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GLOBAL TRAVEL INSPIRATION FROM LOCAL EXPERTS

The **EUROPE** issue!

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The Eiffel Tower
still stands tall
over Paris

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SUMMER
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6 MINI GUIDES
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From here to there...

Cool off and get a feel for an older time with dinners in volcanos and an Olympics based on Eskimo survival

Are you as brave as a Bosnian?
Would you leap from this 24
metre high bridge?



MOSTAR, BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA

EXPERIENCE A REAL CLIFF-HANGER

The Mostar Bridge Diving festival in Bosnia and Herzegovina on 31 July isn't for the faint hearted. Mostar's 24 metre high bridge has been the place local men prove their worth for over four centuries. 10,000 visitors now descend on the historic town over the last weekend in July to compete and celebrate the death-defying dives. Bars and clubs stay open late as local divers celebrate cheating the reaper, for another year at least!

AND ELSEWHERE IN THE WORLD...

Do the wine run. The Lanzarote Wine Run on 23 June is a half marathon with a difference. Along the course runners can sample the local vineyards' latest offerings as they make their way through the Geria region, finishing at the Bodega Rubicon. Winners can win their weight in wine! There's a slower 10km 'Wine Walk' for those who want to enjoy it at a slower pace.

lanzarotewinerun.com. **Festival trippin'.** The Balkans are home to the coolest festivals this summer. Take a three day festival tour (10-14 July)

taking in Slovenia and Croatia, hitting a different festival site every night.

balkanroadtrip.com. **Music in**

Monte Carlo. The luxurious Med destination will see a host of five star concerts between 6 July and 19 August including Rihanna, Rod Stewart and Joe Cocker as part of its Sporting Summer Festival. montecarlosbm.com.

Eskimo Olympics! Alaska will see the World Eskimo Indian Olympics take place between 17-20 July. The games have been derived from ancient hunting techniques and include games where contestants are tossed as high as possible in walrus skins and carrying lead inglots by the ear lobe!

weio.org. **Dine inside a volcano.** Head to Santorini's latest resort, The Katikies Hotel, which sits 300ft up on the cliffs and has four tables at its signature restaurant

which are suspended on a rooftop veranda on the volcano's rim. The hotel is made up of a free-form collection of stairs, bridges and cottages.

katikieshotelsantorini.com. **Summer**

sounds. Forward-thinking musical festival ATP will head to Iceland for the first time for a two day gathering on an old NATO base at Keflavík, Iceland on 28-29 June. Expect

plenty of Scandinavian sounds, whilst Nick Cave & the Bad Seeds headline. atpfestival.com. **Go**

Brazilian! Etihad launch their first non-stop service to South America on 1 June, heading to Sao Paulo. etihad.com.

