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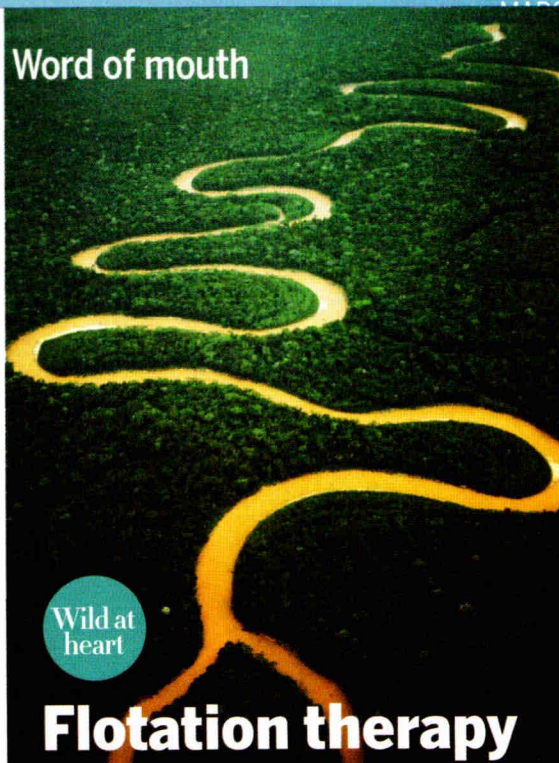
Elephants, Cameras,
Action – on location in
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California
calling

25 reasons to visit Los Angeles

Stylish & affordable places to stay in

Word of mouth



Wild at heart

Flotation therapy

The Amazon in Peru. Below left, the private deck of a Grand Suite on The Oberoi Zahra

Now is the time for messing about on a river, five-star style



When The Oberoi hotel group launched its first boat, **Zahra**, an old-fashioned Nile cruiser, in October last year, it was the start of a flurry of stylish boat-related activity on several of the world's great waterways. India's Park Hotels brand is about to unveil **Apsara**, which will bring a hitherto-unseen level of luxury to Kerala's backwaters.

Described as a 'boutique lake cruiser', it has eight cabins fitted with LCD TVs and internet connectivity, as well as an onboard spa. At the end of this month, the **Aqua** – an intimate vessel that sleeps 24 – will make its maiden voyage into the Peruvian rainforest on the Amazon. Finally, Abercrombie & Kent is now taking bookings for the June launch of the **Yangzi Explorer**, which has a cinema and a multilingual library as additional attractions to the captivating scenery of the three gorges.

The Oberoi Zahra (www.oberoizahra.com): double suites from €1,890 per night. **Apsara** (0800 055 6817; www.theparkhotels.com): from £550 per person full board, for two nights (minimum stay), including all transfers and sightseeing. **Aqua** (0845 057 0600; www.balesworldwide.com): Bales Worldwide's 12-day Peru itinerary, from £3,695 per person, includes seven nights on the Aqua. **Yangzi Explorer** (0845 0700 615; www.abercrombiekent.co.uk): Abercrombie & Kent's signature 13-night China tour, from £3,099 per person, includes three nights on the Yangzi Explorer