



# The Poddler

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15th Edition

THE JC JOURNEYS NEWSLETTER



*Where on Earth is this?*

## *Couples*

Exclusive hideaways

## *Families*

Idiosyncratic villas

## *Friends*

Unique ideas

## *Corporate Collection*

Superior locations

## *an Adventure*

Awesome experiences



Worldwide

## Around the Globe: Marrakech and beyond

Marrakech is emerging as a super-luxury destination for 2010 evidenced by King Mohammed's Le Royal Mansour hotel; designer Jacques Garcia's glamorous revitalisation of the grand-dame La Mamounia and the Mandarin Oriental's palace in the Palmeraie due to open soon.



JCJourneys offers accommodation in small friendly Riads in the Medina to boutique hotels to the luxury brand names. Golf, on beautiful courses, with the snow-capped Atlas Mountains in the distance is a must.

Alternatively, take a few days in the Mountains at Kasbah Bab Ourika for trekking, incredible fresh air and breath-taking scenery

Visit the traditional walled town of Taroudant for either the delightful La Gazelle d'Or or the luxury riad Dar Louisa, an exquisite find in this lovely location just one hour from Agadir, its airport and its beaches.

Relax at La Sultana hotel in the peaceful lagoon near Oualidia on the Atlantic coast and definitely stay in the pretty beachside and fishing port of Essaouira for windsurfing, pretty riads and top hotels.

### Poddler Tips

**Child Friendly Safaris.** At last we can let you know about a little secret which has been developing in the South African Waterberg; *Jembisa*. We started sending people to Jembisa and the neighbouring Ant's Hill and Ant's Nest in 2002. Since then, Jembisa has developed its perfect 'Children's Safaris'.

Catering for all ages, they simply walk the children from the Bush House to campsites where the children spend the night camping out under the stars. The Safaris can then continue at the rate dictated by the children, from 1-3 days.

The perfect introduction for young explorers to get up close and personal with Africa – please ring us or email for more information.

### LAST MINUTE



**Chalet la Bergerie**, Val d'Isere, French Alps, sleeps 11

Just 50m from the piste with spectacular views, a beautifully appointed chalet, minutes from l'Espace Killy ski area.

- From GBP £9,950 per week fully catered



**Chalet Abode**, St Martin de Belleville, French Alps, sleeps 8

Escape to the Three Valleys this season to this charming, contemporary chalet.

- From GBP £5,560 per week fully catered



Couples



Families



Friends



Corporate



Adventure

## Some of our new properties...



**Villa Callian** from EUR €3,025 per week

*Nr Cannes, France, sleeps 10*

A charming Provençal house with pretty, mature grounds; peaceful rural location; close to enchanting medieval hilltop villages yet only 20 minutes from Cannes, the beaches, and the glamour of the Cote d'Azur; the best of both worlds for families or friends.

set in expansive landscaped gardens quietly located in the top wine and gourmet region of France. Sleek and spacious interiors superb for family parties. Beaches within 40 mins. Concierge service available.



**La Colonica** from EUR €3,375 per week

*Tuscany, Italy, sleeps 9*

Beautifully restored eighteenth century Tuscan farmhouse; cool, light, contemporary interior comfort; private family owned estate; walking distance to nearest hilltop village; Florence 20 minutes. Ideal for families with older children.



**La Fraissinede** from GBP £7,000 per week

*Carcassonne, France, sleeps 12*

An exceptional residence of utmost style and sophistication

## Where in the World?

Many congratulations to Sarah Hollier of Worcestershire, on being drawn from the multitude of correct answers for Edition 14, identifying the domes of The Sultan Ahmet Mosque taken from The Hagia Sophia in Istanbul.

Can you identify the location shown on the front cover of this edition? Email your answer to [enquiries@jcyjournays.com](mailto:enquiries@jcyjournays.com). We will send a bottle of Champagne to the first correct answer drawn on St. David's Day, 1st March 2010.

## BEST DEALS FOR 2010



**Cortijo Rosa, Andalucia, Spain, sleeps 12**

*Elegant property prettily furnished with fine art and antiques, sleeps 12. Set within 16 acres of mountains and olive groves; new tennis court; large swimming pool; beaches 30 minutes.*

- From GBP £3,500 per week - fantastic value for two families



**Chalet Maria Schnee, St Anton, Switzerland**

*Enjoy snowsure St Anton from this luxurious family chalet sleeping 8 +7. Walk to the lifts and centre of St Anton. Catered or self catered.*

- From EUR €10,750 per week – exceptional rate for self catering

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# February



## Couples

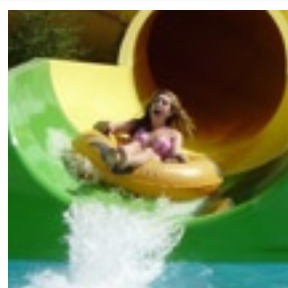


### Grace Bay Club, *Turks & Caicos*

5 nights in Ocean Front Junior Suite from GBP £4,315 including breakfast and afternoon tea

Revitalise under the Caribbean sun. Enjoy warm turquoise seas, powder white sands, a quiet haven of calm and serenity in luxurious surroundings.

**Welcome Rum Punch · cocktail reception · fresh water pools · tennis courts · hobiecats · bicycles · complementary wifi**



## Family



### Dar Al Masyaf, *Madinat, Dubai*

5 nights in a 2 bedroom Malakiya Villa from £4,550 including breakfast

Ultimate arab hospitality with exquisite light, space, lush gardens, tranquil waterways, beautiful courtyards and terraces with grace and privacy.

**2km of pristine private beach with lifeguards · complementary ice lollies and access to Wild Wadi waterpark**



## Friends



### Pambele Villa, Vilanculos, *coastal wildlife sanctuary, Mozambique*

Sleeps 6. 7 nights from GBP £6,000 for exclusive use and full board  
Contemporary yet African Beachfront villas set in peaceful, tropical gardens. Get involved with community programmes and conservation initiatives.

**Island picnics · bush sundowners · all drinks included · infinity pool · watersports/scuba · guided bush drives · dhow cruises**



## Corporate



### Chalet Mistral, Val d' Isere, France

7 nights from GBP £25,130 accommodation – sleeps 14 in 7 individually decorated double rooms

Traditional Savoyarde wooden chalet with modern features, Italian marble bathrooms. Log fires create a warm, cosy ambience.

**Inclusive of breakfast, gourmet 5 course dinners · 2 hot tubs · complementary bar · 4x4 chauffeur service · massage rooms**

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## Adventure



### *South African Odyssey for 2 people Cape Town, Winelands, Blue Train, Safari*

**3 NIGHTS IN CAPE GRACE HOTEL, V & A WATERFRONT, CAPE TOWN**  
Luxury room with breakfast included

**4 NIGHTS AT KLEINFONTEIN FARM, WELLINGTON,  
CAPE WINELANDS**

full board in this lovely farm location just 50 minutes from Cape Town

**1 NIGHT ON THE BLUE TRAIN FROM CAPE TOWN TO PRETORIA**  
**Deluxe** double suite on the superb period train, all meals included

**3 NIGHTS AT ANT'S HILL BUSH HOME, THE WATERBERG, LIMPOPO**  
A lovely family-owned and managed lodge with tailor-made bush-craft expeditions

**3 NIGHTS AT SAVANNAH LODGE, SABI SANDS GAME RESERVE**  
Full board basis Big game viewing and insight into local tribe Shangaan people

14 nights luxury Accommodation for 2 including 8 nights full board - GBP £5,950  
Flights BA to Cape Town, return from Johannesburg: from GBP £1,946 for two

**TOTAL COST: GBP £7,896**

*Prices given as a guide only and will be fully confirmed on booking.*



Morocco



India



Greece



Croatia



Chile



Portugal



Spain



Malta



Cyprus



Thailand



Italy



Mozambique

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# March



## Family



### Raas Boutique Hotel, *Jodhpur, India*

7 nights accommodation in deluxe balcony room for 2 from GBP £2,450

An oasis of calm in the beautiful pink sandstone medieval city. Jodhpur's newly opened first eco-friendly boutique hotel with stunning views.

**Contemporary design · Heated swimming pool · 'Jodhpur blue' tuk-tuks · desert safaris & picnics · polo playing · Spa**



## Friends

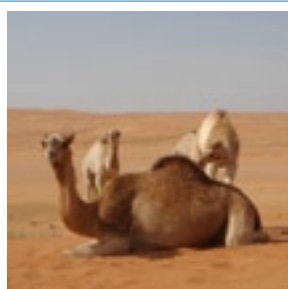


### Azura, *Mozambique*

7 nights accommodation for 2, full board and local drinks, sunset cocktails, island drive from GBP £5,945

Benguerra Island's award-winning eco-boutique hotel. Experience Mozambique, conserve the environment and benefit the local islanders.

**Simple, spacious beach-chic villas with private infinity pools · delicious local cuisine · barefoot escapism · magnificent reefs**



## Corporate

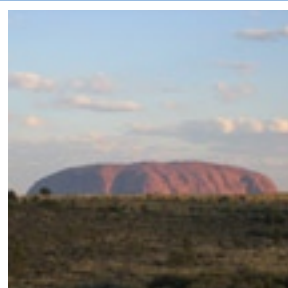


### The Chedi, *Muscat, Oman*

4 nights accommodation for 2 from GBP £1,864 for a Chedi deluxe double room

Reward your staff with a truly memorable break in an oasis of luxury and simple elegance. Traditional architecture against backdrop of dramatic mountains.

**Spa · 2 large swimming pools · tennis courts · beachside restaurant · stylish international dining · desert quad biking**



## Adventure



### The Ultimate North-South Journey, *Australia*

From £4,299 per person including full board and short flights. Not all internal flights included. 2 nights Bamurru Plains, 20 minute flight from Darwin in the Top End. 2 nights at Longitude 131 near Uluru (Ayers Rock), the ultimate tented camp in the desert; 2 nights on Kangaroo Island near Adelaide

**Coastal floodplains and savannah of Top End, to desert majesty of Uluru, to captivating coastal views of the Southern Ocean**

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## Family



### *Chalet Bear, Klosters, Switzerland*

*Sleeps 8 in 4 deluxe double or twin rooms  
all with bathrooms en suite*

A wonderful private luxury chalet recently refurbished to a luxuriously modern standard with cosy sitting rooms, three fireplaces, bedrooms with wonderful linen and bathrooms with delicious products.

**The exclusive ski resort of Klosters, the favoured resort  
of the British and Swedish royal families.**

Breakfast in front of the fire, afternoon tea, 5 evening dinners per week included.  
Ski pass, ski hire, ski guides can all be arranged in advance.

Book into one of the famous Michelin Star restaurants of Klosters  
or one of the 40 other delicious local hostleries.

Discover the excellent spring powder snow and fantastic off-piste skiing  
with local expert guides.

**Chalet rental price GBP £9,776 per week**

BA flights Heathrow to Zurich from GBP £175 per person return

*Music system throughout • wifi • large balconies • plasma TV • walking distance  
to lifts • complementary fluffy towels and sumptuous bath products*

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Mexico



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Kenya



Jamaica



Peru



France



Seychelles



Italy



Thailand



South Africa



Canary  
Islands

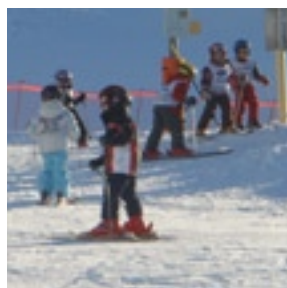


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# April



## Family



### Hotel Tannbergerhof, *Lech, Austria*

From GBP £2,749 for a suite for 6 nights

Enjoy spring snow in this most charming and historic resort – dignified and luxurious, one of the best ski areas of the world. The hotel is delightfully welcoming to families and children.

**'Miniclub Lech' ski school · nearby skating rink · indoor pool · playroom with TV/DVDs · Boarder Park for teens · babysitting**



## Friends



### Cliff Villa, Alfajiri, Diani Beach Kenya

8 people sharing 4 double rooms from GBP £16,995 a week, exclusive rental including full board, drinks and golf fees.

Pretty 4 poster beds in large airy rooms with muslin drapes. Dine on your own terrace choosing the local catch of the day.

**Great hospitality incredible Indian Ocean views · private horizon pool · PADI diving courses · Deep-sea fishing**



## Corporate



### La Reserve, *Switzerland*

2 nights in a superior deluxe double from GBP £789 per room

Elegant yet relaxed, homely yet fashionable set in 10 acres of beautifully landscaped park on the shores of Lake Geneva, this hotel oozes dramatic interiors inspired by the talented Jacques Garcia.

**10 minutes from Geneva airport · welcoming log fires · library + study area · indoor + outdoor pool · Spa · gym · tennis**



## Adventure



### The Cultural Triangle, *Sri Lanka*

7 nights for USD \$5,775 for 14 nights in luxury boutique hotels + your own driver and vehicle.

Experience the rich Singhalese culture and its Buddhist history over the last 2,500 years. Contemporary luxury fused with dignified elegance of old Ceylon.

**Sigiriya Rock · Polonnaruwa – the ancient capital · Anaradnapura · Kandy · Colombo – The Beach Hotel**

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## Couples



### *The Gritti Palace, Grand Canal, Venice*

*A deluxe executive room, richly furnished in Venetian style, with sumptuous fabrics and marble bathroom.*

Whizz off to this most impressive palazzo on the Grand Canal, the original palace of the 16thC Doge Andrea Gritti for a luxuriously romantic weekend.

Get lost in Venetian back streets yet surface for cappuccino in Campo Santa Stefano; drinks at Harry's Bar and dinner on the terrace of the Danieli

Enjoy an art historical extravaganza by visiting The Accademia museum; the 17thC baroque palace on the Grand Canal, Ca Rezzonico; the renaissance church of San Rocco with large paintings by Tintoretto

Take a water taxi to the island of Torcello and visit the 5th C cathedral with impressive Byzantine mosaics followed by lunch at Locanda Cipriani

Discover Titian's works of art in the Frari church and explore Palladio's architecture of San Giorgio Maggiore and the Veronese paintings in San Rocco

#### **Prices from GBP £1,296 for 3 nights**

BA flights Heathrow to Venice from GBP £239 per person return

*Opulent comfort • Murano glass chandeliers • magical views of Santa Maria della Salute • short walk to cafes and Basilica of San Marco*

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# May



## Couples



### Hotel Splendido, *Portofino, Italy*

Prices from £1,021 per deluxe double room per night to include full breakfast and one meal a day

Join the hallowed list of stars who have stayed here since the 1930s. The glamorous, stylish hotel contrasts with Portofino's vehicle-free fishing harbour.

**Exotic gardens · beautiful views · yoga/pilates · nearby golf, beach coves, yachting · passeggiato – people-watching**



## Family

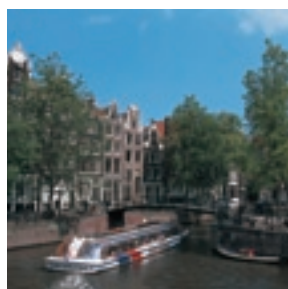


### Almyra Hotel, *Paphos, Cyprus*

7 nights from EUR €320 per night for sea-view room

Contemporary design hotel right on the sea-front with excellent facilities for children; restaurants right by the sparkling Mediterranean and the beach just there.

**'Baby Go-lightly' kids club · on the beach · two freshwater pools · shops & restaurants of Paphos in walking distance**



## Corporate

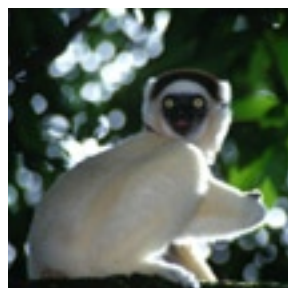


### NH Amsterdam Centre Hotel, *near Leidesplein*

40 twin or double superior rooms for 2 nights from GBP £14,133

A perfect destination for a group of up to 80 people. Various excellent venues for large groups and an easy city to walk or bicycle around individually to see art, culture and canals.

**Canal cruise · Sea Palace floating Chinese restaurant · Boom Chicago show · 5\* city centre hotel**



## Adventure



### Anjajavy Hotel, *Madagascar* and Paradise Cove, *Mauritius*

5 nights Anjajavy / 3 nights Paradise Cove for GBP £4,630, includes half board for 2 people sharing + internal transfers.

Discover tropical wildlife in an oasis of calm and beauty in Madagascar. Contrast with spices and colours of Indian influence in sophisticated Mauritius.

**Barefoot luxury · ylang-ylang, vanilla · discreet elegance · exoticism · spicy Indian cuisine · lemurs & hummingbirds**

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## Friends



*Point Lookout, Mustique, The Grenadines*

*A unique and totally private beachfront location with its swimming-pool built out over the water and rocks.*

*Sleeps 12 in minimalist white washed, air-conditioned rooms with stylish white mosquito nets.*

Impressive stone entrance leads into the light and airy contemporary design of indoor/outdoor living. Tuscan white columns frame the open dining area and the soft white sofas are excellently placed for relaxing out of the sun.

Delicious breakfast of fresh fruits including papaya, mango followed by crispy bacon with light scrambled egg cooked and served by the delightful house staff.

Ask the cook to make you a picnic, head off with the cool boxes to the beautiful palm-fringed white sand of Macaroni beach.

Shop at the pretty Pink and Purple shops; sample their delicious ice-cream from the café at the hub of island life.

**Weekly rental price from USD\$23,600 per week**

BA flights Gatwick to Barbados from GBP £605 per person return

Barbados to Mustique 1 hour flight in 20 seater from GBP £280 return

*Full time cook, maid and gardener · Use of golf buggy 'mule' · tennis club events  
· weekly cocktail party · Basil's Bar · Spa at the Cotton House · dive centre  
· beach café at Endeavour Beach*

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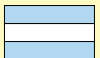
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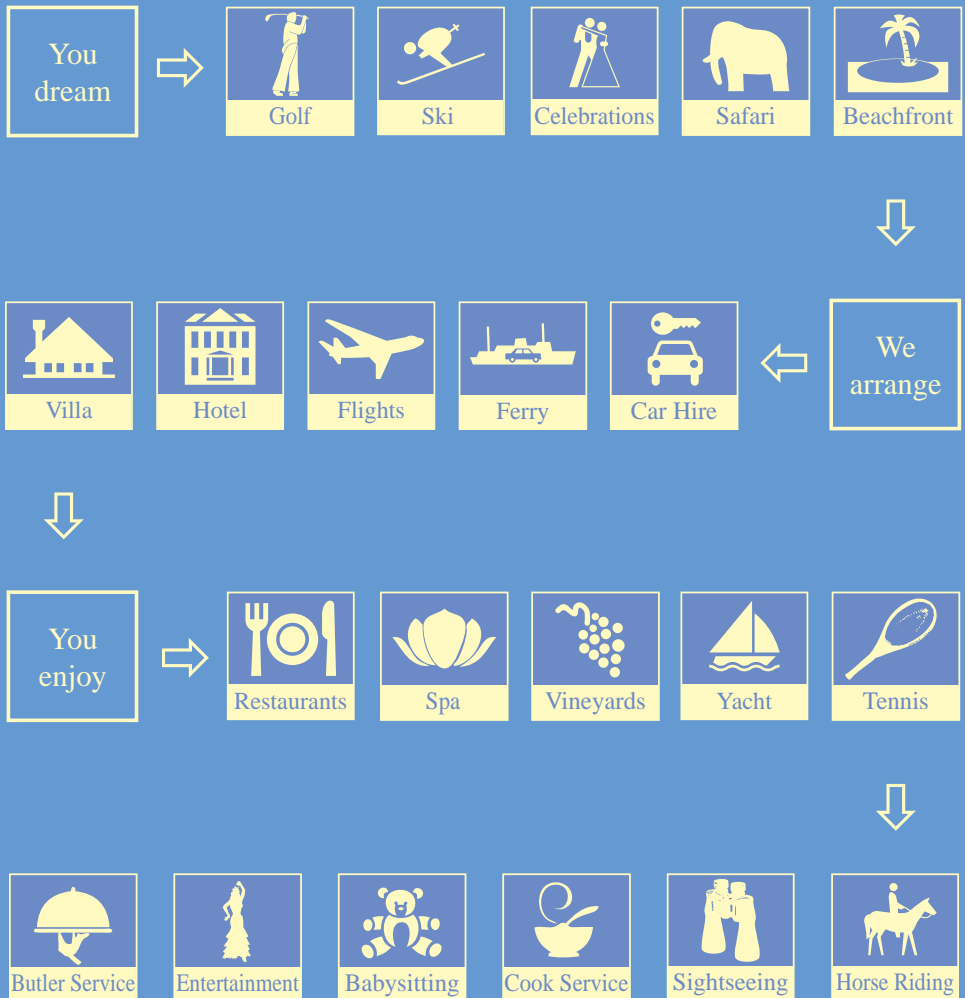
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