



 THAI

SAWASDEE

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WEEKEND ESCAPE

A new option for a weekend break opens this month in Kanchanaburi in the west of Thailand. The new high-design X2 River Kwai Resort features eight industrial-looking cabins that protrude over the Kwai Noi river. Facilities include a restaurant, library, infinity pool, bicycles, free Wi-Fi and in-room massages.

x2resorts.com

NEPAL DOUBLES TOURISM SERVICE FEE

Global inflation and a devaluation of the local currency has prompted Nepal's tourism board to double its Tourism Service Fee to Rs1,000. All foreigners leaving from any airport in the country have to pay the fee. The tourism board plans to use the additional revenue to focus on international promotions and domestic tourism development.

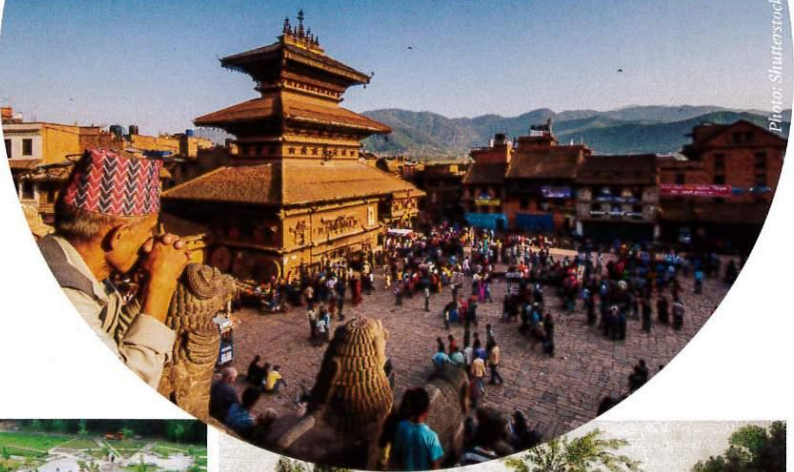


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RAIL-LY FAST

Travelling between France and Spain has become smoother and faster since Rail Europe started using TGV (high-speed trains). Running at speeds of up to 320 kilometres an hour, it takes just six and a half hours to get from Barcelona to Paris and vice versa. This is around 20 minutes faster than previous itineraries, and passengers will no longer need to change trains.

raileurope-world.com

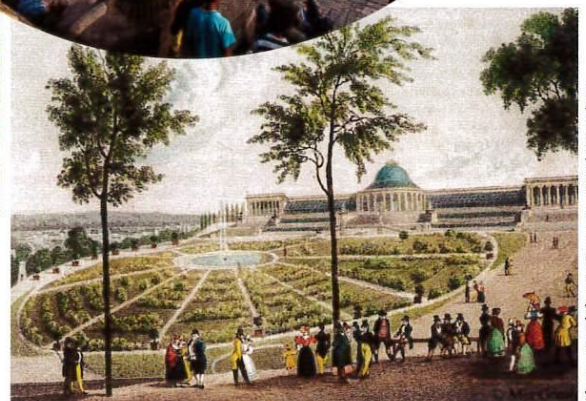
MAKE A NOTE

BluesFest returns to the Royal Albert Hall in London with a star-studded line-up that includes the legendary Van Morrison, songwriting icon Elvis Costello (below), jazz musician Gregory Porter and multi-Grammy-winning artist Sheryl Crow. Chart-topping jazz funk outfit Level 42 opens the six-day event on 26 October. bluesfest.co.uk



YEAR OF FLORA

Brussels is celebrating its rich green heritage by dedicating an entire year to its parks. Year of Flora is on till March 2015 and includes exhibitions, visits, walks and conferences for all ages. Look out for Flower Carpet, which sees the Grand Palace transformed into a magnificent floral work of art from 14 to 17 August. year-of-flora.be



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