

Just the ticket

Flexible working, fast internet, frequent flights and cheaper private-school fees are encouraging more people to relocate, says Arabella Youens

ONNECTIVITY is the major factor when you're considering the long-distance commute to the UK, says Hugo Thistlethwayte of Savills (020-7409 8876): 'You've got to look to somewhere where the planes are still

flying over the winter.

Then, it's a question of finding good schools, a lively expatriate scene and an airport—such as Florence that's 'a pleasure to fly in and out of', adds Jeremy Onslow-Macaulay of Casa & Country (00 39 055 747 7720). Here are our top five locations.



Mallorca With plenty of flights daily, even during winter, Palma is ideally positioned. In the past 20 years, it's turned itself into a charming cosmopolitan capital with top-class restaurants and services Commute to London 2 hours, 20 minutes

Schools Those following the British curriculum include The Academy and Bellver International College



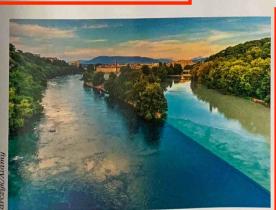
Lisbon Generous residency visas have led to an influx of those involved in technology and start-ups (it will soon be the world's largest hub for the latter) Commute 2 hours, 50 minutes Schools A host of options teaching international and Portuguese curricula



Monaco As a result of recent changes regarding residency, more and more people are living full-time in the principality, which is having a positive impact all round—restaurants, shops, clubs and social lives are all busier

Commute 2 hours

Schools The International School of Monaco, which follows the International Baccalaureate programme



T Geneva One of the best places in which to bring up a family in Europe—lakes in the summer, skiing in the winter and you can live in the countryside and be at the airport within minutes

Commute 1 hour, 30 minutes Schools The bilingual International School of Geneva



Telorence It's long been an option favoured by the intelligentsia, but the recent introduction of the flat-rate tax for high-net-worth individuals has expanded its appeal Commute 2 hours, 15 minutes

Schools The International School of Florence is one of the oldest in Europe 🦫

