

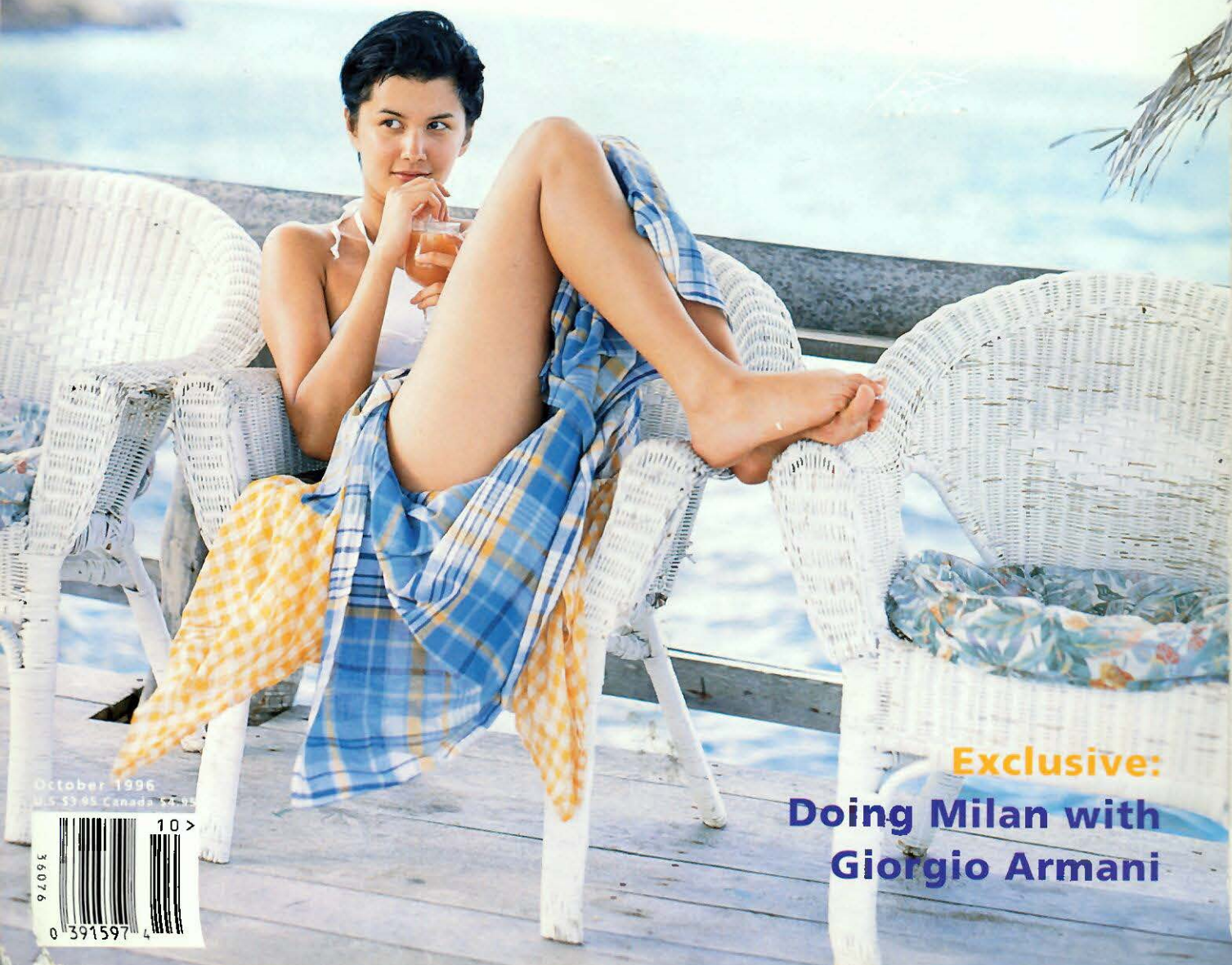
Special Islands Report: The Caribbean Europe The Indian Ocean

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The Results Are In!

World's Best Awards

Our Readers Pick the Places They Love



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5 Top Rental-Car Companies

In ranking rental-car agencies, survey respondents were asked simply to select the one company they prefer to use when traveling. Four out of 10 readers chose Hertz.

1. Hertz	40%
2. Avis	21%
3. National	9%
4. Budget	9%
5. Alamo	7%

5 Best African-Safari Operators

You could just about run a herd of wildebeest through the gap between Abercrombie & Kent and the rest of the contenders. A&K, which organizes high-comfort adventure tours to destinations around the world, came out tops in every category: wildlife sightings, staff/guides, travel arrangements, lodgings, and meals. The smaller Ker & Downey, well known for its custom safaris, came in second throughout.



A&K's Hemingway Tent

1. Abercrombie & Kent	84.1
2. Ker & Downey	67.7
3. Travcoa	63.5
4. Mountain Travel-Sobek	56.0
5. Micato Safaris	54.6

25 Best Hotels in the Caribbean and Bermuda



Four Seasons Resort, Nevis

1. Four Seasons Resort, Nevis	77.2	8. Hyatt Dorado Beach, Puerto Rico	69.7
2. Southampton Princess, Bermuda	74.0	9. Casa de Campo, Dominican Republic	69.0
3. Caneel Bay Resort, St. John, U.S. Virgin Islands	73.9	10. Bitter End Yacht Club, Virgin Gorda, British Virgin Islands	68.8
4. Hyatt Regency, Grand Cayman Resort	73.5	11. The Princess, Hamilton, Bermuda	68.3
5. Hyatt Regency, St. John, U.S. Virgin Islands	71.7	12. El Conquistador Resort & Country Club, Puerto Rico	67.5
6. Sandals, Jamaica	70.9	13. Peter Island Resort & Yacht Harbor, British Virgin Islands	67.1
7. Little Dix Bay Hotel, Virgin Gorda, British Virgin Islands	70.3	14. Atlantis Resort & Casino, Paradise Island, Bahamas	67.0
		15. La Samanna, St. Martin	60.8
		16. Half Moon Golf, Tennis & Beach Club, Jamaica	66.3
		17. Le Meridien L'Habitation, St. Martin	64.6
		18. El San Juan Hotel & Casino, Puerto Rico	63.8
		19. The Radisson, Grand Cayman	63.6
		20. Buccaneer Hotel, St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands	62.6
		21. Marriott's Frenchman's Reef Beach Resort, U.S. Virgin Islands	62.5
		22. La Belle Créole, St. Martin	60.8
		23. Americana Resort & Casino, Aruba	59.2
		24. Crystal Palace Resort & Casino, Bahamas	57.4
		25. Pelican Resort & Casino, St. Maarten	56.6

10 Best Airlines

It wasn't even close: Singapore Airlines soared above the competition in every category, consistently outranking second-rated Swissair in cabin comfort, in-flight service, on-time performance, food, and customer service. Overall, Pacific carriers took six of the top 10 spots.

1. Singapore Airlines	86.9
2. Swissair	79.2
3. Cathay Pacific Airways	76.2
4. Qantas Airways	75.3
5. Thai Airways International	75.3
6. Air New Zealand	73.3
7. Japan Airlines	72.5
8. British Airways	72.5
9. Virgin Atlantic Airways	72.2
10. Lufthansa	70.6

10 Best U.S. Airlines

Alaska Airlines proves that bigger isn't necessarily better: it topped the majors on every score. Only for on-time performance did it fail to win first place; it was edged out by up-and-comer Southwest Airlines.

1. Alaska	67.6
2. United	59.3
3. Delta	59.2
4. American	58.8
5. Hawaiian	55.4
6. Northwest	54.6
7. Aloha	53.5
8. TWA	52.9
9. America West	52.8
10. Southwest	52.8