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DIRECTOR
HAS THE
A-LIST
FLOCKING
TO HIS
HOTEL?

WHERE
IN EUROPE IS IT
£1.14 FOR A

CRAFT
BEER?

DOES
EUROPE
HAVE ITS OWN
CARIBBEAN?

YUM

WHERE'S THE
WORLD'S
BEST
FEMALE
CHEF
FROM?

WHICH
MICRONATION
IS THE NEW
MONACO?

WHICH IS THE BEST
GREEK
ISLAND?
*DEFINITELY

WHERE'S THE
BEST HOTEL
IN EUROPE?

25 THINGS YOU PROBABLY DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT EUROPE

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WHERE
SELLS MORE
OF THIS
THAN ANYWHERE ELSE
IN THE WORLD?

CHOCOLATE

WHERE ARE
DONER
KEBABS
FROM?

HINT: IT'S NOT TURKEY

5 STAR
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25 INTERESTING FACTS

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TO FIND OUT

Where can you find Europe's best hotel? How long is the world's longest art gallery? Why does some air cost €50 and some beer €1.50? Read on. The answers may surprise you...

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MICRONATIONS ARE NO JOKE

FROM UŽUPIS, IN the Lithuanian capital of Vilnius, to Elleore, an island 'nation' founded by a group of Danish teachers, Europe has more than its share of micronations – self-proclaimed states that often boast their own coins, flags, passports, postage stamps, customs and constitutions ('Man has the right to have no rights,' reads the Užupis lawbook).

While many are little more than elaborate practical jokes, others are altogether more serious. In the Principality of Seborga, close to the Franco-Italian border, Prince Marcello Menegatto (*pictured, right*) is attempting to turn his 14km² principality into a magnet for tourism and business. "We're trying to create an alternative to Monaco," says the prince, a former speedboat-racing champion who grew up in Switzerland and Monte Carlo and moved to Seborga in 2007 to build a ranch for his horses. He became mayor in 2010, after the death of Giorgio Carbone, the founding prince, who had been in the post since 1963.

"I said I'd bring new business and life," he says of the pretty hilltop town and its surrounds – an area with a population of around 320. Today, plans are afoot for an international hotel chain to open a spa hotel and golf club, while house prices have tripled since Menegatto took charge. The principality has its own clothing line and 25 representative offices around the world, from Armenia to the USA, and Menegatto claims to be close to securing official recognition from a few nation states.

"We take this seriously," says Menegatto, who is genuinely pushing for independence, with plans to lower taxes to attract new business. His project has been helped by a recent election victory – Menegatto saw off the leadership challenge of Mark Dezzani, a British-born DJ who campaigned to introduce more pageantry, revive the luigino (Seborga's medieval currency) and legalise marijuana. "I welcome the peoples' verdict," says the prince. "And I want to finish what I started."

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