



The Town & Country Issue

This issue we get seriously citified. Then we go brazenly country. Then we try and combine the two, and frolic with abandon in our newfound feral urbanity.

From the gritty-turned-glam neighbourhoods of **New York** to the gorilla-decked jungles of **Rwanda**, from the spirit-infused **Balinese** hinterland to the sublime **English Lake District** (yes, we swim some of them), from high-end **Hong Kong** corporate chic and for-those-in-the-know **Singapore** shindigs to off-the-beaten-track **Cambodia** - we give you turgid adventure, sultry city-slicking and a healthy dose of the pastoral lifestyle. Tropical beach dalliances are not neglected either, as you will see in our **Phuket villa resort exposé**.

Negotiating the lifestyle of travel as is our want in the first half of this magazine, our extended book-review

pages celebrate Lonely Planet founders Tony and Maureen Wheeler's frank and witty autobiography, a striking new Sri Lankan décor-centric read, and George Monbiot's *Heat: How to Stop the Planet Burning*, which aims to find alternatives to many of our carbon-emitting habits. The only thing not currently solvable: the more air miles we tally, the more we destroy other people's lives and the planet's fragile ecosystem. Food for thought.

Finally, you'll find a hefty supplement to this issue which we compiled on behalf of the Tourism Authority of Thailand. Their 2007 tagline is 'Thailand Unforgettable'. We chart some of the most unforgettable attractions around the country - some of which many people will not have known about - and list the kingdom's most unforgettable stays.

Live it up in the city, then flee to the country, on foot if possible, with lifestyle + travel.

Safe journey,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter Myers', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Peter Myers
Editor-in-Chief

Above: The editor arguing that his job is not, in fact, a lifestyle choice, at The Village Resort & Spa, Karon, Phuket/Chumsak Kanoknan.