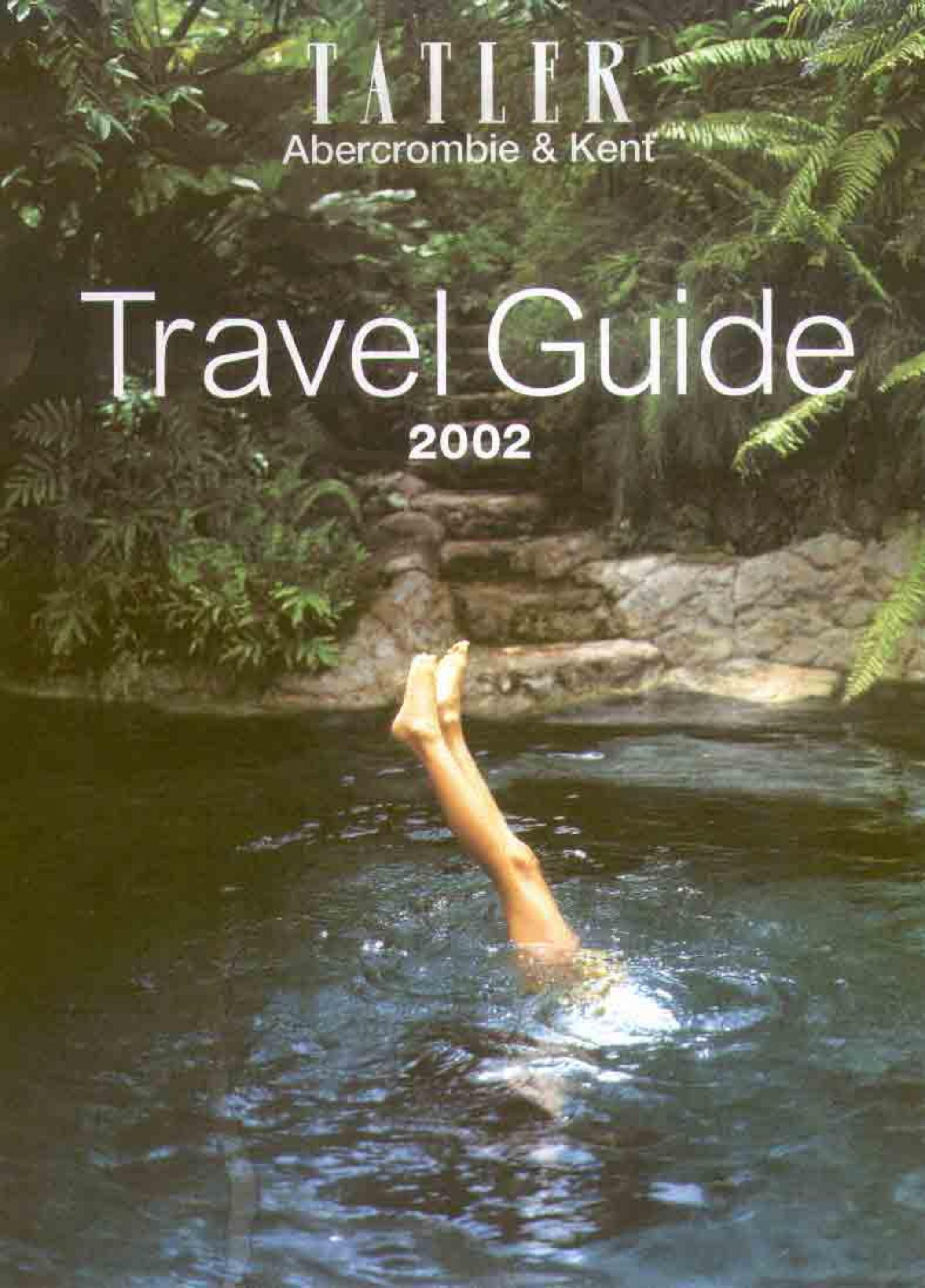


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Swimming in the pool at Sarah and Johnny Townsend's fantasy baby palazzo gives you a view of the Umbrian hills, beyond which are Perugia and Gubbio. Terranova has eight bedrooms painted in colours taken from Piero della Francesca pictures. It is also a home: Honor, the Townsends' daughter, does the cooking; Sarah's King Charles spaniels flop on the squashy sofas and Mozart or Louis Armstrong wafts from the library. Terranova was a ruin which has been restored with great love and huge style, and you can now rent the garden house separately – perfect for reconnoitring the Renaissance.

Tel 00 39 075 857 0083 Fax 00 39 075 857 0014

Website palazzoterranova.com

UK reservations Mediterranean Experience (tel: 020 8445 6000)

Rates Double, from £180; suite, from £240

HOSTELLERIE DE L'ABBAYE DE LA CELLE

France

A gourmet's country inn, with a vineyard, kitchen-garden and olive grove on the edge of Provence. Everyone knows Alain Ducasse's showcase restaurants in Monte Carlo and Paris but L'Abbaye de la Celle, his latest venture, is rather a secret. The *hostellerie* is next to a 12th-century Benedictine abbey; one of the two restaurants is in the chapter house. It's foodie heaven: truffles in season, a bouillabaisse of green asparagus with potatoes and pigeon eggs. The 10 bedrooms are all different, and Ducasse collected the antiques himself.

Tel 00 33 4 98 05 14 14 Fax 00 33 4 98 05 14 15

Website abbaye-celle.com

Rates Double, from £120; suite, from £160

HOTEL RAYA

Aeolian Islands, Italy

Only accessible by boat, Panarea is the most fantastical of the Aeolian fantasy islands, a piece of peace off the toe of Italy. The Raya is the ultimate retreat from cars, electricity and shoes. A buggy collects you from the port and rumbles through vine-covered, cobbled lanes to your door. The all-white hotel has a groovy nightclub (an Aeolian Attica rather than an Ibiza thump-thump crazy-zone). The restaurant, open to the sea, is lit by oil lamps, and the staff go barefoot. Rooms are simple, with tiled floors. Go in May when it's uncrowded, and take boats to deserted coves.

Tel 00 39 090 983 013 Fax 00 39 090 983 103

Website hotelraya.it

UK reservations Mediterranean Experience (tel: 020 8445 6000)

Rates Double, from £130; suite, from £160

ADA HOTEL

Turkey

The accepted facts that there are no decent hotels outside Istanbul and that anything to do with Bodrum is ghastly have been admirably contradicted by the Ada. In Turkbuku, just south of the Aegean, it has 14 rooms, 50 staff to pamper you and a spectacular hammam, and exists entirely for your pleasure. The pool is too cold? The staff will turn up the heating. You don't want to see thinner people in the hamman? Then you can book the marble palace all for yourself and lie on a circular dais overlooking the sea, steaming gently. Take a pile of books and laze at the beach club – groovy decking stretches into crystal water – or on your private terrace. The temptation is to hurry through dinner (food isn't great, though breakfast has four types of goat's cheese), retire to your bedroom and loll about on a four-poster draped with cream voile. Two suites share a

If you don't want to see thinner people in the hammam, you can book it all for yourself

swimming-pool and the Ada has two *gulets* (traditional wooden boats) for exploring coves.

Tel 00 90 252 377 5915 Fax 00 90 252 377 5379

Website adahotel.com

UK reservations ITC Classics (tel: 0870 751 9340)

Rates Double, from £675; suite, from £715 (for three nights, including flights and breakfast)

THE WATERSIDE INN

Berkshire, UK

Not far to go for a retreat, but an unexpected treat none the less. It's the ultimate quick fix: 15 minutes beyond Heathrow you're in a little heaven. The perception of the Waterside is of three-star-Michelin pony food but, in fact, it is an angelic restaurant with rooms attached. There are eight bedrooms, some with rooftop terraces overlooking the Thames. The detail is immaculate, including a seductive pantry where you can help yourself (whisky, cookies, champagne, coffee in little cafetières) should, like Pooh, you need a little smackerel. The turn-down is better than in the Oriental, Bangkok. Your clothes are hung up, your shoes put away and there's always fresh Evian (free bottled water by the bed is the sign of a good hotel). Of course, Michel Roux's cuisine is beyond wonderful, but it is because of sensational ingredients (pinging freshness and that

forgotten art of food in season), not contorted sauces. All the staff are multilingual and everyone is made to feel respected. By the way, the croissants and the home-made confiture are the best on earth – no need to go to France.

Tel 01628 620691 Fax 01628 784710

Website waterside-inn.co.uk

Rates Double, from £150; suite, from £275

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