



Travel Doctor

Do you have a travel dilemma? Email travel@ukmetro.co.uk

Q I'm planning my sister's hen weekend and I know she likes getting drunk in trashy spots around western Europe. Could you suggest some where I can cater to my finer self as well as my younger sibling?
Beatrice, 27, Kent

A Most of the cities that Brits despoil with pre-nuptial nights out have a finer side, but none of them are finer than Amsterdam. Your sister will have no problem finding groups of other stags and hens in the bars and pubs of the red light district. You, meanwhile, can head for the more rarified surroundings of the Hermitage Amsterdam (hermitage.nl), the Dutch arm of

the St Petersburg institution or the laid-back bars of the Jordaan, in the west of the city. During the day, all of you can all explore Amsterdam's canals and streets by bike or go and do some shopping.
Tom Hall is travel editor at Lonely Planet

Q I'm planning a girls' holiday to Benidorm next summer. Can you recommend any operators who can guarantee some party girls a good time on the cheapest price possible?
Gemma, 19, Liverpool

A If this summer has shown one thing, it's that the cheapest price isn't always the best deal. The travel

firms which went out of business were operating at the bottom end of the market. The last thing you want is your holiday spoilt, so go with an established operator. There are no shortage of places to stay in Benidorm but to get the widest choice and keenest rates I'd stick to well-known names such as Thomas Cook (thomascook.co.uk) and Thomson (thomson.co.uk). If you fancy going your own way, try easyJet and Ryanair flights, followed by a villa with Owners Direct (www.ownersdirect.co.uk).
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