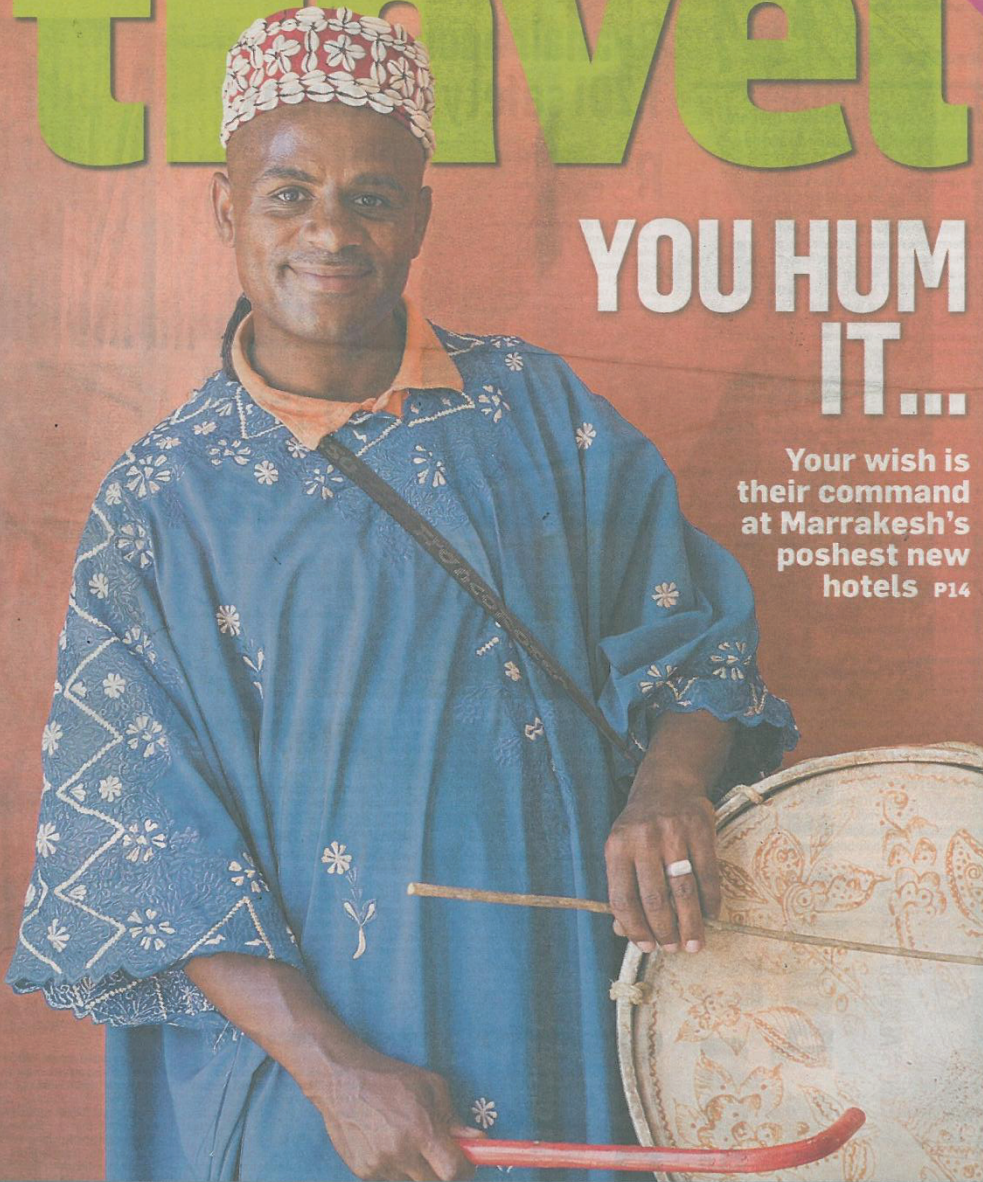


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Your wish is their command at Marrakesh's poshest new hotels P14



### GO FOR IT...



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

**In one week:** you could be at the Llandoverly Sheep Festival in Carmarthenshire (llandoverly-sheepfestival.co.uk), an annual event devised to lure the feeble-minded into making bad jokes about sheep. The weekend celebrates all things ovine, from sheepshearing to sheepdog trials and guided walks to wool workshops. Stay at the Castle Hotel (01550 720343, www.castle-hotel-llandoverly.co.uk), where two nights' B&B cost £75pp, based on two sharing. Baagain.

Or you could be on a cut-price French autumn break at Les Sources de Caudalie, on the Château Smith Haut Lafitte vineyard, near Bordeaux, home to a Michelin-starred restaurant and the Caudalie Vinotherapie spa (00 33 5 57 83 83 83, sources-caudalie.com). Three nights are down from £576 to £435, room-only. Flights to Bordeaux from Gatwick start at £96 with British Airways (0844 493 0758, ba.com).

**In two weeks:** you could be in Munich for the Oktoberfest. This year's top beer price is £7.60 a litre — that's £4.35 a pint. Not cheap, but drink enough and you won't care. Wexas Travel (020 7838 5892, wexas.com) has a three-night break, staying at the Maritim, from £642pp, B&B, with flights.

Prefer a margarita? BA has knocked 40% off a week's all-inclusive at the five-star Dreams Tulum Resort & Spa, on Mexico's Mayan Riviera. It now starts at £929pp, including flights.

**In three weeks:** you could be looking for black rhino in Namibia's Etosha National Park, which has mostly escaped the scourge of poaching and has a population of 260 of the critically endangered herbivores. Best place to see the bashful beasts is the floodlit Okaukuejo waterhole. Acacia Africa (020 7706 4700, acacia-africa.com) has an 11-day, no-frills Cape desert safari from £531pp; flights to Windhoek start at £1,066 with BA.

Or Sovereign Luxury Travel (0844 415 1936, sovereign.com) has a week at the Amathus Beach Hotel, in Pathos, Cyprus, for £1,035pp, including flights and upgrade to half-board, saving £300.

**In four weeks:** you could be saving £565 on a stay on L'Anse aux Epines, on Grenada. Kuoni (0844 488 0125, kuoni.co.uk) has a week's B&B at the Calabash hotel, which has a Gary Rhodes restaurant, for £1,198pp, including flights and a guaranteed upgrade to a superior suite.

Alternatively, you could go for seven nights in a suite at Sri Lanka's classy Amanwella, from £2,600pp, including flights, with Bailey Robinson (01488 689777, baileyrobinson.com).