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I'm a travel expert and this is where I'd book for a November holiday

There's still time for a getaway before winter rolls in, whether on a beach break in Goa or at a Munich Christmas market

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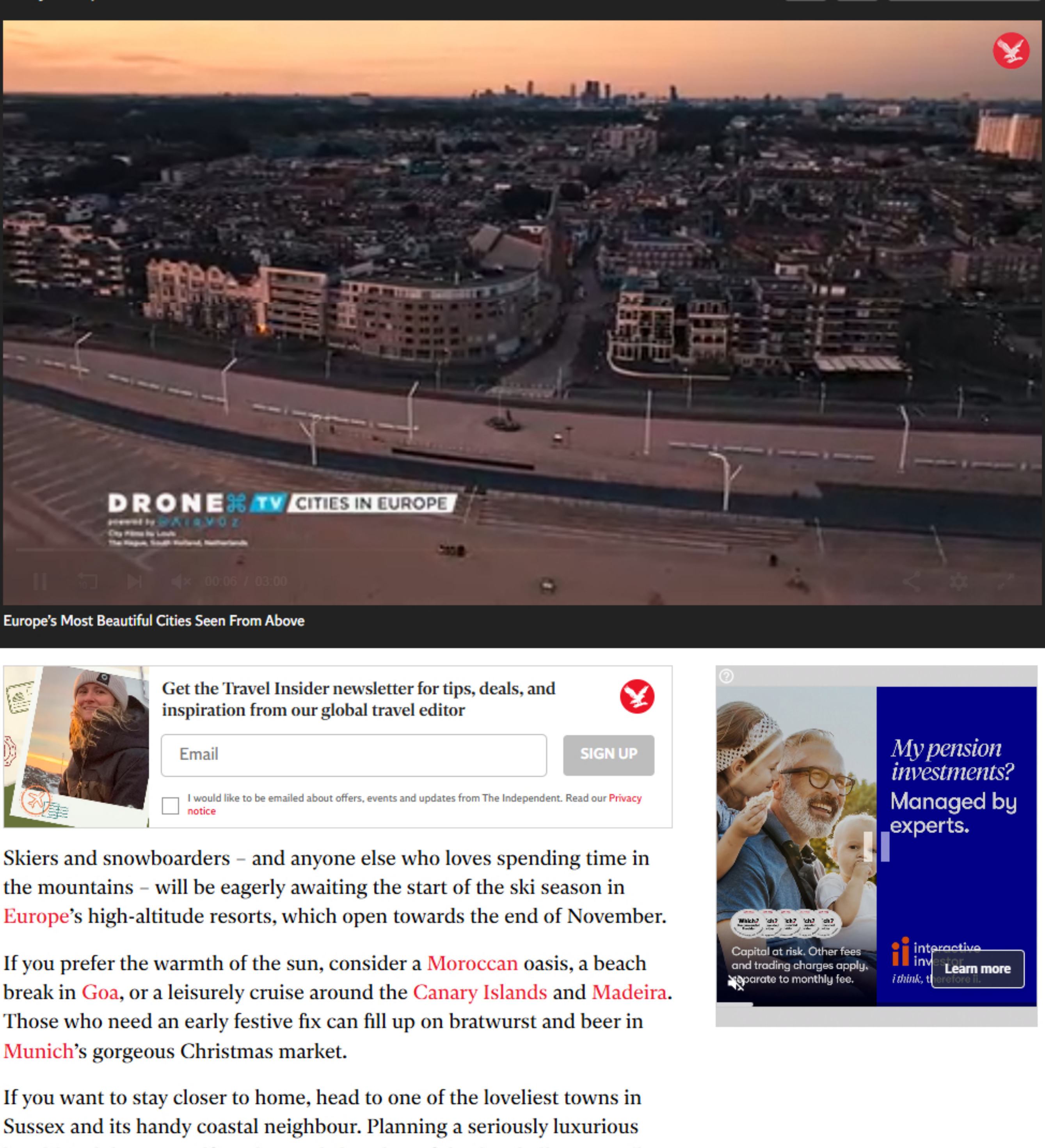

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Skiers and snowboarders – and anyone else who loves spending time in the mountains – will be eagerly awaiting the start of the ski season in Europe's high-altitude resorts, which open towards the end of November.

If you prefer the warmth of the sun, consider a Moroccan oasis, a beach break in Goa, or a leisurely cruise around the Canary Islands and Madeira. Those who need an early festive fix can fill up on bratwurst and beer in Munich's gorgeous Christmas market.

If you want to stay closer to home, head to one of the loveliest towns in Sussex and its handy coastal neighbour. Planning a seriously luxurious break? Indulge yourself on the sandy beaches of the Seychelles or spoil yourself in Venice and on a journey on the Venice Simplon-Orient-Express.

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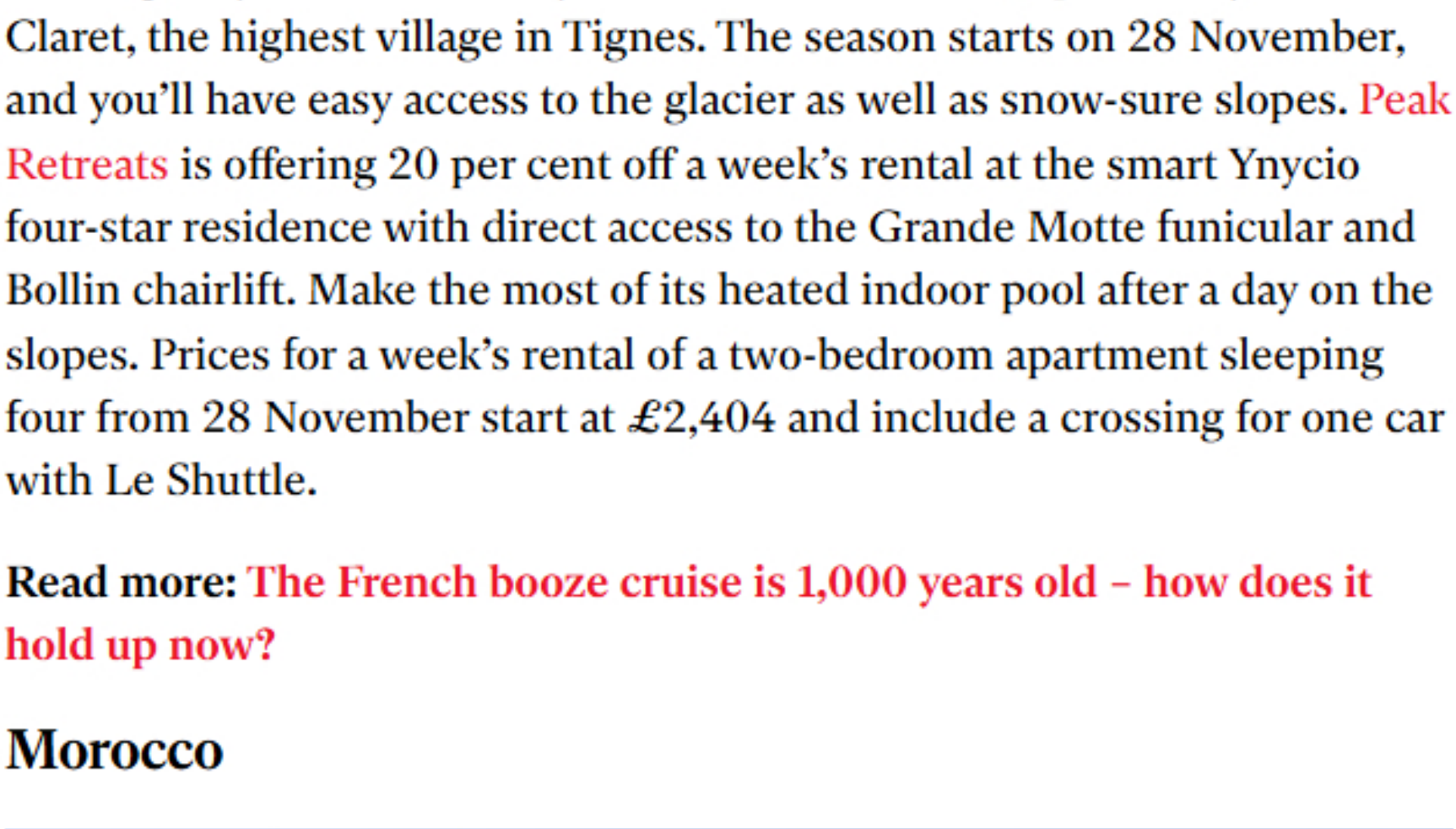

Val Claret is the highest village in the Tignes *(Getty Images/iStockphoto)*

Aim high if you want an early start to the ski season, specifically Val Claret, the highest village in Tignes. The season starts on 28 November, and you'll have easy access to the glacier as well as snow-sure slopes. Peak Retreats is offering 20 per cent off a week's rental at the smart Ynycio four-star residence with direct access to the Grande Motte funicular and Bollin chairlift. Make the most of its heated indoor pool after a day on the slopes. Prices for a week's rental of a two-bedroom apartment sleeping four from 28 November start at £2,404 and include a crossing for one car with Le Shuttle.

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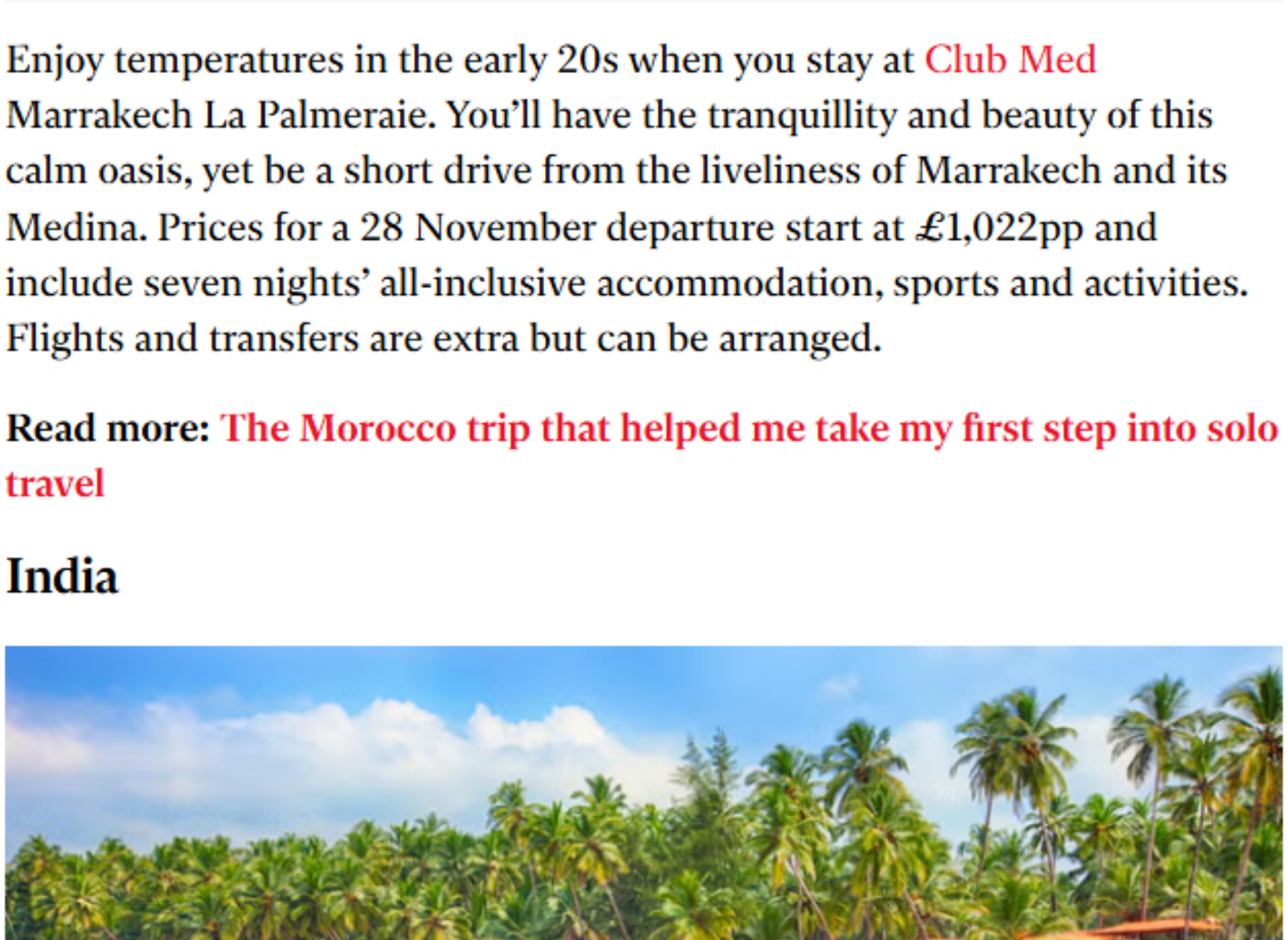
Morocco



Morocco sees balmy temperatures even in November *(Getty Images)*

Enjoy temperatures in the early 20s when you stay at Club Med Marrakech La Palmeraie. You'll have the tranquillity and beauty of this calm oasis, yet be a short drive from the liveliness of Marrakech and its Medina. Prices for a 28 November departure start at £1,022pp and include seven nights' all-inclusive accommodation, sports and activities. Flights and transfers are extra but can be arranged.

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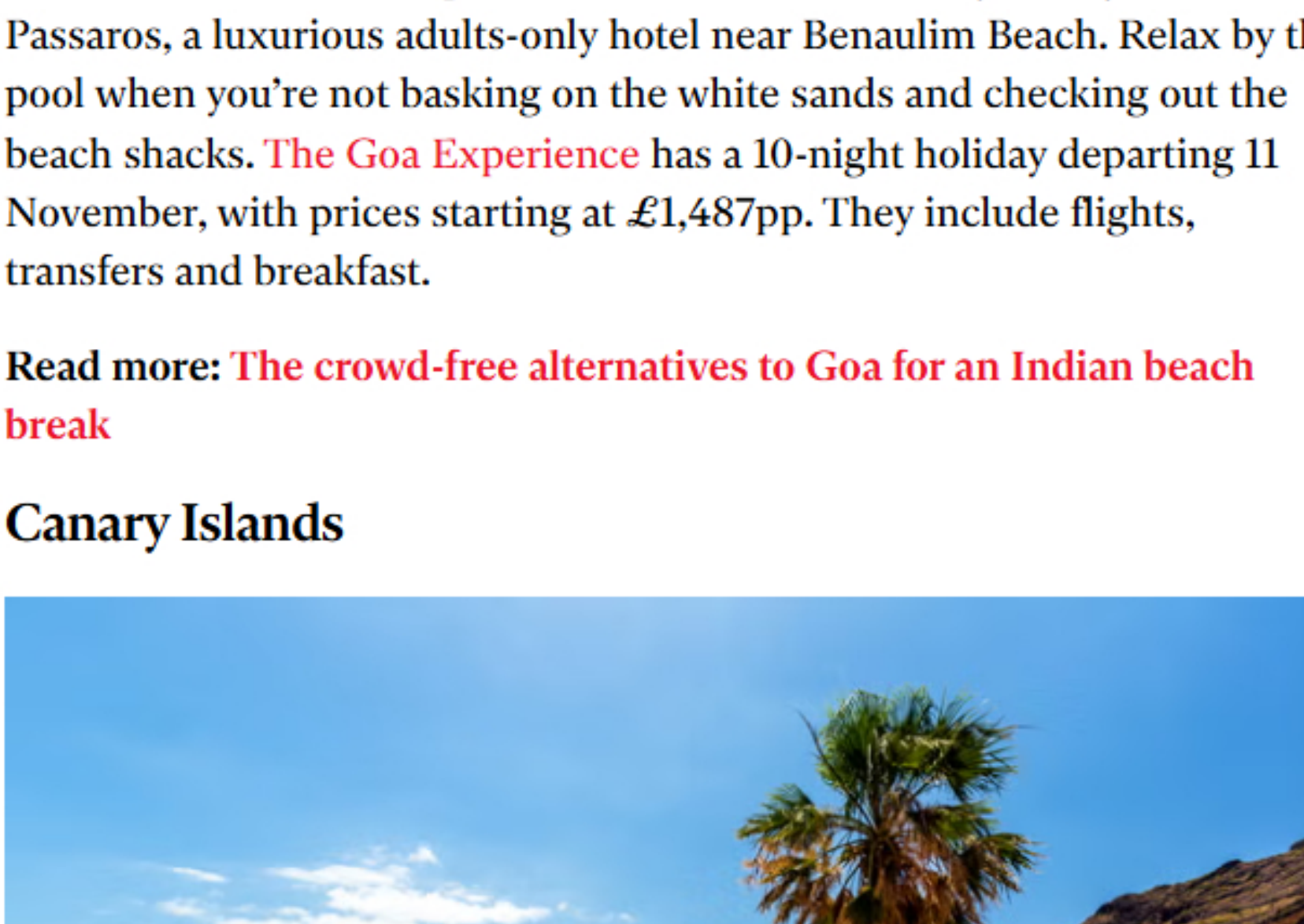
India



Goa is famous for its coastal beaches *(Getty Images/iStockphoto)*

Goa's soft sands and stupendous sunsets await when you stay at Orchid Passaros, a luxurious adults-only hotel near Benaulim Beach. Relax by the pool when you're not basking on the white sands and checking out the beach shacks. The Goa Experience has a 10-night holiday departing 11 November, with prices starting at £1,487pp. They include flights, transfers and breakfast.

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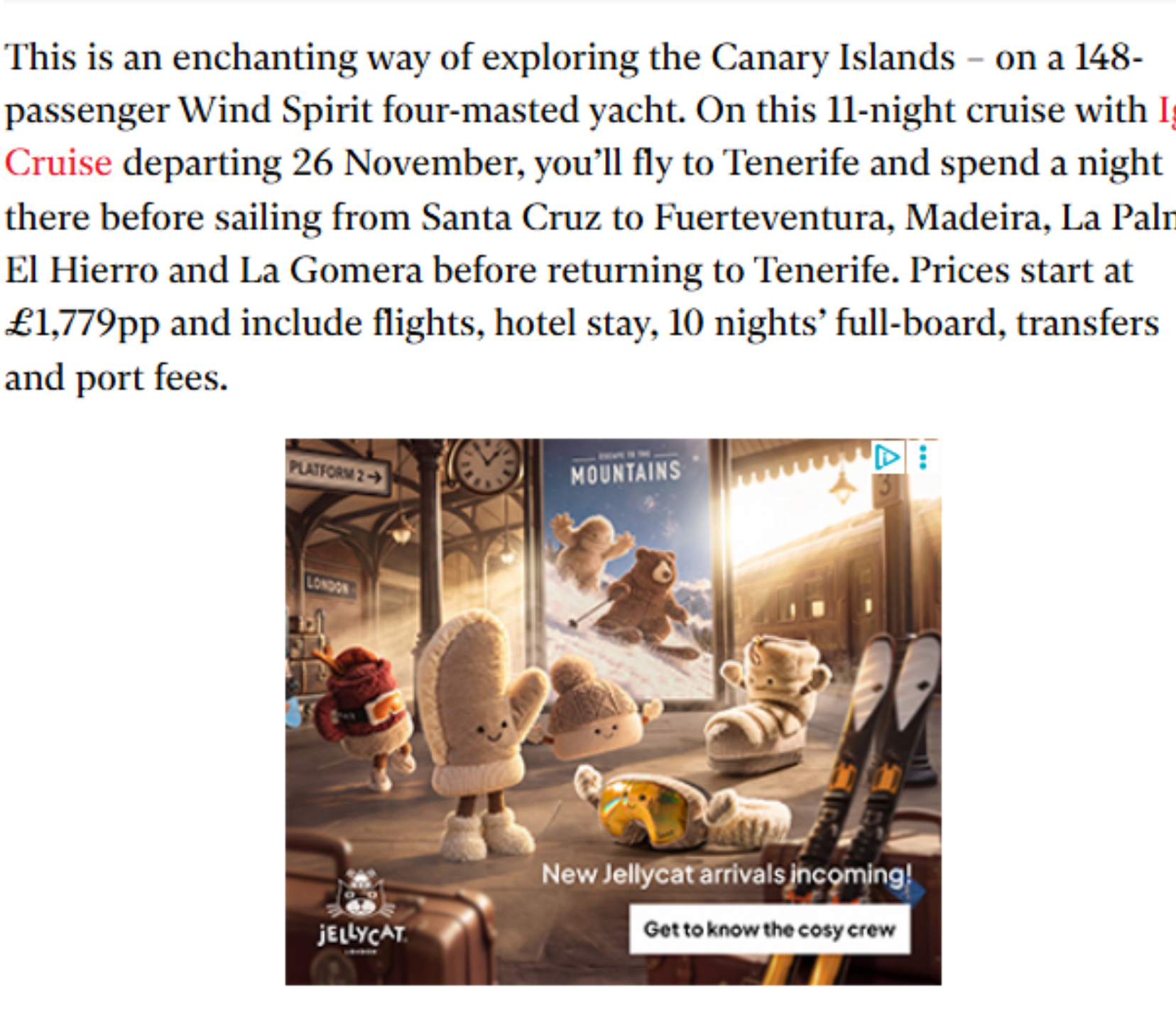
Canary Islands



Take in Tenerife on this 11-night cruise *(Getty Images)*

This is an enchanting way of exploring the Canary Islands – on a 148-passenger Wind Spirit four-masted yacht. On this 11-night cruise with Iglu Cruise departing 26 November, you'll fly to Tenerife and spend a night there before sailing from Santa Cruz to Fuerteventura, Madeira, La Palma, El Hierro and La Gomera before returning to Tenerife. Prices start at £1,779pp and include flights, hotel stay, 10 nights' full-board, transfers and port fees.

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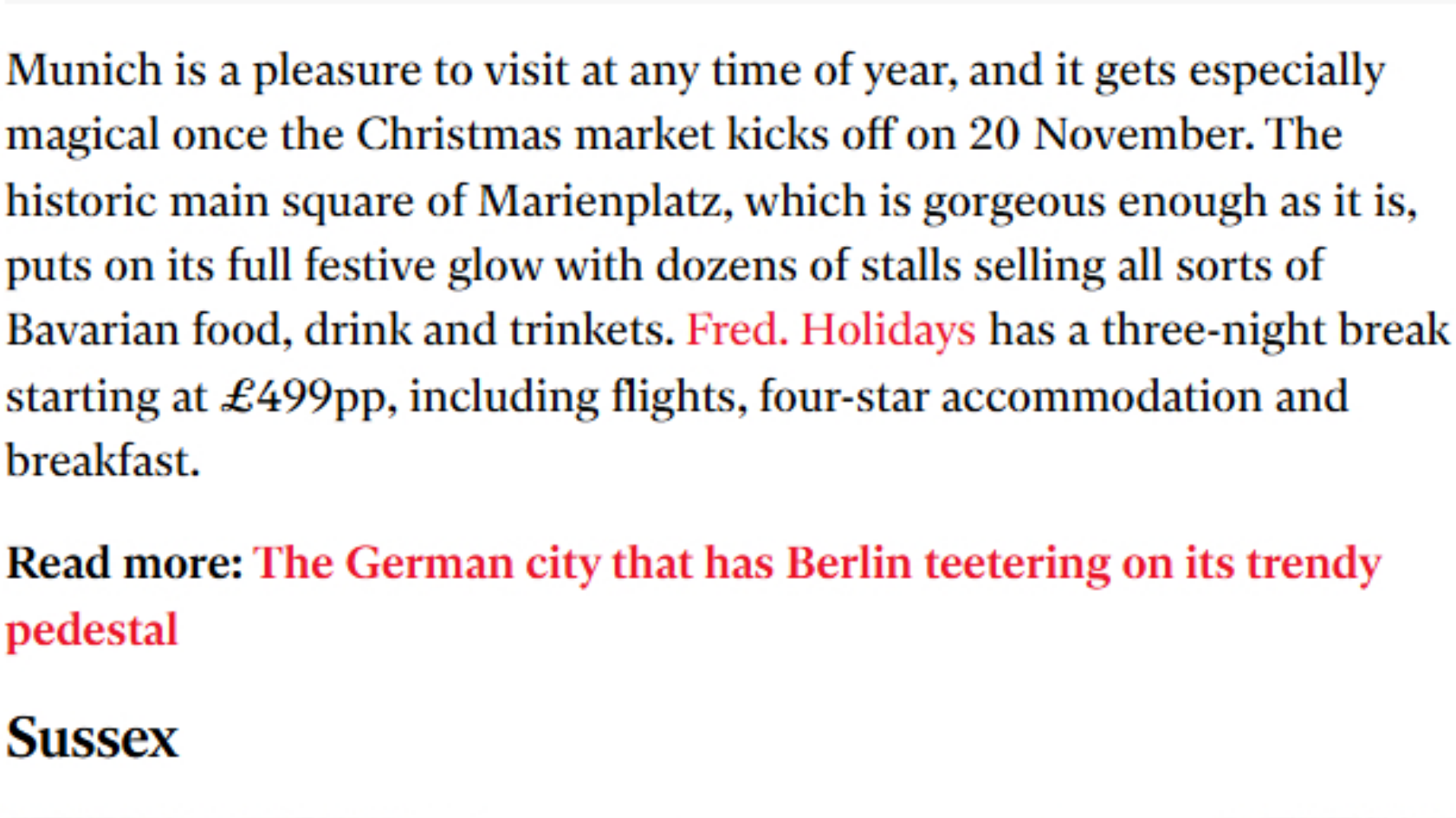
Germany



The main Munich Christkindlmarkt at Marienplatz runs from 20 November *(Getty Images/iStockphoto)*

Munich is a pleasure to visit at any time of year, and it gets especially magical once the Christmas market kicks off on 20 November. The historic main square of Marienplatz, which is gorgeous enough as it is, puts on its full festive glow with dozens of stalls selling all sorts of Bavarian food, drink and trinkets. Fred. Holidays has a three-night break starting at £499pp, including flights, four-star accommodation and breakfast.

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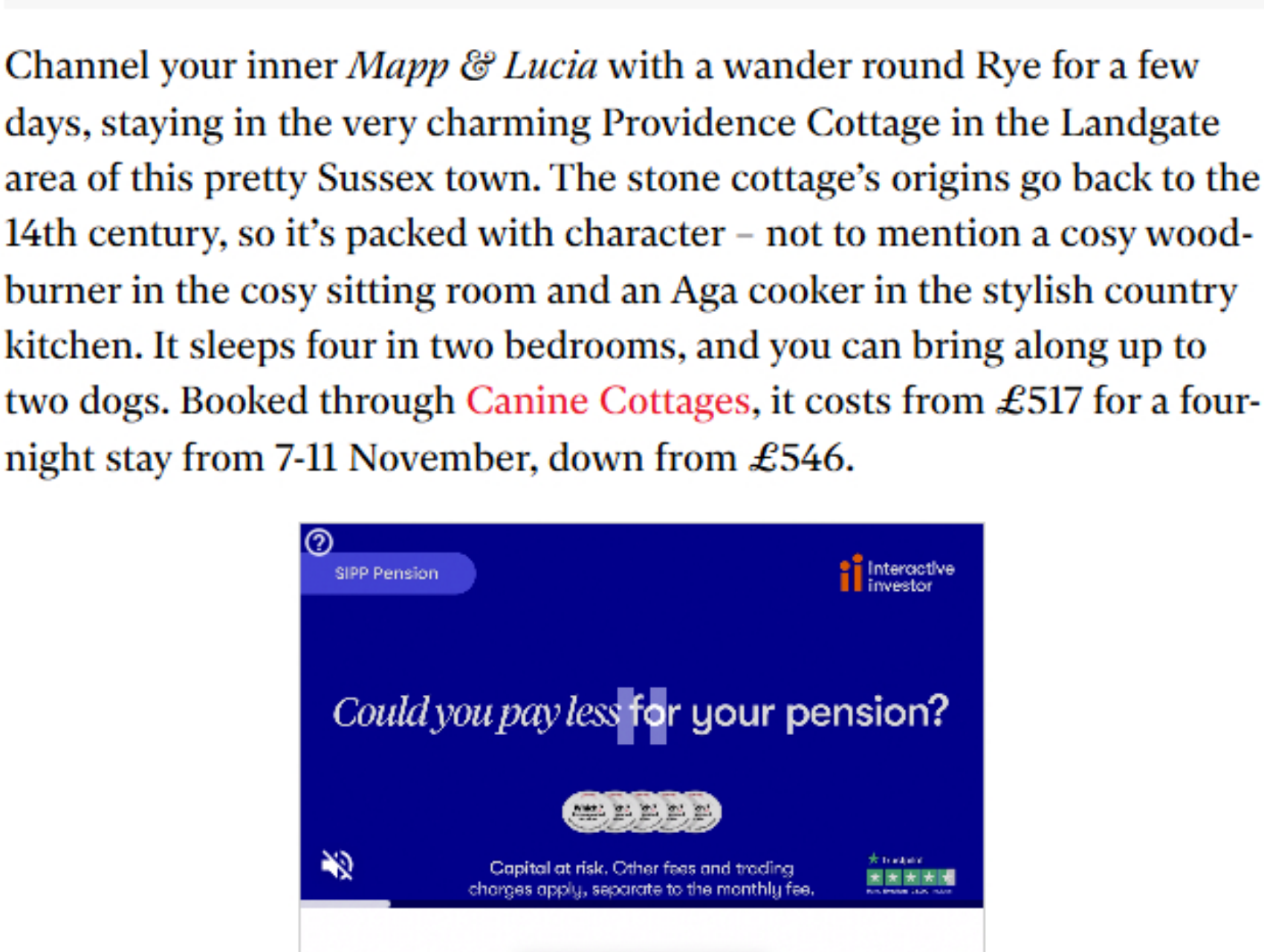
Sussex



Spend time wandering around Rye *(Getty Images)*

Channel your inner *Mapp & Lucia* with a wander round Rye for a few days, staying in the very charming Providence Cottage in the Landgate area of this pretty Sussex town. The stone cottage's origins go back to the 14th century, so it's packed with character – not to mention a cosy wood-burner in the cosy sitting room and an Aga cooker in the stylish country kitchen. It sleeps four in two bedrooms, and you can bring along up to two dogs. Booked through Canine Cottages, it costs from £517 for a four-night stay from 7-11 November, down from £546.

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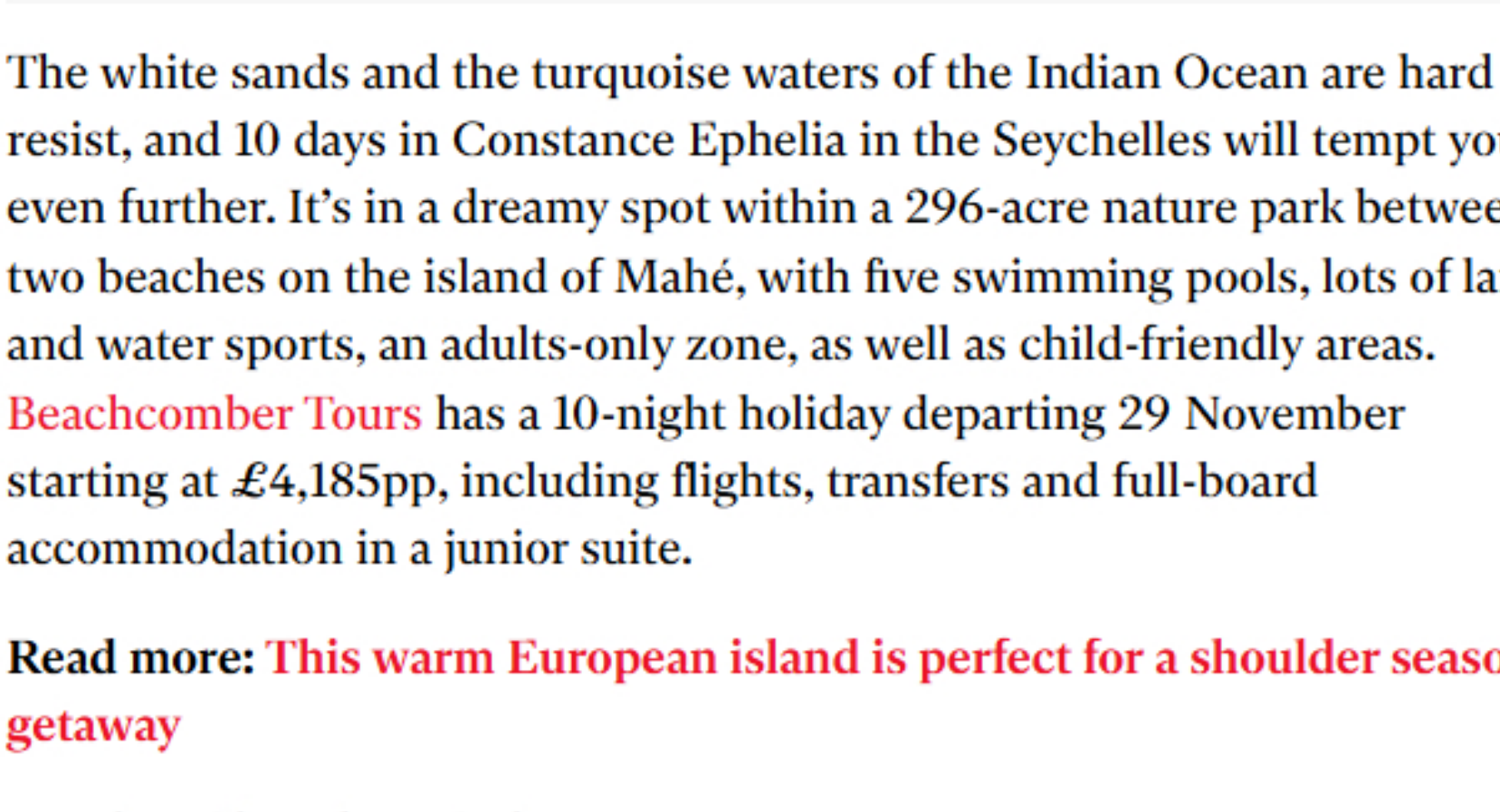
Seychelles



Mahé is the largest island in the Seychelles *(Getty Images)*

The white sands and the turquoise waters of the Indian Ocean are hard to resist, and 10 days in Constance Ephelia in the Seychelles will tempt you even further. It's in a dreamy spot within a 296-acre nature park between two beaches on the island of Mahé, with five swimming pools, lots of land and water sports, an adults-only zone, as well as child-friendly areas. Beachcomber Tours has a 10-night holiday departing 29 November starting at £4,185pp, including flights, transfers and full-board accommodation in a junior suite.

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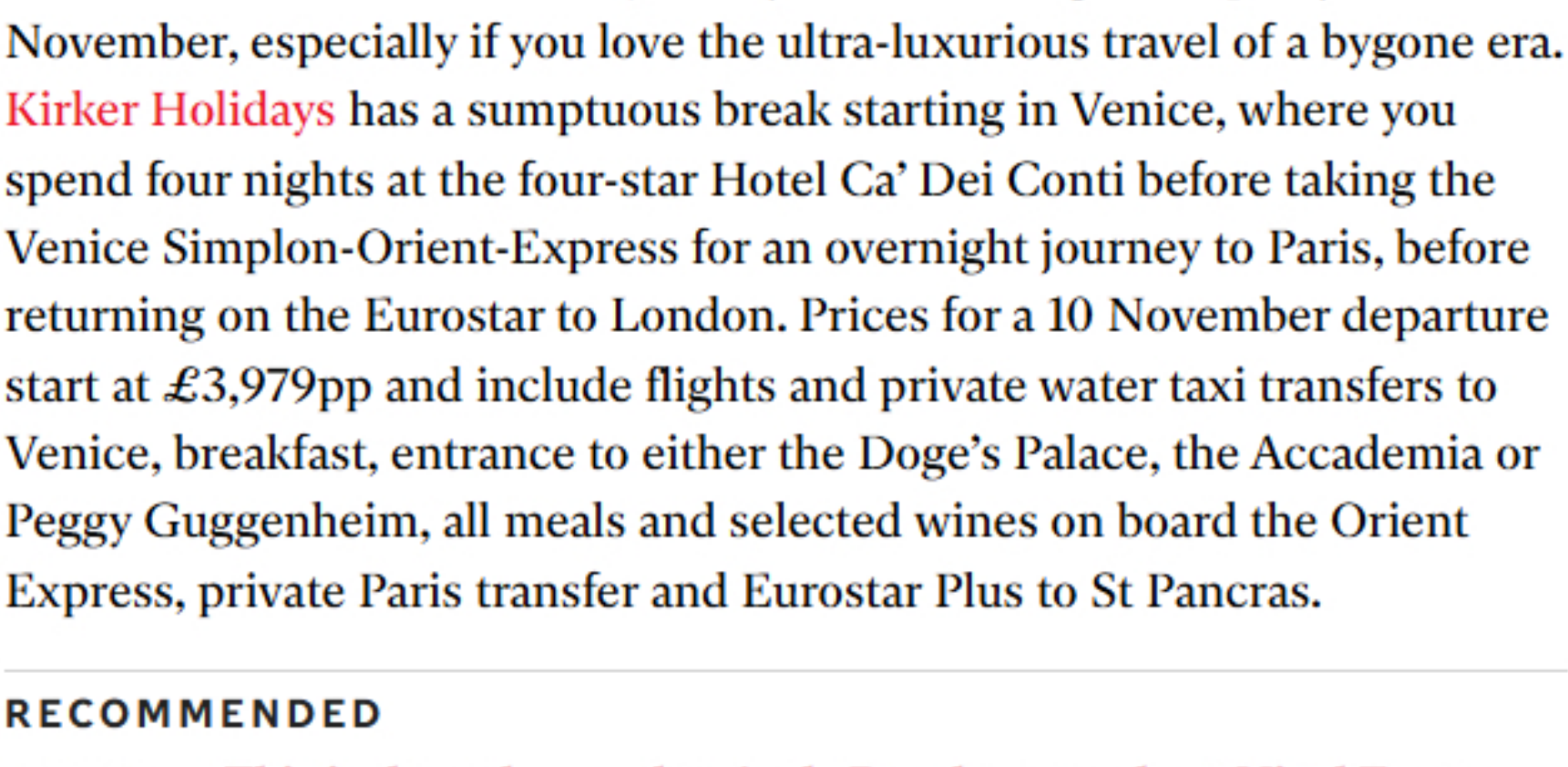
Venice Simplon-Orient-Express



The Venice Simplon-Orient-Express is a luxury long-distance sleeper train operated by Belmond *(Getty Images)*

This is one of those romantic journeys that will brighten up anyone's November, especially if you love the ultra-luxurious travel of a bygone era. Kirker Holidays has a sumptuous break starting in Venice, where you spend four nights at the four-star Hotel Ca' Dei Conti before taking the Venice Simplon-Orient-Express for an overnight journey to Paris, before returning on the Eurostar to London. Prices for a 10 November departure start at £3,979pp and include flights and private water taxi transfers to Venice, breakfast, entrance to either the Doge's Palace, the Accademia or Peggy Guggenheim, all meals and selected wines on board the Orient Express, private Paris transfer and Eurostar Plus to St Pancras.

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