

ULTRATRAVEL

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SUPPLEMENT OF THE YEAR

TOUCH DOWN

On the Maldives island
that gives guests
whatever they want

SINGAPORE SWING

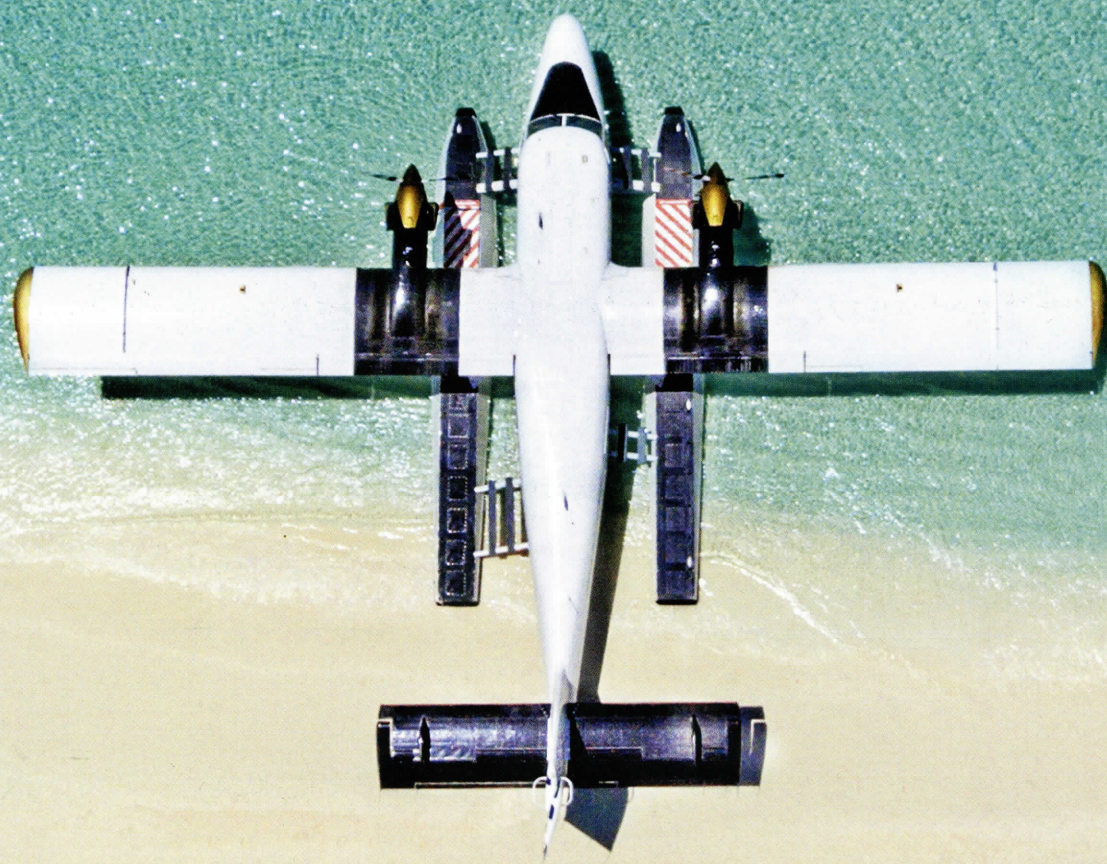
The island city-state celebrates
its 200th anniversary in style

HORSE POWER

Saddle up in Kyrgyzstan

SCRUMPTIOUS SCANDI

Cooking up a storm
in northern Norway



THE EDIT



HOME COMFORTS

This is the year in which the staycation goes superluxe

Many of us are planning holidays at home this year – never mind why – and a slew of spectacular new hotel openings makes 2019 a very good time to plan a great British break. By the Yorkshire Dales, 17th-century country house **Grantley Hall** opens as an elegant 47-bedroom hotel this spring. Pampered guests can pick from seven restaurants and bars, laze in the spa or walk along the estate's river. Similarly tranquil pursuits await at Buckinghamshire's **The Langley**, a Grade II-listed country manor enveloped by formal gardens originally designed by Capability Brown. Launching in Berkshire on Valentine's Day, **Monkey Island Estate** is buffered by the Thames. The majority of the bedrooms have a river view, and the modern-British menu should be a delight – the property will need to wow guests who have just eaten at the nearby Fat Duck in Bray, after all. Also opening next month, Chelsea's **Belmond Cadogan Hotel** will offer literary get-togethers and fine dining, courtesy of Adam Handling. Then there's **Stratford Hotel and Lofts** (pictured), found within the Manhattan Loft Gardens skyscraper, by London's Olympic Stadium. With interiors by Noma visionaries Space Copenhagen, the hotel and its serviced apartments will be sparse but beautiful, and those aforementioned gardens will be suitably progressive – they're found on the skyscraper's 7th, 25th and 36th floors.