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Walking around San Diego Zoo at midday is absolutely fine. But exploring the site at 5pm is a revelation. As the temperature cools, the animals become more active and start to investigate their surroundings. On the day I visited, it was the extraordinary sight of two colossal adult hippos taking a breath in tandem, before dipping beneath the water, heads tilted towards each other affectionately. I'm fully aware that nothing can compare to seeing these creatures in the wild but frankly if I was this close to a hippo outside of an enclosure, I would be, at best, foolish and, at worst, lunch. What this month's cover story shows is how accessible and exciting the natural world can be, regardless of your destination. Whether it's the Barbary macaque monkeys of Gibraltar, the swimming pigs of the Bahamas or even the olms of Ljubljana, check out page 46 for your one-stop creature feature.

Elsewhere in the issue, explorer Erling Kagge - the archrival to Sir Ranulph Fiennes, who simply refers to him as "The Norwegian" writes movingly about the merits of discovering your chosen destination on foot (page 62). Chris Stokel-Walker investigates the world's leading art detective in Amsterdam, days after he discovered a stolen Picasso painting worth more than £21m (page 56). Plus there's our summer hotel hotlist (page 68), the plush outfits of 007 (page 20), Will Young on WorldPride in New York (page 32) and Alim Kheraj attempting to follow in the footsteps of Rihanna (page 41) – albeit while wearing significantly more clothing.

Enjoy the issue and your travels this month.

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#### CONOR MCDONNELL.

the official photographer of both Calvin Harris and Ellie Goulding (as well as the marriage of Kanye West and Kim Kardashian), took our four animal cover shots. NEXT TRIP? "Kenya - I'm a WWF ambassador and I love that place!"



### TAFFY BRODESSER-AKNER.

author and interviewer par excellence for The New York Times, gives advice on travelling for work, pleasure or a misguided sense of family duty (page 28). **NEXTTRIP?** "Florence. My family went to Rome this year, but I'd kill to see other parts of Italy."



#### **ERLING KAGGE,**

the best-selling Norwegian philosopher/explorer/publisher behind Walking: One Step at a Time (£9.99, Viking) reveals his life-changing travel advice (page 62). **NEXT TRIP?** "The Lycian Way in Turkey. I love to learn wonder is the engine of life."



#### ALIM KHERAJ,

who has written for The Guardian, US GQ and Time Out, experienced the exuberance of Crop Over in Barbados for the first time (page 41). NEXT TRIP? "New York. Despite growing up in London, it's where I feel most at home."

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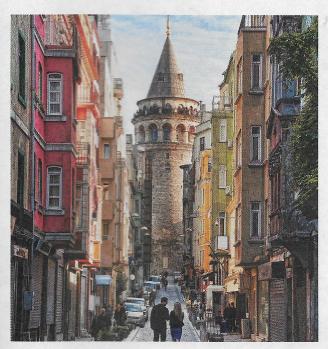


### Cappadocia Love is in the air and you can see it.

If you were wondering where is that fabulous skyline decorated with vivid colours of hot-air balloons, stop searching.

Cappadocia; a place with an incredibly rich history, offers an amazing selection of unique activities for adventurous souls. Located in Central Anatolia, it is a true wonder of nature with rock formations called "Fairy Chimneys".

Besides its geographical properties, it has been home to many civilizations throughout history. The underground cities with churches and monasteries, will make you travel back in time. With many modern resorts, amazing food and a wide selection of wines, an unforgettable adventure is waiting for you and your loved one. You will be living in a fairy tale during your stay.



### Istanbul Home of three empires and two continents, but mostly the land of romance.

The city with its amazing scenes and impressive places - Istanbul has so much to offer as a romantic destination. A boat tour on the Bosphorus while surrounded by the blinking lights of the Istanbul nights and panorama of the bridges that connects Europe to Asia, will give you stories that you'll enjoy telling your grandchildren. Have a dinner in a restaurant by the Bosphorus and try delicious examples of the world-famous Turkish cuisine.

In Istanbul, you can go on a journey in time by visiting many historical places and museums that display the rich history of this amazing city. Just take a walk with your loved one in Pera, the old Genoese side of the city and discover the different stories that each street tells you.

And remember, there is so much more in Istanbul. It is not a city that you can discover in just one visit.

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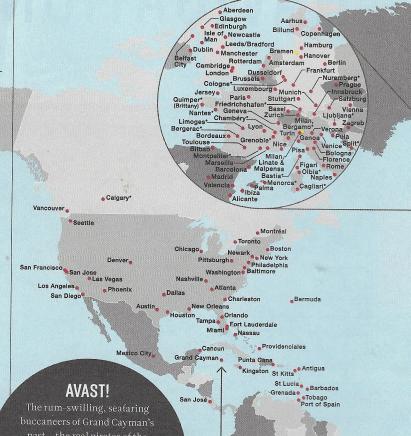
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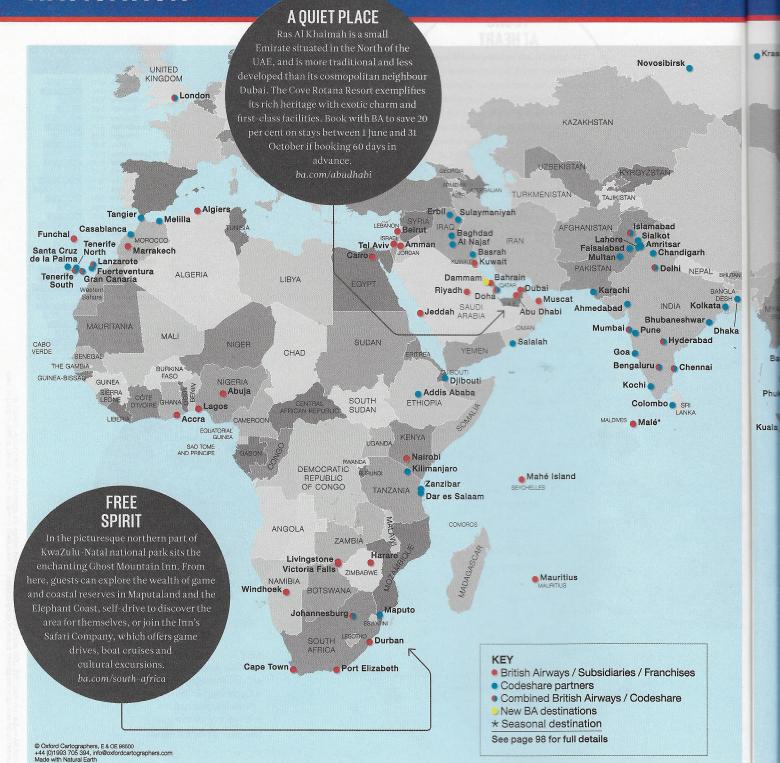




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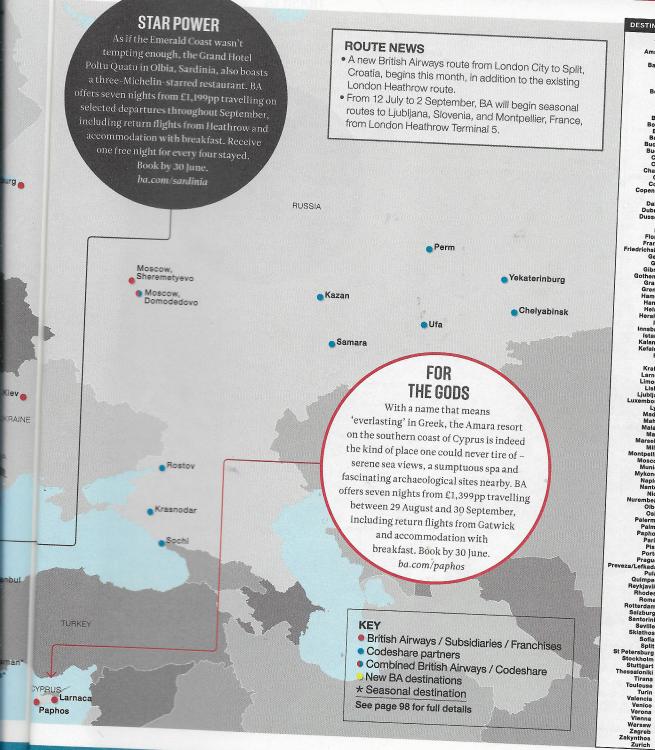


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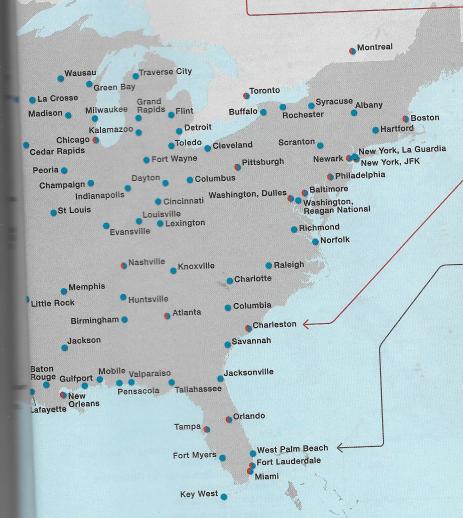
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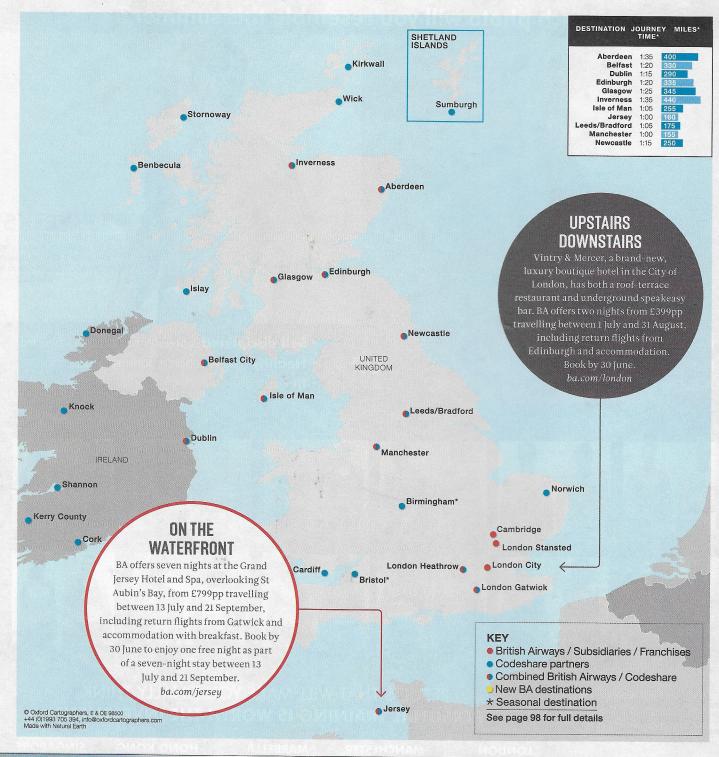
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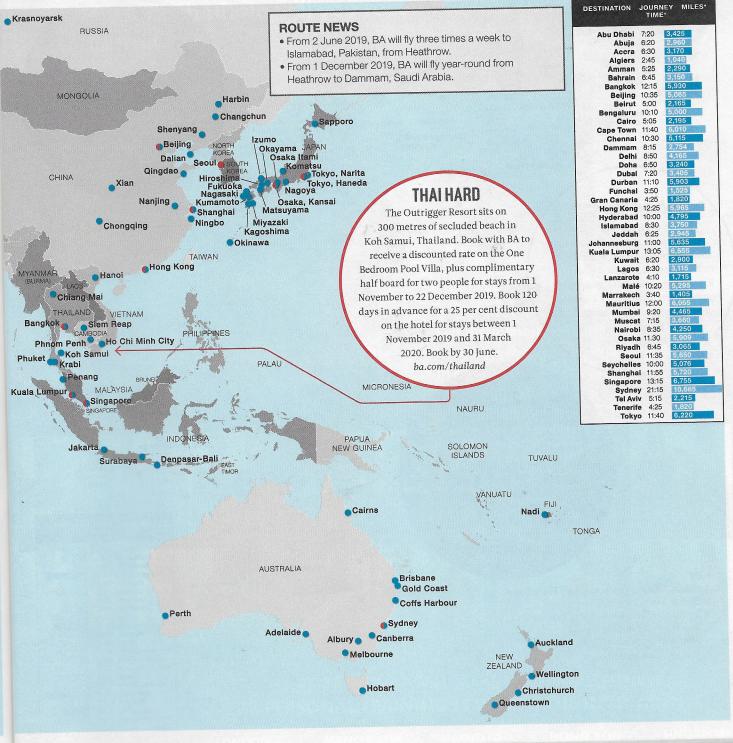
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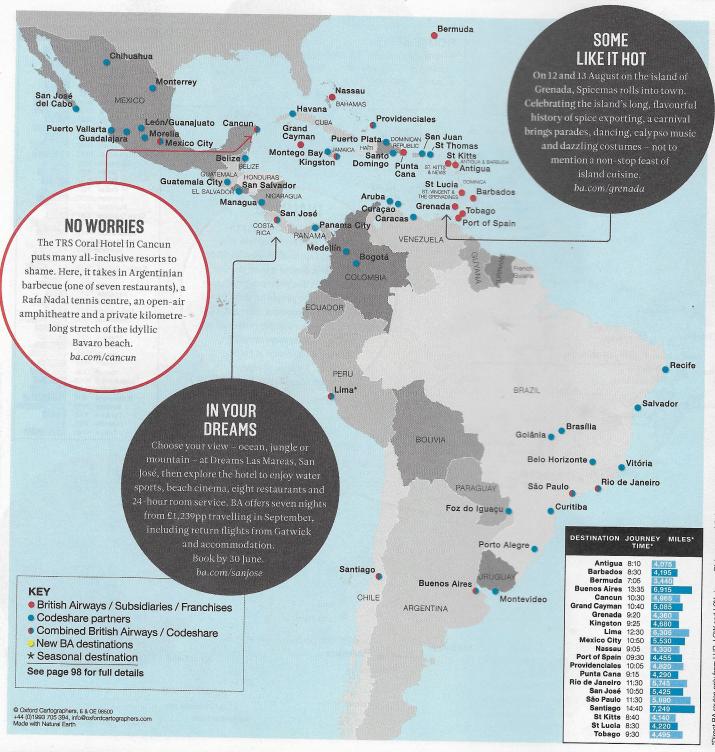


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