



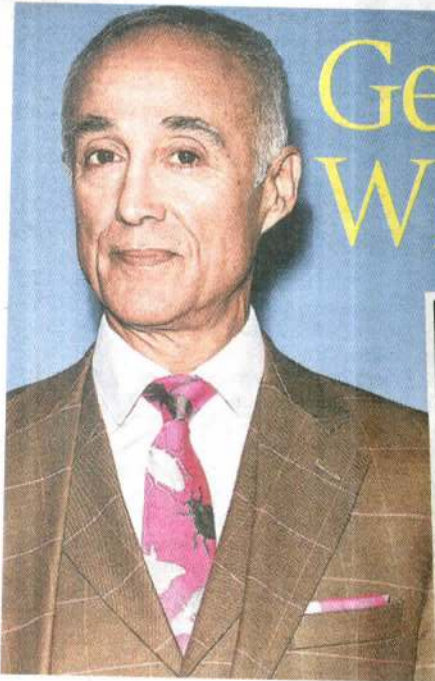
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# Corbyn 'neutral' on Brexit

Labour leader tells TV audience he won't campaign over biggest political issue in generations

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Jeremy Corbyn has revealed for the first time that he would remain "neutral" on whether Britain should stay in or leave the European Union in a second Brexit referendum.

The Labour leader, who until last night had refused to say how he would campaign, told a BBC *Question Time* special: "I will adopt a neutral stance so I can credibly carry out the result."

The move risks alienating both sides of a deeply divided Labour Party. Senior members of the shadow cabinet have publicly called for Labour to campaign

for Remain, but others fear that such a move risks losing the support of Leave voters in the party's heartlands.

Mr Corbyn also faced hostile questions from audience members, who said that businesses and families were frightened by the prospect of a Labour government. One said: "I don't think it's businesses who are scared. I think it's everyone. Your reckless socialist ideas are genuinely terrifying to me, my family and friends. Freedom will completely erode if we let you have the keys to No10."

Mr Corbyn responded: "I can't understand everything that's going on in your mind that makes you say that but maybe

we can talk about it later. I want to live in a society where we do deal with the worst aspects of poverty and give all our children a real chance."

The Tories will put Mr Corbyn's refusal to set out his Brexit position at the heart of their campaign as they seek to win a swathe of Leave-voting constituencies in the midlands and the north.

Mr Johnson said Mr Corbyn's Brexit position had "mutated", adding: "He is now going to be neutral on the deal that he proposes to do. I don't see how he can do a deal when he is going to be neutral or indifferent. Whatever deal Mr Corbyn proposes I don't think it's sensible for this great country of ours to spend next

year in yet more disputations about the EU and then another referendum on Scotland."

The prime minister distanced himself from the governments of Theresa May and David Cameron as he pledged to reverse austerity, saying that he had "only been in office for 120 days".

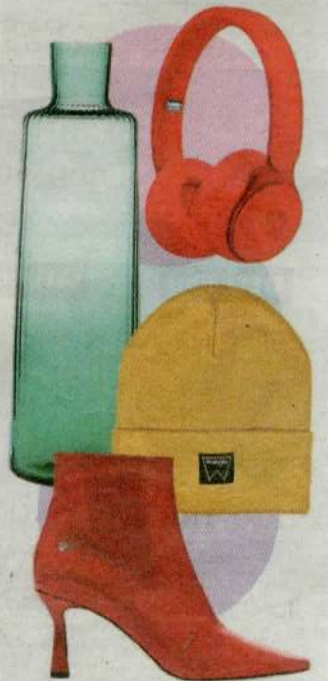
He was asked to apologise for articles in which he suggested that women wearing niqabs looked like "letterboxes", described tribal warriors as having "watermelon smiles" and described gay men as "tank-topped bum boys".

He said: "If you go through all my articles with a fine tooth comb there is Continued on page 2, col 3

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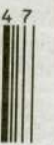
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**Duke's other  
host revealed**

Peter Nygard, 78, a Canadian fashion tycoon, boasted that the Duke of York was among the celebrities who had stayed at his home in the Bahamas. In the 1990s Mr Nygard paid to settle three sexual harassment complaints. Andrew's woes, pages 4-6



# Travel

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**'New Lisbon is intoxicating, embracing the future with a delicious kind of optimism'**

Nuno Mendes gives us a culinary tour of his home city

3 A Roving Bushtops tent in Tanzania



## 30 best wildlife adventures

From spotting the Big Five in South Africa to tracking pumas in Patagonia, **Alessia Horwich** chooses the dream holidays for getting up close to the animal kingdom

### 1 Gorillas and chimpanzees Rwanda

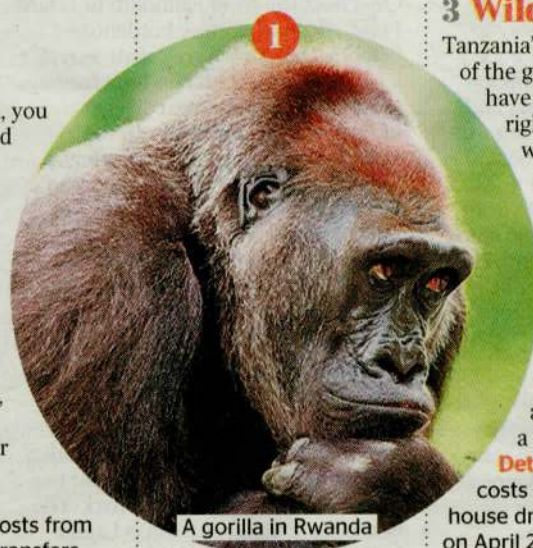
Acrophobes may want to steer clear of this break, which includes a trek on the longest and highest canopy trail in Africa. The steep ravines are terrifying, but the sight of chimpanzees swinging through the dense rainforest of the Nyungwe National Park will distract you. This eight-night tour continues to the beaches of Lake Kivu for swimming and a spot of sunset kayaking, before finishing at Volcanoes National Park, where you'll track silverback gorilla troops through bamboo forests and thick bush. When you locate them, spend a magnificent hour watching them interact in the wild.

**Details** Eight nights' B&B costs from £4,595pp, including flights, transfers and some meals (wexas.com)

### 2 One-horned rhinoceros India

This trip offers a trio of rare sightings. Starting in Kolkata, you will zip off to the marshes and forest of Dibru-Saikhowa in search of slow loris, leopards and gangetic dolphins. Next it's the Indian one-horned rhino at Kaziranga, where 1,000 of them live on the Brahmaputra River alongside wild elephants, buffaloes and sambar deer. Finally, you will visit Nameri, home to thousands of birds, including amur falcons, lesser fish eagles and the very rare white-winged wood duck.

**Details** Fifteen nights' B&B costs from £4,690pp, including flights, transfers and some other meals (pettitts.co.uk)



A gorilla in Rwanda

### 3 Wildebeest Tanzania

Tanzania's wildebeest migration is one of the great wildlife spectacles, but you have to be in the right place at the right time. Enter Roving Bushtops, which for three months from January follows the migration south to Kusini. The tents, each with a king-size bed, have solar panels that heat water, while in the kitchen tent ingredients are sourced from local farmers and communities to minimise the carbon footprint. There are twice-daily game drives and a large viewing deck at the camp.

**Details** Four nights' all-inclusive costs from £4,200pp, with drives, house drinks and all flights, departing on April 2, 2020 (01273 691642, naturalworldsafaris.com) ▶



## 20 Tasmanian devil Australia

Delve into Bonorong National Park to seek out the Tasmanian devil, which can eat up to 40 per cent of its body weight in one sitting, chomping through animal carcasses with its powerful bite. Its growl will stay with you as you cruise through Franklin-Gordon River National Park to see azure kingfishers, pink robins and the wedge-tailed eagle, Australia's largest bird of prey. Watch the platypuses and echidnas at Beauty Point, tour wineries near the Tamar River and relax in the spa at Peppers Cradle Mountain Lodge. **Details** Fifteen nights' all-inclusive costs from £5,495pp, including flights and transfers (scenic.co.uk)

## 21 Spring birdwatching Somerset Levels

Mike Dilger, *The One Show's* wildlife reporter, has birded and botanised all over the world. Just the chap, then, to steer you around the Somerset Levels, where the wet grasses hold seven species of heron, the common crane, sedge, reed and Cetti's warblers, bearded tits and marsh harriers. Over three nights you'll travel to different sites for twitchers and see other wildlife such as grass snakes and the UK's three native newt species. **Details** Three nights' half-board costs from £675pp (naturalist.co.uk)

## 22 Snub-nosed monkeys China

More than 1,000 rare golden snub-nosed monkeys live in the mountainous Tangjiahe nature reserve in Sichuan province, which is home to 40 per cent of China's mammal species. You may also see giant pandas, although a sighting of Chinese mountain cat, Himalayan marmot or white giant flying squirrel is more likely. Elsewhere, glimpse hog badgers in Labahe nature reserve, the country's most exotic birds at Wolong, and Pallas's cat at Ruogai. **Details** Fourteen nights' full board costs from £4,795pp, including flights and transfers (wildlifeworldwide.com)

## 23 Birding Lithuania

You will find windswept sand dunes bristling with seabirds while travelling from the east to west of Lithuania. Start where migratory streams converge on the Curonian Spit, and spy Blyth's reed and greenish warblers among 170 resident species. Then explore the Western Taiga Mountains and spot whooper swans, white-tailed eagles, Montagu's harrier and honey buzzards. **Details** Eight nights' full board costs from £1,395pp, including transfers (responsibletravel.com). Fly to Vilnius with Wizz Air from £18 return (wizzair.com)

## 24 Butterflies Mexico

As winter arrives in the US and Canada, monarch butterflies start the journey south to central Mexico in the biggest butterfly migration in the world. This means that by December you'll be able to hike in the El Rosario reserve between oyamel fir trees that shimmer with tens of millions of orange and black wings. It's astounding. This nine-night trip also takes you to see butterflies in the Sierra Chincua reserve, visit the colonial cities of Morelia and Patzcuaro, and delve into the food scene in San Miguel de Allende with a private guide. **Details** Nine nights costs



27 See puffins on Lunga

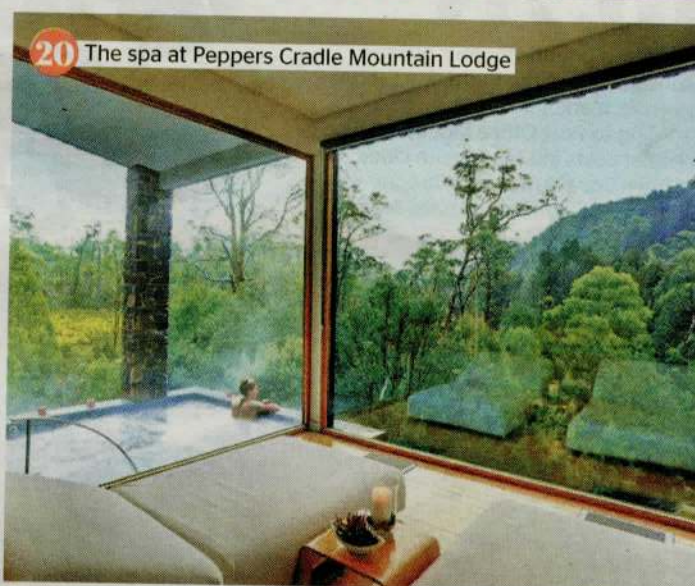
20 The Franklin-Gordon River National Park in Tasmania



30 A red panda in India



20 The spa at Peppers Cradle Mountain Lodge



24 Monarch butterflies in Mexico



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## 25 Whales and dolphins The Azores

On a small archipelago 947 miles from the coast of Portugal, you can see 27 of the planet's 80 whale species. During seven nights based in Sao Miguel you'll clock up 12 hours at sea on Zodiacs in search of sperm, short-finned pilot, beaked and sei whales, as well as common, bottlenose, Atlantic-spotted and Risso's dolphins. You'll also swim with dolphins and explore the Sete Cidades extinct volcano crater.

**Details** Seven nights' B&B costs from £1,220pp, including flights and car hire (sunvil.co.uk)

## 26 Giant otters Peru

Giant otters are pretty sociable, so if you spot one on the Madre de Dios River in the Peruvian Amazon there's probably a party going on near by. During a two-night stay the guides at the ecolodge Inkaterra Reserva Amazonica will help you to observe giant otters hunting piranhas, and find their main predator, the black cayman, as well as capybaras, howler monkeys and 540 species of bird. The rest of the trip squeezes in Peru's greatest hits: Lima, Cuzco, the Sacred Valley and Machu Picchu.

**Details** Eight nights' B&B costs from £2,195pp, including flights, transfers and some other meals (coxandkings.co.uk)

## 27 Puffins Inner Hebrides

It's quite a hike to the top of the sheer cliffs on Lunga, the largest of the Treshnish Isles in Scotland, but you will be met with the sight of thousands of puffins. You will visit on the second day of this island-hopping trip from Edinburgh, which includes a wildlife cruise to see basking sharks, sea eagles and dolphins, exploring the white-sand beaches of Iona and testing the echoes in Fingal's Cave on Staffa.

**Details** Three nights' B&B costs from £699pp (haggisadventures.com)

## 28 Shy five South Africa

Tswalu, South Africa's largest private wildlife reserve, in the southern Kalahari, has lions, white rhinos, leopards and giraffes. But the open grasslands make it much easier than other areas to find the Shy Five: aardvarks, porcupines, aardwolves, bat-eared foxes and meerkats. You'll seek the first four on evening bush walks, or, in winter, you can spot them emerging during daylight to search for ants and termites. The reserve has two colonies of meerkats that are so used to humans they'll allow you to come right up to them and take selfies.

**Details** Four nights' all-inclusive costs

from £5,800pp, including flights and transfers (safari-consultants.com)

## 29 Lynx Spain

The world's rarest cat can be found in Andalusia, a three-hour flight away. This trip whisks you into the oak forests of the Sierra de Andujar, where 70 per cent of the remaining Iberian lynx live. A zoologist will also guide you around Torcal de Antequera to see crag martins, spiny-footed lizards and Spanish ibex, plus the Fuente de Piedra Lagoon for birds such as flamingoes, short-toed eagles and European hoopoes.

**Details** Five nights' full board costs from £1,495pp, including transfers (royle-safaris.co.uk). Fly to Malaga with Easyjet from £50 (easyjet.com)

## 30 Red pandas India

The red panda is found only in patchy populations in swathes of Himalayan forest, one of which is Singalila National Park on India's border with Nepal. Over seven nights you will stay in a small guesthouse in the park and, with the resident naturalists, track the pandas on foot across steep and hilly terrain, spotting black bears, pangolins, blood pheasants and even leopards.

**Details** Seven nights' full board costs from £2,590pp, including transfers (ganeandmarshall.com). Fly to Delhi with Virgin Atlantic from £650 return (virginatlantic.com)