



133 over par... Rich

## 202-shot golfer is the worst in world

By JAMIE PYATT

**BUDDING** golfer Rich Hurst played the world's worst round - taking **202** shots to complete an 18-hole course.

Rich, 25, who had just bought a £400 set of new clubs, shot an incredible 133 over the 69 par.

He also **LOST** 17 balls and **BROKE** his five-iron when he hit the ground taking a swing.

He took 23 shots on the 400-yard tenth hole alone - and 12 on the tiny par-three 18th.

After his disaster at Great Salterns course in Portsmouth, Rich admitted: "It was a nightmare."

### Laugh

"I got 19 on the first hole and felt like giving up but my playing partner persuaded me to carry on."

"By the end it was quite embarrassing and I think I'll give up my dream of being the next Tiger Woods."

Rich, of Portsmouth, stepped up to the full-size course after playing pitch and putt 20 times.

Partner Pete Higgins, who shot 84, said: "It was hard not to laugh."

**SUN** **SIX** Italian airmen serving in Afghanistan face court martial for using squaddies to help smuggle to Italy hundreds of traditional red **CARPETS**.

**SPOT** **Joe's fat pets fear**

ONE in two cats and dogs risk early death because they are overweight, warns a TV vet.

Joe Inglis said owners need to act - and fast.

He has teamed up with the RSPCA to launch a motivational Pets Get Slim website and roadshow today.

Joe said: "When you've got a pet begging for treats, it's really tough."

"But excess weight can mean arthritis, diabetes, liver and heart disease."

Pets can be weighed at the roadshow in Southampton, Bristol, Cardiff, Birmingham and Manchester. The RSPCA said a dog or cat was too fat if its ribs can't be felt.

### SEXSKI UNDIES

Russia's biggest lingerie chain Wild Orchid opens its first UK outlet at Bluewater, Kent, this week.

# GOING SPACES



## Great hotel...£2m for 3 nights...but no atmosphere

By **LISA MINOT**  
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**BOOKING soon: the one package holiday that's out of this world - with a price to match.**

The most expensive break in history will set you back **£2MILLION**.

The good news is transfers are included, which is just as well - because you are paying for a three-night stay in outer space.

The first guests could be checking into the Galactic Suite Hotel in just five years.

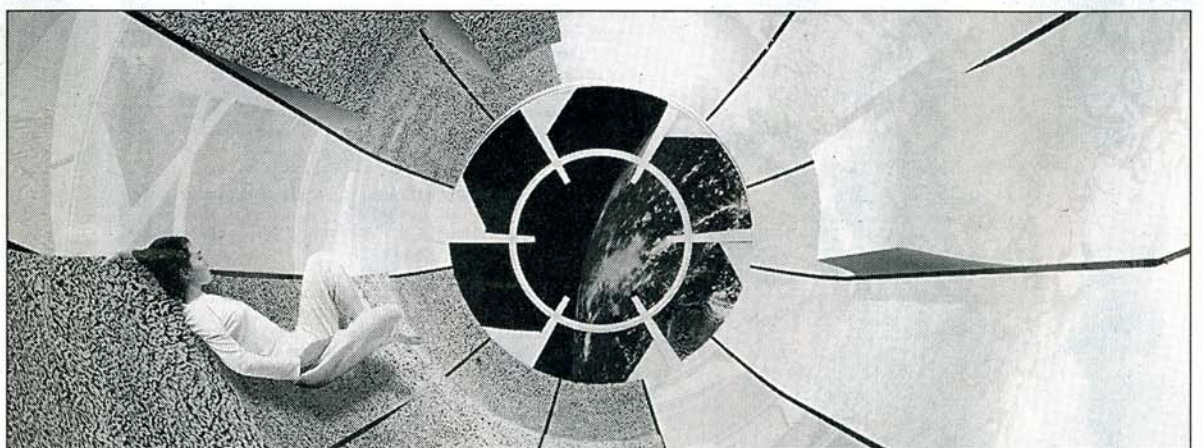
Bosses behind the space tourism company are due to start taking bookings next year for the holiday that will include an 18-week astronaut training stay on an idyllic Caribbean island.

### Orbit

Galactic Suite director Xavier Claramunt says: "This is the first package deal to space. It includes transport to the Caribbean island, the training required for journeys into orbit, the flight to the hotel and three nights in space."

The journey will have more unique attractions than the, er, lack of atmosphere.

Space-hotel guests will be able to see the sun rise and set 18 times a day. Even Jules Verne's fevered imagination couldn't have competed



VIEW TO A THRILL... how guests will look down on Earth while relaxing against the Velcro wall of the pod

with the speed at which the hotel will whizz around the world - once every 80 minutes.

The hotel will initially cater for just six guests in three pod-shaped rooms. But the aim is to eventually feature up to 20 pods built around a central nucleus.

The pods, 23ft long and 13ft high, will have almost no furniture - there won't be much call for the old trouser press in zero gravity.

Guests will wear Velcro suits, allowing them to anchor themselves to walls when they want a break from floating.

The Barcelona-based architects responsible for designing the hotel say some of their biggest challenges have been in designing bathrooms.

Xavier explains: "How to accommodate the more intimate activities

of the guests has not been easy. The toilet is still a challenge."

But designers have solved the problem of washing in space - guests will enter a spa room filled with floating bubbles of water.

Worrying about the return trip also won't be a problem - the shuttle that takes guests into space will remain docked with the pods, ready to take them back to earth.

### Backed

Xavier says: "There is fear associated with going into space."

"That's why the rocket will remain fixed to the space hotel, so guests know they can get home again."

The £1.5billion privately funded project is being backed by a variety of aerospace companies and one

mega-rich, un-named individual. Xavier adds: "We have calculated that there are 40,000 people in the world who could afford to stay at the hotel. Whether they would want to spend money on going into space, we just don't know."

● **COMING** back to earth with a bang. Travelodge today reveal a pod of a very different kind.

The TravelPod is the world's first mobile hotel room, ideal for stays at festivals and events.

The 21ft-long pod has a double bed, a TV and DVD, tea and coffee-making facilities and a washroom with basin and toilet.

It will be tested over the next couple of months.

The public will have the opportunity to participate in trials by entering a prize draw at [travelodge.co.uk](http://travelodge.co.uk).