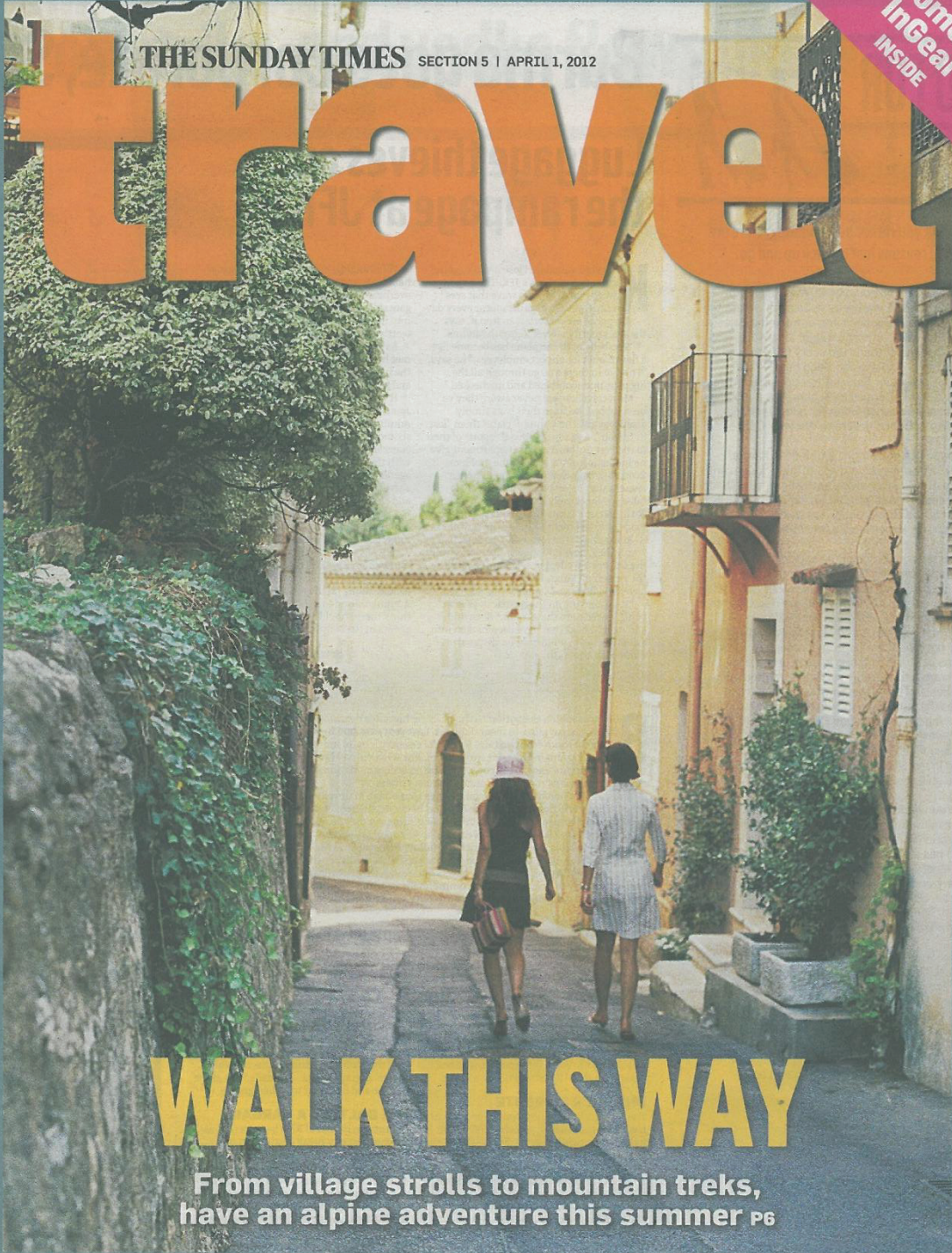


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**Wouldn't you rather be on holiday? Here are six good reasons just to pack up and go...**

**In one week:** you could be at Warwick Castle (0871 265 2000, warwick-castle.com), where the new Witches attraction aims to freak the bejesus out of you with the horrid tale of local sorceress Moll Bloxham. If that's too scary (it's for over-10s only), there's also a dragon-egg hunt — with prizes — and other feudal attractions. Superbreak (0871 222 3055, superbreak.com) has a night in the Chesford Grange Hotel for a family of four, including entrance tickets to Warwick Castle from £140, B&B.

Prague has no dragons, but it does have a lovely Easter market in the Old Town Square and Wenceslas Square, where ancient crones will add your name to hand-painted Easter eggs. BA (0844 493 0758, ba.com/prague) has two nights' B&B at the four-star Expo Hotel, with flights, from £269.

**In two weeks:** you could be backing the winner at the Grand National. Gullivers Sports Travel (01684 878692, gulliverstravel.co.uk) has VIP entry to the country lawn, lunch, a free bar and Bob Champion on hand to offer betting tips for £333pp.

Alternatively, you could be at the world's biggest water fight. As the monsoon approaches, the citizens of Luang Prabang in Laos prepare for Songkran, a supposedly sacred event requiring galoshes and the biggest water pistol you can buy, as the entire city spends three days happily drenching anyone in range. Wexas Travel (020 7838 5892, wexas.com) has a 10-day trip from £2,330, including flights, transfers, hotels and guided tours, taking in the water fight and other highlights, such as the still-unexplained Plain of Jars.

**In three weeks:** you could be in New Zealand, where autumn is both sunny and cheap. Discover the World (01737 214291, discover-the-world.co.uk) has a two-week fly-drive, taking in Auckland, the Bay of Islands, the Coromandel Peninsula, the geysers and bubbling mud pools of geothermal Rotorua, Hawke's Bay, Wellington and South Island. The price, including flights, car hire and accommodation, is from £1,761pp.

**In four weeks:** you could be in Chile's Torres del Paine National Park, where the hot summer days have been chased away by the brisk austral autumn. Expect frost on the ground, fiery sunsets and the famed rainbow mists of Lake Nordenskjold. Sunvil Traveller (020 8758 4774, sunvil.co.uk) has a seven-day guided trip, exploring five brand-new walking trails, from £3,895pp, including flights, full board and guided activities. Pack a jumper.

**TRAVEL APP  
OF THE WEEK**



**Foodspotting (Apple, Android)**

Why guess what your food will look like when you can see it before ordering? This app lets you browse photographs of other diners' tried-and-tested meals and upload pictures of your own, adding comments if you wish. Search by dish and restaurant, or via a map for nearby places to eat. Tasty.

**apple.com; android.com; free**