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TEXT A

## 25 Summer Holidays for under £500

*Cheap doesn't have to mean nasty – and we've got the proof in our guide to the best of budget travel*

A week's holiday in Europe this summer, madam? For less than £500 per person? No problem at all. I have a wide range of tower blocks on the Spanish beaches and plenty of second-rate hotels in a noisy resort. Oh, you wanted cheap and nice? Gentle Mediterranean countryside, quiet sandy beaches, authentic villages and the scent of *bougainvillea* on all sides? That's different.

5 That's a challenge.

In fact, most travel agents won't take the trouble to find those things, but we know it can be done for that money – and often for much less. This is by means of self-catering options that are usually arranged through agencies – if the one you want has gone, the company will have others to choose from – and all hotels have reasonable availability in the summer.

10 Prices are per person, and were correct at the time of going to press. Flight prices are especially subject to change, and are expected to rise as summer approaches.

### £97 Scotland for the Family

For cottages in the UK, the best way to get a bargain is often to avoid the tourist destinations in favour of less familiar but just as lovely areas. In Scotland, Perthshire is the big attraction, but the lovely valleys of Angus, next door, are often overlooked – and they are so much less crowded. In pretty Glen Isla, Ecosse Unique (01835 822277, [www.unique-cottages.co.uk](http://www.unique-cottages.co.uk)) has Braefoot Cottage, a comfortable modernised house sleeping four in three bedrooms. Loch Lintrathen is 100 metres away, delightful Kirriemuir a few minutes' drive. In the peak season, it's just £385 a week.

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### £115 Uncrowded Cumbria

The Lake District is full of visitors in summer, but just outside it, and just as beautiful, is the Eden Valley and The Stag Inn, at Dufton, which dates back to 1703. It's excellent walking country, right on the Pennine Way, near High Cup Gill. The old stable block next to The Stag Inn is now a smart two-bedroom cottage, sleeping four and available for £460 in the summer peak with Cumbrian Cottages (01228 599960, [www.cumbrian-cottages.co.uk](http://www.cumbrian-cottages.co.uk)).

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### £119 Rustic Dordogne

If you're content to live the simple life, the Dordogne can be surprisingly cheap. Bouquier is an old detached stone cottage at the edge of a tiny village. No swimming pool, but who needs one when there's a good river swimming nearby? Sleeping four, it costs just £421 for the week from 23 August with Cottages4you (0870 078 2100, [www.cottages4you.co.uk](http://www.cottages4you.co.uk)) – and that includes the Dover-Calais ferry crossing.

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Stephen Bleach, "25 summer holidays for under £500", *The Sunday Times*, 3 Feb 2008. © The Sunday Times 03 2008

TEXT B

## AT 83, SHE'S STILL DIVING FOR RESEARCH

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Killing time on a Saturday morning while her mother was at work, a primary school girl wandered through an aquarium in Manhattan. She pressed her face into the glass and thought she had never seen anything so fascinating and mysterious as the sharks and other fish gliding through murky green water.

2 - Educational Background -

5 At 83, Eugenie Clark has not changed her mind. She is about to return this weekend from a research dive trip in the Solomon Islands, where she was studying foot-long, eel-shaped convict fish. Despite the fact that few people were encouraging young women to go into science when Clark grew up in the 1930s and '40s, she received a doctorate in zoology from New York University, became founding director of what is now the Mote Marine Laboratory in  
10 Sarasota, and taught marine science at the University of Maryland for more than 20 years.

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She has taken rides on the backs of whale sharks, dived to the depths in tiny submarines and learned to recognize the distinctive smell of coral reproducing. What really excites Clark, who lives in Sarasota and still conducts research through Mote, is any new chance to unravel a mystery underwater. "I just love puzzles, especially when they deal with fish," she says.

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15 Such as the time she searched and searched for males of a certain type of grouper, before discovering adult fish in the species have both genders. Or her current obsession: learning why convict fish spend their entire adult lives hidden in tunnels within coral reefs, while their young swim about outside.

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20 "It's so fascinating, and I'm just so sorry I probably won't live long enough to learn all the things I want to know about this fish," she said. One of her first great opportunities came in 1949, when she applied for a government grant to study and identify fish, especially poisonous ones, in Micronesia. Some thought it unlikely that the government "would be willing to send a single woman around the Pacific collecting fish. Life would be too difficult in most places: tropical diseases and the heat might get a girl down," she wrote later.

6 **- Becoming an Author -**

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But she got the grant and travelled to the South Seas. She wrote a book about her experience, *Lady with a Spear*, which became a Book of the Month Club selection. Although she was a scientist at heart, she also turned out to be a good writer.

7 **- Head of a Laboratory -**

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In 1954 she accepted an invitation from Anne and William H. Vanderbilt to give a lecture, which later led to an offer to set up a research institute at nearby Cape Haze. The laboratory, which moved to Sarasota, continued to grow and now says it is "the world's largest research center dedicated to the scientific study of sharks and their relatives."

8 **- Adventure with a Whale Shark -**

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Once, as she was diving off the coast of the Baja peninsula, a whale shark swam by. She reached for "a little handle that you can hold onto underneath a fin" and let the shark shoot off with her hanging on. She says she felt no fear. "It never occurred to me to let go because he didn't go deep. He stayed maybe 20 to 30 feet underwater. I just felt like I was on a tour bus," Clark said. Her dive tank slipped off her back, but she grabbed it and held onto the shark as it continued to swim away with her. "And then I started to think: How long have I been on this, and it's quite a distance, and maybe my air might give out soon and I'll have to find the boat. So I finally let go. But I was so sorry to let go of the most wonderful ride I've ever had in my life."

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9 **- A Guilty Feeling -**

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She tells the story a bit sheepishly, because the authorities now frown on catching rides on whale sharks. But she acknowledges that that time wasn't her last.

Adapted from the *St. Petersburg Times* newspaper,  
USA, 19 March 2006

TEXT C

## *Lake Wobegon Days*

The town of Lake Wobegon, Minnesota [...]

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[...] It would make quite a picture if you had the right lens, which nobody in this town has got.

Adapted from the novel *Lake Wobegon Days* by Garrison Keillor (1985)

**TEXT D**

**WAYS TO FILL THE GAP**

Thousands of students who received their final secondary school examination results this week will be considering taking a year out. But just how should they fill it?

The gap year market is a huge business, its promises are tempting not just to school-leavers who have just received final examination results this week but to university graduates, career breakers and "denture venturers" – the band of pensioners ready to spend their savings. Companies continue to emerge each year purporting to be the best, the most worthwhile, the cheapest. And even when gappers seek independent advice it can often be confusing.

Charitable organisations, for example, warn would-be volunteers of the dangers of leaving heavy western footprints when working abroad. This week Judith Brodie, the UK director of Voluntary Service Overseas, accused money-making gap companies of offering spurious schemes that "benefit no one apart from the travel companies that organise them". Gappers would be better simply travelling the world, she added. Yet employers and universities often demand that applicants use their year out to do something worthwhile.



For many school-leavers, tuition fees mean that a year out, wherever it is taken, must be a year of work to fund three years of student life, so it is particularly important to get it right. For parents, concerns are less about selection than safety, so many persuade their offspring to opt for organised placements. The expense – three months can cost up to £5000 – is balanced by the knowledge that their children have a backbone of support should things go wrong.



According to Tom Griffiths, of the website Gapyear.com, five times as many British school-leavers now opt to do a placement as did 10 years ago. Concerns about safety have risen following a series of high-profile deaths. Ian French is one of those who has lived every parent's nightmare. He recounts the events surrounding his daughter's death in a coach crash in Peru. He expresses his concern about the paucity of reliable information made available to prospective gappers and their parents – a lack his newly launched charity, GapAid, hopes to address.

Although fatalities may be rare, the Foreign Office says that nearly half of all gappers will suffer a serious incident during their travels. The most common problems are illness and robbery. Yet still one in five backpackers will go abroad without taking out insurance.

Whether you are planning a six-month jolly on the well-worn backpacker route or investing time (and money) in something more worthwhile, the key is to do your research and plan well in advance. Talk to people who have been on the road, rather than those who are selling it, or you'll waste the best opportunity to travel of your life.

Charles Starmer-Smith, "Ways to fill the gap", *Daily Telegraph*, (18 Aug 2007) © Telegraph Media Group Limited 2007