Summer 2014
Issue 2
£5

PORTER

FASHION
made for
ADVENTURES
Shine in summer prints
Explore in rich suedes
Romance in chiffon...

WHAT MAKES A
MODERN-DAY
HEROINE?
By Molly Ringwald

Gaga
The lady
Photographed by Inez & Vinoodh

Beautiful
stories &
strong women

Sam Taylor-Johnson, Christiane Amanpour, Vanessa Paradis, Sarah Silverman, Isabel Fonseca, Gigi Chao, Jane Birkin, Liya Kebede, Arianna Huffington...
out of this world

the souvenir

Scent is one of the most evocative pleasures of travel, and each perfume by Eau d'Italie transports the imagination. PORTER'S favorite, Au Lac, is inspired by the passionate love affair between Princess Vittoria Colonna and Futurist painter Umberto Boccioni, which unfolded in the summer of 1916 against the backdrop of Isolino, Colonna's island retreat on Lake Maggiore (below).

Au Lac by Eau d'Italie, £87

the house party

Cast yourself in the lead of a romantic novel at Ballyfin, a sumptuous Irish Georgian estate complete with a library housing over 5,000 volumes, a crumbling folly overlooking the rolling Slieve Bloom mountains and a vintage pony and trap. Every room tells a story — in the Costume Room, guests can pick out 18th-century feathers, ribbons and fans to go with empire-line dresses, or opt for tricorn hats with frock coats and breeches. ballyfin.com

Porter goes to...

be inspired

Swing to the rhythm of free-spirited '50s America with these beatnik classics

READ:

The Haunted Life by Jack Kerouac - 70 years after the manuscript was lost in a New York cab, the beat poet's anarchic and heady final novel is published.

WATCH:

On the Road - the movie, starring Sam Riley and Kristen Stewart (above), is based on Kerouac's classic about his misadventures across the States.

ESCAPE TO:

The wilds of California's Big Sur, which galvanized Kerouac's eponymous novel. Stay at the Post Ranch Inn with its lofty Pacific views. postranchinn.com

russia by appointment

This spring sees the launch of Viktor Vekselberg's Fabergé collection in the Shuvalovskiy Palace, St. Petersburg (below). Not open to the public, luxe concierge service Parnassus arranges tours (parnassustravel.com). In Vienna, meanwhile, The World of Fabergé at the Kunsthistorisches Museum has 150 pieces of jewelry from the Kremlin Museum (khm.at).

LA COLOMBE D'OR, FRANCE

Miro, Matisse and Picasso have all stayed at this country inn — and paid the bill with pieces of their art. lacolombe-dor.com

VILLA FELTRINELLI, ITALY

This mansion on the emerald waters of Lake Garda was the last home of Mussolini. villafeltrinelli.com

DUNTON HOT SPRINGS, USA

Butch Cassidy used to drink in Dunton's saloon; now this tiny mining town is a luxury ranch resort. duntonhotsprings.com

hotels with history