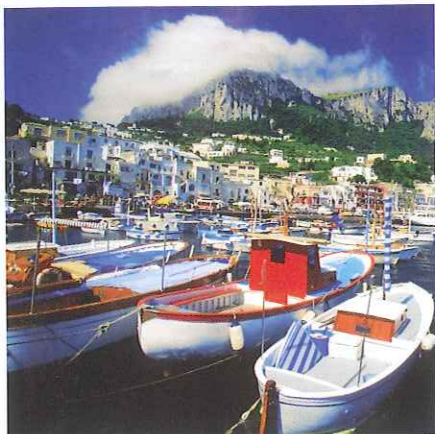


Trips to take... for a short break

Maximise your precious holiday days with these trips that are short on time but big on adventure

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Italy Set sail along the Amalfi

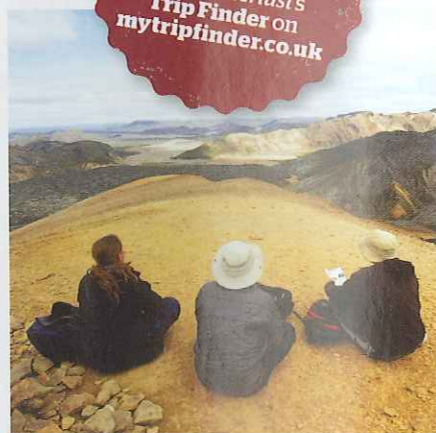
Take a glamorous glide along Italy's Amalfi Coast on Intrepid Travel's *Sail Italy: Procida to Amalfi* trip. Wander the pastel-hued streets of Procida, discover the Castello Aragonese fortress, taste the culinary delights of Naples, explore the ancient ruins of Pompeii and admire the views of blue waters and lemon groves from the clifftops. If you're feeling inquisitive, the skipper will teach you the ropes; if not, simply lay back, relax and watch the world float past.

Who: Intrepid Travel (0800 781 1660, www.intrepidtravel.com)
When: weekly, Jun-Sept 2013
How long: 4 days
How much: from £440 (excl flights)

Finland Look for the bear necessities

If you go down to the woods today – on Wildlife Worldwide's *Brown Bears in Finland* trip – you're sure of a big surprise... Based in Martinsekonen Nature Reserve (one of the best places in Europe to see brown bears), you'll spend one night in a lodge and two in a hide, watching bears forage. There are also birds to spot: look for rare species such as the Siberian jay and rustic bunting.

Who: Wildlife Worldwide (0845 130 6982, www.wildlifeworldwide.com)
When: tailor-made, May-Aug 2013
How long: 4 days
How much: from £945 (incl flights)



Iceland Walk your way

If the article in our April issue inspired you to explore Iceland on foot, take up the challenge set by Discover the World. Inspired by new book, *Summit: 100 Mountain Hikes in Iceland* (£18), Discover the World is inviting you to *Pick Your Peak* – and it will design a trip, just for you. For an active short break, head to the south coast for hikes around troublesome Eyjafjallajökull and the Myrdalsjökull ice cap, and walks through Thórsmörk, a beautiful area of birch valleys, gorges and mountains.

Who: Discover the World (01737 214291, www.discover-the-world.co.uk)
When: year round; best Jun-Sept 2013
How long: 4 nights
How much: from £561 (incl flights)



Sweden Kayak and wild camp

Paddle away from it all in idyllic Kosterhavet Marine National Park, on Nature Travels' *Sea Kayaking in the Koster, Fjällbacka and Weather Islands* trip. This three-day guided kayaking jaunt, accessible from Gothenburg, is a great intro, taking in sunny, sheltered archipelagos, and wild camping on your own island too.

Who: Nature Travels (0192 950 3080, www.naturetravels.co.uk)
When: 5 Jul, 2, 9 & 23 Aug 2013
How long: 3 days
How much: from £420 (excl flights)

Ireland Head high and wild

Hike epic, empty expanses on Wilderness Ireland's *High Points of Connemara Wilderness Walking* trip. Summit Croagh Patrick, Ireland's holiest mountain; tackle Mweelrea – the highest peak in west Ireland; and explore ancient archaeology on Inishbofin, just offshore.

Who: Wilderness Ireland (01479 420020, www.wildernessireland.com)
When: 19 Jun, 14 Aug 2013
How long: 4 nights
How much: from €920 (excl flights)



Croatia Do the truffle shuffle

It's little surprise that truffles – the rock stars of the fungus world – have their own festival. G Adventure's *Croatia Truffle Festival* trip pays homage to the tasty tuber, journeying from the isle of Cres and along the Adriatic Coast, partaking in a truffle hunt and celebrating at Livade's foodie fiesta.

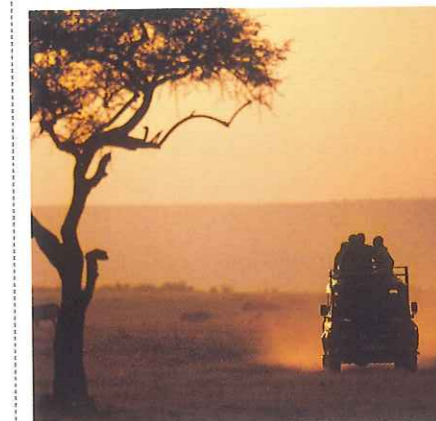
Who: G Adventures (0844 272 2060, www.gadventures.com)
When: 23 Oct 2013
How long: 5 days
How much: from £549 (excl flights)



Serbia & Montenegro Hop aboard in the Balkans

Ride Tito's Blue Train with Explore Montenegro. Trundle from Belgrade, via forests and mountains, to the labyrinthine streets of Kotor in Montenegro. You'll have time to explore each town, but the highlight is the historic train ride between them.

Who: Explore Montenegro (020 7118 1002, montenegroholidays.com)
When: 29 May, 26 Jun, 4 & 18 Sept, 2 Oct 2013
How long: 6 days
How much: from £899 (incl flights)



Kenya Have a long weekend lion-in

Forget the DIY – spend your Sundays in Kenya on Exodus's *Masai Mara Long Weekend*. Overnight flights and a minimal time difference mean you can make the most of your stay in one of the world's most iconic game reserves.

Who: Exodus (0845 287 5248, www.exodus.co.uk)
When: weekly, Jun 2013-Feb 2014
How long: 6 days
How much: from £1,949 (incl flights)



Denmark Appreciate art with experts

The *Copenhagen: Danish Art & Design* trip – one of Cox & Kings' Royal Academy of Arts tours – explores the cool capital's galleries and museums with an expert historian. There's a canal tour and private drinks in the magical Tivoli Gardens, too.

Who: Cox & Kings (0845 868 3560, www.coxandkings.co.uk)
When: 1 Aug 2013
How long: 4 days
How much: from £1,195 (incl flights)

Arctic Adventures: Bernie Reicher; Peter Ananuc; Tourism; Paul Colston