

TRAVELLER

Making Waves

All aboard as we head to Ericeira in Portugal for sun, sand and – officially – Europe's best surf

Achtung Baby!
An insider's guide to the best of Berlin

From A(rancini) to Z(apiekanka)
A glossary of the network's most delicious street food

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Indulge your inner Indiana Jones in the ancient ruins of Cyprus

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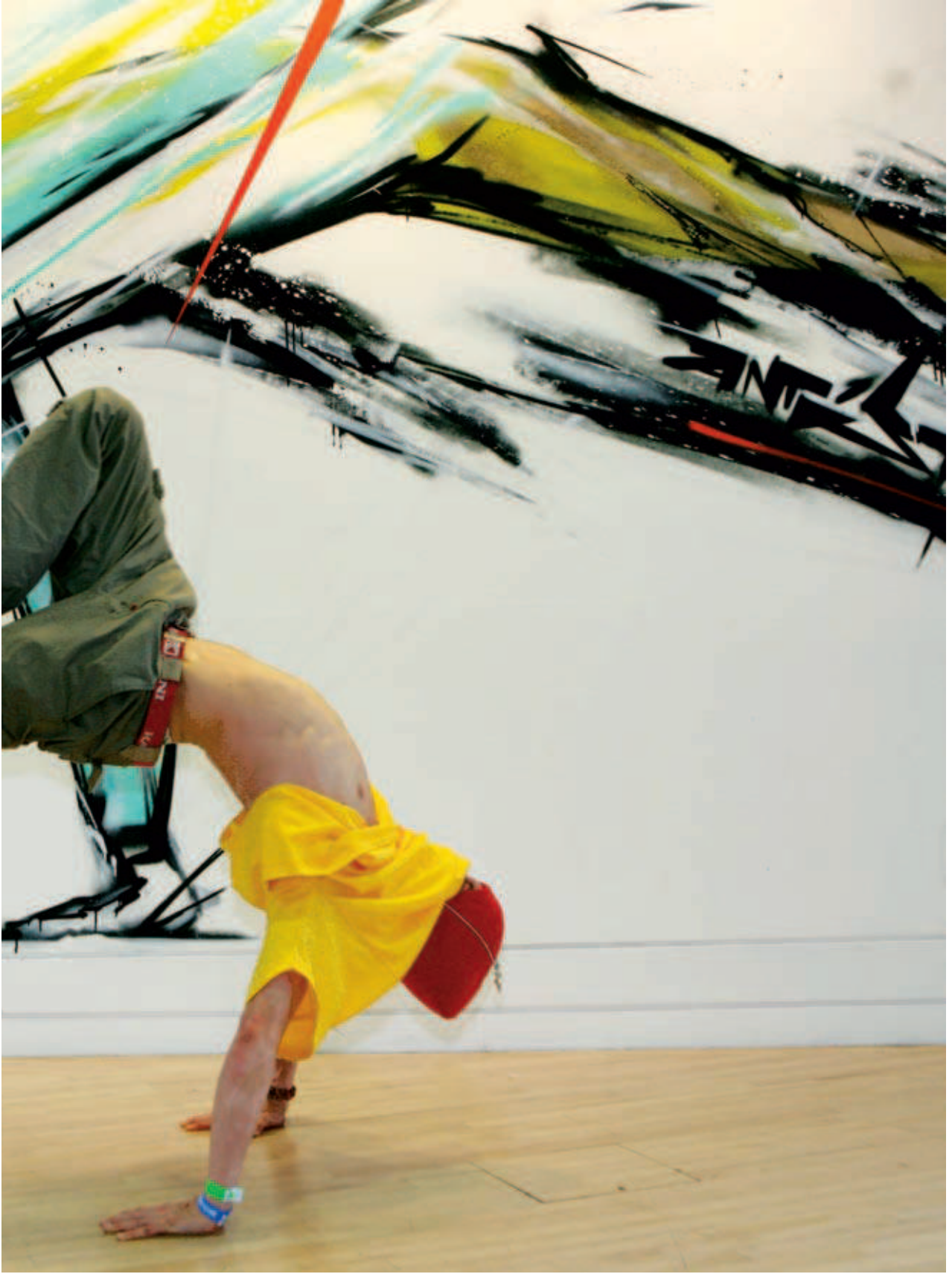
Breakin' Convention

UK (VARIOUS)

Move to the groove of a different beat with some of the best b-boys and b-girls on this year's Breakin' Convention national tour. Busting onto London's Saddler's Wells' stage on 5-7 May before heading off, the tour will feature great performances from more than 40 of the world's very best hip-hop dance acts, including the current world champions, French wonderkids Vagabond Crew, and artists from Korea, Japan and Ghana. Plus, you can learn to pop, lock, hype and boogaloo at freestyle workshops with live hip-hop DJs. Catch all the action in London, Birmingham (14-15 May), Edinburgh (18-19 May), Inverness (22 May) and Bristol (31 May). *Tickets start from £15. breakinconvention.com*

One of Breakin' Convention's dancers photographed in the foyer at Saddler's Wells





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What's going on?
STAR TOURS



UNTIL 25 OCTOBER

The Cézanne Sites

MARSEILLE Aix-en-Provence – less than 30 minutes from Marseille – was once the hometown of post-impressionist Paul Cézanne. Now weekly tours (10am on Thursdays) here allow visitors to walk in his footsteps to see the studio (above) of the man whom Picasso said was “the father of us all”. €8 per person; aixenprovencetourism.com.

NEW LAUNCH

Marvin Gaye's app

BRUSSELS The city of Ostend, a 75-minute drive west of Brussels, is famous for two things: strong winds and Marvin Gaye. The tragic soul singer braved the breezes to live here in 1981 and now you can follow his footsteps around the Belgian seaside town by downloading an app from the tourist office website. €5; visitoostende.be

SUMMER 2012

Christopher Isherwood Tour

BERLIN Isherwood's 1945 novella, *The Berlin Stories*, conjured a night world of dancers and dreamers – later crystallised into the much-loved musical *Cabaret*. Now a risqué new walking tour, inspired by his life in the city, uncovers a 1930s Berlin rich with the decadence of the Weimar era. €10 per person; cabaret-berlin.com

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The Queen Spotter's Guide

As the UK gears up for The Queen's Diamond Jubilee, here's our handy guide to identifying the right one...



fig a.

THE QUEEN *Elizabeth Regina*
Characteristics Lady of a certain age. Waves a lot. Elaborate plumage. Wears a lot of headgear, from muted pastel creations to big, gold crowns, plus a natty perm-and-sensible-shoe combo.
Enviros State occasions, palaces.
Spot Thanks to celebrations marking her 60th year on the throne, there will be sighting opportunities in London on 2-5 June (thediamondjubilee.org).



fig b.

PEARLY QUEEN *Buttonus mostus*
Characteristics Heavy clothing, shiny buttons. Speaks in rhyming slang. Tirelessly fundraises for charity.
Enviros Street parties in east London, markets and working-men's clubs.
Spot Spy her carrying out charity collections: try Covent Garden's Jubilee Market (jubileemarket.co.uk) on the third weekend of every month (19-20 May).



fig c.

DRAG QUEEN *Leggus maximus*
Characteristics Lots of make-up, flamboyant, rainbow-coloured dresses and bags of attitude. Not afraid to break spontaneously into song.
Enviros Soho, mostly. This nocturnal bird favours anywhere with loads of glitz, glamour and large cocktails.
Spot Floridita Nightclub (floriditalondon.com) runs regular Drag Queen Dance Classes.



fig d.

QUEEN *Rockus megastarus*
Characteristics Big hair, big guitars, big voices, big on leather.
Enviros Stadiums, festivals and anywhere else that's fit for rock gods.
Spot Sadly Queen's reunion gig at Knebworth has been cancelled, but you might still spot them in the audience at the Dominion Theatre on 14 May for the 10th anniversary of the band's musical *We Will Rock You* (wewillrockyou.co.uk).

BOOK AHEAD

Planning a trip over the next few months? Make a note in your diary and get to one of these events



JULY

Benicassim Festival

BARCELONA

Whatever else you're up to this summer, be sure to save 12-15 July for partying with the hordes at Benicassim. Those who have been to this four-day music festival say it's Europe's best and this year they might be right. An impressive line-up has already been confirmed, with Bob

Dylan, reformed Manchester band The Stone Roses, Florence and the Machine and Noel Gallagher booking out the main stage, and more names pending. What makes it really special, however, is the setting: when things hot up in the crowds, just pop along to the beach and cool down in the Med. benicassimfestival.co.uk

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AUGUST

La Route du Champagne

LILLE/BRUSSELS

Despite the growing popularity of cava and prosecco, many still believe that nothing but the French bubbly will do. For these folk (and, yes, the rest of us), La Route du Champagne weekend of 4-5 August is a little piece of heaven. More than 20 top producers – including Demilly, Drappier, Favier Hubert and Cheq Gaston – in villages around the famous Champagne triangle will open their doors for free tastings. Buy a special-edition flute for €10 from one of the visitor centres – that's your key to try a snifter of their wares – and you're off on a tasting adventure. By night there are dinners, dances and live music too. 2012.routeduchampagne.com

SEPTEMBER

Reeperbahn Festival

HAMBURG

It might be Europe's most raunchy destination but for one weekend, on 20-22 September, the Reeperbahn – and the St Pauli district around it – will become the centre of a cool arts-and-music celebration. The Reeperbahn Festival showcases bohemian culture through spoken

word, comics, films, talks and exhibitions, while by night there are gigs by hot, upcoming bands in the venues along the legendarily debauched strip. It confirms what the citizens of Hamburg already know: that theirs is one of the most cutting-edge, coolest cities in northern Europe. reeperbahnfestival.com

