

—TRAVEL-

TOP TIPS

Buying abroad? iOAdria's Julian Houchin advises on making a sound investment

"Choose an accessible location with year-round demand. Good resort amenities and an established management company are also important. Before investing, research projected tourism growth, hotel occupancy levels, competition and seasonality. Whilst the reputation of the management company is important, the lifestyle on offer must also hold broad appeal. Sun Gardens in Dubrovnik combines these elements. The development of 207 residences has an excellent rental track record, as it is one of the few integrated resorts along the Dalmatian Coast offering an extensive range of amenities and backing from a well-established management team. We have seen continued demand for rental properties in this part of Croatia thanks to its central European location, enduring tourism growth and its imminent entrance to the EU." For details, see www. dubrovníksungardens.com



Family fun

"Just because you have children, it doesn't mean you have to stop being adventurous," says Anna Colclough, co-founder of Tourdust. Along with husband Ben, she's on a mission to prove that having the kids in tow doesn't have to limit your choices. They've just launched a new collection of tried and tested family adventure holidays; from camel trekking in the Sahara to off-the-beaten-track safaris in Kenya, these are more bucket list than bucket and spade. We love the sound of a week spent exploring the Elaphite Islands off Dubrovnik by sea kayak - what better way to see this beautiful part of the world than paddling, snorkelling and playing on the beach? More land lubber than water baby, worry not, there are plenty of itineraries to appeal to your brood, so start planning your summer break now, and make it a holiday to remember. For bookings and further information contact Tourdust (020 3291 2907: www.tourdust.com)

3 of the best... Glamping



YURT VILLAGE, THE PARK

MAWGAN PORTH

No ordinary tents, the yurts at this Cornish campsite offer proper beds, wood burning stoves and even televisions. But there'll be little time for watching the box though, once you're done surfing at the beach, enjoying the on-site leisure facilities, and exploring the local nature trails. And when you do want to take the weight off your feet at the end of a long day, we'll wager that the outdoor hot tub is a much more attractive option.

The Park, Mawgan Porth, Cornwall, TR8 4BD (01637 860322; www.mawganporth.co.uk)



ELEPHANT LODGE

PORT LYMPNE

Kids will go wild over this unique glampsite at Port Lympne Wild Animal Park. Luxurious tented safari lodges with private bathroom facilities and their own power supply overlook the elephant paddocks and offer stunning views across the Romney marsh to the Kent coastline. You'll enjoy unlimited park entry, plus dusk safari drives and big cat feeds: all the fun of a far-flung adventure, with no long haul flight. Port Lympne Wild Animal Park, Lympne. Nr Hythe, Kent, CT21 4PD (0844 855 0274; www.aspinallfoundation.org/short-breaks)



TREEHOUSES

WEST LEXHAM

Get back-to-nature in Norfolk; nestled in peaceful woodland and chicly furnished with antique pieces, these treehouses assure a unique retreat in the treetops. Wood burners, goose down duvets and hot water bottles in hand-knitted cosies guarantee a toasty night's sleep, whatever the weather. And, to ensure you feel right at home, you'll be supplied with a welcome hamper bursting with local produce. West Lexham Education Centre. Kings Lynn, Norfolk, PE32 20N (01760 755434; www.westlexham.org)