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BRIT designer Emma Lomax, famous for her cute travel bags, has launched a new line. Her wash and make-up bags are so adorable they'll make you glad if you have to unpack at the security belt so you can show off.

From £22, emmalomax.com



In the cheap seats

THERE are just a few days left of easyJet's 20th-birthday sale. To celebrate the milestone, the carrier has cut the cost of flights by 20 per cent to some of Europe's bigger destinations, such as Santorini, Rome and Malaga, on holidays taken before July 6. The birthday celebrations also extend to easyJet holidays, offering up to 15 per cent off seven-night holidays including both flight and hotels [typically rated between two and four stars] to a host of destinations including the Amalfi Coast, the Algarve, Ibiza and Crete. The sale ends at midnight on Wednesday. easyjet.com



The HOT List

From Russia wilderness to divorce breaks and activities for older kids

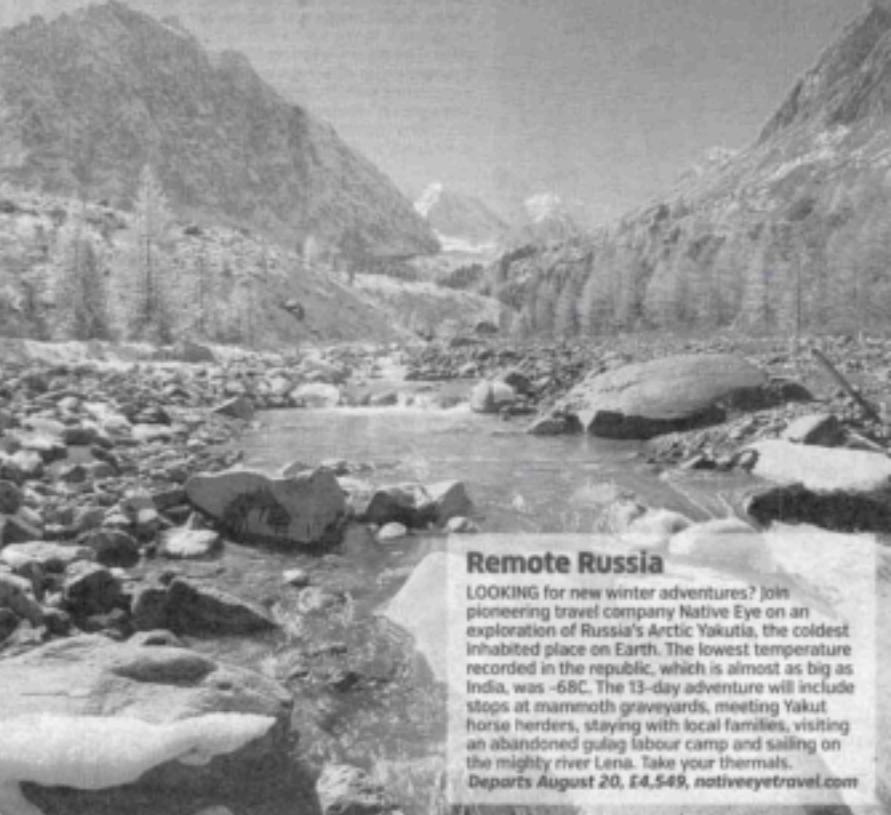
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Teen explorers

If your teenagers are bored of beach breaks, tour operator Scott Dunn may have the answer. Its new Crew programme in Greece's stylish Costa Navarino and Croatia's Sun Garden resorts offers the over-18s 18 hours of grown-up activities over six days aimed at giving them some independence, such as wakeboarding, paddleboarding, rock climbing and go-karting. British Airways has a new direct flight from London Heathrow to Kalamata International Airport, making it easier for you to reach Greece.

From £1,580 per person for seven

nights during May half-term, scottdunn.com



Remote Russia

LOOKING for new winter adventures? Join pioneering travel company Native Eye on an exploration of Russia's Arctic Yakutia, the coldest inhabited place on Earth. The lowest temperature recorded in the republic, which is almost as big as India, was -68C. The 13-day adventure will include stops at mammoth graveyards, meeting Yakut horse herders, staying with local families, visiting an abandoned gulag labour camp and sailing on the mighty river Lena. Take your thermals. Departs August 20, £4,549, nativeeyetravel.com



Country retreat will cure divorce blues

JANUARY can often mean divorce as well as diets. If you're seeking some post-split peace, then this new Break-Up Recovery Retreat could be for you. The two-day workshop is led by Sara Davison, one of Britain's leading divorce coaches, who is on a mission to guide people through the often messy process of a split. Taking place at the five-star South Lodge country house hotel in West Sussex, on the edge of the South Downs national park, the first day will focus on the break up and what can be learned from it, while the second is all about creating an exciting new future.

£799, including a three-course lunch on both days, February 19 and 20, saradavison.com



An Ace draw for New Orleans

THE Deep South's steamiest city welcomes a new Ace outpost in March. The kitsch hotel brand will bring its unique sense of fun to New Orleans's sprawling Warehouse District. The 234-room property will open in a 1928 art deco building and will be overseen by interior design firm Roman and Williams, which is behind NYC's Standard hotel and Hotel Emma in Texas. The new spot will have a rooftop pool, a restaurant headed up by chefs Andy Ticer and Michael Hudman, and a branch of Portland's Stumptown Coffee Roasters.

From £129 per night, acehotel.com