERS...** Mod culture has been inspiring young British men to adopt tailored suits and slightly odd haircuts ever since the first wave of modernists hit London. But this winter, the sideburned subculture will achieve something it hasn't had for some time: mainstream cool. Not only are The Who touring to mark their 50th anniversary, but Mod is having a fashion moment, with AW14's catwalks full of pared-back 60s influences, a Fred Perry/Bradley Wiggins polo-shirt pair up in the offing and Paul Weller's new line of suits.

"It's a timeless style," says Paul Anderson, author of *Mods: The New Religion*, who points to other signs that being a mod is cool again, including a new wave of "sussed and stylish youngsters" on Facebook. "It's about rebellion", he says, explaining that mod revivals often occur in tough times, as dressing smartly is a way of literally "out-smarting" social superiors. But how do today's mods stack up against previous incarnations? Find out with our handy guide...

## 13. 3 WAYS TO COOK IN A HOTEL ROOM

**CAN'T BE BOTHERED** to call room service? Take tips from comic George Egg, AKA the Anarchist Cook, who makes grub with what's to hand... bibles, UHT milk, even a Corby Trouser Press. It's all part of his act, which sees him in Basel, Zurich and Geneva this month. *internationalcomedy.club*



### STARTER

#### SPIDER-PLANT SALAD

"By experimenting with which of the plants in a hotel's lobby are edible, it turns out spider plants' are delicious, especially the babies. Just dress with olive oil<sup>2</sup> and lemon juice<sup>3</sup>."



### MAIN COURSE

#### POACHED SEABASS

"Get a whole fish<sup>1</sup> [best not to take these from the hotel fish tank], cut into four fillets and poach in the kettle<sup>2</sup> for two minutes. Serve with ironed<sup>3</sup> pitta bread<sup>4</sup> and a salsa verde."



### DESSERT

#### PANCAKES

"Upturn two irons<sup>1</sup> suspended from a trivet of three Gideon bibles<sup>2</sup>. Make a batter in the kettle<sup>3</sup> from flour<sup>4</sup>, UHT milk<sup>5</sup> and sugar sachets<sup>6</sup>. Rub butter<sup>7</sup> on to the irons, then pour on batter."

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## LOCAL FLAVOUR

Berg und Tal, in the Markthalle, sells speciality sausages and salami from all over Switzerland. The owner's favourite is dried wild-boar salami sourced from Sessa, from CHF6 (€5) for one.

# 14. TAKE A WANDER THROUGH ZÜRICH'S INDUSTRIEQUARTIER

Once the largest Swiss city's manufacturing district, this zone around the old railway arches now provides an altogether more boutique experience

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modern mall: a parade of independent shops, chain-free restaurants and Markthalle Im Viadukt, the city's first covered food-and-produce market. Since opening in 2010, it's been one of the main draws for visitors to Zürich's rapidly gentrifying 5th district, the former manufacturing zone around Hardbrücke railway station. The hodgepodge of vintage furniture shops, shabby-chic bars and organic-cheese sellers means a wander here gives a rare glimpse of the city's more bohemian side. What are you waiting for?



### 231 Limmatstrasse THE BRITISH CHEESE CENTRE

More than 17,000kg of British cheese finds its way to Zürich every year, thanks to Michael Jones, who's been flogging fromage here since 2007. Pair a hunk of vintage Cheddar with one of his excellent craft beers. Dead Pony Club, anyone?

[britishcheese.ch](http://britishcheese.ch)

### 231 Limmatstrasse BERG UND TAL

According to owner András Németh, "Food is beautiful." His handmade, all-Swiss products certainly are. Think syrup made from local roses, honey from Zürich's rooftop beehives and delicious chocolates from Aarau that the Queen Mum used to enjoy.

[berg-tal.ch](http://berg-tal.ch)



## WHO'S BEHIND THE COUNTER?

### 43 Viaduktstrasse KOMPLEMENTAIR

Rahel Brunner aims to be different. "I try to focus on things you won't find in department stores," says the owner of this on-trend clothing and accessories shop. Her inspiration comes from frequent fashion-show attendance and always keeping a lookout for new labels. "I buy what I like," she explains, picking out bags by Swiss brand Qwstion, scarves by Jean-Jacques Rogers and shoes by Danish company Black Lily.

[komplementair.ch](http://komplementair.ch)



### 31 Viaduktstrasse SENIOR DESIGN FACTORY

Designer Benjamin Moser is on a mission: to make people feel great about growing old. That's why his shop offers solutions for our ageing population in the form of beautiful canes, chairs that are the right height for any age and black quinoa, which the oldest man who ever lived is said to have eaten daily.

[senior-design.ch](http://senior-design.ch)



### THE SHELFIE

The Senior Design Factory stocks products that prove it's possible to age gracefully

Hooooked Zpagetti is the latest cool product for crafty hands: made from recycled T-shirts, it comes in heaps of colours for chunky crocheting and knitting.



Merchandise for sharpening minds and bodies include stress eggs, which help build hand and forearm muscle, and Playshapes wooden picture blocks.



### DON'T MISS...

A collection of umbrellas suspended in the sky on a small alley off Geroldstrasse, one of the unexpected sights nearby.



### 39 Viaduktstrasse SIBLER

Japanese knives, French porcelain, Swiss pepper grinders.... Every kitchen and home accessory at Sibling has one thing in common: great design values. Ask saleswoman Vivien (below) for help with gift quandaries.

[sibling.com](http://sibling.com)



### TREAT YOURSELF

These flowery Rotsaniyom sneakers, which are surely worthy of a sonnet or two, are made in Bangkok in limited numbers. From CHF119 (€99) at Maiuki.



### LOCAL KNOWLEDGE

"There was nothing here 20 years ago and now it's the place to go out," says art director Tom Kees. "The nightlife is amazing. Go to a club at midnight and the party's just starting. I love the shops too – this shirt is from Kitchener [47 & 49 Viaduktstrasse, [kitchener.ch](http://kitchener.ch)]."



### 23 Geroldstrasse EDITION POPULAIRE

"The important thing is to have the right things, not a lot of things," says shop owner Aleli Leal (above, left). That's why her light bulbs are handmade, the beach towels can absorb up to 20 times their weight and the brandy's from Christoph Keller, "the best in the world".

[editionpopulaire.ch](http://editionpopulaire.ch)



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Can't fit one of the wing-back armchairs in your carry-on? Consider a vintage globe or pretty picture frame.



### 23 Geroldstrasse MAIUKI

Simon Berri and Marion Kindle went to Bangkok last year and came home with a business plan. Inspired by the craftsmanship of small Thai labels, they created this boutique, filled with clothing and accessories available nowhere else in Europe.

[maiuki.ch](http://maiuki.ch)



### Geroldstrasse 23 BOGEN 33

Back in 2003, Fabio Dubler was inspired by a friend's furniture collection and thought selling similar pieces might be fun. Now his vintage outlet, which feels like a small design museum, is even home to an old sailboat that has become a permanent fixture.

[bogen33.ch](http://bogen33.ch)



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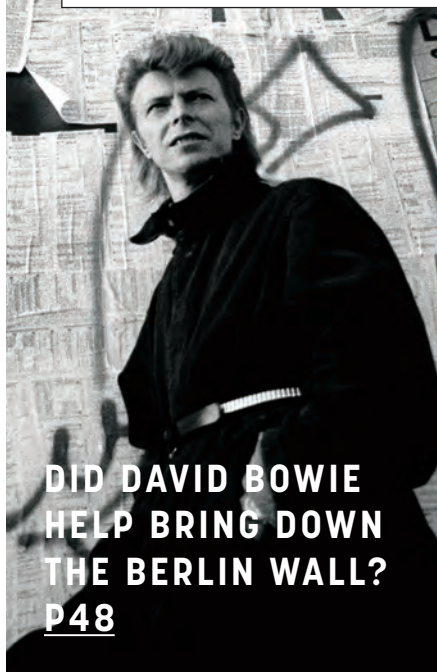
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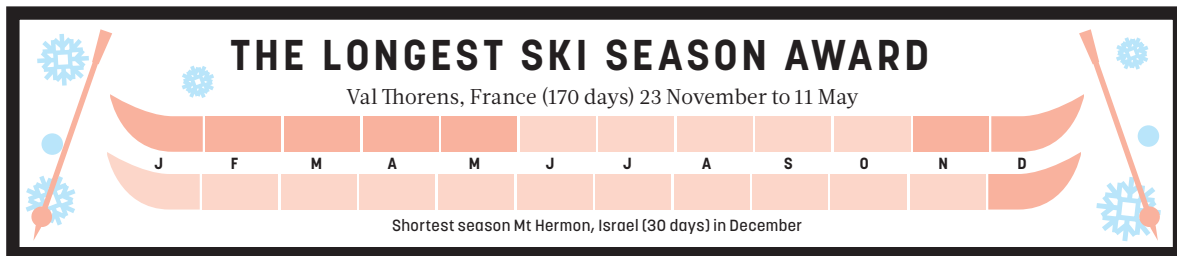
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Austria's après king, **Ischgl**, still sets the tone for a season-long hangover with Top of the Mountain, its legendary opening gig on 29 November.



### THE TRY-BEFORE-YOU-DIE TREND

Once the sole refuge of the pros, **freeriding** – essentially doing tricks in deep powder – will go mainstream this year, thanks to a growing number of residential camps where boarders and skiers can have a go (with proper supervision, of course). Our vote goes to freeride pro-skier Matthias Haunholder's Freeride Weeks in Kitzbühel. The Tyrolean town is most famous for its traditional Hahnenkamm downhill race, but Haunholder aims to show off its other side. "The amount of accessible off-piste terrain had become one of Kitzbühel's best-kept secrets – there's a huge 200km<sup>2</sup> area," he says. A week-long course encompasses demos of the latest backcountry kit, riding with top local guides to seek out fresh powder by day and, naturally, partying by night. [kitzbuehel.com](http://kitzbuehel.com)

### THE LOOK-AT-ME PRIZE

**Backflips** are this season's big show-off move\*, says New Generation's freestyle coach Luca de Albertis [skinewgen.com](http://skinewgen.com)



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[chaletquezac.com](http://chaletquezac.com)

## SCARIEST ADVENTURE AWARD

Night normally means an end to skiing and a start to the après, but not in Alpe d'Huez, which has installed LED lights on Europe's longest black run, the 16km **Sarenne**. The twinkling run is magical enough – not least because of the added danger – but those brave enough to have a go also get an added pay-off: dinner (and a stiff drink) at the remote and cosy Auberge de la Combe Haute, 3km from the end.

[alpedhueznet.com](http://alpedhueznet.com)



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## BEST HOTEL ROOM

Impossibly hard to whittle down, we've plumped for the **Carlton Penthouse** in the Carlton, St Moritz, for its sheer jaw-drop-ability. Originally built in 1913, the hotel was reopened a few years ago as the resort's first five-star luxury boutique stay. With three double bedrooms, walk-in dressing room, kitchen, five terraces, 360° view, direct lift access and an open fireplace, it sure puts the Ritz in St Moritz.

[carlton-stmoritz.ch](http://carlton-stmoritz.ch)

## THE POSHEST BURGER

Burgers just keep getting bigger and better in the mountains. The pinnacle has to be **Chez Vrony's** in Zermatt: a giant hand-formed beef patty made from grass-fed Alpine beef, chucked in a multiseed bun and topped with bacon, carrot and celery salad, and cocktail sauce. Sure, at 31CHF (€25.65), it's an investment, but one your stomach will thank you for.



## BEST HANGOVER CURE

Widely considered the best snow festival out there, Snowbombing is responsible for a fair few sore heads every April. Luckily, they also have a good idea of how to fix the damage. "Swing by Hans the Butcher first thing [Mayrhofen's finest purveyors of pork] and grab a **huge ham roll**," recommends Gareth Cooper, owner and founder of the festival. "Then we get up the mountain on the first lift and perform the daily warm-up ritual with **Mr Motivator**. That's right, we have the one and only Mr Motivator, on the mountain in Lycra from 9am every day to blow away the cobwebs. That's how we roll!" 6-11 April. [snowbombing.com](http://snowbombing.com)







## THE PLEASE-MUM- LET'S-GO- THERE AWARD

Lots of ski resorts lay claim to being family friendly, but only in **Valloire** can you split your après time between a child-friendly walk with a pair of llamas and a parent-friendly visit to the local brewery. There's also 150km of beginner-congenial slopes and other bonding activities (Tobogganing! Spas! A snow cave!). Keeping everyone happy is what makes a great family ski trip, as every parent who's ever taken their kids skiing knows. [valloire.net](http://valloire.net)

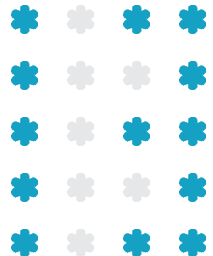


## THE HAVING-IT- ALL AWARD

City-to-ski breaks are set to be all the rage this year (especially for time-starved urbanites like us) and a **Venice/Dolomites** trip is the ultimate example. At two hours apart, you can go from gondolas to gondoliers, hitting the Cortina slopes by day and being canalside for dinner. Go late in the calendar to avoid the city crowds, but still get snow and sunshine in the mountains. [cortina.dolomiti.org](http://cortina.dolomiti.org)

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## THE RAISING-THE-BAR BAR AWARD

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## BEST PLACE TO THROW OLD-SCHOOL SHAPES ON A MOUNTAIN

In its 21st year, **Rave on Snow** – held in Saalbach Hinterglemm, Austria, in early December – is the only way any self-respecting techno and electronic music fan should kick off the winter season. "It's an amazing three-day party. Just don't forget to sleep!" say DJ duo Meat & Chris Wood. [raveonsnow.com](http://raveonsnow.com)

## THE HIPSTER GOURMET ROSETTE

For a few years now, residents of London, Paris and Berlin have been chomping down street food like a load of Kentucky truckers – or, more precisely, hipsters in trucker caps – and now ski resorts are jumping on the bandwagon. Pop-ups, safaris and food trucks are all showing up in the snow zone, with **Megève**, in France's Haute Savoie, leading the way. Three of its top restaurants – Le W du Christomet, Le Dahu and Le 540 – will have vans serving on the slopes. **Arêches-Beaufort** gets an honourable mention too, with Le Bus Gourmet, a whole bus of delicious snacks guaranteed to jeopardise your ability to fit into those skinny salopettes.



## THE AW14 SKI-STYLE AWARD

This season looks set to be a moody one, at least for slopeside fashions. "It's all about the colours of sea and sky... Blues, greys, greens," says Catherine Weakley, deputy editor at *Telegraph Ski and Snowboard*. She recommends **Patagonia's Untracked** for women and **Oakley** for men, with cool new prints – O'Neill's birds, Nikita's Aztec themes – also making a showing. But if you really want to make an impact, don a kigu (ie, a Japanese animal onesie). Roar! [kigu.co.uk](http://kigu.co.uk)



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[mountain-experts.com](http://mountain-experts.com)

## And now over to you...

You've read our picks for the coming season, but we'd love to hear what you're looking forward to. Simply tweet us with hashtag

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IMPACT DID DAVID BOWIE HAVE ON THE  
DIVIDED CITY? WE RETRACE HIS STEPS,  
25 YEARS AFTER THE WALL CAME DOWN**







# DID BOWIE BRING DOWN THE BERLIN WALL?

WORDS **TRISTAN RUTHERFORD**

**FROM LEFT**  
Bowie's Berlin concert  
in 1987; the man  
himself at the Wall in  
the same year

## SATURDAY 6 JUNE 1987, BERLIN.

Perched provocatively next to the city's infamous Wall, on the Cold War's bitterest frontline, the Platz der Republik rock festival is well under way when the British post-punk band New Model Army kick off their set with *My Country*. There are cheers from those who recognise this politically charged anthem of solidarity and by the time Eurythmics begin *Sexcrime* (*Nineteen Eighty-Four*), the massed crowd is in a frenzy. But there's no doubt it's one particular ex-Berlin resident that fans on both sides of the Wall are really here to see.

Clad in a flowing pink suit, David Bowie descends spider-like to the open-air stage, suspended on a pink armchair. Wireless-microphone technology allows the then 40-year-old star to groove and leap with wild abandon, and his antics are beamed over the Berlin Wall on a giant video screen. Banks of speakers broadcast hits like *Big Brother* and *Let's Dance* across the divided city, and East Berliners shimmy under Stasi (state security forces) spotlights by the Brandenburg Gate a few hundred metres away.

All is going smoothly enough until Bowie reaches *Heroes*, the 15th track of his 26-song mega set, when the atmosphere ignites. The song was penned specifically about the Wall and the effect is immediate: fans in the east go wild and the police quickly spread out to contain them as the chant goes out, 'Tear down the Wall'.

At that moment, the cracks in the Berlin Wall, which finally fell 25 years ago this month, echoed across the world in one of the defining scenes of the 20th century. It was a point of triumph for the singer, who just a decade previously had arrived in Berlin seeking refuge, not revolution.

By 1976, the Thin White Duke looked gaunt, pallid and not particularly regal, the result of an alleged diet of red peppers,

hard drugs and milk. Bowie later described it as one of “the worst periods of life, lots of emotional and spiritual trouble...so I decided to split”. So that summer he joined legendary rock producers Brian Eno and Tony Visconti to record what would become his seminal Berlin Trilogy of albums and simply stayed on. That he chose to reside in a city more concerned with tens of thousands of occupying troops than a visiting rock star is telling.

With the anniversary of the Wall’s fall being celebrated in the city right now, I’m here to find out a little more about the influence Berlin had on Bowie and what impact his music had on this city in its last divided days.

Few people know more about his time here than Thilo Schmied. A Bowie aficionado, Schmied has been running tours (*musictours-berlin.com*) that follow in the tracks of the rock star for nine years, and we’re currently on one, walking ‘round the famed Hansa Studios. Rock legends from Depeche Mode to the Manic Street Preachers – and from Boney M to David Hasselhoff – recorded hits here, and you can still picture how the no-man’s land surrounding the studio, just 150m from the East/West frontier, suited the musician’s pensive mood. Bowie could compose his musical thoughts in peace as he wandered alongside the Wall.

The albums *Low* and *Heroes* were recorded in Hansa’s glitzy main recording room. Remixing was done in the adjoining Studio 2. Here, the sound desks and amps overlooked the



**CLOCKWISE FROM ABOVE** the piano Bowie played in Hansa’s Studio 2; the Hansa Studios; Checkpoint Charlie, 1976; the Wall and TV Tower from West Berlin 1977; Bowie at the Hansa Studios with King Crimson guitarist Robert Fripp and producer/songwriter Brian Eno during the recording of the album *Heroes* in 1977

Wall’s watchtowers. East German border guards had no choice but to preview the latest capitalist rock before it hit general release.

Schmied has interviewed several hundred people for his Bowie tours, and anecdotes come thick and fast as we head into Osteria Caruso underneath Hansa Studios, where Bowie and dozens of other rock stars ate, drank and partied. “When he stopped in a record shop to buy Kraftwerk or Tangerine Dream,” says Schmied, “West Berliners would dive in demanding to purchase the same.”

And, while the singer was undoubtedly having an impact on the city, it was rubbing off on him too, not least in the way the synth-







## **"WHEN HE STOPPED IN A RECORD SHOP FOR KRAFTWERK OR TANGERINE DREAM, WEST BERLINERS WOULD DIVE IN DEMANDING TO BUY THE SAME"**

heavy 'Krautrock' bands influenced Bowie's late 70s look and feel. His producer Brian Eno came fresh from working with electro supergroup Harmonia, whose members included veterans from ambient outfit Cluster and Kraftwerk offshoot Neu! This scene's stylised, suit-clad personas were aped by the Brits: when Bowie played *Sense of Doubt* from the album *Heroes* live on German TV show *Musikladen Extra*, for instance, he began with an electro-tinged intro, then fell into a keyboard frenzy, then grooved robotically like a digital doll before the camera.

"I hold the same opinion as Günter Grass," Bowie told *Vogue* magazine at the time. "That Berlin is at the centre of everything that is happening and will happen in Europe over the next few years."

As a Brit, Bowie could easily travel to East Berlin through Checkpoint Charlie, although few recognised him outside his stage persona. That Ziggy

Stardust face-paint would surely have raised eyebrows in the socialist zone. Older East Berliners, like Schmied's grandparents, were permitted to make day trips in the other direction and some GDR citizens raised eyebrows there too. "I sent my granny to hip music stores to ask for Nick Cave," remembers Schmied. "What must they have thought?"

So, did rock music really crack the Berlin Wall? I walk to the most decorative section of the former divide a few days later. At the East Side Gallery, 118 artists have made a mockery of the former police state, with murals of Trabants, the half-plastic, smoke-belching national car, bursting through the Wall. The best-known artwork shows East German boss Erich Honecker snogging Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev. It was Honecker who allegedly gave his border guards the infamous 'order to fire' – permission to shoot their fleeing citizens. Such drastic measures worked. Before the Wall was erected, some 20% of East Germans deserted the GDR. After the Wall, only a trickle escaped.

Here I discuss pop and politics with Martin Wollenberg. This West Berliner now runs Berlin on Bike ([berlinonbike.de](http://berlinonbike.de)) tours of the former Berlin Wall. "Of course, getting rid of political pressure was an important point," he says. By the time the Wall came down, one in every 63 people was a Stasi agent; up to one in five was an informer. The levels of recorded intrusion rendered their work the largest surveillance operation on a state's own people in the history of the world.

"But Western youth culture was very important, especially to the young people in East Germany," Wollenberg continues. "From Western TV [which most Berliners could tune into], they

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saw exotic destinations for travelling, shiny cars, modern private homes and so on.” In 1989, 650,000 East Germans holidayed in socialist Czechoslovakia. Only 1,300 visited Cuba.

East German authorities fought a specific battle against Western pop music. Walter Ulbricht - the East German leader who presided over the building of the Wall - said: “I am convinced, comrades, that we should put an end to the monotony of this ‘yeah, yeah, yeah’.” But radio waves beamed Bowie and his ilk across the nation to influence impressionable teenagers. The GDR battled back with their own DJs. “The discotheques had to play at least 60% East German music,” recalls Wollenberg, “but the other 40% could be Western hits.” So the best parties would play GDR staples, like Dean Reed (the ‘Red Elvis’), before spinning Bruce Springsteen later celebrating the messages of freedom and liberty that these artists espoused. By the time of Bowie’s 1987 concert this clamour was at a fever pitch and you could say his performance represented a tipping point. It lit the touch paper on a series of demos that didn’t stop until those epoch-making events of November 1989.

Of course, pop culture was only one of the contributing agents of the Wall’s ultimate fall, but what’s undeniable is that the anything-goes spirit of creativity that Bowie fed off when he was in Berlin remains today. Kreuzberg, Berlin’s most artistic hub, is now just 10 minutes on the U-Bahn from Warschauer Strasse, as opposed to several hours 25 years ago, when the authorities snipped metro services beneath the divided city. American candy, Polish advertisements and Chinese tourists have colonised the run-down wasteland of the 1980s, but you still get a sense of the buzz.

My first stop is music club SO36. Bowie partied with Iggy Pop in its sweaty confines and one of the stars nearly came to grief courtesy of a rotating electric drill, which was wielded on stage by a punk-metal outfit. There’s now a Turkish prayer hall next door and Fenerbahçe flags flying above. Around the corner Bowie frequented Café Exil. Today, it’s a fancy French restaurant called the Hováth, rated not by rockers but the Michelin guide. Few on these streets recall the 67-year-old musician.

Bowie’s nearby former home, at 155 Hauptstrasse, provides better insight. It’s Germany’s Abbey Road, with fans taking Samsung Twitpics outside. For 500 Deutsch marks per month, Bowie rented the six-room apartment, while his son, Zowie, attended the



**CLOCKWISE FROM ABOVE**  
Bowie in *The Man Who Fell to Earth*, 1976; his Berlin Trilogy albums: *Low*, 1977; *Heroes*, 1977; and *Lodger*, 1979

**“THE DISCOS HAD TO PLAY AT LEAST 60% EAST GERMAN MUSIC, BUT THE OTHER 40% COULD BE WESTERN HITS”**



British Forces school. His housemate, Iggy Pop, had the hygiene levels of a college student. One producer called in to find the American soiled and starving. All there was in the fridge was a solitary carrot. He was eventually turfed out into a rear-garden flat.

On Schmied's recommendation, my final stop-off is Neues Ufer, a gay-friendly bar on Hauptstrasse. Bowie is warmly remembered here as a regular. He even paid for the window to be fixed when it was smashed by a mob in less tolerant times. As ever, the star acted a transcendently unapproachable role. He would order cappuccino (the café, then called Anderes Ufer, had one of the city's few Italian coffee machines) while ostentatiously reading a Berlin newspaper and smoking an unlit pipe. Iggy Pop, sitting beside him, would don reading spectacles to look like an intellectual, even though his eyesight was perfect.

For Bowie, playing the introverted musician was just another of the roles he's inhabited over the years, from Major Tom to the Thin White Duke, but what he may not have realised is the impact he would have on Berlin – not least on that Saturday evening in 1987, as the echoes of *Heroes* carried across the divide, uniting a fractured city. A week later, Ronald Reagan told the Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev to, "Tear down this Wall". The seeds had been sown.

**"BOWIE'S CONCERT LIT THE TOUCH PAPER ON A SERIES OF DEMOS THAT DIDN'T STOP UNTIL THOSE EPOCH-MAKING EVENTS OF NOVEMBER 1989"**



## DON'T HASSLE THE HOFF

David Hasselhoff starred in *Knight Rider* and *Baywatch*, two of the most exported shows of the 1980s and 90s. No joke: his worldwide appeal made him the David Beckham of his day. Unwittingly, his hit *Looking for Freedom*, recorded in West Berlin's Hansa Studios, was the chart-topping anthem of German reunification.

The Hoff sang the track live atop the Berlin Wall on New Year's Eve 1989, while wearing a strobe-effect leather jacket. Both sides of the Wall went wild – but not everyone was amused by his 'I smashed the Wall' strut. YouTube footage shows revellers aiming firecrackers at Hasselhoff's mullet, with one zipping past his ear at 3m 22s.

That said, Hasselhoff remains ever popular in Berlin. He flew in to lead protests against the partial demolition of the East Side Gallery, a mural-covered section of Wall, in March of last year. He's also recorded a new version of *Looking for Freedom* at Hansa in time for the 25th anniversary commemorations – so be ready!

For a complete rundown of commemorative events, see [visitberlin.de](http://visitberlin.de)

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David Bowie in a Berlin hotel room, 1983

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These are not, as you might imagine, visiting dignitaries nor local celebrities. Were Justin Bieber to suddenly develop a penchant for this Asturian team, it’s unlikely he would get this kind of attention. In fact, these visitors are some of the thousands of international football fans who, in 2012, helped to rescue Real Oviedo from

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The tale begins in May 2001. Real Oviedo had defeated Spanish giants Barcelona 1-0 at the Camp Nou. They were playing in La Liga, Spain’s top division, and it was their 38th season at this level since the club’s foundation in 1926. But, despite the heroic result, six weeks later, the team was relegated.

“Oviedo is a classic story of owners chasing a dream, wasting money – some maliciously, some foolishly – and it just wasn’t working,” says Sid Lowe, a football journalist for *The Guardian* and an Oviedo fan since his time at university in the city.

Years of financial mismanagement had left the team weakened by crushing debts, and this was the point the levy broke. Oviedo was relegated once more in 2003, this time suffering an additional administrative relegation for





failing to pay its players. For the first time in its 77-year history, Oviedo dropped to Spain's fourth division.

With the debt-ridden club now toiling every week on lowly *barrizales* (muddy pitches), the local council withdrew its support and began to back third-division Astur FC instead, who even changed their kit to the blue and white of Real Oviedo, and amended their name to Oviedo Astur FC. As commercial and TV revenues dried up, Real Oviedo was on the verge of disappearing.

"The club had no money to even pay for hot water or electricity," says local Matías García, who now runs the Real Oviedo World Fan Club. Yet, instead of lying down, supporters summoned what is now nostalgically called the 'Espíritu 2003' (2003 spirit) and purchased 10,759 season tickets. "Money from season tickets was our only income then," explains García. "People tried to close the club, but fans simply wouldn't allow it."

Under public pressure, the council backtracked. Oviedo

board members sealed a crucial deal with the government to pay off the debt in annual instalments and, after a series of promotions and relegations, the club achieved a kind of stability, trading water in Spain's third tier since 2009.

For most sides, this would be compelling enough a backstory, but Real Oviedo's tale doesn't end here. The imprudent spending continued and, in a dramatic twist in 2012, the club's leading shareholder and former president, Alberto González, disappeared, reportedly to Cuba or Panama, amid charges of fraud. On 1 November 2012, the situation was simple: Real Oviedo had 17 days to raise €1.95m to avoid liquidation and €4m to secure the club's medium-term future. "We were waiting for some kind of miracle," recalls García.

In a desperate last act, a new board of directors led by then Oviedo president Toni Fidalgo requested an increase in share capital to raise funds. It meant anyone could buy a piece of the team, and this is where the seeds of salvation were sown.





Gate 19 at the stadium carries a banner with the words 'Proud of You' in English, in honour of the foreign shareholders, who also receive complimentary match tickets

The call went out, started by local fans, and they were quickly joined by the vocal backing of Premier League stars Michu, Santi Cazorla and Juan Mata, all of whom began their careers at Oviedo. A Twitter campaign started by Sid Lowe then helped to galvanise a global response, as more than 20,000 ordinary supporters from 86 countries – including England, Australia, Russia, Japan, Malaysia and Botswana – together raised €1.95m.

Then came the clincher. On the Cadena Cope radio show *Tiempo de Juego*, journalists Marcos López and Paco González called Arturo Elías, son-in-law of the Mexican magnate Carlos Slim – the world's richest man with a fortune worth \$79.6bn (€63.1bn) – and joked that his father-in-law should save Oviedo. And guess what? Slim did just that, buying €2m worth of shares through his global conglomerate, Grupo Carso, on 17 November. Slim now owns 32.44% of the club, but the fans remain majority shareholders, with 40.81%.

**CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT** Fans queuing; a custom-made key fob; the Symmachiarri, Real Oviedo's hardcore fans; Rudolfo Díaz celebrates a goal; striker Miquel Linares Cólora

"My first reaction to this story was clapping and a standing ovation to everyone involved," says Sky Sports' Spanish football expert Guillem Balagué. "The local fans, Sid Lowe, the radio guys who convinced Slim. Many fans moan, but not many are as active or clever as those at Oviedo."

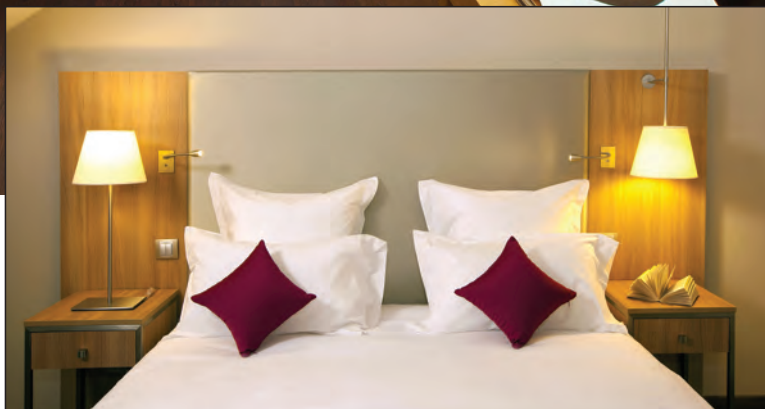
Lowe was shocked by the scale of the campaign. "The response on Twitter just snowballed," he says. "I've spoken to British fans who bought shares and they said the idea of a historic club getting in trouble really moved them. The shares were sensibly cheap at €10.75. There was something tangible here too: fans felt they owned a part of this club, even though their shares were more of a donation."

The work of local fans was critical throughout and remains so today. García sent more than 8,000 tweets and 1,500 emails to thank and encourage foreign shareholders.

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“Local fans and their friends outside Oviedo bought many shares too,” he says. “Children emptied their piggy banks. An old man arrived at the club’s office, left €50 on the table and walked out. When staff tried to give him a share certificate, he said, ‘I don’t need it. I just want to help.’”

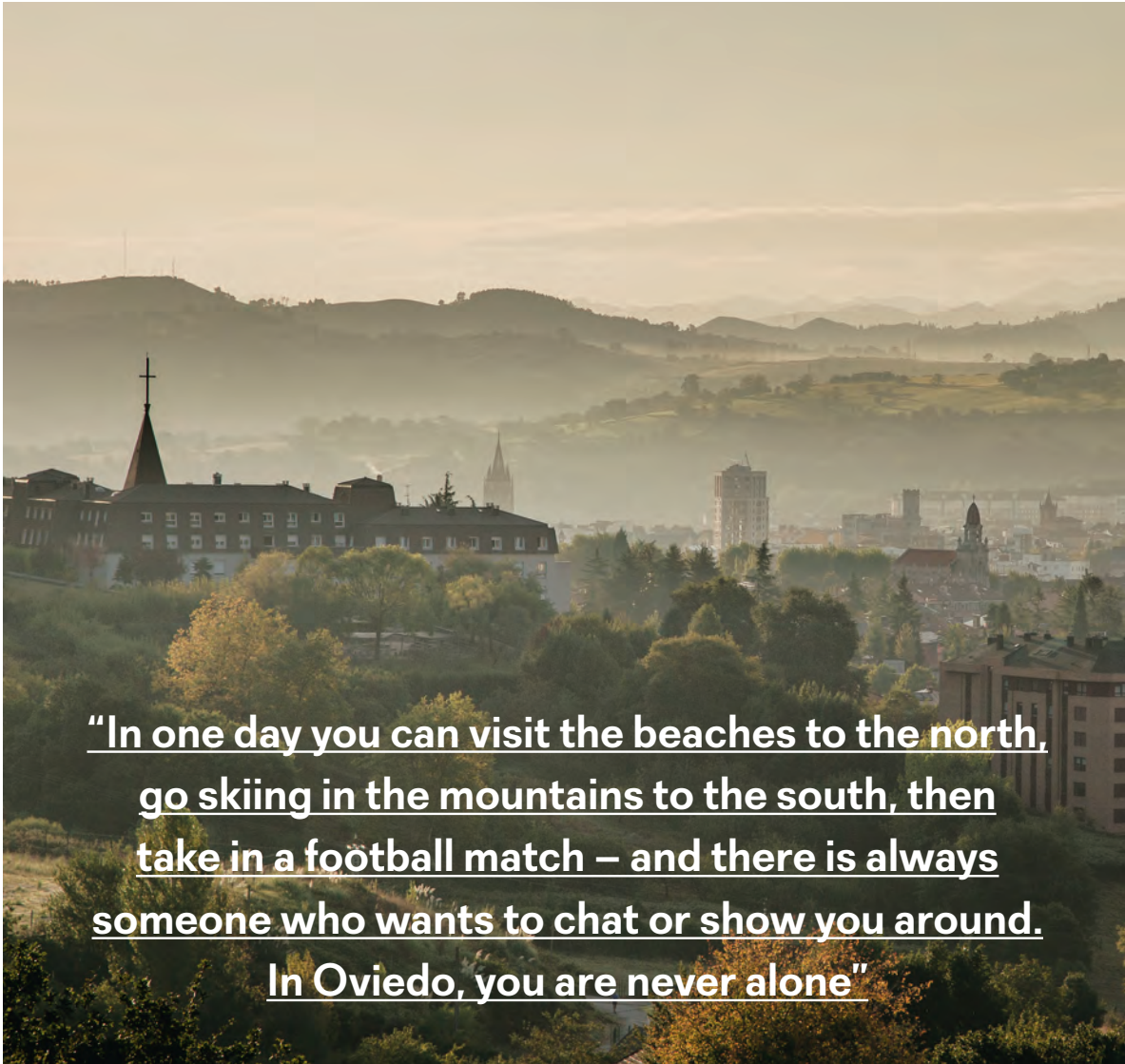
Alan Hall from Ireland is one of the thousands of foreign fans who bought shares. He has set up an official *peña* (supporters’ club) called Real Oviedo Ireland, which has 503 shareholders, representing 3.25% ownership of the club. “The chance to own part of a football club was too good to turn down,” he says. “I bought shares, mentioned it on Twitter and immediately got hundreds of thank-you tweets from Spain. People in Asturias started sending stories linking the club to Ireland – Real Oviedo’s fourth manager was Irish – and fans mailed messages such as ‘Welcome to this feeling’.”

Real Oviedo now runs an annual fan day every April, when foreign shareholders are invited to play and watch football. Gate 19 at the stadium carries a banner with the

**CLOCKWISE FROM TOP**  
LEFT Carlos Tartiere Stadium on a match day; young supporters; downtown Oviedo; fans even ride scooters in the club colours

words ‘Proud of You’ in English, in honour of the foreign shareholders, who also receive complimentary match tickets. More than 500 foreign fans have visited since 2012.

“It’s an amazing feeling when you hear the Real Oviedo anthem blaring out in the stadium,” says Hall, “or you see the *tifo* [huge banner displays] of our *ultras* [dedicated fans], the *symmachiarrii* [as they style themselves], whose drums and chants cheer the team on.” On trips, Hall also enjoys exploring the plazas and cathedral in Oviedo’s Casco Antiguo (the old town), visiting the holy caves and waterfall of nearby Covadonga, and hiking in the Picos de Europa. “In one day, you can visit the beaches to the north, go skiing in the mountains to the south, then take in a football match – and there is always someone who wants to chat or show you around. In Oviedo, you are never alone.”



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This season, the club hopes to finally achieve promotion and begin the long journey back to La Liga. There are even whispers of another global share issue this year. Balagué urges cautious optimism: "The potential problem for clubs run by fans is short-termism, but Real Oviedo's seem very clever and very patient. They have started the 2014-15 season well, they have a good coach in Sergio Egea and their goalkeeper, Esteban, dropped down from a higher division to rejoin the club – an incredible gesture."

In an era in which the gulf between wealthy players and disgruntled fans gapes wider than ever, supporters of Oviedo enjoy an enviable bond with their club. "If the team ever returns to La Liga, the fans will know they have really contributed to that success," says Lowe. "They will be able to proudly say, 'This is my club.'"

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The ancient town of Taroudant could well be Morocco's best-kept winter secret, says Gavin McOwan – and not just because it's home to the country's most beguiling riad.





FROM LEFT  
Taroudant's 16th-century city walls;  
the gardens of eco-friendly riad Dar al  
Hossoun, designed by landscape architects  
Eric Ossart and Arnaud Mauriere





**CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT**  
A Taroudant doorway; the town's fortifications were completed in 1528; almost all of the town is within the well-preserved walls; over 900 varieties of plants grow in Dar al Hosoun's garden





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n Morocco, people say that a good riad is like a world within a world, where your every whim is attended to. Wandering through the labyrinth of

connected courtyards at Dar al Hossoun, it's easy to forget that anything exists at all outside the walls of this former olive grove.

The word riad comes from the Arabic for garden, and al Hossoun could well be the ultimate expression. Within its walls are a myriad species of rare plants from all over the world: more than 900 different species – mainly succulents, aloes and palm trees. The overall effect is a lush contrast to the surrounding desert environment – and a beguiling and spectacular setting for the small hotel at their centre.

As to where here is, it's not Marrakech – the city most commonly associated with grand riads – but, instead, on the outskirts of a little town called Taroudant in the Souss Valley, roughly an hour's drive from Agadir. Not heard of it? You're not alone, but this ancient stopping-off point on the caravan route, where the Sahara desert meets the foothills of the sprawling Atlas

Mountains, could well be Morocco's best-kept, off-season secret.

And it's not just because of its world-beating riad. With a microclimate where the temperature can reach 25°C even in December, Taroudant offers the sunniest winter weather in Morocco. Its winding souks and classic, high, crenellated medieval ramparts also have much in common with Marrakech – if on a much smaller, sleepier scale. And from the outside, those dramatic ancient city walls that rise up from the desert look like something straight out of *The Arabian Nights*. Inside, however, it feels rather less fearsome, with lively street cafés and friendly markets, but very few touts or tourists. As a first-time visitor to Morocco, who speaks barely a word of French, I'd always been a little wary of the country's reputation for giving tourists a run for their money, but in Taroudant, I walked around the two rambling souks without any bother. Stallholders smiled when I entered their shop, left me alone to browse and smiled again as I left.

There are no chichi boutiques, fancy galleries or expat bars here either, which might put some people off, but to me this was part of the city's easy-going charm. It's a place to sip mint tea at a pavement café and watch the world go by.

Compared to the dizzying medinas of Marrakech or Fez, it's all delightfully laid-back – and that's even before you decide to properly kick back at Dar al Hossoun, 3km outside the city walls. At the heart of this oasis runs a 'line

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THIS PICTURE AND BELOW  
Dar al Hassoun's 'line  
of water'; in one of the guest  
rooms



of water': a long, narrow, swimming pool, just 3m wide but 29m long and perfect for a morning dip. It was inspired by the Alhambra in Granada and creates a dramatic counterpoint to the garden. Four resident peacocks strut around the lawns and, on a clear day, you can see the snow-capped High Atlas Mountains.

The gardens are so imposing that the six single-storey bedrooms, sitting rooms and hammam that frame them are virtually lost in all the greenery, yet these rooms are striking too – traditional structures with thick, rammed-earth walls painted in white or muted browns to complement the natural

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building materials. The only concession to modern architecture comes in the form of the large picture windows that frame the gardens, but even these are subtle enough to sit comfortably alongside the riad's rich collection of artefacts, where Mediterranean pottery vies with rare Middle Eastern carpets and even an antique Berber tent, which fills a wall in one sitting room.

In short, the whole place is super-stylish but not remotely flash. It's an enclosed world where you can easily spend a day lazing in the gardens, swimming in the pool and waiting for homemade delights to come out of the kitchen without sparing even a single thought to what lies beyond those outside walls. [alhosoun.com](http://alhosoun.com)

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have offered beer drinkers an exploratory array of new flavours and bottle art to savour.

The trend has almost been Europe wide, though concentrated in historically beer-glugging areas such as Britain, Germany and the Nordic countries. Some of

the best new breweries include Omnipollo in Sweden, its beer so good that it feels like you're being let into a secret; Denmark's Evil Twin, founded by a former teacher and beloved of Brooklyn hipsters; and Britain's BrewDog, its intention for world domination best demonstrated when the founder turned up to open his London bar – it does great BBQ food, by the way – driving a tank.

But, while most regular drinkers have got their heads around the craft revolution, many still don't realise how well these

brews – with their complex flavour profiles – complement food in much the same way as fine wine.

Fortunately, bars across the continent are now helping to make that connection.

Das Meisterstück (*dasmeisterstueck.de*) in Berlin, for instance, serves sausages made in house with ingredients such as duck and lamb, including fine Coburger bratwurst

with sauerkraut and wasabi – a hot, salty, umami-rich match for dozens of beers from small European breweries.

To Øl (*to-ol.dk*) in Copenhagen is a craft brewery with a neat sideline in well-sourced cheeses, which prove a fatty, yielding hit with beers including the prize-winning Reparationsbajer American Pale Ale.

In the UK, Manchester is equally well catered for. TrofNQ (*trofnq.co.uk*) serves more than 20 beers, including the Cheshire-based Redwillow Wreckless and an India Pale Ale from London's Partizan, to match its easygoing menu, which includes huevos rancheros.

This welcome trend looks likely to continue. Most remarkably, late next year, the Californian company Stone Brewing will open a \$25m (€19.4m) crowdfunded complex in a former gasworks outside Berlin, set to feature a restaurant, shop and brewhouse. When the Americans are teaching the Germans about beer-making, you can be sure big things are afoot.

**“These brews – with their complex flavour profiles – complement food like fine wine”**



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As we correctly predicted in our last commentary in this magazine, the economy is beginning to show the first green shoots of recovery. However, can we be sure that this recovery will be sustained over the longer term? Well, here at @Pledge, predicting the future is an integral part of our business – based of course on years of experience, many hours of research and analysis. That said, the UK's recovery will be dependent on what happens elsewhere in the world and so our analysis of the UK property market will always keep an eye on economic developments internationally.



There has been much talk recently about a house price "bubble" and possible measures being taken to avoid the risk of another property market collapse. Property prices have continued to rise significantly during 2014 but we are optimistic that the threat, if not imposition of, such measures, coupled with increased market awareness, benefiting from the experiences of the last 6 years, will combine to reduce the threat of near-term property market turmoil and subsequent over-heating of the economy.

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## “His picture hangs from lampposts all around town...”

### LE 1920

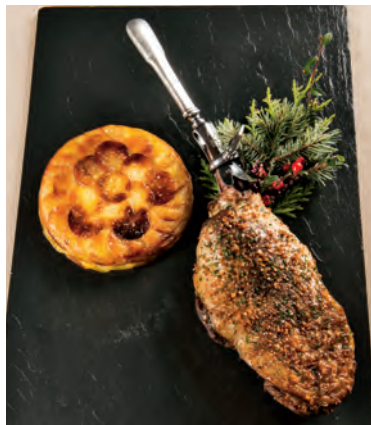
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FOR A SMALL PLACE, Megève (pop 850), a 50-minute drive from Geneva, has a lot of stars – and we’re not just talking about those in the clear Alpine heavens. One restaurant – Flocons de Sel – boasts a

mighty three from Michelin and this year two more venues were awarded one each, including Le 1920.

Set in a 1920s chalet (hence the name), on the 450-hectare, Rothschild-owned Domaine du Mont d’Arbois resort, its big draw is chef Julien Gatilon. Chatting to the down-to-earth 28 year old before the seven-course tasting menu, you wouldn’t know his picture hangs from lampposts all around town or that he also oversees four other restaurants. His food – and restaurant manager Oliver Alglave’s wonderful service – lives up to expectations and is everything you could want from a French gourmet meal. King prawns are served two ways, in crème anglaise on daikon and with Kristal caviar; the cheese trolley includes a fromage – Tomme de la Ferme de Monsieur Jean-Baptiste Morand – so local, you could throw a cowbell to the farm where it’s made; and the lemon sorbet arrives sprinkled with gold leaf. The only problem is struggling to heave yourself back out into the starry Alpine night.



## “Glasgow’s best restaurant...”

### BRIAN MAULE AT CHARDON D’OR GLASGOW

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THE MICHELIN JUDGES are an inscrutable bunch, and lesser beings cannot expect to guess why some places of a high

standard don’t pass muster. Glasgow’s paucity of stars is a case in point and, in particular, the passing over of this establishment, which has been hailed by local critics as the city’s best by far.

On our visit, at least, all the boxes seem to be ticked: classic, hearty recipes,

such as steak frites and scallops with bacon, made with quality Scottish ingredients; quiet and efficient service with attentive staff in a pleasant dining room; an excellent wine list. And then there are the puddings... Perhaps Michelin didn’t taste the artfully rustic tart tartin with butterscotch sauce? Or maybe they didn’t appreciate the good-value lunch and pre-theatre menus, at £23.50 for three courses. Whatever the reason, Chardon D’or’s lack of stars should not deter those looking for fine dining in Glasgow. If it’s here, then this is it.

## New openings

### Quadrum

**Moscow** Italian

We've come up with a new term for people like Frenchman David Hemmerle: chef-jetter. With Dubai, Brazil and many exotic kitchens on his CV, he's not one to settle for long. However, enticed by 'the art of luxury dining', he's agreed to come back to Moscow to oversee the just-opened Four Seasons Hotel's five dining spots. In particular, he'll be heading the signature restaurant, Quadrum, which focuses on producing authentic Italian cuisine in true Russian style: extravagantly.

### Rabbit

**London** Back to nature

Anyone who's visited The Shed in Notting Hill will know the three Gladwin brothers don't like waste; they believe all the animal – and most of the natural ingredients found in the wild around it – should be eaten. It's a philosophy they've continued at their second site, which has just opened in Chelsea. The animal of honour is, of course, the restaurant's namesake, with rabbit-based dishes, including ravioli and ragu. These and other



Rabbit ravioli: obviously a signature dish at Rabbit

popular meat dishes using veal, pigeon and beef will be served with their usual assortment of seeds and herbs, all foraged from the family's East Sussex farm.

### Robuchon Restaurant

**Bordeaux** Fine French

Bernard Magrez and Joël Robuchon are two names you want to remember. The former is the owner of 40 estates and wineries worldwide, so knows a thing or two about

wine, while the latter goes by the nickname 'the Prince of Gastronomy', thanks to the 28 Michelin stars he's picked up. No wonder the news that the men have combined forces to open high-end hotel and eatery La Bernard Magrez Hotel – Joël Robuchon Restaurant, next month, already has foodies booking their tickets to the south of France. According to insiders, it plans to be a classy affair without the pretentiousness, but expect the standard to be seriously high.

## “Enjoy a peek into a different culture...”

Eating in a local's home is unforgettable, says Guy Michlin, founder of EatWith, which connects diners with hosts



**“WHEN YOU DINE** in a restaurant, do you remember what you ate a week later? Now think about the evenings spent at a friend's

place. It's far more memorable – whether it's because of the food served, the company or the location.

“Two-and-a-half years ago, my wife and I travelled to Greece. After four days of falling into every possible tourist trap, we were invited to dine with a local family. That evening turned out to be the

highlight of our trip. The authentic food, the chance to speak with people from the area, the peek into a different culture... It's what gave me the idea for EatWith, a website that connects diners with wonderful, local hosts, who open their homes for a night to wine and dine a roomful of guests.

“Our major prerequisite for hosts is that they have a real passion for both cooking and entertaining. A great host is dynamic, enthusiastic, has a vigour for food and a good story to tell.

“We've found the experience appeals to many different people. It allows

travellers to live like a local for a space of time. Likewise, locals in the host's city have a chance to sample food they can't get in a restaurant and to meet new people in their city.

“One of our most popular experiences is Marta's paella-cooking class in Barcelona. Guests learn how to prepare this traditional Spanish dish and then get to enjoy eating it. In Rome, you can do a tasting with expert winemakers by visiting Barbara and her husband. It really is quite unforgettable.”

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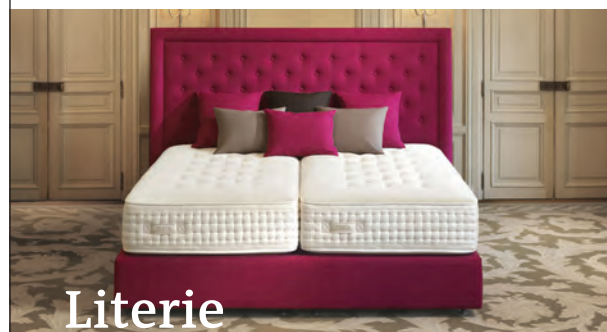
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## “Barcelona’s gone gaga for vermouth...”

Last seen in your gran’s drinks cabinet, this herby, fortified wine is what all cool Catalans are drinking right now, says **BarChick**



**YOU’D BE HARD** pressed to describe Barcelona’s current ‘it’ bar as forward looking. With its traditional tiles, hanging

cured meats and small wooden tables, the décor at Bodega 1900 ([bodega1900.com](http://bodega1900.com)) is firmly retro, the style evoking the corner shops, or *bodegas*, of a century ago, where thirsty locals would head in the heat of the afternoon for a quick bite and a glass of something refreshing. This place is authentically old school, right down to the fact that the drinks you’ll find here mostly contain something you probably last saw in your gran’s booze cabinet...

Bodega 1900 is a *vermuteria*, meaning it specialises in vermouth, serving it the

traditional way, *de grifo* (‘on tap’), straight from the barrel. It sounds like a niche attraction, but right now, the Catalan capital has gone gaga en masse for this herby, fortified wine. A visit to Vermuteria del Tano ([facebook.com/vermuteriatano](https://facebook.com/vermuteriatano)) should prove our point. This once-sleepy Gràcia neighbourhood spot has been serving the spirit for years, and if you push through the stickered door, you’ll see that nothing’s changed: there’s no new management nor

snazzy revamp, yet where you used to find a few solitary drinkers, the crowd is back and loving the

vermouth with a side of anchovies.

At the other end of the spectrum is Bormuth ([tinyurl.com/nmrxe22](http://tinyurl.com/nmrxe22)), next to the Mercat del Born, where they actually make their own artisan vermouth for the hipster crowd. Playing Bonobo on the hi-fi and

packed to the sides every night with hot young things, it looks like a shabby-chic surf shack from the outside, but the classic, rustic tapas and great drinks are totally in keeping with the city’s long-held tradition.

What’s also notable is the way these establishments are starting to serve their drinks. You won’t find long lists of ingredients or processes on the cocktail menu. Instead, it’s all about returning to basics, with a small well-chosen selection.

This pared-back ideal is certainly catching on in Barcelona – not least with another favourite Spanish tipple. Boca Grande ([bocagrande.cat](http://bocagrande.cat)) has long been famous for its bible-sized gin menu. Today, it’s honed its selection to just 14, each representing a different flavour or style. The focus on quality, and not quantity, is the kind of thing we’d love to see elsewhere too, as it’s one of those rare examples of when less is most certainly more.

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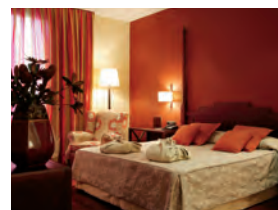
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A tiny village off Spain’s little-visited north coast might be the last spot you’d expect to find an establishment of this quality, but those who do make it as far as the envy-inducing car park will be well rewarded. One of the Relais & Châteaux stable, this five-star stay has all the subtle opulence one would expect from a former palace. Cool, stone passages and rich, dark carpeting finish an immaculate modern update, while pre-dinner drinks in the garden overlooking the Cantabrian sea, followed by dinner in the glass-walled Balcón del Sueve restaurant reveal a landscape that invites exploration.

Summer days can be spent on hidden coves and neglected beaches nearby, while in winter, undersubscribed slopes in the local mountains provide skiing options. In short: harried urbanites would be hard pushed to find a better contender this side of Barcelona – as long as they can actually find it.



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The area is massively on the up, a trajectory reflected in the beautiful Victorian building that houses the Great Northern

Hotel, which re-opened in May after a four-year, £14m (€17.8m) refurbishment. From the outside, it’s an enlarged replica of the buildings on a classic model railway set, an image helped by its proximity to the station. Inside, however, this is a spot for adults to play. Dark, moody, sexy; the kind of place you’d expect a spy to discreetly hand over an envelope before sneaking off upstairs to one of the cosy rooms. They’re not the most spacious, but they have undeniable charm. Small, cozy, charming – much like a vintage railway sleeper carriage, you might say.



## Hotel news

### Moxy Milan Malpensa

#### Milan

If you like comfort without a huge price tag, then you'll want to keep an eye on the Marriott's new Moxy chain. The first, launched this autumn in Milan Malpensa Airport's Terminal 2, spearheads a proposed sprinkling of boutique hotels set to open across Europe (Berlin, London, Munich) over the next year. If they're all as smart as Milanese opening – with its trendy-industrial look (bare pipes, hanging lights) – that can only be a good thing. From €59. [hotels.easyJet.com](http://hotels.easyJet.com)

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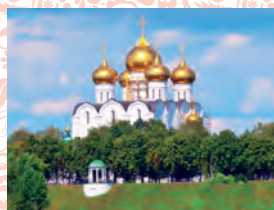


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## 24 hours in Paris

# “You can’t take a trip to Paris without stopping for some breakfast pastries...”

So says our city insider in this month’s business travel guide to the French capital



**WHEN IT COMES** to doing business, the French capital is the epicentre of mainland Europe. It regularly ranks in the upper reaches of the

respected AT Kearney Global Cities Index, has the best business school on the planet, according to the *Financial Times* (HEC Paris, if you’re interested), and, in last year’s Economist Intelligence Unit survey, the city ranked as seventh in the world for competitiveness. With one of the highest concentrations of the planet’s biggest companies, if you’re a jet-setting business

type, it’s almost certain you’re going to make a stop here at some point. The question is, how to make the most of it?

**Sasha Romary**, founder and CEO of Savoir Faire Paris concierge service, has the answers with her ultimate insider destinations for when you’ve only got 24 short hours to mix business with pleasure.

### **Overnight** Sleep well

On the hyper-trendy Canal St-Martin, the hidden away Le Citizen Hotel has just 12 rooms of varying sizes and budgets. It’s a short step from the business district and right in the middle of all the city has to offer, while the canal itself is an under-explored

area. My insider tip: the best views can be found from the hotel’s sixth floor.

[lecitizenhotel.com](http://lecitizenhotel.com)

### **8.00** Breakfast

You can’t visit Paris without stopping in a *boulangerie* for breakfast pastries. Du Pain et des Idées is very pretty and has a great reputation with businesspeople – in fact, it’s only open on weekdays (from 6.45am). Have the *escargot chocolat pistache* (chocolate-pistachio snail pastry).

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### **10.30** Morning coffee

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**CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT**  
The French capital is business central; head to Saturne for lunch; these days, the Canal St-Martin area is the trendy hub; for coffee it has to be Telescope



arrondissement, Telescope is a convenient place to meet with colleagues. It's quiet and serves serious coffee to busy people. However, avoid afternoons, as it can get very crowded and there aren't seats for more than a dozen people.

[telescopecafe.com](http://telescopecafe.com)

### **12.00** Enjoy a business lunch

Opened by the young chef-sommelier team who made their name at the nearby wine bistro Racines, Saturne has built a reputation for its €40 three-course menu. It has a Scandi look, with stripped wood and a large glass atrium, but the market-based cuisine is very much modern French. Natural wine list; bright, refreshing food.

[saturne-paris.fr](http://saturne-paris.fr)

### **15.00** Take in some culture

For day visitors, I always recommend a smaller art exhibition in the Grand Palais,



rather than trekking through the Louvre or Musée d'Orsay for hours. You won't have to queue for long, the building is magnificent – a light-filled grand glasshouse – and there's always something to see.

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### **17.00** Grab some fresh air

Created in 1612, the Jardin de Luxembourg is one of Paris's prettiest parks. If your itinerary (and the weather) allows, take in the fountains and incredible flowerbeds, or dip in and out of the Saint-Germain-des-Prés quarter, with its galleries, cafés and furniture stores. The essence of Paris.

[museeduluxembourg.fr](http://museeduluxembourg.fr)

### **18.00** A drink with clients

The Prescription Cocktail Club is a speakeasy-style bar in Saint-Germain-des-Prés, with low lighting, velvet seating, chandeliers made out of hats and expert mixologists serving up amazing cocktails. If it's too crowded, head upstairs and look for the bookshelf that magically folds back to reveal a second bar during peak hours.

[prescriptioncocktailclub.com](http://prescriptioncocktailclub.com)

### **20.00** Celebrate a deal over dinner

Restaurant David Toutain is very special and makes for an unforgettable experience. Toutain pays attention to every detail and his restaurant is currently one of the most talked about in the city. The signature dish is beef tartare infused with strawberries, but I hear his fish plates are even better.

[davidtoutain.com](http://davidtoutain.com)

## THE RULES

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### **01. Learn (at least some of) the lingo**

While business in the rest of the EU is undertaken chiefly in English, the situation in France is different. They expect international visitors to at least make an effort with the language – even if it's just a greeting followed by an apology for not being fluent.

### **02. Pitch the boss**

French companies follow a very clear, vertical chain of command. So, if you want to get a purchase order for your latest range of widgets/apps, push for a meeting with the CEO (or PDG, as they're called over here).

### **03. Keep it formal**

We could write a book on the use of 'vous' versus 'tu' when addressing French businessmen and women, but the general rule of thumb is, vous until told otherwise. Shake hands, avoid first names, look smart.



### **04. Don't lose your head**

Although it can sometimes seem as though the person you're meeting with is picking an argument with you, they're actually seriously analysing your presentation and seeing if it stands up to scrutiny. And, if that's the case, you've got a deal. Keep your nerve.



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## “...Is it time for the smartwatch?”

Just how well will Apple's new gadget suit the needs of the business traveller? asks **Alex Pell**



**UNLESS YOU LIVE** under a social media-resistant stone, it will have been hard not to notice the buzz about smartwatches in recent months. The Apple Watch launched in September and will start hitting wrists early next year, while a gaggle of Android-based models is also due soon.

But, as much as I love a great gadget, I'm sceptical – at least for the time being – about its business credentials. Don't get me wrong. The premise of a watch that works in tandem with my phone to discreetly draw my attention to, say, a vital message during a meeting, is a compelling proposition. After all, few things are ruder than glancing at a phone screen while someone is talking. But then checking a watch would only come a close second. The other trouble is, it's hard enough to curate notifications on a phone screen. Doing so on a watch seems wildly optimistic.

And these are merely the most obvious practicalities. While Android Wear (yes, this is the moniker Google has given its software) is largely based around fancy alerts that buzz whenever something arrives on your handset, Apple has bolder ambitions. Its watch will run fully fledged apps that you can zoom into with a swipe of the screen or a twist of its dial.

I can see some of these being handy, such as fitness apps or Siri, but most strike me as hideously complex to get to grips with – though

business travellers will like some of the ideas Apple is promising, such as the ability to unlock a hotel room or pay for items on the hoof. There's also going to be a Watch version of the Passbook app, which stores digital boarding passes. But the big question is: will these apps prove hideous to navigate on such a small device?

There are other issues as well, such as the fact that most of

these devices will need to be recharged daily. It's hard enough to keep a phone juiced up when you're out and about – the last thing you want is your watch going dead during a working day.

Of course, there are some attractive features and I admit to being slightly seduced by the promise of changing a digital watch face as the mood takes me. The thing is, no matter how many style mavens say otherwise, none of these gadgets strikes me as being ready to live on the wrist of a real person.

Even the Apple Watch,

undoubtedly the most beautifully crafted of them, still seems a little too thick to slip easily under a shirt cuff – and that's going to get annoying quickly.

Finally, there's the not-so-small matter of an expensive watch having long been a statement of status among corporate types. Just how they'll feel about swapping a glorious, high-precision chronograph for something that looks more like a fashion accessory remains to be seen.

The smartwatch may well prove to be the future, but there is work to be done before it evolves into an item that is fit for prime time. One day, yes. Just not quite yet.

VITAL STATISTICS  
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Tech round-up

## Executive toys

The pick of this month's best new business-traveller tech



### HAHNEL DUO TRAVELLER

£15 [hahnel.ie](http://hahnel.ie)

When you're working on the move, with lots of doodads to re-juice, it's a challenge to have enough mains chargers fit for the country you're in. The Duo Traveller solves both problems by being a single plug that comes with multiple adaptors and has two USB sockets. Better still, one of these is potent enough to quickly replenish a tablet.



### BOSE QC25 HEADPHONES

£269 [bose.co.uk](http://bose.co.uk)

Frequent flyers know the low drone of airplane engines all too well but, also, that good noise-cancelling headphones cut out the worst of it. The Bose QC15 has long set the standard and this new version keeps the flag flying with refinements such as playing without a battery, a smaller case and being even comfier.



### KENU AIRFRAME

£17.50 [kenu.com](http://kenu.com)

Now that the phone is the go-to gadget for satnav, it's wise to travel with a tiny cradle that can secure a handset in whichever car you end up in. The Kenu Airframe is a potent spring-loaded jaw that attaches to the air vent of most vehicles, using a built-in cross-shaped mount that swivels to fit as needed. It's ludicrously useful.



### TED BAKER FASTNET BLUETOOTH SPEAKER

£199 [johnlewis.com](http://johnlewis.com)

Showcase your design credentials to colleagues with this deluxe travel speaker by Ted Baker. Many such couture and technology tie-ups are all about labels. This one, however, brings some audio kudos to the party, alongside a swish, fold-out chassis and a set of impressively retro-chic dials and buttons.

### APPS TO MANAGE EMAIL



#### DISPATCH £4.99 iPhone

Dispatch links up with other tools to quickly perform actions, such as sending a message to Fantastical (which creates calendar entries). It lacks an iPad version. Otherwise, gold standard.



#### ACOMPLI Free iPhone Accompli lets you easily schedule a new meeting

within an email message. You can also add your current location or even attachments from popular services, such as Dropbox or Google Drive.



#### CLOUDMAGIC Free iOS, Android

This is ideal for those who want a single-email power tool for tablet and phone. It's beautifully designed and has many (albeit, far from all) of the same sort of efficient hook-ups that Dispatch does.





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# “There has to be room for a little madness in your life...”

This month, **Christian Stadil** reveals what it takes to be a multitasking Scandinavian business superman – and oddly, the secret to getting loads done doesn't involve turning yourself into a machine

**IS THERE SUCH A THING** as being too much of a Renaissance man? If so, Christian Stadil is definitely guilty. And yet, the owner of sports fashion brand Hummel, who moonlights as chairman of Danish conglomerate Thornico, TV personality, and author of books on management, somehow seems to keep all the plates spinning. Not only that: the 43-year-old has climbed some of the world's highest mountains, mastered several martial arts and is a committed Buddhist, as well as a family man. It just goes to show how good he is at multitasking that he found time to teach us the hard-earned lessons he's picked up along the way...

## Know your limits

“Having ambition is a very good thing, but you need to also appreciate just what you're taking on. With Hummel, we tried to launch into the American market and made a big mistake. We had thought of it as one big territory and tried to attack it all at the same time; however, our marketing efforts and sales fell short. We should have actually focused on individual regions. The best way of eating an elephant is doing it one piece at a time.”

## Communicate effectively

“My favourite country in the world is Japan, but it's a place where you can easily do the wrong thing at the wrong time. I regularly hire a translator over there, but even they can let you down. I would go and visit clients

where I would go into the inspiration behind our designs – talking at length about the mountains and wildlife and whatever – and the translator would just point and say one or two words. It turned out that while I was doing all the singing and dancing, he would just say ‘jacket’ or ‘T-shirt’ or ‘hoodie.’”

## Stay focused

“I turned 43 this year and what I've learned in over 20 years in business is that if you try to chase two rabbits, you don't catch any. It gets to the stage that you have to prioritise things. I'm involved in so many projects, but

I'm also a husband and father, and that forces me to choose how I spend my time.”

## I believe in company karma...

“It's good to earn money, but things become interesting when you choose to do good with it. It's why we stepped in to finance the Afghan Women's National Football team, and arranged a match between them and the women of ISAF [International Security Assistance Force]. We had death threats and the security services advised us not to do it, but we persevered. We believe we can change the world through sport.”

## Think laterally

“Talking of Afghanistan, we also actually sponsor the national football federation over there. We can't sponsor any teams that play in the World Cup, because it's too expensive for us, but the flipside is that the big brands can't support the Afghanistan team because for them it's too politically sensitive. As a smaller brand, we're able to be more agile and can think a little differently.”

## Lead, don't manage

“If you're not passionate about what you do, your staff won't be convinced either. I have many managers working for me and many are better at management than I am – I like to think that my job is to add a bit of spice or a bit of vision to the company. I am involved with so many organisations, but I make time to regularly turn up to all of them.”

## VITAL STATISTICS

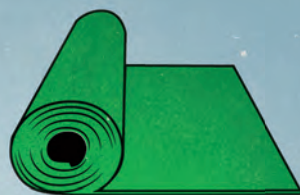
**NAME** Christian Nicholas Stadil

**NATIONALITY** Danish

**BASE** Languedoc, France

**CAREER** The son of a lawyer and company owner, Christian first trained as a soldier in the Royal Life Guards before going on to study law at Aarhus University, Denmark. He became chairman of the board at Thornico A/S in 2000, and since then has held positions in global think tanks – including the culture forum Co-existence of Civilizations, which he co-founded – and on awards panels and juries.





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### The way you dress can be deceptive, so make the most of it

"I was 30 when I bought Hummel, and I had what I guess you could call an individual fashion sense, with very avant-garde clothes. I would go and see our big, key accounts and they would very often talk to me as if I was a company designer or just some strange guy. It gave me an undercover opportunity to find out how things work."

### Be human

"It's common for busy execs to focus just on work or working out, but there also has to be room for a little madness in your life, so I recommend following your inner moonlight a little. We are all different and we should embrace our individuality. Plus, we have to create teams that comprise young and old, gay and straight. We have to balance on the edge of the box a little."

### Provide a decent workplace

"It's easy to cut the cost in almost every part of the working environment, but it's a very counterproductive thing to do. We invest in things like Roskilde [world's second biggest music festival], and while it's primarily a commercial venture, many of our staff like to get involved and enjoy the atmosphere. And they also think it's a pretty cool thing to do. We've had company days and given out prizes for costumes, and I think it makes us all a little more human."



**FINGERS IN PIES**  
Businessman Stadil is passionate about helping people – and football – but always makes sure he gets some downtime

### Fitness matters

"I used to be a fitness instructor in the armed forces, and I'm a black belt in taekwondo. That positive attitude towards physical fitness has never left me. In fact, for me, a sound mind is very much the product of a sound body. Can you perform to your best abilities if you're not in great shape?"

### One step at a time

"A few years ago, I climbed Mount Aconcagua, which is almost 7,000m, making it the tallest mountain on the American continent. It was useful for me to be mindful and present on the journey itself, rather than the destination. Had I focused on the peak, I would have missed the entire experience. Walking is one of the greatest catalysts for creativity."

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### A DAY IN THE LIFE

**No two days are the same for a man whose conglomerate includes food, sport, fashion, real estate, tech and finance – and who believes in 'company karma' through supporting good causes.**

**07.00** I'm usually up by 7, but I don't mind sleeping in late. When I'm travelling, I have to be up at 5 or so.

**07.15** I wake up my son, Winston, and we have breakfast together.

**08.00** If I can, I work from home in the morning just to catch up on everything and to get a handle on what needs to be done.

**11.00** I head out to one of the companies that I'm involved with and work

from there. I try and show my face – and do some work at – at least five to 10 different companies every week.

**12.00** Honestly, every day is completely different. I could be anywhere, having meetings, having dinner, meeting clients – no two days are the same, and that's how I like it.

**17.00** Every day since I was nine, I have had a ritual of doing physical exercise every day for up to an hour (on my holidays, I love to climb mountains all over the world). I'm especially fond of martial arts such as Muay Thai.

**01.00** I'd rather work late than get up early, so if it's a 1am finish, so be it.



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## MALTA

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*Words: Daniel Wellbelove*

# "Our current agenda is to create jobs and diversify the economy. Our vision is to position Malta among the best in Europe"

▲ Minister Cardona



Top: Minister Chris Cardona. Middle: SmartCity Malta is the centrepiece of the country's emerging high-tech industry. Bottom: Dr Mario Vella

**SPURRED BY ITS 2004** accession to the European Union and subsequent adoption of the euro, Malta has emerged as a reputable international business, financial and maritime hub.

"Over the past 14 months the government has worked hard to build a strong access network of businesses to relevant institutions and accessibility to whoever is interested in relocating here or owns an operation based here," says Chris Cardona, minister for the economy, investment and small business. "The number of investments, both FDI and local investments, is without precedent in 2013 and more than 132 projects have been approved. This translates into a total investment of more than €166 million and an additional 2,500 jobs within the next three years.

These come from both home and overseas, and many have been secured with the assistance of Malta Enterprise, the national economic development agency. Responsible for attracting inwards investment to the country, the organisation then supports industry in everything from establishing private equity funds to ensuring that Malta's educational institutions are fostering the skills required by its leading companies.

"The answer to attracting investment

does not lie purely with incentives," says chairperson Dr Mario Vella, whose main objective is to increase the GDP contribution of manufacturing – both in traditional industries and new advanced technologies – from 11% to 20%. "We need to base it on real competitiveness – control labour costs and public sector costs, including the energy tariffs, and make sure there are enough human resources with the right qualifications."

The contribution of the private sector also boosts Malta's appeal, with companies such as CSB Group on hand to help foreign clientele – which represent 95% of CSB's business – set up operations on the island.

In addition, Malta's position at the gateway between Europe and North Africa has long made it an attractive investment location for companies from these regions – something Vella hopes to continue, while remaining aware of wider opportunities. "Whatever we do, we try to get a good mix in terms of origin of investment, destination of exports and the balance between different sectors," he says. "We would like to broaden that for the next 10 to 20 years and we predict that growth will have to come from the east and other areas such as Latin America and sub-Saharan Africa."





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# Island in the sun

Tourism remains one of Malta's key industries, fuelled by a climate, culture and character whose effects are also felt in real estate



**A GROWING APPRECIATION** of the country's business services sector and a commitment to reenergising its manufacturing industries does not mean Malta has lost sight of one of its traditional economic drivers. Tourism remains big business in Malta, with visitor expenditure exceeding €1.3 billion in 2013 alone.

Visitor spend, arrival numbers and total bed nights have long been the island's key indicators when assessing the state of its industry – and all three saw record years in 2013 – but tourism minister Dr Edward Zammit Lewis also has other targets in mind. "We need to diversify. There is

**"My priority is a quality leap in tourism, improving results in our fight against seasonality"**

▲ Minister Zammit Lewis

tourism out there that we have never managed to attract to our island – quality tourism, for example, in which people would rather choose Nice, St Tropez or some other destination," he says. "Such efforts have to be made through a joint collaboration between various entities related to tourism. My main priority is a quality leap in tourism, prompting better

results in our fight against seasonality."

To this end, the Malta Tourism Authority (MTA), under the leadership of CEO Paul Bugeja, has been promoting the country as a short-stay destination with an emphasis on its cultural offering. Early signs are promising: in April, a tourism shoulder month, visitor numbers were up 11%–12% from 2013 to 2014, according to Malta's National Statistics Office.

This is set to get a further boost in 2018, when the island capital, Valletta, serves as the European Capital of Culture, thereby offering a new platform for the MTA to get its message across. A number of projects are already underway to get the city ready, including the construction of a new city gate.

The MICE market has also been identified as an opportunity of extending tourism outside of peak season. Every year, Malta welcomes nearly 100,000 business travellers – who also typically spend more than the average traveller, according to the MTA – drawn by conference centres such as the MFCC and the Hilton, and luxury



Minister Edward Zammit Lewis



hotels such as those owned by Corinthia and the Fortina Spa Resort.

The MTA's work in these areas is assisted by EU funding. This includes a €4 million investment in an advanced training scheme in which 1,300 people were trained within the industry, plus another €10 million to cofinance sustainable tourism projects within the private sector. Further funds have gone to other public bodies to improve the roads and restore the bastions, for example, thus improving the overall tourist product.

#### REAL ESTATE

As tourism continues to grow, it follows that the property market wouldn't be far behind. Demand is holding strong in both commercial and residential estate, and in every corner of Malta – prompting the quick expansion of many of its leading agencies, including RE/MAX Malta and Dahlia Real Estate. "Presence is crucial to delivering a professional service, particularly now as the market has grown," says Dahlia CEO Chris Grech. "Valletta is the future; without

a doubt, we have to focus on contributing to the growth of the city and we can also succeed over there by coming up with the right products – whether it is commercial, retail, office spaces, residential houses, opportunities for boutique hotels, travel or for the tourist market."

Grech has also identified the north of the island as a key growth market, noting that St Paul's Bay is currently witnessing

▼ Chris Grech

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Chris Grech, CEO of Dahlia Real Estate

the largest volume of transactions on the island. In response, Dahlia has opened a new, larger office in the area, complete with training centre.

Dahlia is also perfectly set up to cater for the tourist who decides to stay, with a number of its staff specialising in liaising with foreign clientele – an important part of the business. "We help them on all issues, whether that is schools, health, insurance or a car. Whatever advice or help they need, we will provide it, not just until they've rented somewhere but even after the sale is over," says Grech.

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**WHEREAS MUCH OF EUROPE** suffered a debilitating hit during the financial crisis of the last decade, Malta was one of the last countries struck down by recession, and then one of the first to rebound. In part, this can be attributed to a diversified economic base, but it can also be traced to a stable banking system rated the 14th soundest in the world by the World Economic Forum's Competitive Index 2013–2014.

"The banks are bigger than the government, so they have to be responsible," says Bank of Valletta (BOV) CEO Charles Borg. "Otherwise, if we have problems and go to the government for bailouts, they have to go to the European Commission like Cyprus, Ireland or Spain did, and we don't want to be in that position."

Traditionally a retail bank, with 44 branches throughout the country, BOV has maintained a conservative approach that saw it ranked the safest in the country by *Global Finance* magazine in 2014. Its funding is sourced mainly from customer deposits, ensuring a high liquidity ratio, while only home loans account for more than 10% of its diverse loan portfolio.

"We came out of this crisis in a better way than we came in to it," says Borg. "That shows BOV has put in the right foundations to build its business going forward."

Today, the bank is facing challenges



Charles Borg, CEO of BOV

from competition and a continued low interest rate environment. In response, it's complementing its lending with new non-interest-based products.

"We've been successful in implementing new lines of business to contribute revenue, such as Valletta Fund Services, Valletta Fund Management, trade finance, foreign exchange, our card business and stockbroking," says Borg. "Our profitability on a year-to-year basis has increased. The bank has a very large footprint here, but by international standards we are small. But we have all the services others have."

This broad offering is representative of a wider growth in Malta's financial

services industry, which is quickly gaining international reputation for its flexibility and cost-effectiveness. The sector is expanding by close to 25% annually, and accounts for 12% of GDP and around 10,000 jobs.

This growth began in earnest in 2004, with Malta's accession to the EU. In 2007, FinanceMalta was established to promote the sector in and outside the country. A non-profit public-private initiative, it mobilises the resources of government and industry to maintain a modern and robust framework within which financial services companies can thrive.

"We want to strengthen the brand of Malta outside our shores and facilitate networking opportunities for our members," says Kenneth Farugia, chairman of FinanceMalta and chief officer of fund services at BOV. "If you look at the industry today, it's totally different to where we started. For example, in 2004, we had eight insurance companies. Today we have 16, predominantly international. The Maltese operators used to write €400 million-worth of business. Today it's €2.5 billion and the majority is discovering risks outside our shores. It's an industry that is growing."

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more than a match for the blinging surrounds of the Bulgari Hotel's basement.



▶ **Dado54** ▶ (54 Farringdon Street, EC4A, +44 20 7936 4348) Not many bars seem to open these days without a dash of the industrial bare-brick/steel-pipe look, and Dado54 is no exception. At least it also has some giant pop art murals to liven things up. It makes for a non-pretentious, fun atmosphere and there are great cocktails to match.



If you're a budding film-maker, movie fanatic or just want something a bit different to do, then check out the ▶ **Greenhorn Short Film Festival** ▶ on 16-18 Nov. Returning for its fourth year, it hosts a packed programme of workshops, discussions and previews with some of the industry's best. [greenhornfestival.com](http://greenhornfestival.com) ▶ **Grimm Tales for Young and Old** ▶ Combine immersive theatre, fairy tales and Philip Pullman and you've got a guaranteed winner. The acclaimed author's adaptation of the Brothers Grimm's subversive world is taking over South Bank's Bargehouse from 21 Nov till 15 Feb next year. [grimm-tales.co.uk](http://grimm-tales.co.uk)



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## 10 Paris

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**BUS** Roissybus connects the airport with central Paris (Opéra) every 15 minutes from 05.15 to 20.00, and every 30 minutes up to 00.30.

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## Paris

🍽️ **Crêperie Josselin** 🍷🍷🍷🍷 (67 Rue du Montparnasse, 75014, +33 1 4320 9350) Eating a crêpe should be on your Paris to-do list, and this tiny but charming creperie is the place to do it. Try the *Maraichère*, made with the traditional "couple" (double layering) technique, and finish with a *caramel au beurre salé* (salted caramel).

🍷 **FR\AME** 🍷🍷🍷🍷 (28 Rue Jean Rey, 75015, +33 1 4438 5777) Banish your winter blues at this modern brasserie, which provides Californian culinary experience with a French twist. The menu is fresh and seasonal, and often enhanced by herbs grown in the garden. Try the fish tacos, served with tequila, mango salsa and guacamole.

🍹 **La Cordonnerie** 🍷 (28 Rue Greneta, 75002, +33 1 4028 9535) Drink prices in central Paris can be expensive, so it's definitely worth knowing about La Cordonnerie. This no-frills dive bar has famously cheap beer and cocktails (the mojitos are excellent), and draws in a steady crowd made up of long-time regulars and students alike.

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🍹 **Le Cosmopolitan** 🍷 (4 Rue Desiree, +33 4 7829 5598) The massive horseshoe bar at "Le Cosmo" attracts a dressed-down but hip, studenty crowd. As the night goes on, the music gets louder, the shooters get faster and the place starts to rock. **Le Bistrot Fait sa Broc** 🍷 (1-3 Rue Dumenge, +33 4 7207 9347) Fashionably tatty, this bar features Formica-topped tables, scarlet and mustard chairs, loud music and cheap food. Wear Levis.

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**TAXI** €18 - 23 **BUS** Route 10 goes to Ibiza Town approximately every 30 minutes. Tickets: €4.30

## 10 Lanzarote

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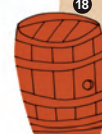
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**TAXI** €21 **BUS** A bus goes to the centre every half hour. Tickets: €3

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**TAXI** €23 **BUS** A bus goes to the centre every half hour. Tickets: €4

#### 21 Tenerife

**TAXI** €32 **BUS** Bus route 343 connects the airport and Los Cristianos. Tickets: €3.55

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◀ **Artis** ▶ (95 Rua Diario de Noticias, +351 21 342 4795) is a fashionable wine bar in the heart of the Bairro Alto district. Come to sample terrific Portuguese vintages by the glass, accompanied by a range of inexpensive *petiscos* (tapas-like snacks) such as local smoked hams and pungent cheeses.



Drive an hour and a half to the village of Golegã to sample rural Portugal at its best during the ▶ **Feira Nacional do Cavalo** ▶. This 10-day horse extravaganza features equestrian displays, live music and a wondrous array of local characters. [fnc.cm-golega.pt](http://fnc.cm-golega.pt) **MATTHEW HANCOCK**

## Barcelona



◀ **Nap** ▶ €€€€ (30 Avinguda Francesc Cambo, +34 686 192 690) Nap, AKA Neapolitan Authentic Pizza, is considered by many to serve up the best pizzas in town, courtesy of their wood-fired oven from Naples. All can be purchased for under €10, so there'll also be no complaints about price.

◀ **4 Gats** ▶ €€€€ (3 Carrer Montsio, +34 93 302 4140) The fin-de-siecle décor here is testament to the Catalan "Modernista" arts movement – indeed, the café hosted Pablo Picasso's first exhibition. You can eat better elsewhere, but history buffs won't care.



◀ **Sor Rita** ▶ (27 Carrer de la Merce, +34 93 176 6266) The kitsch factor is turned up to 11 at this zany bar that demands not to be taken seriously. High-heeled shoes are glued to the ceiling, photos of ABBA adorn the walls and a neon-lit nun sits at one end of the bar, obviously.



◀ **Port Vell** ▶ (right) offers a cornucopia of tourist attractions, including a world-class aquarium and well-designed shopping centre. [marinaportvell.com](http://marinaportvell.com) **DUNCAN RHODES**



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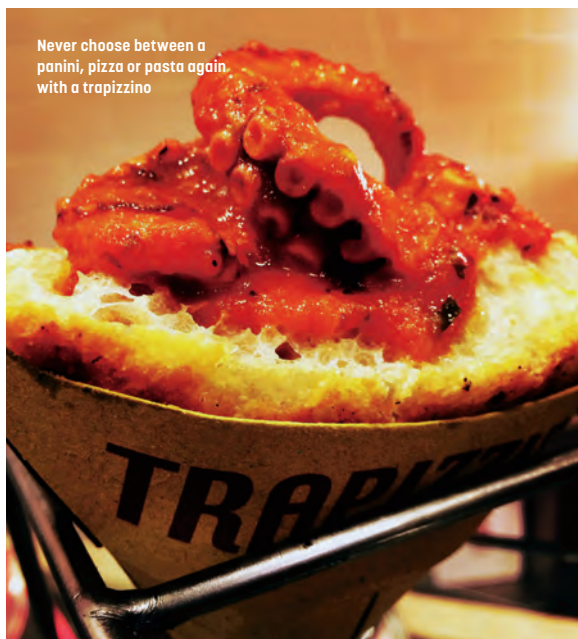
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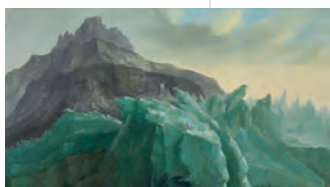
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## Amsterdam



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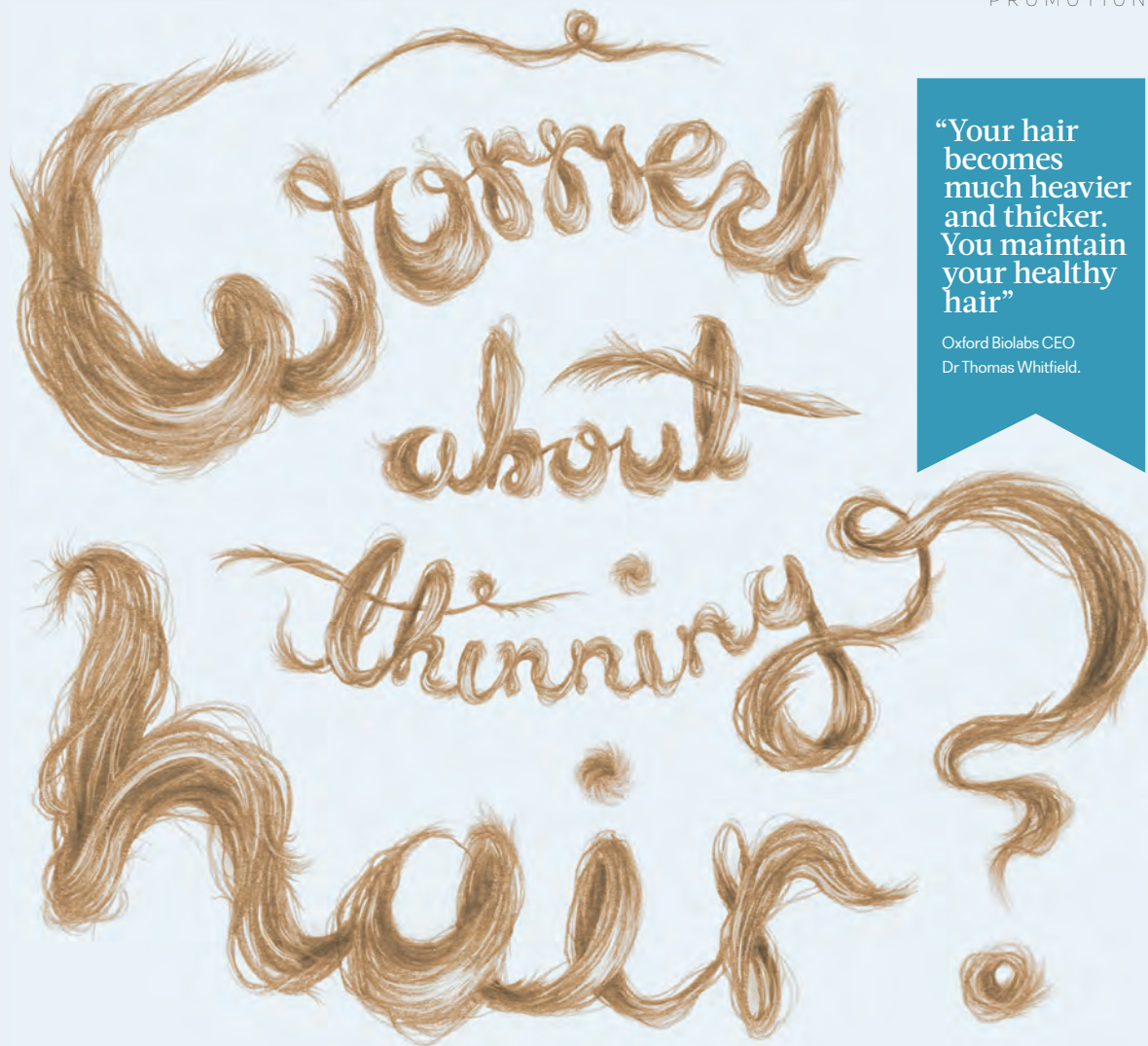
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**TAXI** HRK280 **BUS** Pleso Prijevoz runs the airport bus to town. Tickets: HRK30

## 9 Vienna

**TAXI** €35 **TRAIN** Catch the CAT (City Airport Train) to the centre every 30 minutes. Tickets: €12

## 10 Zagreb

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## 2 Belgrade

**TAXI** RSD1,500 **BUS** Line A1 runs to the city centre (Slavija Square)

in around 30 minutes. Tickets: RSD300

## 3 Bodrum

**TAXI** TRY130 **BUS** Havas Airport Buses drive to the city centre. Tickets: TRY10

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## 7 Pristina

**TAXI** €25 **BUS** A bus service runs every two hours. Tickets: €3

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**TAXI** BGN15 **BUS** Bus lines 84 and 384 connect the airport with the city centre. Tickets: BGN1

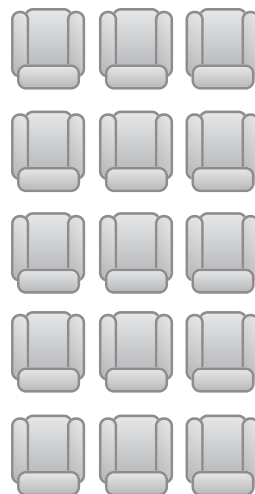
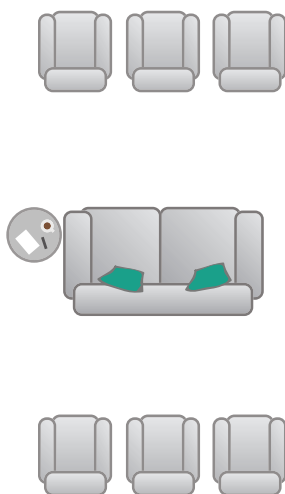
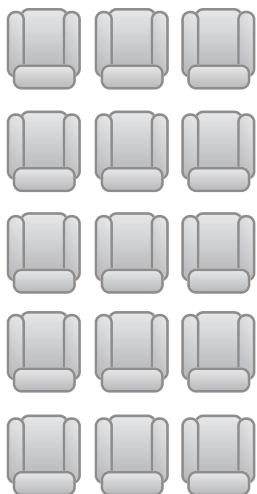


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**TAXI** From €35 **BUS** Bus number X93 goes to Kifissos Coach Station, X95 to Syntagma, X96 to Piraeus and X97 to Dafni Metro Station. Tickets: €5

## 2 Chania (Crete)

**TAXI** €20 **BUS** Up to seven buses to the city centre run from 06.40-21.45. Tickets: €2.30

### INSIDER TIP:

• **Nama** (19 Akti Tompazi, Old Harbour, +30 28210 08170) This trendy cocktail and drinks bar has great views to the lighthouse from the harbourfront chairs and outdoor sofas. It also has a smart indoor lounge bar for those cooler evenings.

## 3 Corfu

**TAXI** €12 **BUS** The local blue bus 19 stops outside the airport but the service is not regular. Tickets: €1.20

## 4 Heraklion (Crete)

**TAXI** €14 **BUS** Bus 78 runs every 10 minutes to the city centre. Tickets: €0.75

### INSIDER TIP:

• **La Boheme** (Idomeneous and Epimenidou Streets, +30 28102 44868) This small, stylish and authentic Italian bistro, just back from the harbour, serves delightful fresh pasta dishes at reasonable prices.

## 5 Kalamata

**TAXI** €42

### INSIDER TIP:

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**TAXI** €12

### INSIDER TIP:

«Ta Pytharia» €€€€ (Skala, +30 26710 83567) The best of the tavernas in the village of Skala turns out an impressive range of high-quality salads, meat and fish dishes. Eat them with decent local wine in the spacious courtyard.

## 7 Kos

**TAXI** €38 **BUS** The airport bus runs from 07.55-19.35 daily (21.30 on Wednesday and 17.40

on Sunday). Tickets: €3.20

### INSIDER TIP:

«Pote tin Kyriaki» €€€€ (9 Peisandrou, Kos Old Town, +30 22420 48460) The town's oldest ouzeri (tavern) serves platters such as *kavourdisti* (pork fry-up) and seafood at attractive prices. Wash them down with strong raki by the carafe.

## 8 Larnaca

**TAXI** €15 **BUS** A bus runs from Ayia Napa and Protaras once a day. Tickets: €1.50

## 9 Malta

**TAXI** €15 **BUS** There are four express routes to destinations across the island. Tickets: €1.50

### INSIDER TIP:

As the weather cools, this is a good time to explore Malta's countryside. Head north to «Dingli Cliffs» where a walk along the coast promises stunning views and endless photo ops.

## 10 Mykonos

**TAXI** €10 **BUS** 10-minute journey to Mykonos Town costs €2

### INSIDER TIP:

«Araxame» (Ano Mera village, +30 22890 71918) Head for the inland village of Ano Mera to feast on the island's best homemade baklava, made by the owner and served super sweet and syrupy.

## 11 Paphos

**TAXI** €30 **BUS** Buses run to Paphos harbour.

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### INSIDER TIP:

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**TAXI** €24 **BUS** Regular buses go to Rhodes Town from 6.30am to midnight. Tickets: €2.30

### INSIDER TIP:

«The Walk Inn» (1 Dorieos Square, +30 224 107 4293) Run by three friendly Greek-American brothers, The Walk Inn is one of the few all-year fixtures in the Old Town. The English-style pub grub is excellent value, while the bar, which often hosts live music, is a popular meeting point.

## 13 Santorini

**TAXI** (To Fira) €40.50 **BUS** The 20-minute

journey to Fira costs €2.20

## 14 Thessaloniki

**TAXI** €20 **BUS** Route 78 goes directly to the city centre. Tickets: €0.90

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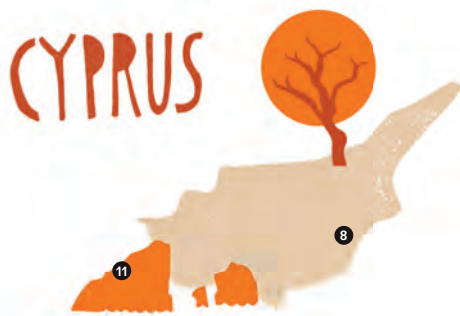
«The Residents» (4 Stratigou Kallari, +30 2310 238 274) This popular bar near the seafront thrives on a basic musical diet of alternative rock, with occasional forays into other genres.

## 15 Zakynthos

**TAXI** €13

### INSIDER TIP:

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**TAXI** MAD200 **BUS** Route 22 to Inezgane runs every 40 minutes.

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### INSIDER TIP:

• **So Fun** (Sofitel Agadir Royal Bay Resort, Baie des Palmiers, +212 528 820 088) With its live music, guest DJs, indigo colour scheme and strobe lighting, So Fun is one of the liveliest nightclubs in Agadir.

## 2 Casablanca

**TAXI** MAD250 **TRAIN**

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## 3 Hurghada

**TAXI** EGP20 **BUS**

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## 4 Marrakech

**TAXI** MAD170 **BUS**

The half hourly L19 bus goes to the Jemaa el Fna. Tickets: MAD30

### INSIDER TIP:

• **Gastro MK** (4 Derb Sebaai, Bab

Laksour, +212 524 376 173) Set in the boutique Maison MK hotel, Gastro MK seats just 10 non-hotel guests per night. It's worth braving the exclusivity: the restaurant is famed for its five-course tasting menu, led by chef Omar El Ouahssoussi, who applies French techniques to fresh and fragrant Moroccan ingredients.

## 5 Sharm el Sheikh

**TAXI** EGP40 **BUS**

Private minibuses operate from the airport. Prices

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## 6 Tel Aviv

**TAXI** ILS120 **TRAIN**

Trains run from Terminal 3 to the city centre every 20-30 minutes. Tickets: ILS15

### INSIDER TIP:

Spend Saturday, when Tel Aviv's shops and some restaurants are closed, in **Jerusalem**. The old city teems with bazaars and cafés. Get there by noon to fit in a visit to the Tower of David Museum in the ancient citadel

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Avi Shatzkes, aged 14



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





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Larry Fisher has gone from cabin crew to crewing officer to piloting the planes. He talks us through his time in the skies

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**"Sitting at a computer all day wasn't for me.** After studying economics at university, I fell into an office job, but quickly joined easyJet as cabin crew in 2006, when I was 23.

**"It was the best move I've ever made** because it got my foot in the door and gave me the first taste of the aviation lifestyle. Being able to interact with pilots inspired me to think this was something I would like to do myself. I used that time to save up some money to fund my pilot licences and then went to the States to get them, because it was cheaper there.

**"When I came back to the UK in 2009,** I returned to easyJet, as it was recruiting crewing officers. I did that for two years, making sure all easyJet flights were staffed – it gave me the chance to see how the airline is run from the ground up – but I didn't expect it to lead to a job on the flight deck.

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**"When I first went onto the aircraft, I had to pinch myself..."**

**"After that, we went back to the easyJet academy**

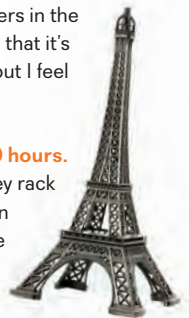
and had a pilot induction, and did line training, where you actually go into the right-hand seat of the plane and you're with a training captain.

**"When I first went onto the aircraft, I had to pinch myself.** My first passenger flight was Paris-Edinburgh, so a fairly short flight. They're challenging, because you don't get a lot of time to cruise in the air.

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Please ensure that your cabin baggage remains safely stowed for take-off and landing, and at any time as instructed by the crew. Place small bags under the seat in front of you (unless you are seated in an emergency exit row); larger items must go in the overhead lockers. Place your bag securely in the locker and take care when opening the lockers, as falling items may injure your fellow passengers.

## **X** SHARPS BOXES

Hypodermic needles are permitted on board for medical use only and should always be disposed of in a sharps box. If you need to dispose of any sharp item, please contact the cabin crew.

## **✓** ELECTRONIC DEVICES

You can use portable electronic devices on board, provided they are in 'Flight Safe' mode. This means you can play games, read e-books and watch movies during take-off and landing. Your devices must have 'Flight Safe' mode enabled and should be secured in your hand or pocket during taxi and take-off, while in flight and when landing. We recommend you remove headphones during the safety briefing. During the taxiing to the arrival gate, cabin crew will advise when you can switch off 'Flight Safe' mode. There are some exceptions that may be used for boarding and in flight (provided they are in 'Flight Safe' mode), but not during taxi, take-off and landing – at which point they must be safely stowed away. These include laptops, DVD players and all Bluetooth accessories. Devices without 'Flight Safe' mode will need to be switched off during the flight. Ask the cabin crew if you are unsure.

## CAN I USE MY DEVICE?

Not sure? Ask a member of our cabin crew or check out our handy guide

	Handheld devices in 'flight safe' mode	Larger devices (eg, laptops)	Personal headphones	Wi-fi, text and phone-call functions	Bluetooth devices
Taxi out for take-off	Yes	No	Yes	No	No
Take-off	Yes	No	Yes	No	No
In-flight	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Landing	Yes	No	Yes	No	No
Taxi to stand	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes

### APPROVED DEVICES

Mobile phones / smartphones / laptops / notebook computers / tablet computers / e-readers / noise-cancelling headphones / portable DVD/CD player / digital audio / MP3 player / Bluetooth devices / electric shavers / personal cameras / electronic games / assistive medical devices





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## Il sole bacia Tenerife

Cerchi l'estate tutto l'anno? Ecco allora la meta che fa per te.

 **CON 23 GRADI** di temperatura media annua, è un'isola-paradiso che ti consente di praticare all'aperto tutti quegli sport per cui di solito fremiti per un intero anno. Fare una nuotatina in mare in pieno dicembre è assolutamente normale qui, così come praticare un po' di windsurf, di kitesurf o di parasailing, per chi ama la sensazione di volare sull'acqua.

Se dopo tutto questo movimento avrai bisogno di un po' di relax, ti consigliamo una bella sessione riparatrice in una Spa. E una volta che sarai tornato "in corpore sano", non ti resta che pensare alla "mens sana": goditi le feste popolari, i concerti e

le originali esposizioni dei musei di Tenerife per un assaggio della cultura locale. A proposito di assaggi, prova la gastronomia isolana, magari in uno dei ristoranti stellati Michelin. E non preoccuparti delle calorie, potrai sempre smaltirle in una delle discoteche aperte fino all'alba e spesso anche oltre.

Stai per caso pensando che Tenerife potrebbe diventare il tuo regalo di Natale? Allora prenota subito il tuo posto da Milano Malpensa o da Roma Fiumicino: prima lo fai, meglio è.



### L'abecedario del viaggiatore smart continua

#### D COME DIVERTIMENTO

Viaggiamo per scoprire cose nuove, abbracciare culture diverse ma, confessiamolo, anche per puro divertimento. A Cipro il tempo è ancora bello e puoi goderti la spiaggia libera dai turisti. Preferisci la montagna? C'è anche quella: la catena Troodos è perfetta per gli amanti dello sci ed è famosa anche per i numerosi monasteri bizantini.

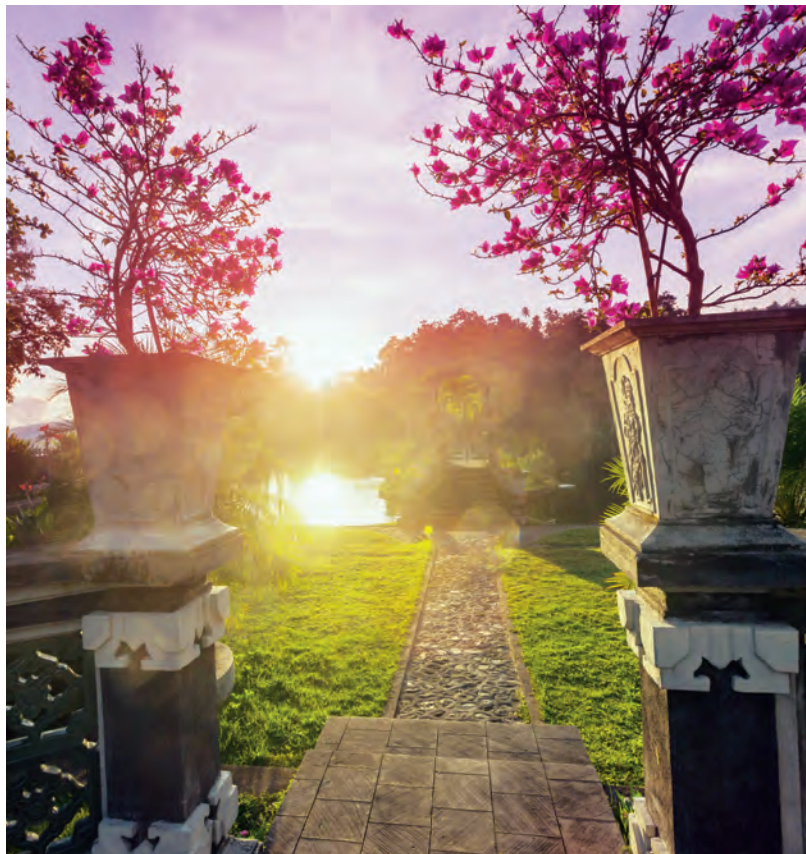
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## Esta primavera... ¡escápate!

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Vuela a conocer destinos tan atractivos como Londres, Lisboa, Niza o Edimburgo y déjate seducir por las mejores actividades culturales y de ocio que estos destinos te ofrecen.

Saborea una deliciosa pizza en Roma, un buen chocolate en Basilea, disfruta del shopping en Milán o relájate en las mejores playas de Canarias. ¡easyJet cuenta con destinos para todos los gustos!

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### Las montañas suizas Esquí en Suiza

Las montañas suizas son, sin duda, uno de los paraísos para los amantes del deporte blanco. Su gran extensión de pistas y sus numerosas opciones après-ski hacen de este destino el lugar ideal para pasar tus vacaciones de invierno.

### Cata de vinos en Milán

Descubre Milán de la forma más original: saboreando los mejores vinos italianos. Son varias las empresas que ofrecen el Milan Wine Tasting, un servicio con guía experto incluido que te mostrará los mejores vinos y las especialidades más famosas del país en los locales más selectos de la ciudad. ¡Una oportunidad única para los más sibaritas!

### Fin de semana en Manchester

Manchester es la ciudad perfecta para una escapada de fin de semana. Tranquila y de fácil movilidad, ofrece una gran cantidad de actividades. Museos, gastronomía y por supuesto fútbol te harán disfrutar de un fin de semana único.



# GET PARTY READY!

THE PARTY SEASON IS HERE...  
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The Balm Nude 'Tude® Eye Palette and Eye Shadow Primer

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An amazing palette of 12 beautiful nude shades plus a trial size 'put a lid on it' eyelid primer.

## 3 KISSABLE LIPS

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übers Wochenende! Geniesse den mediterranen Sommer im kroatischen Split und im andalusischen Malaga, an der Costa Blanca bei Alicante, auf Mallorca, Ibiza, Korsika, Sardinien, Zypern oder an einem anderen Reiseziel Deiner Träume. Sichere Dir als Frühbucher am besten noch heute auf [easyJet.com](http://easyJet.com) die besten Preise für den nächsten Sommer. Nicht vergessen: Wer früh bucht, spart am meisten!

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### Städtetipp: Krakau

Rund um den mittelalterlichen Marktplatz gruppieren sich historische Bauten verschiedenster Epochen. Als kulturelles Zentrum Polens hat die Szenestadt neben ihrem kulturellen Erbe kleine Boutiquen, Jazz-Clubs, Galerien und vieles mehr zu bieten. Wir starten bis zu dreimal in der Woche ab Basel-Freiburg nach Krakau bereits ab 23,90 CHF\*.

### Hambourg

Le 4 novembre 2014, nous rallierons Hambourg au départ de Genève pour la première fois. Nous proposons jusqu'à 3 vols par semaine à destination de la cité portuaire du nord de l'Allemagne. Réservez dès maintenant votre vol à partir de 48,40 CHF\* sur [easyJet.com](http://easyJet.com).

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## Geschmackvoll: Kopenhagen

Vom Bio-Hotdog bis zur kleinen Meerjungfrau – auf Entdeckungstour durch Kopenhagen

 **DAS VENEDIG DES** Nordens, wie Kopenhagen aufgrund seiner Vielzahl an Kanälen und der maritimen Note auch gerne genannt wird, zählt derzeit wohl zu den angesagtesten Städten der Welt. Die Dänen, die schon immer in Sachen Design einen guten Riecher hatten, setzen nach wie vor Maßstäbe in der Architektur, im Mode- sowie im Möbeldesign. Hippe Boutiquen, Bars, Cafés und Restaurants gibt es in der innovativen Metropole zu entdecken, die mit nachhaltigen Konzepten in die Zukunft radelt. Modern und regional präsentiert sich die nordische Küche Kopenhagens, die derzeit in aller Munde ist. Die Sternedichte Kopenhagens spricht Bände, aber auch

für kleinere Budgets gibt's in Kopenhagen kreative Küche – von der Bio-Wurst bis zu fantasievollen Smørrebrød-Variationen – nicht nur in den Szenevierteln Vesterbro und Nørrebro. Jede Menge toller Tipps rund um Kopenhagen findest Du auf der offiziellen Website des Fremdenverkehrsbüros [visitcopenhagen.de](http://visitcopenhagen.de) und die passenden Flüge – bis zu 4x in der Woche ab Hamburg und bis zu 2x täglich ab Berlin – bereits für 31,99 € und günstiger\* auf [easyJet.com](http://easyJet.com)!

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### Ski-Kultur

Die Kultur-Hochburg Salzburg ist nicht nur die Heimat Mozarts, ab Salzburg erreichst Du zudem bequem die Skiregionen des Salzburger Landes und viele weitere Wintersportgebiete Österreichs. Ob Opernbesuch oder Skiurlaub – wir fliegen Dich bis zu 4x pro Woche ab Berlin und jetzt neu auch ab Hamburg nach Salzburg für 40,99 und günstiger\*.

### Geschenke aus Holland

Sinterklaas, der niederländische Nikolaus, kommt bereits am 15. November mit dem Schiff, um am Nikolausabend den Kindern Geschenke zu bringen. Schöne Geschenke für Dich und Deine Lieben findest Du im weihnachtlich beleuchteten Amsterdam in unzähligen Boutiquen und Läden. Flüge nach Amsterdam gibt's ab Berlin und neu auch ab Hamburg für 31,99 und günstiger\*.

### Winter auf den Kanaren

Damit Du in Deutschlands Norden nicht länger in eisiger Kälte überwinternd musst, fliegen wir Dich in diesem Winter neu ab dem 5. November bis zu 2x in der Woche ab Hamburg nach Fuerteventura sowie ab dem 6. November nach Lanzarote. Zudem geht's mit uns ab Berlin bis zu 3x in der Woche auf die Kanareninsel Teneriffa!

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## L'automne sous les palmiers

L'hiver approche rapidement, sauf au Maroc, où les températures restent délicieuses. Profitez-en pour faire le plein de soleil!



**CASABLANCA, LA PLUS** grande ville du Maroc, est une cité balnéaire qui offre au voyageur de nombreuses surprises. Vous visiterez par exemple l'impressionnante grande mosquée, avec son minaret haut de 201 mètres !

A Agadir, l'ambiance est plus relax, avec de longues et magnifiques plages de sable, caressées toute la journée par le soleil et l'océan Atlantique. Du camping à l'hôtel de luxe, vous profitez d'une large offre hôtelière et d'un sens de l'accueil hors pair. C'est la destination idéale pour bronzer et recharger ses

batteries avant l'hiver.

Mais c'est Marrakech qui reste la perle du pays. Venez-vous désaltérer Place Jemaa el-Fna, alors que le soleil se couche. Votre voyage se prolonge au gré des couleurs et des dessins d'Yves Saint Laurent au Jardin Majorelle. De jour comme de nuit, vous sentez les parfums d'une gastronomie généreuse dans les rues du souk. Et derrière une petite porte, vous retrouvez la fraîcheur et l'élégance des ryads finement décorés.

Où que vous soyez au Maroc, vous n'êtes pas près d'être en hiver.



### A la conquête de l'Est

Et si vous partiez explorer les capitales de l'Europe de l'Est ? A Prague, vous plongez au cœur de la culture et de l'art européen. C'est ici qu'ont transité les savoirs et les richesses de tout un continent. A Budapest, vous retrouvez les trésors apportés par 1000 ans d'une riche histoire. Et pour prolonger votre périple, visitez Cracovie, dont le centre ville est classé par l'UNESCO.

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#cappadocia #ejtraveller  
#sunrise #balloons

If there's something to be said for buddying up with locals while you're away, it's that they really know the best things to see and do... even after a long night of partying. This was something Gaëlle Saules – who captured this stunning shot at 5am – discovered to her benefit while in Turkey this summer.

"We were in Goreme in the Cappadocia region with two Turkish friends, and one of them told us we had to see the beautiful sunrise and balloons," the 25-year-old Parisian explains.

Saules says the trip was the "best of her life". If all the sights were like this, we're not surprised.



**THE RUNNERS-UP** Clockwise from far left



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