



WINTER BREAK

If you're in need of a distraction over the Christmas holidays, have a look at Prestige Property's brand-new website. Based in England but with a global network of agents, it has a selection of properties ranging from a large apartment on the Grand Canal in Venice to elegant villas in the South of France. And if you fancy celebrating next year's festivities in more exotic climes, you could always purchase a luxurious South African game lodge, which comes complete with giraffes and zebras.

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NOTEBOOK

Rosemary Brooke looks at global property picks, a Hampstead newbuild and a book offering eco advice



COMFORT AND JOY

If you know of anyone who's spending Christmas shivering in their chilly period property, Old House Eco Handbook (Frances Lincoln; £30) will make a thoughtful present. Written by Roger Hunt and Marianne Suhr, it advises on how to make houses of all ages energy efficient and low carbon, without compromising their character. Written in association with the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings (SPAB), it'll persuade even the most determined Luddite that greener is better.



Perfect escape

With its dramatic coastline, rugged mountains and sunny climate, Montenegro is one of the most beautiful destinations in the Adriatic. Scheduled to open at the end of 2017, the €550 million Portonovi Montenegro development makes the most of this spectacular setting. Properties range from town houses to sky villas overlooking the marina. For more information, call 00 382 31 355 375 or visit www.portonovi.com

The modern way

Hampstead is home to some of the capital's finest modernist architecture and this newbuild house on Redington Road builds on the area's tradition of forward-looking homes. From the outside, the NW3 property might look relatively modest, but with lower-ground and basement levels, it spans 9,000 square feet. There are five bedrooms, a dual-aspect reception room and an open-plan kitchen and dining area, as well as an indoor pool, gym and cinema. Hampstead village is a short stroll away – as is the Heath – but with so many on-site diversions, it could be tempting just to stay indoors. Price on application, Knight Frank. 020 3022 6010; www.knightfrank.com

