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- He admits NI increase broke manifesto pledge
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'Guffawing': Mrs May and Mr Hammond on Budget day

PHILIP HAMMOND was forced into a U-turn over his 'white van man tax' yesterday, just a week after announcing it in the Budget.

The chancellor conceded the rise in National Insurance contributions for self-employed workers went against a Tory manifesto pledge.

And he told the Commons he only realised he had broken the promise when the BBC reported it.

Labour's John McDonnell, the shadow chancellor, seized on the

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climbdown by recalling the scenes of hilarity on the government benches during the Budget speech.

He said Mr Hammond should have done his homework instead of 'writing stale jokes' – and claimed Theresa May had been 'guffawing like a feeding seal'. Mr McDonnell

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The European country will halve its air-travel tax from 2018, making trips to Vienna, Salzburg and its alpine ski resorts cheaper. 'Other countries should take note,' reckons the International Air Transport Association, 'particularly Germany and the UK.'

For... TOTS
The new Little Guest Hotel Collection (littleguestcollection.com) is aimed squarely at young children. Each of its 20 members offer kids' clubs, nannies, high chairs and baby cosmetics – and they are able to accommodate 'demanding families'.





## **MACKENZIE DISTRICT SCENERY**

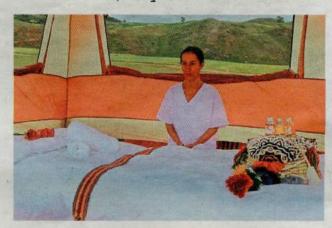
Those living in the centre of New Zealand's scenic South Island have complained about 'menace toileting' – ie defecation on isolated driveways – by caught-short tourists. As a result, wilderness loos will soon be installed.

The German airport was named the world's worst in a survey of 65,000 passengers by online travel agent eDreams (edreams.co.uk). At the other end of the scale, Helsinki-Vantaa came out top, with Glasgow International second.



# IT'S MASSAG

The incredible Inca Trail is a physical challenge you can now endure with a personal masseuse, says Richard Mellor





HE cloud forest-covered Inca Trail of Peru is a spiritraising trek of mountain and barren tundra filled with Instagrammable vistas of lagoons and rivers. It leads to Machu Picchu, perhaps the most gobsmacking world wonder of them all. But it's also tough.

A three-day trek along the classic route's 25-mile stretch will see you walking for seven hours a day, reaching a peak altitude of 3,901m (12,800ft) and navigating three high passes. That's without even mentioning the chilly evenings.

Praise be, then, for American operator Rothschild Safaris' new offering of luxurious journeys. This customisable trip has you travelling with a private camp - how glam - that includes a devoted mobile massage tent where aching hips, slope-sore backs and air-deprived craniums can find relief. There's also a main mess tent for dinner, and separate shower and toilet tents, while sleeping units boast thick mattresses.

Just before sunrise on day four you'll climb up to the Sun Gate and suddenly sight Machu Picchu, stretching away on an isolated plateau ringed by peaks. No amount of photos readies you for this sight: the impossibly green terraces, the exceptional stone buildings, the stunned tranquility of it all.

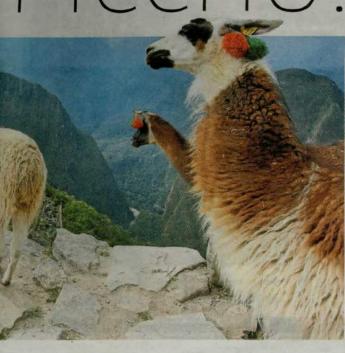
Totalling seven nights, the itinerary also includes a day's stay at Inkaterra Machu Picchu hotel. This is primarily to allow you time to explore the Inca citadel but also in case you want to follow the jungle-style estate's orchid trail or meet its hummingbirds.

There's time in Cusco, too, and a visit to Moray's eye-catching circular terraces, reckoned to be a 'research laboratory' for the Incas. In the rustic Sacred Valley, it's possible to join a centuries-old chanting ceremony honouring Pachamama (Mother Earth).

From £4,099 per person including all transfers from Cusco, accommodation, most meals, Inca Trail permits, guiding and excursions, rothschildsafaris.com



Price is per person based on flying from London Gatwick to Toronto & Vancouver on selected dates in May 2017, other airports available with Air Transat, see online for details and prices.





Wrap up: You'll camp for three nights en route





The number of years since the death of Auguste Rodin. To mark the anniversary, Paris's Grand Palais is hosting an exhibition of his work from Wednesday until July 31

The number of Rodin's works featured in this blockbuster tribute to the sculptor

Admission price in euros for the exhibition, which also displays pieces by Picasso, Matisse, Giacometti and our own Antony Gormley

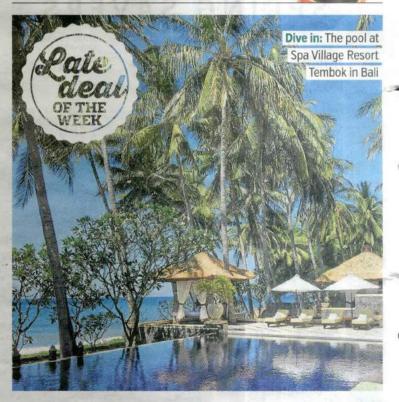
The total number of castings made of Rodin's famous The Thinker (above), some of which will be on show at the Grand Palais. grandpalais.fr/fr/evenement/rodinlexposition-du-centenaire



## What a rum way

SAILING holiday specialist Sunsail has debuted a rum-tasting flotilla around the British Virgin Islands. You'll stop off at the Caribbean's longest-operating distillery, enjoy tastings, try homebrews in local bars and restaurants, and – perhaps best of all – attend punchsoaked parties on three nights. The obligatory snorkelling and beachcombing star too, and sore heads are a given. Each group of guests has its own boat and you can either go bareboat or ask for a skipper - a support crew help with mooring.

Departures on June 23, July 21, November 17 and December 8 cost from £2,091 on a two-cabin Sunsail 33i, sunsail.co.uk



# Raise your spirits on a Bali spa brea

IS THIS not-quite-spring thing getting you down? Then escape for some spiritual succour in South-East Asia, where ten luxury nights temporarily cost the price of six and daily spa treatments are gratis. Positioned on Bali's quiet north-eastern coast, next to black-sand beaches and worlds from the touristy southern shore, the soulful Spa Village Resort Tembok offers everything from massages and martial arts to yoga, pranayama breathing exercise and papaya body wraps in its wellness centre.

Save up to £505 per person, full board, including return flights from Heathrow and private transfers. Valid for travel completed by March 31 or between April 18 and May 31. Book by March 31. From £1,399 per person, turquoiseholidays.co.uk

