

# Arrivals

## TRAVEL

### SET SAIL FOR THE ISLANDS

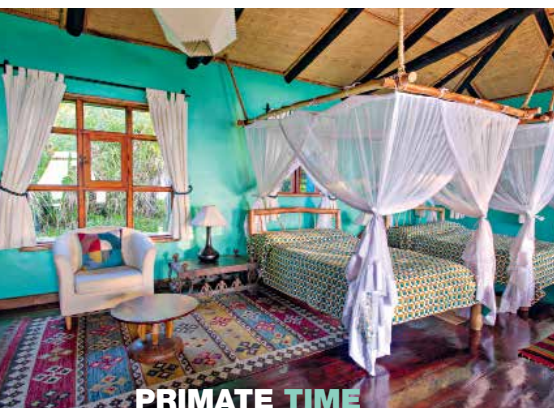
With more than 1,000 islands and a rich cultural and architectural history, Croatia's coastline is the perfect place for a chilled holiday afloat – especially if you can do it in an elegant traditional craft. New private charters offer trips in wooden gulets (Croatia has just 45 compared to Turkey's several thousand), accompanied by dedicated historical experts to help unravel Central and Southern Dalmatia's tangled history. Visiting palaces, hamlets, fortifications and, of course, stunning stretches of coast, they offer cultural, gastronomic (expect to discover Mediterranean, Turkish, Hungarian, Germanic and Italian culinary influences) and relaxed itineraries, or a blend of all three: you stir the pot. From £2,500pp for a one-week cruise with full-board accommodation, entrances and transfers, accompanied by a specialist local guide (excludes flights). [petersommer.com](http://petersommer.com)



### THE BIG E SHARP

Is there a better place on Earth to catch some high-quality jazz than New Orleans? The annual three-day Satchmo SummerFest celebration of traditional and contemporary jazz (5-7 August) honours Louis Armstrong, a favourite son of the city, with a series of gigs in the grounds of the Old US Mint. There's also a music parade, jazz mass and some fine local food: anyone for a po' boy or crawfish pie? [fqfi.org/satchmo](http://fqfi.org/satchmo)

# Travel news



### PRIMATE TIME

If you think a bucket-list wilderness experience in Central Africa has to involve a lengthy trip, think again. A new six-day gorilla safari designed for the time-poor traveller combines extraordinary primate encounters from a Rwandan lodge and views of the Virunga volcanoes with several other memorable adventures. After visits to local villages and the poignant Kigali Genocide Memorial Centre, you'll cross into Uganda to track the golden monkey and – cameras set to film mode – dance with the Batwa pygmies, one of the region's oldest, most unique tribes. It doesn't come cheap but it's no ordinary week. From £3,435pp including full-board, guided adventures, permits and transfers (excluding flights). [cazloyd.com](http://cazloyd.com)



### TAXI! FOLLOW THAT CAMEL ...

If you can't face this month's bone-rattling Indian Rickshaw Run from Shillong to Cochin – think 3,500km on a glorified lawnmower – we've found a 'luxurious' alternative. The Best Exotic Classic Car Rally also offers a wildly entertaining ride through a slice of the subcontinent, only this time in a well-sprung Hindustan Ambassador. The 14-night road trip, starting and finishing in Delhi, hairs through Rajasthan, Jaisalmer, Jodhpur and Jaipur. You'll also ride a camel in the Thar Desert, take a tiger safari in Ranthambore National Park and stay at the Ravla Khempur, the film stand-in for The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel. Prices start from £3,050pp. [nomadicknights.com](http://nomadicknights.com)

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## TOUR DE DANUBE

Waltz along Central Europe's most famous rivers and bag five countries in ten days on a new trip that guarantees instant dinner-party kudos. Blending a comfortable barge cruise along the Danube with cycling excursions through fabulously diverse landscapes, the round trip from Vienna visits Bratislava's cutesy old town, imposing Budapest and vibrant Belgrade, taking in vast plains, vineyards and villages en route, along with Hungary's Danube-Dráva National Park. From £1,140pp including nine nights full board, bike rental and route notes (flights and transfers excluded). [utracks.com](http://utracks.com)



## SEE THE REAL MAURITIUS

Put down that cocktail, step back from the sunlounger and walk away from luxury Mauritian resorts. A new seven-day adventure reveals another side to the Indian Ocean island with a hike along its rugged volcanic south-east coast, a trek through the lush forest and seven waterfalls of the Black River Gorges National Park and kayaking around Amber Island's mangrove forests and emerald lagoons. You'll also have a chance to meet the real island's inhabitants; not just those working in the hotels. To end the trip, climb Piton de la Rivière, the highest peak in Mauritius. There's also downtime on beaches and a visit to a rum distillery. From £1,390pp including five nights full board, activities and transfers (excluding flights). [worldexpeditions.com](http://worldexpeditions.com)



# San Diego

## in six stops

Ian Belcher loses his heart to the city's beaches, historic buildings and a hotel that starred alongside Marilyn Monroe

**1** As elsewhere in the US, the city is floating on a wave of craft beer. The Joint on Newport Avenue has 27 on tap, including Rip Current What's Up pale ale (this is California), plus award-winning sushi and some nifty tapas. [thejointob.com](http://thejointob.com)

**2** You're looking at the best year-round climate in the US, so a spell on the sun-toasted sand is compulsory. No-shows will be fined. Pacific Beach has the *Baywatch* vibe, Mission Beach the roller coaster boardwalk and Ocean Beach offers a hippy hit of the tie-dyed Sixties.

**3** Overlooking the Pacific at La Jolla, the Salk Institute – a global hot spot for neuroscience and genetics – is one of the world's most beautiful works of brutalist architecture. Its avenue of linear blocks provides a memorable setting for alfresco classical concerts, as well as spectacular sci-fi sunsets and moonrises.

**4** Stay at the red-roofed, beachfront Hotel del Coronado and you're immersing yourself in American history. Past guests at this Victorian grande dame include presidents and Hollywood greats such as Charlie Chaplin and Marilyn Monroe – it appeared in *Some Like It Hot*. [hoteldel.com](http://hoteldel.com)

**5** If you're going to tuck into top-notch Cali cuisine, it helps if it's created by Trey Foshee and comes with epic views of the roaring ocean. California Modern at George's at the Cove one of top 100 restaurants in America, serves up the likes of strawberry salad with chicory and yellowtail fish with fava green curry. [georgesatthecove.com](http://georgesatthecove.com)

**6** San Diego was in the hands of the Spanish and the Mexicans before its present incarnation. The old town has well-preserved adobe casas, chapels, plazas and museums, including Whaley House, said to be America's most haunted building. [oldtownsandiegoguide.com](http://oldtownsandiegoguide.com)