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# Taking off

## BRIEFING

### SPANISH CAR HIRE FROM £2.44

Rental rates in Spain have crashed to as low as £2.44 a day this Easter, according to research from Travelsupermarket.com. It found 15 days' hire in Mallorca for £36.72. Cars in Malaga start at £2.96 a day and in Alicante at £3.05.

### NO MORE ROAMING CHARGES

The European parliament voted last week to end roaming charges for calls and data mobile devices by the end of 2015. The legislation would see fees phased out in the 28 member states, but still needs to be approved by the Council of the European Union, which should make the final decision in October.

**MOMBASA WARNING** The Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) is warning British travellers of further disturbances in the Kenyan resort of Mombasa, where several people have been killed in recent months. It says tourists should follow local news, look out for updates to FCO travel advice and "remain vigilant". In Nairobi, six people died last week in a series of bomb blasts in the suburb of Eastleigh.

### OVERWEIGHT HOSTESSES

**BACK ON BOARD** Air India has been ordered to rehire three air hostesses it fired for being overweight. Sangita Garg, Punita Bakshi and Sona Chawla were sacked in 2008, but the High Court in Delhi ruled that the airline "had not applied its mind" to its argument that the women's weight impeded their efficiency. Air India argued that the three worked in the "travel industry, where pleasing appearance, manners and physical fitness [were] required of both sexes".

## ▼ TIDES OF CHANGE

Finally, fashion is favouring something women might actually want to wear on the beach — skimpy bikinis are out, the retro one-piece is in. This means more coverage, a flattering 1950s cut and floral swim hats to cover a frizzy barnet. Try these classy monochrome pieces: top picks are the Fashy swim cap (£20; [simplyswim.com](http://simplyswim.com)) and the striped Seafolly high-neck swimsuit (£95; [simplybeach.com](http://simplybeach.com)).



## ◀ WHEELY BIG

The world's tallest Ferris wheel has just landed in Las Vegas.

The Las Vegas High Roller, opposite Caesars Palace, is more than 100ft higher than the London Eye and 9ft taller than its nearest rival, the Singapore Flyer. One revolution takes 30 minutes; prices start at £15. [thelinq.com](http://thelinq.com)



## ▲ THINK OF THE VIEW

If you enjoyed the naked yoga feature in this week's Style, you might like to know that the star of the show, Annette Ross, is launching bendy, nude breaks on the island of Formentera. The Balearic backdrop promises to be more distracting, and the temperature kinder, than at her regular classes in south London. Although birthday suits aren't compulsory, the more exhibitionist guests can frolic naked in the grounds of the luxury villa you'll be staying in, though they'll be encouraged to cover up at mealtimes. The first retreat runs May 10-16; a week starts at £909pp, all-inclusive; flights are extra. [formenterayoga.com](http://formenterayoga.com)



## ▲ UP ON THE ROOF

Why stay in a B&B when you can camp on top of one? Brooks Guesthouse, in Bristol, is winching three shiny Airstream-style trailers onto its roof terrace for guests who have had enough of boring old bedrooms. They will have showers, proper duvets and flatscreen televisions. They're available from May 2; prices start at £109, B&B. [canopyandstars.co.uk](http://canopyandstars.co.uk)

## NO NEED TO PEDAL

The Spanish capital is to launch its own version of London's Boris Bike scheme on May 1, becoming the first capital city in Europe to offer leg-saving electric bikes. The 1,500 battery-powered cycles can be hired for €2 for the first hour and €1 an hour after that.



## DO THE MATHS: AIRPORT TAXIS

What it costs to take a taxi from the airport to the centre of town

Tokyo Narita	£4.70 per mile	£191
Milan Malpensa	€2.52 per mile	£72
London Heathrow	€3.00 per mile	£60
Paris Charles de Gaulle	€3.80 per mile	£38
Copenhagen	€5.82 per mile	£34
New York JFK	€1.55 per mile	£28
Buenos Aires	€0.31 per mile	£6



## BURNING ISSUE

**Q** How do I win at the baggage carousel?

**A** Mentally prepare with some in-flight meditation (it's all the rage — Emma Watson does it). At the carousel, have a trolley. It'll give you more presence and protect shins from flying cases. And stand at the end of the belt — it's less frantic than the start, where an excitable scrum wait like teenagers at a One Direction concert. From here, survey the scene and resolve never to elbow an old lady, tread on a toddler or get territorial about a square foot of floor space. And when the brute with golf clubs shoves, and your bag glides past, you shall be calm in the knowledge that you are a superior human and your case will come again.