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## HARRY GIRL BOMBSHELL

# MEG'S BRUV GUN ARREST

He holds weapon to woman's head in drunken row

By JAMES BEAL

THE half-brother of Prince Harry's girlfriend Meghan Markle has been charged with holding a gun to a woman's head during a drunken argument.

Thomas Markle Jr, 50, left, was arrested on Thursday in Oregon, US.

The news is hugely embarrassing for the Royal Family, coming days after Meghan visited Harry at Kensington Palace.

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## Edited by LISA MINOT

BOOK now and you can get seven nights for the price of five on mobile home holidays at Berry Riviere in Picardy.

A week in a two-bedroom mobile home with a large decking now costs £225 (saving £90) from April 8. And seven nights from April 15 in a three-bedroom home with decking area is priced at £260 (a reduction of £104).

Disneyland Paris is 69 miles away and the campsite runs weekly excursions there and also to Paris. The price is for a family of two adults and up to four children. Ferry crossings can be arranged on request and cost from £82 for a return Dover/Calais P&O saver crossing. Call 01233 629 950.

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DADGEAR RUCKSACK, £85.00, happybags.co.uk

THIS is aimed at dads, but there's no reason mums wouldn't love it.

The rucksack works as a day-to-day nappy bag but with dimensions of 46cm x 30cm x 30cm, it's great for travel too.

There's loads of pockets and a handy flap so you can get to the wet wipes in the inevitable emergencies.

Additional features include nappy hammock, changing mat, buggy clips, mesh bottle pockets, pale and padded shoulder straps.

And the design means that it can be used as a regular rucksack once baby is out of nappies.

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## BUILDINGS AND FUN IN DC

CAPITAL GAINS... the White House, and right, Georgetown neighbourhood



I SEE DC... the Capitol Building and right, Lincoln Memorial



justice and give yourself time to reflect. Washington is a stunning city.

The streets are teeming with beautiful Georgian architecture and inviting bars and restaurants. Top of my list for pre-dinner drinks was the Round Robin bar at The Willard hotel. Just a stone's throw from the White House, this bar was frequented by Abraham Lincoln, so they say.

The sophistication carries a modest price tag and is well worth a visit for a glimpse into America's political past.

Dinner that night was at the Old Ebbitt Grill, one of the oldest restaurants in town, and a real treat. Founded in 1856, it has hosted a who's who of US history, with Presidents Roosevelt, Johnson and McKinley all enjoying nights here.

The slab of steak (\$30, or £24.60 for a rib-eye) and half a dozen oysters (\$17.99, £14.75) didn't break the bank, and add in the buzzing atmosphere and slice of history and it's an absolute must.

No trip to the States is complete without shopping. Avoid

the generic malls and head for picturesque Georgetown, just a ten-minute cab ride away.

It features top designers to divine independent boutiques, all in a bygone setting. Venture up the side streets for some big brands and cute restaurants. I halted the shopping for an hour for a bowl of ravioli and some people-watching.

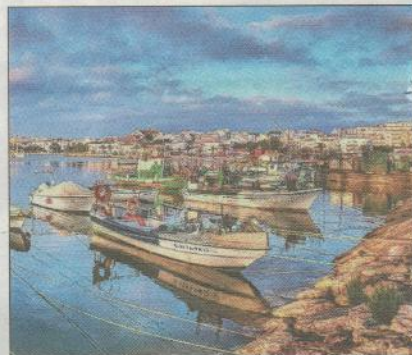
Washington is not short of hotels, from impressive five-stars to side-street elegance.

## Wine tasting

I stayed at the very comfy Kimpton Carlyle Hotel in Dupont Circle. It's chic and boutique, with a stunning restaurant and free wine-tasting every evening from 5pm to 6pm. The staff were welcoming and it feels relaxed. I think the few glasses of free and very delicious Chardonnay only added to my contentment.

The taxi ride back to the airport gave me time to plan my return and contemplate which cocktail bar Mr Trump might visit after a busy first day in office. Not sure he'd be on the pear martinis though.

ALEXIS BESSON



## ALGARVE TRIP'S BANG ON MONEY

POST OFFICE Travel Money has published its latest Holiday Money Report, and it turns out the Algarve in Portugal is the best bet for value.

Europe dominates the report's Worldwide Holiday Costs Barometer of 44 resorts or cities, taking nine of the ten best-value places.

The research compares the prices of eight items tourists spend their cash on – including a meal for two, a cup of coffee, bottle of beer and suncream – and just how far the budget will stretch.

Overall costs are higher worldwide than in 2016 but prices in local currency have either fallen or stayed the same as 12 months ago in 40 per cent of the destinations surveyed.

Top-value destination the Algarve has a barometer total of £33.36 – only £4 (ten per cent) more than a year ago.

Runner-up Sunny Beach, Bulgaria (£33.53) benefits

from a 1.5-per-cent fall in local prices. Spain's Costa del Sol (£38.79), in third place, has been a hit due to a three-per-cent drop in local costs.

Amazingly, Japan makes its first appearance in the top ten with capital Tokyo in eighth place – the only long-haul destination to feature.

Andrew Brown, of Post Office Travel Money, said: "Holidaymakers can do little about sterling's value but they can plan trips to resorts or cities where prices for meals, drinks and other tourist staples are low."

## TOP TEN CHEAPEST DESTINATIONS:

1. The Algarve
2. Sunny Beach, Bulgaria
3. Costa del Sol, Spain
4. Marmaris, Turkey
5. Prague, Czech Republic
6. Paphos, Cyprus
7. Budapest, Hungary
8. Tokyo, Japan
9. Sliema, Malta
10. Corfu, Greece

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## Hols for under...

**£100** - CELEBRATE Burns Night in the Scots poet's birthplace of Alloway. Stay at the 4★ Carrick Lodge from £75 per night, arriving on January 25. Find out more online at [HotelsCombined.co.uk](http://HotelsCombined.co.uk).

OR Explore the ancient city of Rome with two nights' B&B at the 4★ Excel Roma Montemario from £99 per person, travelling in February. Book by January 22. See [ba.com/rome](http://ba.com/rome).

**£250** - RELAX with three nights' room only flight at the 3★ Zenit Malaga from £219, including flights from East Midlands on January 27. See [jet2holidays.com](http://jet2holidays.com) or call 0800 408 5594.

OR Grab a great value week in Malta, half-board at the 4★ Bella Vista Hotel in Qawra from £139, flying from Leeds Bradford on January 29.

**£500** - CHILL out on the beach in Cyprus with seven nights' half-board at the 5★ Annabelle Hotel in Paphos from £467. Leaves Manchester on January 21. See [loveholidays.com](http://loveholidays.com).

OR Enjoy the sights of Madeira with one week's half-board at the 5★ Pestana Casino Park from £489, flying from Bristol on January 23. See [easviet.com/holidays](http://easviet.com/holidays) or call 0203 499 5232.

**£750** - JET off to Egypt with seven nights' all-inclusive at the 4★ Sentido Mamlouk Palace from £565, with flights from Birmingham on February 9. See [thomascook.com](http://thomascook.com) or call 0844 412 5970.

OR Hit the beaches of beautiful Bali with ten nights' B&B at the 4★ Ramayana Resort & Spa from £719. Leaves Heathrow on January 31. See [awayholidays.co.uk](http://awayholidays.co.uk) or call 0208 705 0107.

**£1000** - CHASE the sun in Cancun with seven nights' B&B at the 4★ Omni Puerto Aventuras Beach Resort from £872, flying from Heathrow on January 31. See [travelitrolley.co.uk](http://travelitrolley.co.uk) or call 0208 843 4400.

OR Escape on a luxury stay in the Dominican Republic with one week all-inclusive at the 4★ Clubhotel Riu Bambu from £910. Flying from Birmingham on February 1. See [thomson.co.uk](http://thomson.co.uk) or call 0871 230 2555.