

the **Saturday**

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● FRANCE'S most famous art gallery has just moved a little bit closer to the UK.

Or at least some of the Louvre's collection has got nearer to British shores.

This week saw the opening of the £110million Louvre-Lens museum and art gallery.

The futuristic building, sited at a

former coal mine, is just an hour's drive from Calais. Renaissance art features in the first exhibition.

Visit on the ferry - prices start from £25 for a day return crossing on the P&O Ferries' Dover-Calais service with a car and up to nine passengers.

See POferries.com for details and to book.



● DON'T get caught out on a car rental scam this Christmas.

Bogus car hire companies who take deposits but don't provide cars are on the increase according to the British Vehicle Rental and Leasing Association.

To avoid getting caught out,

always use a reputable supplier, never pay in cash and ensure the company operates from real premises, not a PO Box or virtual office.

The BVRLA will intervene in a dispute with any of their members, so search their site for a rental company near you. See bvrla.co.uk.

HOT SPOT

IT'S 28°C in Mexico - seven nights' all-inclusive at the 5* Occidental

Grand Xcaret in Xcaret is from £744 per person including Gatwick flights on January 13. Call 08444 77 00 78 or visit lowcostholidays.com.

HOT SPOT

IT'S 22°C in TENERIFE - seven nights' all-inclusive at the 5* Luabay

Costa Adeje is from £541 per person including Gatwick flights on January 14. Book at directline-holidays.co.uk or call 0800 408 6324.

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JUMP ON GLACIER EXPRESS

... **FOUR-COUNTRY XMAS:** Enjoy a Christmas Day ride on the Glacier Express train through the Swiss Alps as part of a tour which includes overnight stays in France, visits to fairytale Neuschwanstein Castle in Germany and the picturesque Austrian winter resort of St Anton.

The seven-day tour is now from £639 per person (saving £90 per person) and includes six nights B&B, four evening meals, travel by luxury coach, excursions to Füssen, Hohenschwangau, Swiss Glacier Express. Local departures on December 22. Go to legerbreaks.info or call 0844 504 6250.

... **OH YES IT IS!** Take a theatre break and see Lily Savage as Widow Twankey in Aladdin: A Wish Come True at London's O2.

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OLD VS NEW ...
Droll House and the Turner Contemporary, which was championed by Tracey Emin, Jeff

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I SPY . . . enjoy the James Bond experience

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**STAY
with the
STARS**

IF you were inspired by 007's latest big-screen adventure, check out the new James Bond Walking Tour of London from Brit Movie Tours. The two-hour trip takes in locations from films including *Skyfall*, *Die Another Day*, *The Living Daylights* and *Quantum Of Solace*. Tours start at £10 for adults and £7 for under-12s. Or for £25, pick a tour plus a Planet Hollywood lunch. Visit britmovietours.com to book.

● The era of musical-turned-movie *Les Miserables* is brought to life in France with the Versailles Bike Tour. Spend a day riding through the tree-lined gardens of the amazing palace and near the Grand Canal. The tour includes a guide, bicycle, transport to and from Versailles and admission to the chateau. Prices start from £77 per adult. Visit goseedo.com or call 0800 960 5551.

● Ang Lee's film adaptation of the novel *Life Of Pi* brings alive the southern Indian state of Tamil Nadu. Ampersand Travel has a six-night package including four nights at the newly launched ITC Grand Chola in Chennai and two nights in Pondicherry at Maison Perumal or Hotel de l'Orient. It also includes guided tours in Chennai, the Mahabalipuram Shore Temple and the French colonial enclaves of Pondicherry. Return BA flights from Heathrow are from £1,480 per person. See ampersandtravel.com.