

*E-TID has highlighted a story about a Ryanair passenger who suffered a mild heart attack on board. Staff gave him a drink and food to make him more comfortable, but then insisted on payment for them. It doesn't say if he had a second heart attack at this point*

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### Daily Telegraph

#### *Bon Appetit*

**Andrew Purvis** takes a look at eating out when abroad. Data from Europe's largest online restaurant booking service shows the most popular restaurants in Paris are the Blue Elephant (Thai), Dans le Noir (eat in the dark to heighten other senses), Le Télégraphe (fusion) and the Hard Rock Café. Although France has in theory thirty regional cuisines he says that boundaries are becoming blurred. Best regional food can be found in family run bistros with a prix fixe- Three courses at a good price. Brasseries are less region specific. Les Routiers and auberges are a good bet for home-cooked food. If you want a good picnic your best bet is the local market where not only can you buy local produce but hot and cold food to take away too.

#### *Family days out across the Channel*

**Ben Hatch** embarks on a family trip with his kids to find out what there is to entertain children of all ages in France. His selections by area are rigorous, informative and well worth reading in full by clicking [here](#)

#### *Where to stay in the French Riviera: a guide to suit all budgets*

**Anthony Peregrine** provides a whole host of accommodation recommendations in several categories namely luxury, mid-range and affordable hotels in Nice, Cannes, St Tropez and Monaco.

#### *Travel Views – Forays into France*

A reader in her eighties recalls travelling through France when you could reach the motorway via a church or farmyard and come across long lost war graves by chance. Now everyone has a satnav but it's nowhere near as exciting.

#### *Joie de vivre in the slow lane*

**Gavin Bell** sets off to France but wants to do it at slightly less of a slog. After all driving down from Scotland is a bit of a trek before you've even got to France so the overnight ferry from Hull to Zeebrugge with [P&O Ferries](#) is an excellent alternative. Dinner on board and a night's sleep means you can start off refreshed. The main drive was to their new holiday home near Toulon in the South of France which he undertakes via eastern France staying in Epernay in the Champagne region on the way down. Along country roads they go through Burgundy taking in some the local grape. You can duck in and out of using the motorway whenever you want, to make up the time (without having to endure the horrors of the M6 you managed to avoid at home). Joie de vivre

#### *Heaven & Hell*

Olympic gold medallist Victoria Pendleton describes her worst holiday as being in a remote villa up a mountain in the Pyrénées as a teenager. You couldn't walk anywhere you had to cycle!

### Sunday Telegraph

*No coverage this week*

### The Times

#### *Snap up an August bargain*

**Tom Chesshyre** makes some suggestions for three night breaks in the peak season for under £300. in the lively resort of Chamonix, [Inghams](#) have a seemingly unbeatable offer. For £249 you get flights from Gatwick, Liverpool, Luton or Bristol plus 3 nights at Hotel Sapiniere in the town, with breakfast, afternoon tea and dinner all included.

#### *Dip in to the beach club scene*

**James Ellis** provides some guidance for those who want to hang out in celebrity hotspots. Le Club 55 on Pampelonne Beach is one of the most famous and arguably the one that started it all when Brigitte Bardot burst onto the scene. It's a still a regular of A-listers, who can afford the 100 Euro per day hire charge for a sun lounger. Alternatively head to Eden Plage Mala on Cap d'Ail where the sunbeds are only 22 Euros a day. Over at Florida Beach on Nice's Promenade des Anglais you get a lounger for just 10 Euros but get there early as it's supposedly one of the best addresses in town.

#### *Getaways for lone parents*

**Caroline Hendrie** gives seven suggestions for lone parent holidays in this supporting feature. Included is 'Climbing in Picardy'. Mango holidays offer activity holidays for adults and children in the 5 to 15 year old age bracket based in a chateau at Rue, approx one hour from Calais. Three activities a day are planned, with instructors. Parents can join in as they want - or relax

### Sunday Times

#### *10 perfect French villages*

**Vincent Crump** celebrates the 30th birthday of the association set up to showcase the most beautiful villages in France. There are now 155 of [Les Plus Beaux Villages de France](#) so choosing just 10 is quite an achievement. For info, Vincent's choices are Lyons-la-Forêt (Normandy), St Sulpice (Brittany), Montsoreau (Loire), Charroix (Auvergne), Baume-les-messieurs (Jura), Eguisheim (Alsace), La Bastide-Clairence (Aquitaine), Roussillon (Luberon) and Sainte Agnes (Cote d'Azur). A host of members are mentioned in the how to get there section, namely [FlyBe](#), [Eurostar](#), [Rail Europe](#), [Brittany Ferries](#), [P&O](#) and [Seafrance](#)

## Daily Mail

*No coverage this week*

### Mail on Sunday

*Late deals of the week*

Best ferry deal is £89 for a five return for a car and two passengers from Newhaven to Dieppe with [LD Lines](#)

*A place just waiting to be conquered*

**Wendy Holden** returns to Normandy after many years with her children who have been doing projects on the region at school. They land in Caen courtesy of [Brittany Ferries](#) and hire a car as they prefer to use a left hand drive vehicle. In over thirty years much has changed. It all seems so glamorous. They spend time in Honfleur, Rouen, Bayeux, the D-Day Beaches, Deauville and Trouville. Such a mix of history awaits you from William the Conqueror, WWII, Joan of Arc to the impressionists Monet and Boudin. Of course you can't forget the fantastic food on offer either. [Re-conquering Normandy](#)



## Daily Mirror

*News*

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*Late Deals-under £300*

Ebookers have three nights in a four star hotel in Cannes this month for £257pp including flights

## Sunday Mirror

*London v Paris*

**Marjorie Yue** visits Paris with her brother, sister in law and their 13 year old son. How would the city of romance appeal to a 13 year old? Surprisingly well as it turns out. A little bit of forward planning saw them up the Eiffel Tower first thing before stopping off at the Marche Moufflard to buy supplies for lunch. Next up was the national Marine museum, with scale models of everything from galleys to nuclear submarines (no prizes for guessing who requested that one) and then finally the Louvre. Marjorie travelled with Railbookers



## The Independent

*Open Jaw*

Two readers have written about recent features. Brian Hughes responds to another reader suggesting that the temporary road closures in Montpellier (as a result of the installation of swanky new tramways) will be worth it once the trams are up and running. Another, Patrick Daly (yes, it was me) backs up Simon Calder's memories about the airline 'Buzz'

*Nocturnal activity*

In a supporting feature to one on Forest Holidays, this outlines alternative ways of sleeping out in the forest, including the treehouses of La Chene Perche in the French Ardennes or the cabins, gypsy caravans and huts of Huttopia on a number of forestry sites throughout France. For a different experience again there are also several Center Parcs in France.

*In the diary*

Le Diner en Blanc, an event where diners don their finest white for an up market picnic in Paris, is decamping to a hush hush location in New York for a get together on 25th August

## The Independent on Sunday

*Globejotter-Don't forget your hair shirt. This is hardcore eco-living*

**Fiona Sturges** stays in Earthship Perrine in Ger (Normandy). This is a real self catering eco house made from, and insulated with, recycled materials. All water is harvested from rainfall and air is recirculated to retain heat. This combined with abundant plant life inside gave it a distinctly damp, earthy smell. Although it's a totally 'off the grid' property (i.e. generates its own electricity) there is free wifi, TV and a DVD available and plenty of fresh fruit and veg to help yourself to in the garden. There is lots to do in the surrounding countryside and nearby towns all have good shops and restaurants. Costs are from £480 per week. Fiona travelled with [Brittany Ferries](#)

*Are we there yet? Book late-there are some hot deals to be had this summer*

**Katy Holland** says that sometimes it pays to be a disorganised mother as there are some great value trips at the moment. She highlights a family break in Alpe d'Huez with [Inghams](#) for just £1156 for a family of four, [full board](#) as well the great value mobile home or tent options from [Euro-camp](#) e.g. £750 for a week in a mobile home in the Vendee at the end of August (ferry inclusive). Finally she suggests avoiding the high costs of flying in peak season and taking the ferry, citing that [DFDS](#) still have fares from £50 for a car and four people on their Dover Dunkirk route



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# ABTOF's French Tourism Offers and News Snippets

## This week

- ⇒ BOGOF in La Baule
- ⇒ Montpellier Lates
- ⇒ Two simple ways to save thousands on next years holiday
- ⇒ Challenge Matthews
- ⇒ £500 pp reductions on opulent cruises

### Buy One Week at La Baule and get an Extra Week Free

Choose a full price week, between September 2011 and end May 2012 at Fleur de Lys, La Baule and you can get a second week completely free of charge. Set in an 8 acre park alongside the La Baule St Andre international golf course the collection of houses and apartments sleep from 4 – 10 people with prices from as little as £270 for 2 weeks. The cheaper of the two weeks will be given free of charge and no additional extras are included.

Further information from [www.WakeupinFrance.co.uk](http://www.WakeupinFrance.co.uk) or tel. 01484 680855.

**For that last bit of sun on the Med, try a September city break in Montpellier**, known for its stunning historic centre, outdoor markets, a buzzing nightlife and nearby sandy beaches. Lagrange Holidays are currently offering a two-night weekend special for only £120 for 2 nights for 2 in a studio room at the Lagrange City Montpellier aparthotel. Possible dates are September 9-11, 16-18 and 23-25 for stays Fri-Sun or Sat-Mon. Book by September 2 through Lagrange Holidays ([www.lagrange-holidays.co.uk](http://www.lagrange-holidays.co.uk) or 020 7371 6111). Press contact: Rebecca Maffeis ([rmaffeis@lagrange-holidays.co.uk](mailto:rmaffeis@lagrange-holidays.co.uk)).

### Two reasons why booking your summer 2012 Moliets Plage villa holiday now can save thousands!

- 1) Prices are going up! The Moliets villas booked easily this summer and our villa supplier has already alerted us to a price rise for 2012. However, we have negotiated that anyone booking before 16 September 2011 can do so at this summer's prices. This could save you up to 400 Euros on a fortnight booking in August.
- 2) London 2012 will put extra demand on villas mid-late August. We anticipate many in the UK will stay put to watch the Olympics and then take their foreign holiday straight after. This will put big pressure on the weeks starting 18 and 25 August. But, the good news is the middle and last weeks of August are always significantly cheaper than early August. For the last week of August for example, you can expect to pay less than 50% of the peak summer price – that could save you up to 2000 Euros!

For more info contact Justin Ashby on 1395 576655/ [info@alternative-aquitaine.co.uk](mailto:info@alternative-aquitaine.co.uk) or see [www.alternative-aquitaine.co.uk](http://www.alternative-aquitaine.co.uk)

**Last Minute Holiday Finder Service.** Matthews Holidays are confident that their skilled operators can still find peak school hols availability for any families struggling to get away. Apparently, knowing where to look is the key for finding availability on peak ferries. Reservations: 01483 285213. Matthews Holidays ([www.matthewsfrance.co.uk](http://www.matthewsfrance.co.uk)) have 2 bedroom mobile homes to accommodate up to six people on 4\* campsites mostly by the sea.

**European Waterways have some great last minute deals** on their fully-crewed luxury hotel barges in France. There's £500 off per person on the August 21 cruise aboard the deluxe 8 passenger 'Renaissance' which cruises the Western Loire region on the historic Canal de Briare, while on the 12 passenger 'La Belle Epoque' on the Burgundy Canal, there's also £500 off per person on the August 14 departure. Every 6 night cruise includes all gourmet meals, fine wines, an open bar, all excursions, private wine tastings, local transfers and of course, the services of your attentive crew.

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