

Apart from the Telegraph and Independent there wasn't much about this weekend. Maybe everyone is on holiday?

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New places in Paris for a grand old time

Natasha Edwards takes a look at some of the recent hotel launches in Paris. With openings from three big Asian luxury groups over the past year (and with more high profile openings to come) the very top end of the hotel market in Paris has become one of the most exciting in the world. If you've got a grand or so to spare on a bed for the night then you are very well catered for, with the George V, Bristol, Le Meurice etc... now having to compete with Le Royal Monceau-Raffles Paris, Shangri La Paris, Mandarin Oriental, St James Paris etc... The good news is that the increase in standards at the top end has had a trickle down effect with several designer led openings lower down the strata, such as Citizen hotel, La Belle Juliette, Seven Hotel and Hi Matic

Travel views

It seems that Gavin Bell's article about taking your time and travelling on the slower roads ("Joie de Vivre in the slow Lane"-Aug 6th) really hit a chord with several readers adding their own suggestions. Planning your route through ViaMichelin.co.uk will highlight all the value for money 'Bib Gourmand' restaurants along the way. Another reader suggests the RN7 from Paris is a great route if you detour around Lyon. An elderly couple highlight the need to stress side by side bunks if taking an overnight ferry and finally the letter of the week advocates taking time to detour. This approach once allowed them to happen upon the Cirque de Navacelles in Languedoc, a spectacular natural amphitheatre. Finally, another reader responds to a different article ("Family days out across the Channel" Aug 6th) adding that the aquariums in St Malo, Brest and Boulogne are excellent, as well as suggesting the educational parcs of Puy du Fou, Vulcania and Futuroscope.

Drinking in the local flavours

Wine writer **Robert Joseph** provides his suggestions for wines to watch out for when you are on holiday. France is the only destination that gets sub headings so worth reading in full by [clicking here](#)

Deals of the week

Two nights at the 3*Hotel des Grands Hommes in Paris, for £252 bookable through the Telegraph website.

Sunday Telegraph

Life on the edge

Ray Kershaw reaches for ever greater superlatives for both the magnificent Gorge du Verdon and the Logis de France establishments he eats and stays in as he travels around. The gorge can be seen from outer space and the river at the bottom has beautiful blue-green colour (hence the name) caused by glacial deposits near its source. On his last night he stayed at the Hotel Grand Canyon du Verdon, which is situated right on the edge (another Logis de France). Views don't get much more dramatic than that. As the owner so succinctly said, the gorge is like the sea, never the same twice. There are currently 2,800 Logis de France throughout the country. All specialise in the cuisine of their region and are rigorously inspected. Click [here](#) to read in full on the Telegraph website.

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The Times

Cave Hotels around the world

In a supporting feature **Will Hide** highlights a number of hotels and accommodation options built into cliffides. In France, he highlights La Falotiere, in Rochecorbon near Tours which is part of an 17th century presbytery. The living room features an open fire and bread oven.

Sunday Times

No coverage this week

DAILY EXPRESS SUNDAY EXPRESS

Daily Express

Arrivals-bubbling away

Charlotte Civil suggests making the most of the August bank holiday by going to Reims on a break with [Grape Escapes](#). For £379pp you get 2 nights B&B, return ferry and full day coach based champagne tour visiting Veuve Cliquot and Moet et Chandon as well as an un named smaller producer. The day also include tastings and a four course gourmet lunch. Express readers also get a bottle of Grand Cru champagne if they mention the newspaper at the time of booking.

Sunday Express

Travel Bulletin

BMI have launched a new route from Heathrow to Nice operating from 25th August. Fares are from £99 return.

THE Sun

No coverage this week

DAILY MIRROR SUNDAY MIRROR

Daily Mirror

No coverage this week

Sunday Mirror

No coverage this week

The Independent

The Hedonist. What to see and where to be seen

Annie Biziou van Pol of Hg2 (Hedonists Guide to) gives her account of a recent visit to Cannes involving sports cars, good meals and clubs where the martini, tequila and champagne flowed all night. She eventually found herself on a very upmarket yacht at daybreak and never got around the sampling the silk draped four poster bed at her boutique hotel, The Tiara Yaksta

The big six - chic French rentals

Laura Holt suggests six undeniably chic getaways throughout France. To see if her tastes suit yours read in full on the Independent site [here](#)

The Independent on Sunday

Insiders Guide—The French Alps

A brilliantly written article that lists 10 insider tips for visiting the French Alps in Summer. Chris Thompson of [Alp Active](#) is the man with the knowhow and the article also mentions the website of [Savoie Mont Blanc](#) and our very own [FranceYesYouCan.com](#). Definitely worth reading in full at [ind.pn/Indy14August](#)

Daily Mail

No coverage this week

Mail on Sunday

No coverage this week

The Guardian

No coverage this week

The Observer

No coverage this week

ABTOF's French Tourism News Snippets and special offers

This week's offers

- ⇒ Villa with pool, in August? Try this
- ⇒ 50% OFF a second week in Gironde
- ⇒ Half term, South of France, up to 75% cheaper
- ⇒ August bank Holiday-£399 for the family, including ferry
- ⇒ Pamper yourself on an all inclusive river cruise and save £500pp

Still looking to grab a decent villa with private pool this August? Maison Camu is character farmhouse in the Bearn region of south west France and has become available for the week 20-27 August, owing to a cancellation. The price has been reduced 500 Eur from 2250 Eur to 1750 Eur. Explore local markets and sample the Pyrenees in summer - this is your chance to discover *la France Profonde* and bag a bargain too. Contact Justin Ashby, t.01395 576655

<http://www.alternative-aquitaine.co.uk/villas-with-pools/pyrenees/maison-camu>

50% off 1 week beach holiday, Le Verdon sur Mer, Gironde

Choose any week between 1 September and 31 October 2011 (or 1 April and 31 May 2012) and you can claim 50% off a 1 week stay in a modern holiday house at Domaine de Phare, Le Verdon sur Mer. Heated swimming pool on site, fabulous beaches nearby. 1 week in a 2 bedroom house any time in September was £226 now just £113 (accommodation only). [http://www.wakeupinfrance.co.uk/village-details.aspx?](http://www.wakeupinfrance.co.uk/village-details.aspx?productid=100562)

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Further information from www.WakeupinFrance.co.uk or tel. 01484 680855.

South of France from £15pp/wk for October Half Term

October half term provides the perfect opportunity for an affordable holiday abroad, with accommodation in the South of France up to 75% cheaper than in high season through Lagrange Holidays (020 7371 6111, www.lagrange-holidays.co.uk). The South of France is still pleasant and mild in late October when the UK has already started to fully embrace the changing seasons. Example offers for seven nights 22-29/10/2011 are £473 for a two bedroom apartment in Sainte Maxime, £406 for a one bedroom alcove apartment and £1068 for a four-bedroom house with private mooring in Cap d'Agde. Press contact: Rebecca Maffeis (rmaffeis@lagrange-holidays.co.uk).

Bank Holiday Get-Aways. Take the family to France from just **£399 per family for 7 nights** including Dover/Calais return. Set off on the 25th, 26th or 27th August and there is still time go get home before school starts. Swimming pools, waterslides, beautiful beaches and great fun for all the family. **Matthews Holidays** (www.matthewsfrance.co.uk) have 2 bedroom mobile homes to accommodate up to six people on 4* campsites mostly by the sea. Reservations: 01483 285213. Press Contact: Iris Matthews - Tel: 01483 284044 or iris@matthewsholidays.ltd.uk

Hotel Barging -Late Offers

Southwest France. There's £500 off per person on the August 28 cruise aboard the deluxe 8 passenger 'Enchanté' which cruises the sun-drenched Canal du Midi. And on the 'Rosa', another delightful 8 passenger hotel barge cruising the Canal de la Garonne in Gascony, there's also £500 off per person on the September 4 and 25 departures.

Every 6 night cruise includes all gourmet meals, fine wines, an open bar, excursions to historic towns like Carcassonne, Narbonne and Agen, private wine and armagnac tastings, local transfers and of course, the services of your own doting crew.

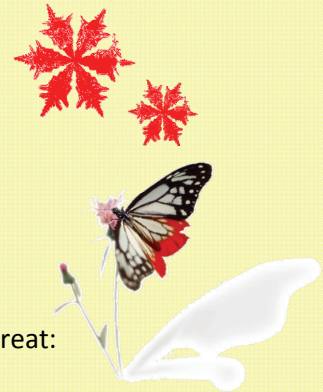
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Price: 260€

www.compagniedesballons.com

Flight above the Mont Blanc from Megève:

A breathtaking flight around the Mont Blanc and its mythical summits: Aiguille du Goûter, Grandes Jorasses, Aiguille du Midi, Mer de Glace, Glacier du Géant...

Price: 96€ (30mn flight) www.aerocime.com or www.megeve.com

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Tandem flight above the emerald waters of lake Aiguebelette, only 10mn drive from Chambéry.

Price: 60€ (includes the transfer to the spot)

Available for disabled www.aiguebeletteparapente.fr



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