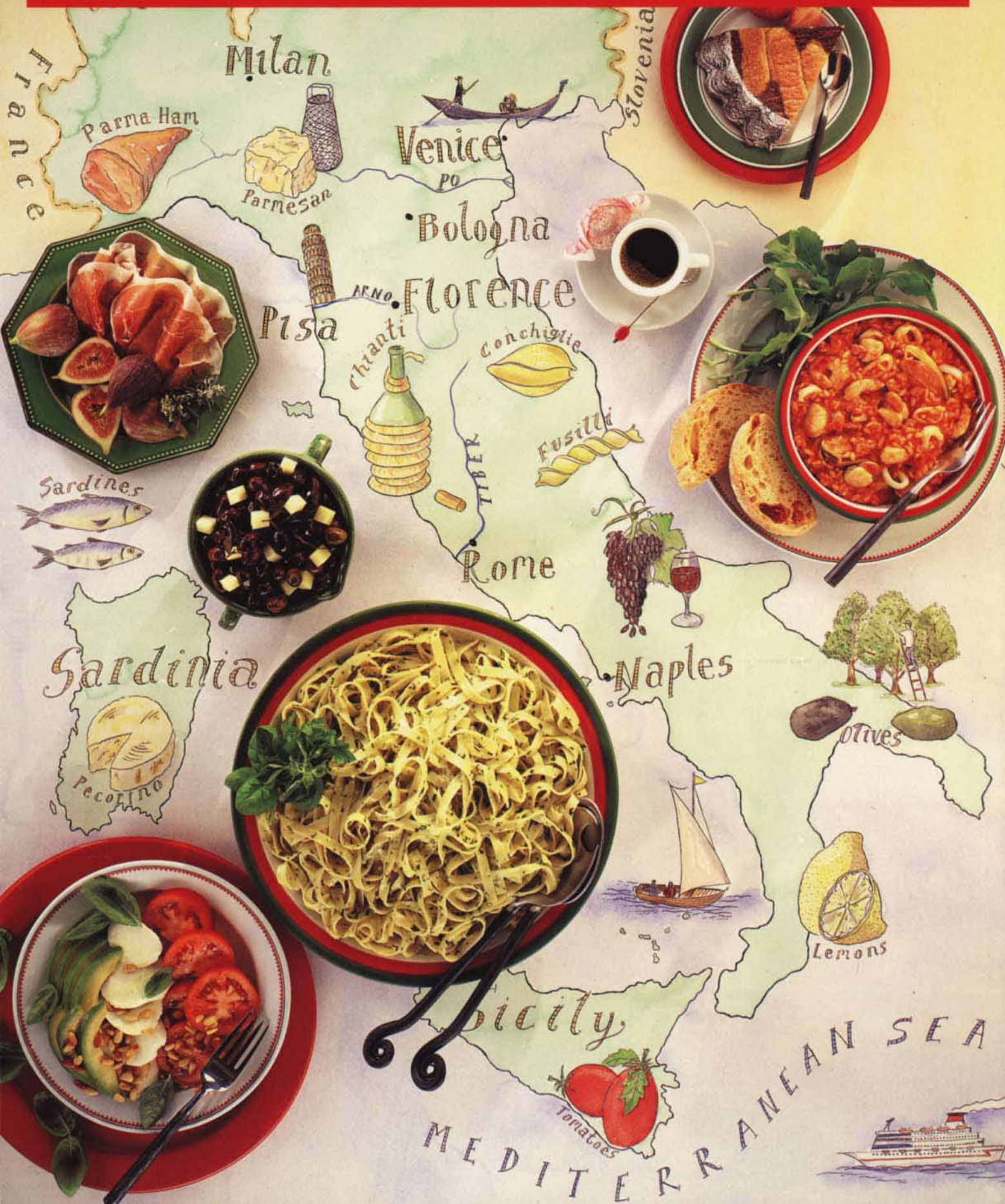


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TASTES OF ITALY AT WAITROSE





A

century or so ago, it was wealthy merchant types who were laying out for the flash country pads. Nouveau riche hemp and herrings trader Sir William Miller bought Manderston on the Scottish-English border in the 1850s, while Edwardian grocer Sir Julius Drew built Castle Drogo in Devon as an "ancestral seat".

Today, the new-money neighbours are more likely to be rock gods and pop stars who've bought a country estate at the height of their fame (or notoriety) and have decided to settle down to a life of tweed and organic gardening in middle age. In fact these days, every icon of the music business wants their own corner of green and pleasant land. But do ex-punks, anti-establishment heroes and pop divas really belong in the country? **Raul Peschiera** finds out which ageing rock and rollers are in touch with their inner country squire.

Illustration by **Michael A Hill**

Rock stars

- * Lord help us
- ** Lord it over
- *** Lord of manners
- **** Lord of all they survey
- ***** My sweet lord

Rocking all over the wold

WALMINGTON-ON-SEA

Welcome to the seaside home of Captain Mainwaring and his men

This sleepy British seaside town on the picturesque Kent coast is shaken to life by the threat of a Nazi invasion. As Walmington's first line of defence, the Home Guard proudly accepts the responsibility to protect the community. Thankfully, the only action the townsfolk have seen has been the numerous mishaps and misdemeanours of Mainwaring's bumbling platoon.



HOME SWEET HOME

LOCAL SERVICES

- ▶ 8 Town Hall
- ▶ 9 Police Station
- ▶ 10 Hodges Greengrocer's
- ▶ 11 Ann's Pantry
- ▶ 12 Embassy Cinema
- ▶ 13 ARP Post
- ▶ 14 Walker's Shop
- ▶ 15 Elliot's Radio Store
- ▶ 16 The Jolly Roger Ice Cream Parlour
- ▶ 17 Fire Station
- ▶ 18 Peabody Museum
- ▶ 19 Italian POW Camp
- ▶ 20 Library
- ▶ 21 Girl Guide Hut
- ▶ 22 Stones' Amusement Arcade
- ▶ 23 Electricity Sub Station
- ▶ 24 The Six Bells



1 NOVELTY ROCK EMPORIUM
This sweet shop acts as a guard post while the platoon patrols the promenade. In the event of invasion, it will become the Home Guard command post and nerve centre.



2 JONES' BUTCHER'S
Local butcher Jones tries to keep the ladies happy by slipping them the odd sausage. But beware anyone who upsets him – their name may be added to his banger blacklist!



3 ST. ALDHELM'S CHURCH
The church hall is used by the Home Guard as a HQ and parade ground. Unfortunately, Evensong is occasionally interrupted by the sound of bayonet practice in the yard.



4 FRAZER'S FUNERAL PARLOUR
Two doors along from the butcher's, Private Frazer rents the building for £10 a month. Clients can benefit from his hand-crafted, bespoke coffins and full make-up service.



5 RAILWAY STATION
As a vital transport route in and out of the town, the station and its tiny, dingy café have seen GHQ officers, estranged family members and even the King enter the lives of the Home Guard.



6 CHERRY TREE COTTAGE
Godfrey lives here with his two sisters, Dolly and Cissy. The cottage is also the platoon's machine-gun post should Jerry attempt to take the crossroads.



7 SWALLOW BANK
At the corner of the High Street and Mount Street, the bank is second home to manager Captain George Mainwaring, chief clerk Wilson and Pike the clerk.

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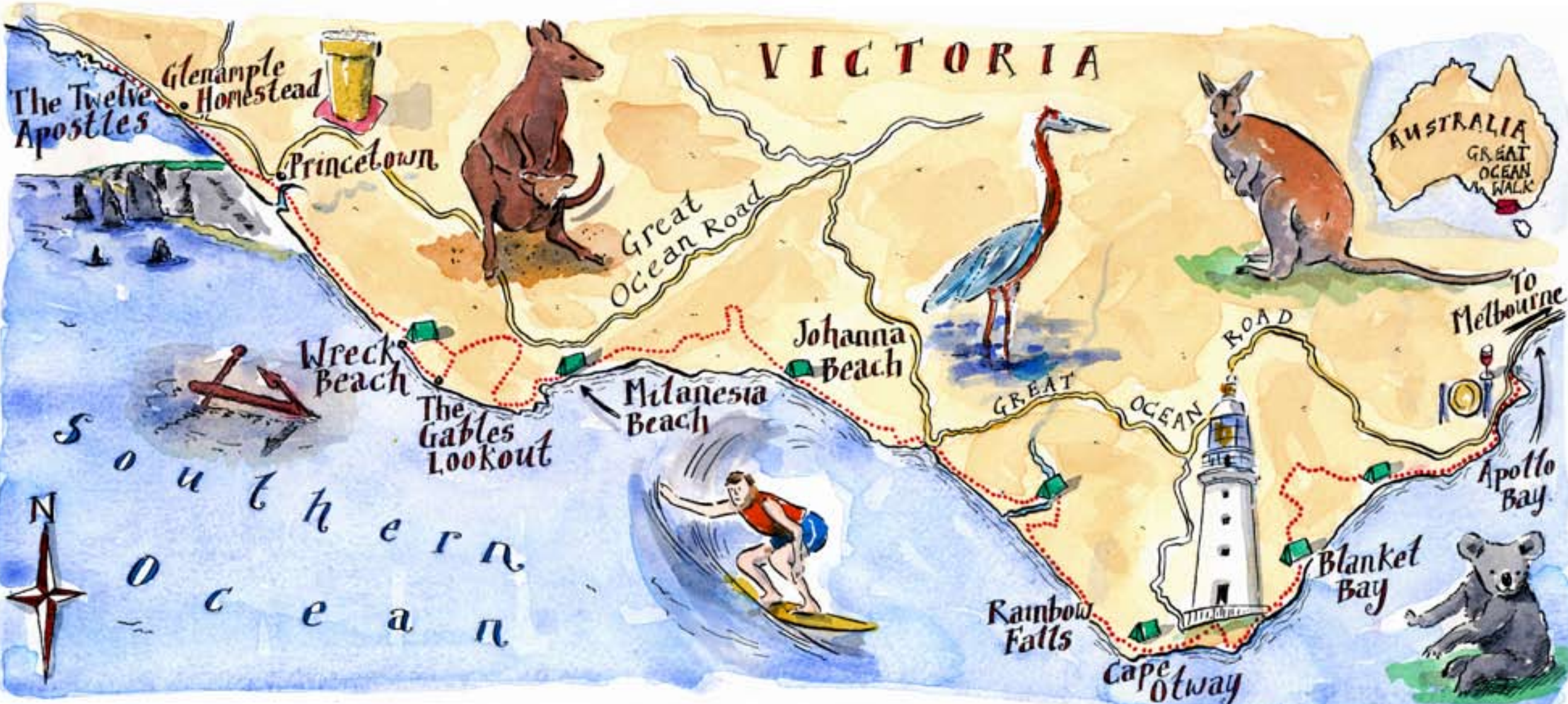
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VICTORIA



The Twelve Apostles

Glenamptle Homestead

Princes Point

Wreck Beach

The Gables Lookout

Milanesia Beach

Johanna Beach

Rainbow Falls

Cape Otway

Blanket Bay

Apollo Bay

To Melbourne



Southern Ocean



REYKJAVIK, ICELAND**Typical flight time** 3 hours**With** Iceland Express (www.icelandexpress.co.uk)

Why go? This is the world's most northerly capital. Skip the party scene and lose yourself in the spectacular scenery. It's cheaper—but colder and darker—out of season. Visit the Pearl, a modern structure that houses the Saga Museum, a revolving restaurant and a panoramic viewing platform.

Where to stay 101 Hotel—Nordic-chic boutique hotel.

Prefer to spend more time enjoying your break than getting there? Fortunately there's an inspiring variety of international destinations just a few hours from the UK. Matthew Stibbe presents the short-haul shortlist. Illustration by Michael A Hill

SO NEAR YET SO FAR

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hour**MARRAKECH, MOROCCO****Typical flight time** 4 hours**With** British Airways (www.ba.com)

Why go? Choose between Churchillian indulgence and an authentic Moroccan experience: medieval ramparts, henna-painters in Jemaa el Fnaa square, rooftop cafés and browsing in the souk. At night the city really comes to life, with a thrillingly exotic atmosphere.

Where to stay: La Mamounia for 1920s glamour, or Riad Farnachi, just five delightful suites in the oldest part of town.

FAROE ISLANDS**Typical flight time** 2 hours**With** Atlantic Airways (www.atlantic.fo)

Why go? The Faroe Islands, lying in the Gulf Stream north of Scotland and half-way between Norway and Iceland, are perfect for nature-loving escapists. No part of any of the islands is more than three miles from the sea yet the highest mountain is 882m. It's as if someone took the Alps and submerged them in the Atlantic.

Where to stay Hotel Føroyar.

TALLINN, ESTONIA**Typical flight time** 3 hours**With** Estonian Air (www.estonian-air.co.uk)

Why go? Tallinn has one of the best preserved medieval town centres in Europe, now a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Olde Hansa restaurant serves medieval food; but as Estonia modernises, it increasingly looks north to high-tech Finland rather than back to its medieval and Soviet past.

Where to stay Radisson SAS Hotel, more Nokia than Soviet.

RUKA, FINLAND**Typical flight time** 5 hours**With** Finnair (www.finnair.com)

Why go? As if getting to see the Northern Lights isn't reason enough to make this trip, you can expect excellent, snow-sure skiing on 28 slopes during the eight-month season as well as snowboarding on the Vuosseli Super Pipe. But it's not all winter sports—in summer, there's plenty of excellent hiking and camping.

Where to stay RukaSuites Apartment Hotel.

AMMAN, JORDAN**Typical flight time** 5 hours**With** Royal Jordanian (www.rja.com.jo)

Why go? Amman is no more than five hours' drive from anywhere in the country, so it makes an ideal base for exploration. Visit the Dead Sea, the Roman amphitheatre, Karak Crusader castle and the ancient, "rose-red," carved city of Petra (the Treasury will be familiar from *Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade*).

Where to stay The Four Seasons, on top of one of Amman's seven hills.

DUBROVNIK, CROATIA**Typical flight time** 3 hours**With** British Airways (www.ba.com)

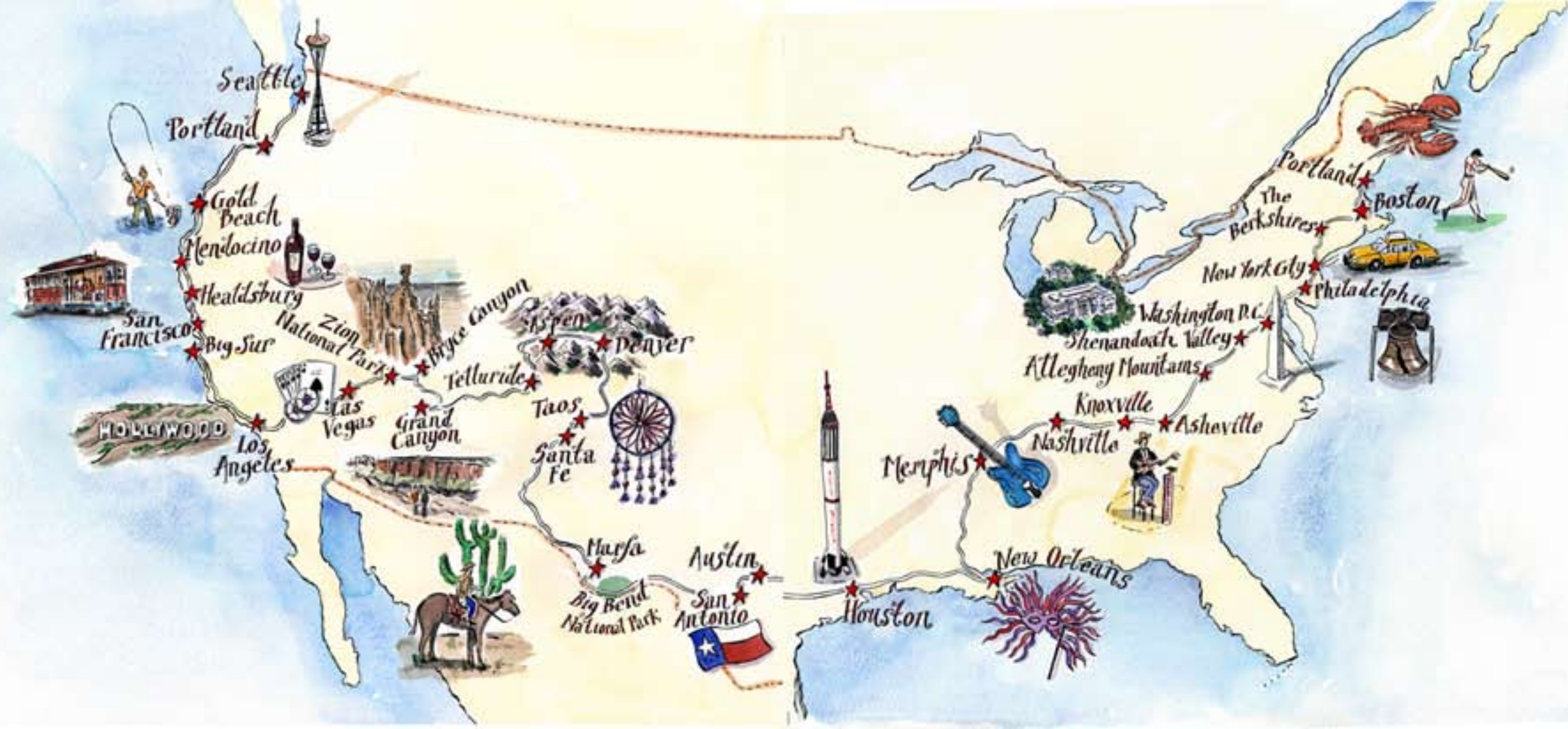
Why go? Visiting Dubrovnik now is like rediscovering the French Riviera after the war. The sun is still shining, the sea is still blue and the architecture is still beautiful. The town has been fully restored after the violence of the 1990s, and Croatia got to keep over 1,000 miles of glorious Adriatic coastline.

Where to stay Pucic Palace, a 19-room luxury boutique hotel.

ISTANBUL, TURKEY**Typical flight time** 4 hours**With** Turkish Airlines (www.turkishairlines.com)

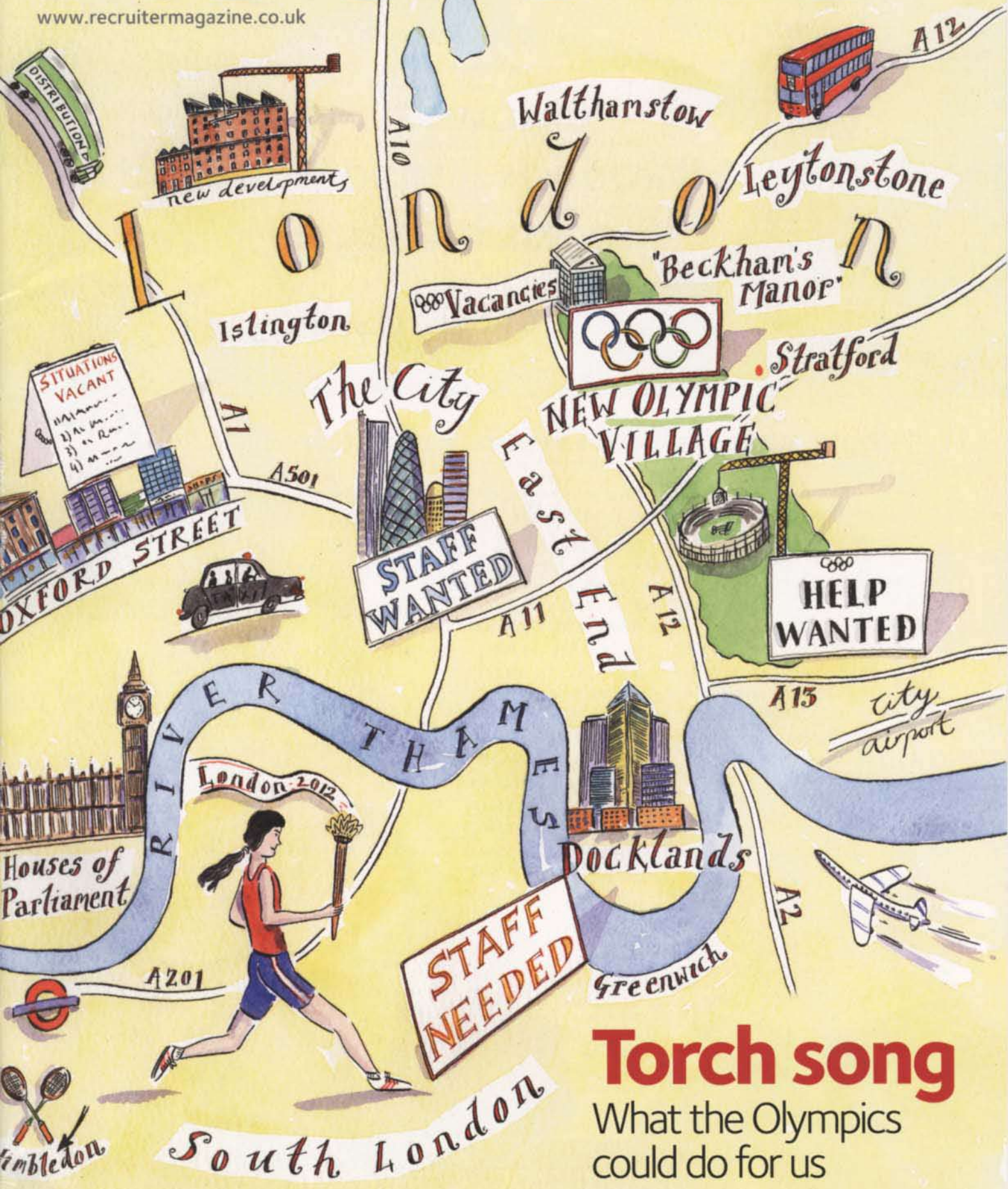
Why go? For the blend of old and new, east and west, poverty and glamour. Daytime musts include the Hagia Sofia, the Blue Mosque and the Topkapi Palace. At night, try clubs such as Layla on the Bosphorus with its mix of western and Turkish music, or dinner with great views at Sunset restaurant in Ulus.

Where to stay Four Seasons Hotel in the heart of the old city.



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