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Why it doesn't get better than a cocker
 Bubble, bubble: the secrets of fermentation
 Ferret fun and fishing for loch salmon

In the lap of the Gods



• Once the well-kept secret of well-heeled Athenians, the international spotlight shone bright on Porto Heli when cult-brand Aman opened its hilltop acropolis, Amanzoe, in 2012 (www.aman.com). A temple of wellbeing devoted to the gods of good taste, Amanzoe continues to draw in and charm travellers with six new two-bedroom residences, to rent or buy. Each comes with a swimming pool, indoor-outdoor design and access to all Aman facilities. They're within reach of the ancient sites of Epidaurus and Mycenae and a 2½-hour drive or 20-minute helicopter ride from Athens. *Nicole Trilivas*



• Rarely is it possible to stay in a significant writer's former home and Sir Patrick Leigh Fermor is considered to be the travel writer's travel writer. His life of adventure included abducting the German commander in Crete during the Second World War. Later, he found a site for a house in the Peloponnese, at the coastal town of Kardamyli. He built it, and they came: Nancy Mitford, Diana Cooper and Bruce Chatwin. Sir John Betjeman described its sitting room as 'one of the rooms of the world'. The property was bequeathed to the Benaki Museum in Athens. It is possible to stay there, via Aria Hotels. Three-night minimum stay, from £281 per night (www.ariahotels.gr/en/the-patrick-joan-leigh-fermor-house). *Daniel Pembrey*



A series of cheeky, limited-edition prints by photographer Gray Malin—produced in collaboration with the Beverly Hills Hotel, California, US—is available now. Evoking the golden age of Hollywood, the images feature more than 20 different dog breeds in various set-ups throughout the hotel (www.graymalin.com; www.dorchestercollection.com)

Open Africa

THE African Travel & Tourism Association (ATTA) is campaigning for air bridges between the UK and Africa. Countries in the continent have been opening their borders since September and have some of the lowest numbers of Covid-19 cases anywhere in the world, but the UK Government is still advising against all but essential travel and insisting on a 14-day quarantine period. Tanzania has recorded just over 500 total cases; in Rwanda there have been 4,908 cases and 32 deaths. Tourism alone accounts for 25 million jobs across the continent and generates vital funds for conservation. 'It is time for the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) to start applying the same metrics to Africa as they are to the rest of the world,' says Nigel Vere Nicoll, president of the ATTA. To sign the petition, visit <https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/551094> (www.atta.travel).



Life's a (Caribbean) beach

British Airways has relaunched its twice-weekly, direct flight route to Grenada in the Caribbean, after a seven-month hiatus. The island states have countered Covid-19 with a well-coordinated defence and, at the time of writing, Grenada (as well as Anguilla, Antigua and Barbuda and St Lucia, among others) is on the Government's travel corridor list and exempt from the FCDO advice against all non-essential travel. A negative test must be procured prior to departure. Scott Dunn is offering a 30% discount off accommodation at Silversands hotel if you book before October 31 and travel between December 18 and January 5. The offer includes a massage and \$200 (about £154) resort credit (www.britishairways.com; www.scottdunn.com) 🐾

