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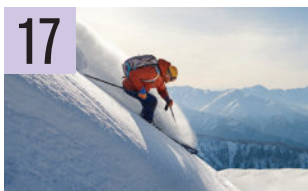




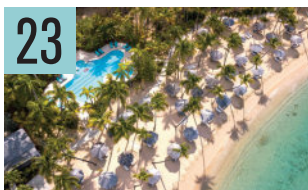
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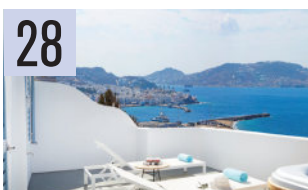
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BRITISH ADVENTURE BOOM

Google data has shown that interest in UK active holidays has significantly surpassed pre-pandemic levels.

ADVENTURE TOURISM is well and truly on the rise in the UK as a new report conducted by Wheelwrights has analysed Google search data and found that Brits are swapping downtime for activity and exercise.

According to the report, searches for 'all-inclusive active holidays UK' have increased 1,850% between April 2019 and March 2023, while 'adventure weekends UK for couples' increased by 800%, and 'walking holidays for over 50s' by 350%, proving that the increased interest spans a vast variety of demographics.

The pandemic saw a major drop in holiday searches as the country was confined indoors, but as internal-lockdowns eased, the demand for 'staycations' increased exponentially. Searches for 'staycation UK' rose by 1,300% between August 2019 and 2020. By last year, Brits were once again heading abroad, but after the re-appreciation of the UK's natural beauty, many are still choosing to spend

their holidays in the country, and that trend is set to continue throughout this year also as more Brits are choosing to negate the summer abroad to save money.

This is where the Brits' seemingly new-found sense of adventure comes into play. Prioritising health, both in younger and older generations, has led to an increase in fitness and exercise, correlating to the rise in active holidays across all demographics, from families and couples to the over-50s. Both budget and luxury active holidays have witnessed an increase, as well as dedicated holiday types, such as walking and water-based trips.

Jerry Rebbeck from Wheelwright said: "It is clear from our report that Brits are keener than ever to get into the great outdoors. If anything, I would say this trend is yet to peak and we'll continue to see it grow in popularity over the coming months.

"When it comes to holidays in the UK, there is no easier way to appreciate the natural landscape than to exercise within it."



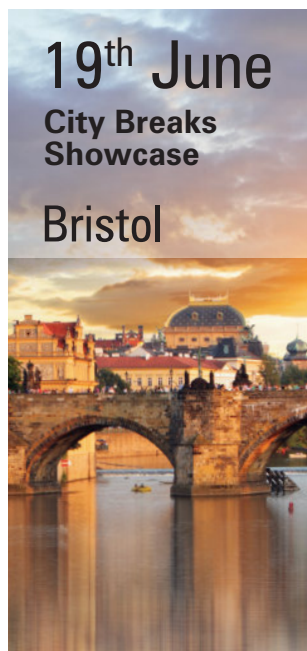
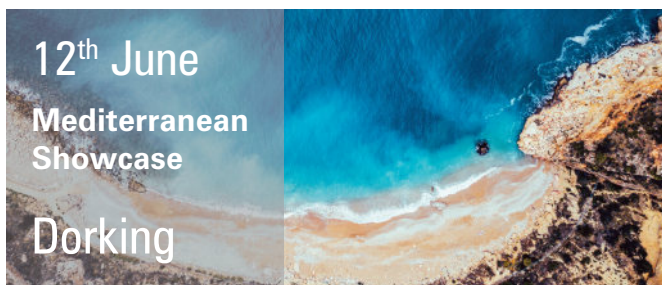
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AIUla announces eco-luxury AZULIK resort

THE ROYAL Commission for AIUla (RCU) will develop a new resort within the Journey Through Time (JTT) masterplan, designed in harmony with the natural landscape.

The AZULIK AIUla Resort will be an eco-luxury property tucked into the canyons near the AIMutadil Equestrian Village development.

Set to launch in 2027, the resort will feature 76 luxury villas, a spa, VIP club

and all-day dining. AZULIK will promote a connection between AIUla's rich heritage and the area's strong biodiversity.

John Northen, RCU vice president of hotels and resorts, said: "AZULIK AIUla is centred on the concept of sustainability and connection with the natural and human heritage surrounding this magnificent property."



Set-jettors boost Frontier Canada bookings

AS CANADA'S iconic landscapes have burst onto the silver screen in the form of BBC's *'Race Across the World'* and HBO's *'The Last of Us'*, Frontier Canada has witnessed a serious rebound in demand as the UK's passion for travel to the Great White

North has been well and truly ignited.

Jeremy Timms, managing director of Frontier Canada, said: "British Columbia and Alberta are performing particularly well, and Canada has certainly benefited from the set-jet craze."

Tel Aviv is proud to launch 'Lights On!' campaign

VISITORS PREPARE to be dazzled as Tel Aviv gears up to host its biggest Pride Weekend ever to commemorate 25 years since the inception of its first Pride Parade.

To celebrate, Tel Aviv Global & Tourism has crafted the 'Lights On!' global campaign to spread Tel Aviv's message of inclusivity far and wide.

The campaign paints a picture of Tel Aviv after dark before a burst of light emerges, illuminating the landscape with a display of pride colours.

"We hope this campaign is the perfect calling card for the destination and inspires everyone to experience the electrifying energy Tel Aviv has to offer – not just during Pride week, but all year round," said Sharon E. Bershadsky, director of the Israel Government Tourist Office in London.

The Biggest Pride Weekend Ever will be a two-day event beginning on June 8th.



Holiday Region Interlaken.



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MORE TO EXPLORE

As the islands continue to heat up for the summer, we are seeing the start of festival season in the Maltese archipelago with Isle of MTV, headlined by One Republic, the standout event.

Learn more at Travel Bulletin Dorking and Oxford where we will be in attendance with some huge news to share as we make developments to help our amazing travel agents Explore More about our amazing destination.

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AMAWATERWAYS IS offering two for the price of one on land packages combined with a Mekong cruise. Guests booking a seven-night Mekong Cruise between now and the end of June will be able to take advantage of the offer, which includes stays in Hanoi, Ha Long Bay and Ho Chi Minh City. The special rates are valid on all 2023 departures and selected 2024 dates. www.amawaterways.co.uk

Thornybush Game Lodge unveils Kamara House

THORNYBUSH GAME Lodge has launched Kamara House, a relaxed and elegant family villa in the Thornybush Nature Reserve.

The villa is an exciting new option for families looking for an exclusive, once-in-a-lifetime safari. The House features a two-bed solo-use villa, comprising two doubles, and an optional twin room; which can be further extended by taking the adjacent villa to accommodate larger family groups. Its plunge

pool is a luxurious private alternative to the larger main pool at the Lodge.

Guests may choose to dine privately and luxuriously with a dedicated chef at the villa; or may enjoy the main lodge if they are in the mood to share stories around the campfire and soak up the atmosphere of the candlelit bush dinners.

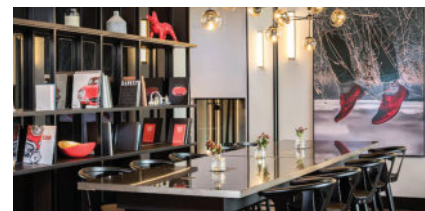
Prices for Kamara House start from £3,250 per night.

www.thornybush.com

Free Dubai hotel stays with Emirates tickets

UNTIL JUNE 11th, 2023, those who purchase an Emirates return ticket in First or Business Class to Dubai will be able to enjoy a complimentary two-night stay at 25-hours Hotel Dubai One Central, while those travelling in Premium Economy or Economy Class can enjoy a complimentary one-night stay at Novotel World Trade Centre. This offer is valid for all return tickets to or stopping over in Dubai for more than 24 hours, for travel dates until August 31st, 2023. The offer is available on bookings made via the Emirates website or call centre.

www.emirates.com



Radisson RED to land at Edinburgh Airport

RADISSON HOTEL Group is expanding its Scotland portfolio with the signing of Radisson RED Edinburgh Airport, which is set to open in late 2025. The hotel will feature 204 guest rooms, event space and a 1,300 sq ft conference room.

www.radissonhotels.com

AGENT INCENTIVES

- CLASSIC COLLECTION has kickstarted its 'Hello Summer' campaign in conjunction with partners across selected destinations, including Italy, Greece, Spain and Portugal. In celebration of the launch, agents who make a booking by June 30th, 2023 will be automatically entered into a prize draw to win one of four cabins on a seven-night luxury voyage from Dubrovnik to Split aboard M/S Ambassador. The prize accommodates an agent and a plus one. Rewards of up to £1,500 per booking are available via the Classic Black Card. www.classic-collection.co.uk
- A-ROSA HAS launched its 'Why Now, Why Not?' campaign. To help make a splash with agents, the river cruise company has unveiled a new competition which will see one lucky agent win a paddle board worth over £400. Lucia Rowe, managing director, explained: "We like to do things a little differently at A-ROSA and we have so many activities that can be enjoyed during our cruises, from exploring on two wheels or enjoying sundeck yoga to active excursions such as paddle boarding or of course, our dedicated 'Run The River' running cruise. I hope the chance to win a paddle board will really appeal and give agents the chance to see just how much fun it can be getting away from it all and exploring from the water." www.arosa-cruises.com
- SILVERSEA IS celebrating its 'Travel Partner Appreciation Month' with a weekly £500 giveaway throughout June. Any agents booking an Expedition cruise will be automatically entered into the prize draw. Recurring incentives, reduced rates, marketing assets and more are available throughout the month. www.silversea.com



DESTINATION NEW South Wales hosted nine agents from Flight Centre, Trailfinders, If Only, DialAFlight and Travelbag on a trip to Sydney and the surrounding areas. Supported by Etihad Airways, it marked the first post-pandemic international fam trip hosted by Destination New South Wales.

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COMPETITION

Win a seven-night stay for two to Corsica with flights and transfers courtesy of Serenity Holidays!

Find out more at www.travelbulletin.co.uk/competitions



AGENT TRAINING

- AGENTS HAVE the chance to win a two-day rail trip in Western Canada or southwest America when completing Rocky Mountaineer's TRACKS training programme. TRACKS offers agents insights on the luxury train operator, and certifies them as qualified Rocky Mountaineer Specialists upon completion. A CA\$150 gift card is up for grabs every month until September, and, during the same period, all TRACKS graduates will be entered into a prize draw for the grand two-day rail trip prize. www.rockymountaineer.com/travel-trade
- SANDALS AND Beaches Resorts' agent training programme marks the brand's first foray into online training. Agents can access 21 lessons across four modules, covering group experiences, resorts, destination weddings, and more. Upon graduation, agents will earn 'Certified Sandals Specialist' status and collaborate with the operator's business development managers to earn bonus incentives and commissions. www.sandalstraining.com
- MAKE THE most of the Malta training programme for your chance to win a £50 Amazon voucher or Maltese gastronomy goodie bag every month. The more courses agents take, from modules covering eclectic festivals to LGBT+-friendly experiences, the more entries they earn to the prize draw. www.malta-training.com
- PRINCESS CRUISES' dedicated agent website compiles a whole range of 10-15 minute modules giving agents the latest on the cruise line's activities, ships and destinations, along with the POLAR ONLINE booking system, an 'Ask Isaac' webchat, events, competitions, and incentives. www.onesourcecruises.com

Generation Sea uncovers life under the waves in the Maldives

FAIRMONT MALDIVES, Sirru Fen Fushi, is urging guests to channel their inner mermaid with the launch of its new Generation Sea programme, where children can uncover the secrets of the Maldives' rich marine life, learn to swim like a mermaid, and take part in conservation workshops with the resort's resident marine biologist. Budding ecologists can head to the Sustainability Lab where specialised machinery will transform and repurpose waste into bespoke souvenirs.

www.fairmont-maldives.com



Silversea hails the trade and promises sustainable actions

SILVERSEA CRUISES' SVP of Expeditions, Destination and Itinerary Management, Conrad Combrink, spoke with *Travel Bulletin* at Silversea's trade gathering in London about the brand's pioneering and trade-centric approach.

"At the end of the day, we're nothing without our travel and trade partners. Although we have got a direct channel, the trade is fundamental to our success."

Beyond the event's trade focus, Conrad made clear that Silversea is uniquely positioned for the sustainable wave the cruising sector must ride.

"ESG (environmental and social governance) is a way of life. Silversea takes it seriously, we know it's the right thing to do and we have to be responsible."



Read the full interview at:
www.travelbulletin.co.uk

European Waterways feels festive with new Christmas market cruise

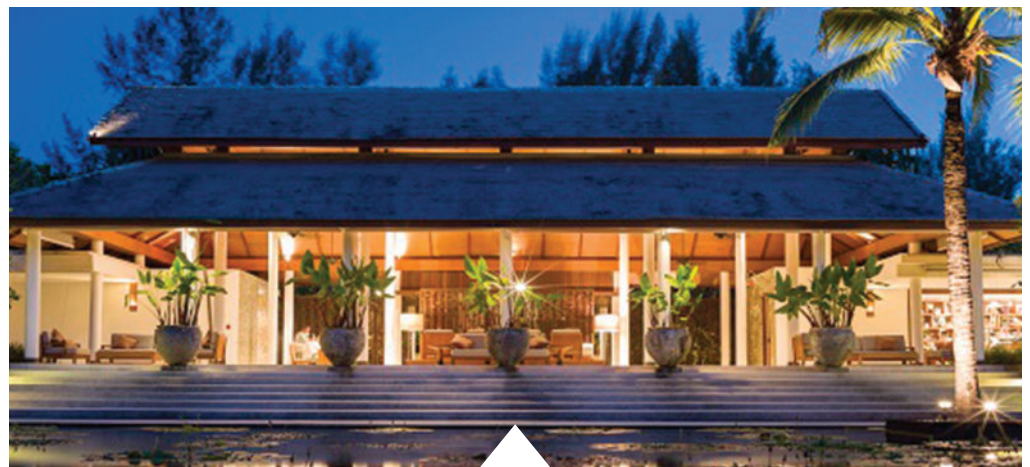
EUROPEAN WATERWAYS has launched brand new Christmas market cruises to France's Alsace and Lorraine, which are available in November and December 2023 on selected dates aboard *Panache*.

Derek Banks, European Waterways' managing director, said: "The region is renowned for its bright and festive Christmas markets, as well as its picturesque castles and

France's oldest wine road – all of which are part of European Waterways Christmas Market Cruises."

The company's Christmas cruises are all-inclusive and feature luxury accommodation, fine wine and gastronomic meals served by a master chef. Cabin prices begin at £5,450 per person based on double occupancy.

www.europeanwaterways.com



The Sarojin launches enticing summer rates

THE SAROJIN has unveiled enticing summer rates with rooms starting at £145 per night for stays until October 24th, 2023. As a seven-night stay in the five-star luxury boutique hotel will cost a travelling duo approximately £508 each, there is no better time to book an escape to the Thai paradise.

Kate Kemp, owner of the Sarojin, said: "We are excited to offer such an exceptional summer rate, allowing more travellers to discover the beauty of our resort and immerse themselves in the warmth, tranquillity and family essence that defines The Sarojin experience."

As with all bookings, guests will have the chance to join the Sarojin's wide range of conservation and community activities, such as the resort's ongoing mangrove restoration supporting the newly launched 'One Booking One Tree' initiative. www.sarojin.com

Morocco becomes British hotspot

MOROCCO IS set to become the next British holidaymaker's hotspot as the Moroccan National Tourist Office has announced additional flight routes from the UK to keep up with demand. The additional flights include routes from Glasgow to Agadir and London to Essaouira and Ouarzazate following a strong tourism recovery post-pandemic.

SUDOKU

WIN A £20 M&S VOUCHER IN THE *Travel* bulletin SUDOKU PRIZE PUZZLE

Fill in all the squares in the grid so that each row, column and each of the 3 x 3 squares contains the digits 1-9. Once you have completed the puzzle, simply identify the numbers that relate to the letters, A, B, C and D then e-mail the solution, with your name, company name, and full postal address plus phone and ABTA number if applicable to:

competition@travelbulletin.co.uk
Closing date for entries is Thursday, June 15th. Solution and new puzzle will appear next week.

The winner for May 19th is Claire Illes from Woods Travel Ltd.

May 19th Solution: A=6 B=4 C=1 D=3

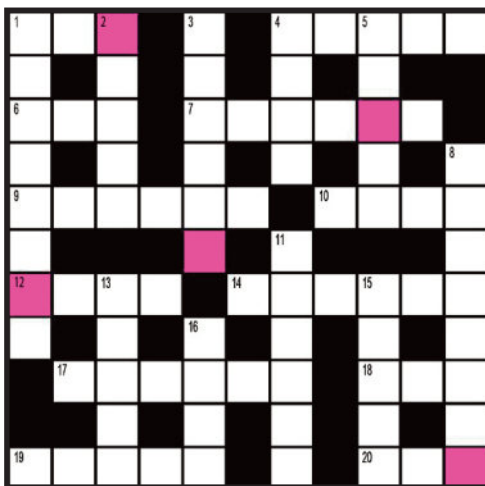
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WHERE AM I?

THIS CITY was confirmed as the venue of 2023's Advantage Cruise Conference, offering guests a dose of luxurious joie de vivre this November.

FILL IN THE CROSSWORD TO REVEAL THE MYSTERY LOCATION HIGHLIGHTED BY THE PURPLE SQUARES.



- Across**
- 1 Famous Las Vegas hotel and casino, ___ Grand (3)
 - 4 Mountain overlooking the Swiss resort of Grindelwald (5)
 - 6 Sharm El Sheikh is a popular resort on this sea (3)
 - 7 National airline of the UAE (6)
 - 9 European capital city (6)
 - 10 Currency of South Africa (4)
 - 12 City on the French Riviera (4)
 - 14 Cumbrian market town where mint cake was first made (6)
 - 17 Malaysian island famed for the UNESCO-listed George Town (6)
 - 18 Hawaiian flower garland (3)
 - 19 Swedish ferry line (5)
 - 20 Highest card in the pack (3)

- Down**
- 1 Recent ITV drama starring Suranne Jones, sounds like a US state (8)
 - 2 In Greek mythology this King turned everything he touched to gold (5)
 - 3 Luxury hotel chain with HQ in Delhi (6)
 - 4 One of the Great Lakes, sounds spooky (4)
 - 5 West African country (5)
 - 8 Antipodean city known as the City of Churches (8)
 - 11 Actress Michelle, currently starring in BBC's Ten Pound Poms (6)
 - 13 Largest of the Greek islands (5)
 - 15 Major US airline (5)
 - 16 Operator specialising in holidays and cruises for the over 50's (4)

CROSSWORD

Across: 1 MGM, 4 EIGER, 6 RED, 7 ETIHAD, 9 LISBON, 10 RAND, 12 NICE, 14 KENDAL, 17 PENANG, 18 LEI, 19 STENA, 20 ACE. Down: 1 MARYLAND, 2 MIDAS, 3 OBEROI, 4 ERIE, 5 GHANA, 8 ADELAIDE, 11 KEEGAN, 13 CRETE, 15 DELTA, 16 SAGA. Mystery Word: MAINE. Where Am I?: Paris.



The Advantage Conference 2023

2023'S ITERATION of the annual Advantage Travel Partnership Conference brought the trade to Benidorm's Meliá Villaitana from May 19th to 22nd.

The Conference featured keynote plenary sessions from Advantage staff, Dave Fishwick of 'Bank of Dave' fame, Manuel Butler, director of the Spanish Tourist Office, and more, along with speed networking sessions and local excursions.

Travel Bulletin's Matt Hayhoe was on hand to capture all the latest updates from the Advantage Travel Partnership and the world of travel at large.

Julia Lo Bue-Said kicks off proceedings

THE ADVANTAGE Travel Partnership's CEO, Julia Lo Bue-Said, kicked off proceedings with her opening keynote speech.

"Welcome to Benidorm and to The Advantage Conference 2023... an idyllic setting, coupled with a robust agenda and some fantastic local experiences... getting us ready to lead the way together!

"As the world continues to recover from the pandemic, global pressures remain... despite these uncertainties people are travelling once again in their millions, travel agents are gaining new customers

and trends continue showing a significant spike in demand.

"As stakeholders in this industry, we can continue to maximise our influencing capability at every level.

"I am very much looking forward to the next few days here in Benidorm and to spending as much time with you as I can.

"As an organisation, we highly value the relationships we have with all of our stakeholders. On behalf of all our team, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you, once again, for your continued commitment to Advantage."



Membership skyrockets in 2022/23

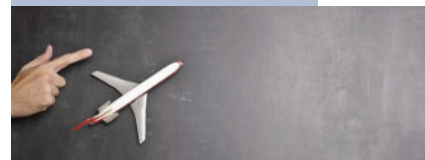
CHIEF COMMERCIAL officer at The Advantage Travel Partnership, Kelly Cookes, announced that 2022/23 marked Advantage's best-ever year for member retention and recruitment.

"As a member-owned partnership, member satisfaction is our top priority, and we are clearly delighted that we retained our existing

members and welcomed so many new members and their teams to Partnership last year.

"Size and scale is vital for many reasons, not least the commercial leverage it gives us with our partners and suppliers, which in turn benefits and drives value to our members."

Research reveals consumers plan two or more holidays in 2023



THE PARTNERSHIP'S latest research revealed a third of Brits intend to take two or more holidays this year.

Julia Lo Bue-Said explained: "This shows that holidays really are a necessity, something people feel they deserve and are opting to cut back in other areas to ensure they can still go away."



Upskilling on the agenda

THE PARTNERSHIP announced a new collaboration with AS Training, providing its members with a choice of apprenticeship courses.

David Moon, head of Business Development at Advantage, said: "Apprenticeships play an increasingly important role in bringing new talent into the sector, which will be essential in developing the travel industry's future talent."

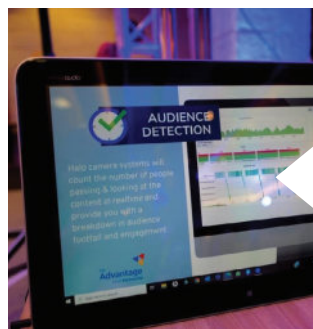
Sustainability under the spotlight

JULIA LO Bue-Said opened the conference's Sustainability session with the announcement of a new Member Steering Group and reiterated the Partnership's commitment to sustainable practice.

Explaining that the Partnership intends to support the development of sustainable products and services, Julia announced a new Sustainability Member Steering Group, made up of a diverse array of member agents, to help develop and execute the strategy.

"We are appointing a Member Steering Group on Sustainability, so we can share best practice amongst the membership and better understand the products and services our members need.

"In addition, we have recruited colleagues based at Advantage HQ to be our Sustainability Ambassadors, who will work with our senior leadership team in developing our own ESG framework."



Advantage Travel TV Network to rollout

FOLLOWING A successful three-month trial period, the digital window screen signage technology dubbed the 'Advantage Travel TV Network' will be rolled out across The Advantage Travel Partnership's national network.

The first phase of the rollout will see 30 stores adopting the digital screens in their store windows, with a further 20 planned across the coming months.

Exclusive partnership with Safer Tourism Foundation confirmed

KELLY COOKES also confirmed a partnership with the Safer Tourism Foundation, which will help agents guide their customers towards safer travel choices.

The Foundation has already worked with a number of UK operators; the partnership

with Advantage marks its first with an agent consortium.

At the conference session announcing the partnership, Kelly explained: "Over the coming weeks we will be communicating with members about how they can get involved with the

Foundation, and we will also be developing a pledge that members can sign to showcase the importance they place on guiding customers through every step of their travel experience, building confidence and expertise."

B2C website partnership to streamline members' marketing efforts

HEAD OF marketing David Forder confirmed that Advantage has teamed up with Travelgenix and Travel Marketing Services, guaranteeing members cost-effective, scalable, and modern website solutions.



"Having a website should be a minimum requirement for any retail business. It helps enhance a brand's reputation and provides credibility, and of course can also greatly improve profitability."



JONNY PEAT, the partnership's commercial manager for Cruise, took to the conference stage to announce 2023's Cruise Conference venue. The conference, now running for its second year, will take place aboard Uniworld's Joie de Vivre in Paris from November 18th to 20th, 2023. The agenda will be confirmed in the coming weeks.

Flight Centre predicts US airfare decrease but eastbound increase

NEW DATA, courtesy of Flight Centre UK's head of aviation, Justin Penny, suggests a positive outlook for the remainder of 2023, and airports' and airlines' ability to keep up with growing demand.

This summer sees flight capacity between the UK and USA reach 96% of 2019's levels, with American Airlines,



United and Delta exceeding those numbers. Justin explained exactly what this means for agents and their clients: "Increased competition among transatlantic airlines will likely result in a stabilising of ticket prices in 2023, but much of this depends on how much pent-up demand remains. Should travel appetite to the US wane, prices could even drop slightly lower than 2022."

Down under, pent-up demand will likely keep Australian and other eastbound flight fares at higher prices than 2019, potentially higher than 2022, too. Japan, Vietnam, and Malaysia have climbed the ranks in Flight Centre's top summer destinations.

Penny expects that airlines will be able to keep up with the growing demand.
www.flightcentre.co.uk



AMBASSADOR CRUISE Line is inviting 30 agents aboard *Ambition* for its first-ever fam trip this November. Six places are up for grabs via a trade-exclusive competition: agents should let the cruise line's trade team know why they deserve a spot aboard the fam with a video, presentation or written proposal by June 16th, 2023. Agents can submit their entries via the cruise line's Trade Facebook page or to competitions@ambassadorcruiseline.com

Wizz Air confirms two new routes

WIZZAIR IS doubling down on its UK growth with the announcement of two new routes from London Gatwick.

The new routes to Prague and Hurgghada have been launched due to promising demand, and will take to the skies from October 31st, 2023.

Fares for the Prague route start from £21.99, flying daily, with Hurgghada flights from £48.99, with services available on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays.

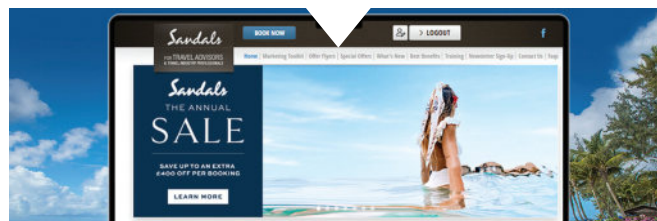
Wizz Air now offers 116 routes across 30 countries from its London base.
www.wizzair.com

Sandals reveals trade-dedicated website

UNIQUE VACATIONS UK, Sandals and Beaches Resorts' UK sales and marketing representatives, has launched a new site dedicated to the brand's travel agent partners.

Through the portal, agents can access a full marketing toolkit, the latest special offers, social media assets, flyers and sale collateral, easy access to the brand's training course, resort and destination factsheets, and more.

Leah Marshall, director of Sales for Unique Vacations UK, said: "We are very excited to launch a brand-new website for our trusted travel agent partners... we can't wait to support and strengthen our relationships with the amazing agents we work with." www.sellingsandals.co.uk



MOVERS & SHAKERS



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TRAVELMARVEL has appointed Holly Piggott to the newly-created role of sales executive, where she will support the sales team and trade partners.



HORIZON HOLIDAYS has appointed

Louise Devall as head of retail.



VERNON A. Jeffers Sr. has joined the Antigua

and Barbuda Tourism Authority as chairman of the board.



INDUSTRY insight by...

Martin Johnson, chairman of the Expedition Cruise Network, celebrates the association's new members and agent growth since its launch in April.

HAVING WITNESSED first-hand the doubling of the expedition cruise sector over the past two years, Akvile Marozaitė, who had worked at Silversea and Albatros Expeditions and I, who co-founded Polar Routes, thought that there was an opportunity to sustainably develop this niche, but lucrative sector.

After consulting with a number of expedition cruise lines, we found there was nothing like ECN in the market, but there was a demand from the lines for a dedicated body who could represent them with an authentic and trustworthy voice.

Expedition cruising is very different from more traditional cruising – with guests able to be more active and spend

a significant time on off-ship excursions – with many activities focusing on wildlife spotting and activities such as hiking, kayaking, paddleboarding, diving and photography. So, agents need to be knowledgeable about how to sell this high-ticket item if they want to maintain the trust of their clients and maximise the opportunities. Starting prices are about £5,000 per person with an average booking value of about £11,000 per person.

Whether you're new to expedition cruise or you already sell it, if you want to take your knowledge about global expedition cruising to the next level, you can access exclusive training content from our website.

Become an agent member for free, and you will be the first to learn about expedition cruise events such as ship visits and fam trips.

Throughout the second half of 2023, we are holding the most extensive expedition cruising webinar series ever produced for the travel trade. We had over 100 registrations for the first webinar on how to sell and we look forward to panel discussions on key topics such as sustainability and destination features. Visit www.expeditioncruisenetwork.com/we

binars to find out more about the programme and to watch again.

So far, we have welcomed 16 cruise lines to the network, representing niche specialists through to bigger brands. Our smallest is a single yacht operator in the Galapagos, carrying just 12 people, while you might recognise the bigger brands like Hurtigruten and Seabourn.

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We are pleased that over 350 trade professionals have signed up to the trade membership portal with more signing up every day. We are also in discussions with even more specialist expedition cruise operators.

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**Luxury Roadshow
Alderley Edge**

TRAVEL BULLETIN brought a taste of luxury to Alderley Edge last month. At Alderley Edge, agents were joined by headline sponsor Visit Jamaica, Cook Islands, Thanos Hotels & Resorts, Amilla Maldives Resorts & Residences, Eagles Palace Hotel, Seaside Collection Hotels, Inclusive Collection Hyatt, Tourism Seychelles, Finolhu Maldives, Domes Resorts, Constantinou Bros. Hotels, Barbados Tourism Marketing Inc. and Destination Canada. The lucky winners of our prize bingo left with a host of prizes, from complimentary stays, fam trip places, vouchers and champagne!



Feeling that [#TBSHOWCASES](#) FOMO? We're bringing a Mediterranean Showcase to Dorking on June 12th and Oxford on June 13th. To confirm your place or find out when we will be hosting our next event near you contact events@travelbulletin.co.uk



Southport

THE LUXURY fun didn't stop there as we took the show on the road to Southport. Agents were joined by Seaside Collection, Tourism Seychelles, Constantinou Bros. Hotels, Destination Canada, Grecotel Hotels & Resorts, Riviera Travel, Israel Government Tourist Office, Croatian National Tourist Board, Discover Tunisia, Sun Siyam, and Experience Kissimee.

Along with food, drink, and a whole host of insight into the luxurious destinations on show, lucky agents also left the event with vouchers, complimentary stays, and bottles of wine!




Missed out on the Luxury #TBSHOWCASES? It's going digital on June 29th! Sign up for the Luxury Virtual Showcase and more webinars at www.travelbulletin.co.uk

Join Jet2holidays for a 'Big Night Out' this summer

INDEPENDENT AGENTS and homeworkers can enjoy a 'Big Night Out' with Jet2holidays' trade team as a 'thank you' for their ongoing support.

In June and July, Jet2holidays will host five 'Big Night Out' events in cities across the UK, including Birmingham, Manchester, Glasgow, Newcastle and Leeds, offering an evening of entertainment and presenting prime opportunities for travel agents to spend time with Jet2holiday's trade team.

There are up to 120 places

available and spaces will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

Alan Cross, director of Travel Agent Relationships at Jet2holidays, said: "The Jet2holidays Trade Team is continuing to put partnerships at the heart of everything that we do, so we are delighted to be launching our 'Big Night Out' events to further cement these relationships with our independent travel agent and homeworker partners."

www.trade.jet2holidays.com

Coach to Corrie with National

THE CORONATION Street Tour, at MediaCityUK in Manchester, is set to be transformed next month, with National Holidays encouraging agents to promote the coach breaks to see the changes for themselves.

From June 11th, 2023, MediaCityUK's Coronation Street Tour will become the 'ITV Coronation Street Experience'. Alongside the chance to visit the outdoor sets, fans will now be able to explore the sets in a new exhibition centre, allowing them to hop behind the till at Roy's Rolls and pull a pint at the Rovers Return.

Two-day breaks to the experience start from £149 per person, with departures on selected Saturdays in July, August and October 2023.

www.nationalholidays.com



Railbookers enhances options for Coastal Italy itineraries

RAILBOOKERS IS offering all-new itineraries and customisable options for excursions to coastal Italy, including the Amalfi Coast and Sicily. The company has seen a record interest in these trips, which allow travellers to explore the beauty of the Italian coast independently and hassle-free.

'The Best of Italy, the Amalfi Coast and Sicily' itinerary is currently in high demand, with a limited-time deal of £250 per couple for trips of seven-nights or more. Railbookers features 12 packages for the Amalfi Coast and eight itineraries for Sicily, ranging from six- to 21-days.

www.railbookers.co.uk

News Bites

- JETSET HAS released its latest development for booking Eurostar offerings onto its JETS platform.
- RIVIERA HAS unveiled its 2024 European escorted tour programme, featuring two brand new rail and solo travel options.
- THE GRAN Canaria Spa, Wellness & Health Association has identified a wellness-travel boom as it adds another luxury property to its portfolio.



AER LINGUS commenced its inaugural service to Cleveland, Ohio, marking its first new transatlantic route since 2019, on cue with the surge in US demand for travel this summer. Flights to Cleveland start from £259 each way as part of a return journey from London Heathrow, via Dublin. Customer demand for the route has already taken off, with 90% of seats already booked across the peak summer season.

BUSH, BEACH AND BEYOND

Newmarket Holidays has added two South Africa safaris to the roster to meet demand.



NEWMARKET HOLIDAYS has launched two new South Africa safaris, one of which includes the company's first Mauritius beach extension, as demand for the destination continues to heat up.

Kathy Vigolo, head of long haul product, said: "Adding more range to our African Safari collection has been a priority over the past few months. Agents always jump straight into selling this award-winning range and we

believe these will be no exception."

The brand new 15-day 'On Safari in South Africa with Mauritius Beach' tour begins with a week of animal adventures, including visits to five game drives in Sebatana Private Reserve and Welgevonden Game Reserve, a night drive to spot animals normally hidden under the cover of darkness, and a champagne brunch in the bush. On day nine of the tour, guests are transferred in the Indian Ocean island of Mauritius to relax on the beach or partake in relaxing activities, such as a speedboat cruise around some of Mauritius' most picturesque islands, or take up the chance to become a conservationist

for the day by helping local biologists at a wildlife foundation. Prices for the adventure start at £3,938 per person for departures from January to December 2024.

For its second launch, Newmarket Holidays has added exclusive accommodation to its popular South Africa programme. 'On Safari in South Africa – Rhino East Lodge' is a 10-day tour featuring the five-star lodge located in the wildlife-rich Sebatana Private Reserve, complete with an outdoor swimming pool, Jacuzzi and sundeck overlooking the reserve. Prices start at £2,527 per person for departures from February to October 2024.

www.newmarketholidays.co.uk

Colorado's adventure scene blazes ahead

BLAZING ADVENTURES offers everything an adrenaline-junkie could ask for in its customisable itineraries throughout the Aspen and Snowmass regions.

Guests can enjoy a vast array of activities including hiking, biking, jeeping, kayaking and rafting. One of the most popular activities Blazing Adventure offers is the 'Maroon Bells' hike, where guests can experience uninterrupted views of the most photographed peaks in North America. Prices for the tour start at £370 for one to three guests.

www.blazingadventures.com

Traverse the terrain with Transun

ZOOM ACROSS the snow-covered landscape as Lapland specialist Transun has revealed the 'Snowmobile Voyager' itinerary, with departures throughout January and February 2024. Travellers can traverse across three nations at the 'Three Country Cairn' where the borders of Finland, Norway and Sweden meet, and partake in a night-time snowmobile safari to witness the wonder of the Northern Lights. Prices start from £1,239 per person.

www.transun.co.uk





Enhance the Exodus experience with rail travel

IT'S ALL aboard for Exodus as the operator has teamed up with Byway to offer rail transfers on a selection of its tours.

These include the 'Walking the Amalfi Coast' itinerary, where guests depart the train in the Amalfi Coast, with panoramic views of rolling hills and mountains through the Alps.

The 12-day, two-legged experience starts from £1,299 per person, with bed-and-breakfast accommodation, four lunches, six dinners, all transport, and activities, included. www.exodus.co.uk



CMH adds Purcell to Heli Skiing roster

CMH PURCELL is the latest addition to the CMH Heli-Skiing family, and guests can push themselves to the limits as they soar down the slopes in the thriving mountain town of Golden, two hours from Banff ski resort. The destination offers one- to three-day package options, and prices for the 'Signature Trips' start at approximately £1,275 per day. www.cmheli.com

Explora Journeys elevates luxury

AS LUXURY ship *EXPLORA I* readies herself to disembark on her maiden voyage next month on a 15-night journey into the Norwegian fjords and Arctic Circle, Explora Journeys has unveiled the design of its Owner's Residence suite, boasting the largest living space on-board and features a bespoke king-sized bed sleep system, dedicated private butler services and a complimentary treatment at Ocean Wellness – The Spa.

Sustainability is at the forefront of Explora Journeys' mind as the suite houses multiple eco-friendly features, such as refillable bathroom amenities, an espresso machine with bio-degradable pods and a complimentary water bottle for each guest.

Explora Journeys has also announced its new 'Pioneer' status for travel advisors who have embraced the Explora Journeys brand and have booked at least one journey for

their clients during the company's inaugural year of operation.

The 'Pioneer' status offers an invitation for a travel advisor plus a guest to join a complimentary Educational Insider First Look journey between July 17th, 2023, and May 31st, 2024, as well as Explora Journey's Travel Advisor Fares for personal travel. www.explorajourneys.com



Jules Verne reveals refresh

AHEAD OF its 45th birthday this year, Jules Verne has unveiled an agent-friendly refresh, encouraging the trade to highlight the adventurous storytelling aspect of the operator's itineraries.

The first step of the refresh features a story-led mini brochure, sharing a selection of tours grouped by theme rather than destination. The operator hopes this brochure will inspire clients to browse holidays based on the kind of story they want to be a part of, potentially considering new holiday styles or off-the-beaten-track destinations.

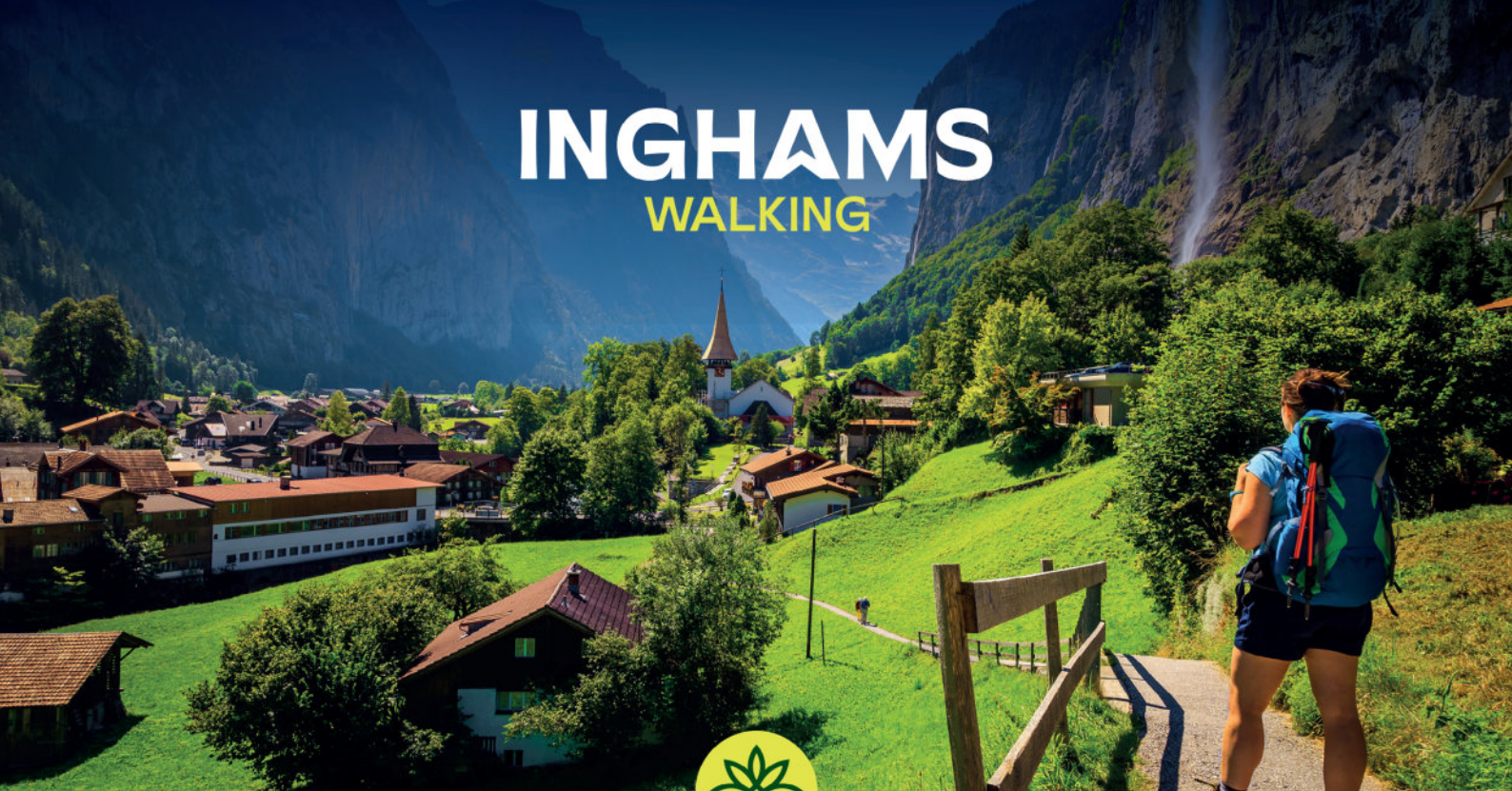
Prini Patel, head of marketing at Jules Verne, headed up the refresh, explaining: "Customers may want to experience one of our in-depth Grand Tours, dip into the highlights of a region or go off the beaten track and uncover our Secret Gems tours. This new format enables them to choose the adventure, then the destination.

"This provides a fun new angle for agents to use when selling Jules Verne tours and makes it easy for them to start each customer's story."

The mini-brochure features 'Classic Tours', exploring Jules Verne fan-favourites, including 'Hemingway's Cuba', a 15-night exploration of the island's colourful cities, colonial heritage and natural beauty, starting from £2,895 per person. www.vjv.com

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Explore! Japan's tastebud trail

EXPLORE!'S 'JAPAN Food Adventure' blends the nation's ancient and modern influences as guests' tastebuds lead them on a gastronomic adventure.

The tour can be tailor-made, with a 12-day suggested itinerary starting from £3,995 for 12 days, with 11 breakfasts, three lunches, five dinners, and accommodation (flights not included).

www.explore.co.uk



Self-drive adventures in Queensland

TOURISM EVENTS Queensland is hitting the road with a choice of themed self-drive itineraries.

The 'Big Things' road trip across the state lives up to its name, ticking off the ten-metre high Big Mango, Big Pie outside Yatala's famed pie shop on the Gold Coast, and more highlights en route.

The 'Great Beach Drive' brings things back down to sea level, with the region's most impressive beaches on show.

www.queensland.com

Leger Holidays raises the rail and river bar

FULLY-ESCORTED TOUR operator Leger Holidays has unveiled a bumper brochure dedicated to rail experiences and river cruises.

The new collection marks the operator's first foray into flexible travel options, with Eurostar, high-speed rail, and air options, alongside its well-known coach offerings.

The rail collection comprises 22 tours with train travel from the UK, featuring experiences aboard the iconic Glacier Express and the Red Train of the Pyrenees.

Air options include the 11-day 'Fairytale Castles and railways of Transylvania', starting from £1,849 per person.

Agents can view the brochure online now or request hard copies from BP Trade Gate.

Leger Shearings Group's head of retail sales, Ashley Dellow said: "Agents know Leger Holidays has a huge selection of tours with something to suit everyone, and now they can also offer a choice of

transportation – we're not just coach travel! Agents shouldn't worry, however, that we are moving away from coach transportation synonymous with our brand, air and rail have been added as options to give the customer more choice."

www.leger.co.uk



Inghams strides ahead with exclusive walking programme

AS NATIONAL Walking Month comes to an end, Inghams continues to take demand in its stride by launching a new programme where guests can have the opportunity to join up to two included guided walks per week in selected destinations.

Exclusive to Inghams, these walks allow guests to enjoy the incredible scenery they surrounded themselves in while discovering hidden trails at their own pace and leisure.

Inghams' head of walking product, Laura Mason, said: "We're so excited that our new guided walk programme has officially launched for this summer. We've designed our Inghams Walking programme for people to discover the most beautiful, breath-taking scenery for walking, alongside the most fabulous local food, drink and experiences."

Among the most popular guided walks the operator offers is the 'Italy: In the

Heart of the Puez Odle Natural Park, Selva' where guests can walk the 16km trail before taking the cable car to the Mastlé – Santa Cristina Panoramic Balcony to take in the Dolomite peaks. For seven nights, prices lead in from £799 per person. Another favourite is the 'Austria: Reiterkogel, Saalbach' tour where guests can follow the 8.5km route through forest trails and alpine meadows to the Reiteralm Hut, where a herbal garden contains more than 80 local herbs and flowers. Prices lead in at £989 per person for seven-nights.

www.ingham.co.uk



Untravelled Paths confirms top-rated adventure experiences

AN OPERATOR that has long prided itself on the adventurous side of travel, Untravelled Paths has announced this year's top-rated adventure experiences.

Among the top spots is 'The 4-Night Ice Hotel Experience', offering travellers an experience that will be forever frozen in their memories. Prices start from £414 per person, including a night's stay at the Hotel of Ice, a four-course candle-lit dinner 'on ice' at the Ice Restaurant, and visits to Peles and Bran castles. Guests spend two nights in Bucharest, one night in Brasoc, and one night in Transylvania's Hotel of Ice.

Transylvania clearly tops travellers' tastes this year, as 'The 4-Night Transylvania Husky Experience' also proved a popular option, with guests enjoying husky sledding through the

Harghita Mountains, castle visits, and day trips to medieval old towns including Sighi oara, Brasov, and Sibiu. Prices start from £474 per person, with two nights in Bucharest, one in Brasov, and one in Subiu.

For those looking to reach higher heights than the mountains, the four-night 'Hot Air Balloon Experience' ranks highly, with tradition galore in Istanbul before guests head to Cappadocia for the hot air balloon adventure. Prices start from £579 per person.



PONANT: Nature Is Our Guide

PONANT, THE luxury expedition cruise line, has unveiled its new campaign: 'Nature Is Our Guide'.

The campaign spotlights the cruise line's corporate social responsibility, and showcases its unique travel experience that contribute to its sustainable tourism model. www.ponant.com

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Emerald Cruises is ready to embrace the Caribbean in true James Bond fashion this winter.



AS THIS year marks the 70th anniversary of the first James Bond novel, Emerald Cruises is set to sail to the Caribbean this winter with its two luxury yachts that are fit for 007 himself.

The *Emerald Azzurra* and *Emerald Sakara* will spend the winter season in Ian Fleming's beloved destination,

Barbados promises big action for all

CALLING ALL adventure lovers, Barbados is calling out for travellers who like to live life on the edge to experience the lesser-known side of the tropical paradise. The Eco-Adventure Tour follows in the footsteps of the first explorers and takes visitors through an intricate cave network on what promises to be a hike of a lifetime.

Those who prefer their adventure to start out to sea can also be part of the action by conquering the waves with a vast selection of extreme water sports hosted all around the island, from jet skis and surfing to hydro-flight opportunities. www.visitbarbados.org

boasting modern luxury that is set to leave the guests feeling stirred, not shaken.

Highlights of the season include the 'Hidden Charms of the Caribbean' itinerary, where guests can immerse themselves in Puerto Rico, the key filming location of *'GoldenEye'*, before BBQing on the beach in the British Virgin Islands and kayaking in the serene waters of Vieques. The sailing departs from San Juan before island-hopping eastwards to visit the beauty of the Culebra and Vieques Islands, the British Virgin Islands, St. Barths and St. Kitts, before arriving in Antigua to end the journey. Cruise-only prices start from £1,999 per person, or return flights

and accommodation can be added for £3,299 per person.

Fans of *'Dr. No'* can experience the tropical paradises that resemble Crab Key in the 'Grenadines & Grenada Adventure' cruise. Travellers can visit Tobago Cay National Park where horseshoe-shaped coral reefs are home to shoals of colourful fish and turtles, or those wanting to take it easy can relax in the quiet town of Hillsborough on the island of Carriacou. The adventure is a roundtrip from Bridgetown and is priced at £1,999 per person for the cruise-only option, and £3,299 per person for added flights and accommodation.

www.emeraldcruises.co.uk

Saint Lucia's festival of jazz makes triumphant return

THE HIGHLY anticipated Saint Lucia Jazz & Arts festival returned last month after a three-year hiatus and once again captivated audiences worldwide with the diverse programme and headline acts. On the final evening, The Ultimate Celebration event ended with performances from the multi-Grammy Award winners Sting and Shaggy. Plans are already underway for next year's extravaganza which is set to take place from April 30th to May 12th, 2024.





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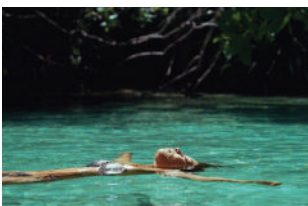
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Ambassador says Ahoy to the Caribbean

AMBASSADOR CRUISE Line is setting sail to the Caribbean as its 2024/2025 season itineraries features two sailings to the region. The 39-night 'Gems of the Caribbean Sea' sets sail on January 5th, 2025, and features stops to Funclal, Santo Domingo, Cozumel and Jamaica for £2,599 based on two people sharing. The 45-night 'Cuba & Treasures of the West Indies' features trips to the Azores, St Kitts, Cuba, Tobago, Grenada and Barbados, and is priced at £2,999.

www.ambassadorcruiseline.com



Jamaica welcomes new Gatwick route

BRITS WANTING to shake off the cold and spend winter on the sun kissed island of Jamaica can now do so with Norse Atlantic Airways as the airline has announced a new route from London Gatwick. Operating four flights per week to Montego Bay and three to Kingston from October 29th, the route will add an additional 61,000 seats to Jamaica for the winter season.

Spend Christmas living the sea dream

SEADREAM YACHT Club has unveiled its 2025 Christmas and New Year Caribbean sailings which promises to feature the most secluded destinations, perfect for travellers wishing to explore every nook and cranny the Caribbean has to offer.

Open for booking now, the Christmas voyages will sail from November 2025 through to January 2026 and will feature 14 itineraries spanning across the region.

The itineraries include the seven-night 'Spanish & British Caribbean Delight' cruise from San Juan to Philipsburg where guests have the opportunity to kayak in the pristine waters of Culebra Island and party the night away in St Kitts' South Friar's Bay. Prices begin at £3,513 per person.

The 'Windward Island Discovery' allows guests to soak up the French Caribbean flair in Terre de Haut and Îles des Saints and features the long-awaited return to Marie-Galante in Guadeloupe. Prices for this cruise



start at £3,513 per person.

SeaDream is also running two seven-night New Year's Eve special cruises; the first departing to St Thomas on December 27th, 2025, and the other to Bridgetown on December 28th, 2025. Both itineraries are priced at £3,833 per person.

www.seadream.com

Live life on Aruba's wild side

WHILE ARUBA is well known for its white sandy beaches and vibrant wildlife, the idyllic island is also home to a kaleidoscope of wildlife.

Away from the bustling nightlife scene and watersports activities, nature lovers can bask in the widely diverse ecosystems that stretch across the island.

A quiet walk or an island-long bicycle ride can introduce visitors to a vast array of species, from whiptail lizards and iguanas to the Aruba rattlesnake and the venomous pit



viper. Long-haired goats and wild donkeys also call the island home, and visitors can take a trip to the Donkey Sanctuary which offers a safe haven for injured animals.

Aruba has an abundance of birdlife all across the island, including seven species of bats that lurk in the Arikok National Park, as well as the shoco (a burrowing owl) that has earned a place on the island's national symbol.

On Renaissance Island, flamingos, parakeets, macaws, spoonbills and humming birds can all be found nesting in the vegetation. For bird enthusiasts, the free-to-access Bubali Bird Sanctuary can be found on a stretch of wetland that is home to rare and endangered species. Ostrich Farms can also be found on the island, offering visitors an up-close and personal experience they will never forget.

www.aruba.com

Sensational savings with Sandals

IT IS that time again as Sandals and Beaches Resorts launch its Annual Sale where agents can save their clients up to £400 per booking on a luxury all-inclusive holiday to the Caribbean.

Running until June 20th, 2023, clients can enjoy great savings on seven-nights or more holidays when agents book via the resort group's UK tour operator, Unique Caribbean Holidays Ltd, and must quote 'SALE' at the time of booking. Holidays are available now for departure dates up until 2025.

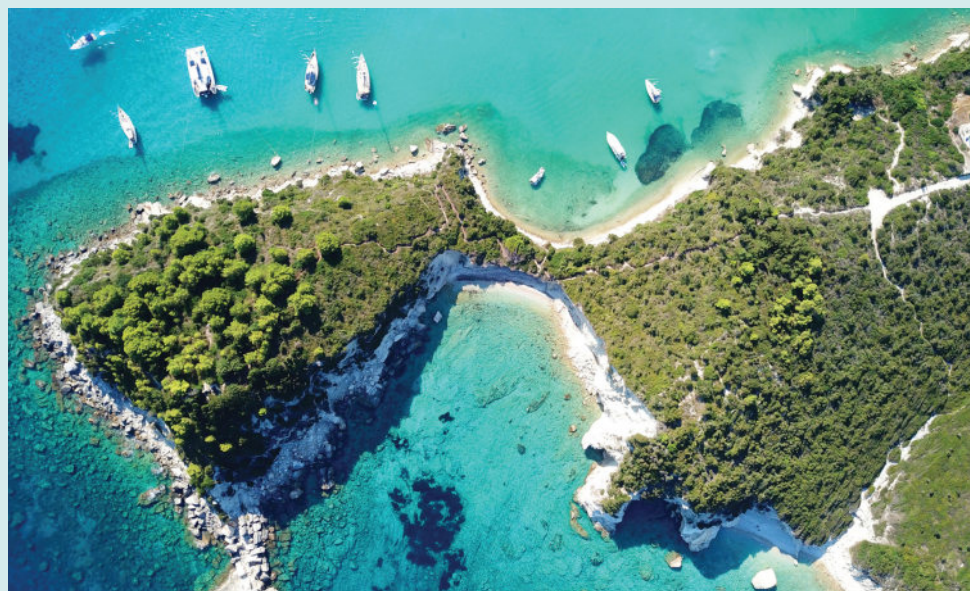
Discounts include £200 off seven- to nine-night holidays, £300 off for 10-13-nights and £400 for stays of 14-nights or more. Other savings include up to 45% off select resort and room categories, plus an extra 5% and a £900 booking bonus discount on select rooms and travel dates.

Savings apply to any of Sandals' 17 couples-only resorts, including the brand

new Sandals Dunn's River, which has now opened its doors to guests in Ocho Rios, Jamaica. Those heading to the resort for seven-nights or longer can also enjoy the added treat of a \$150 credit per booking for use on a Red Lane Spa treatment. The credit can be used until January 31st, 2024.

A seven-night stay for two people in the all-inclusive Sandals Dunn's River will cost from £2,299 per person, boasting savings of £200 per booking.

www.sellingsandals.co.uk



Cayman Islands aims to protect paradise

EVERYDAY IS World Ocean's Day for the Cayman Islands as the local government, members of the tourist industry and island residents have come together to implement sustainability measures across the waters of Grand Cayman, Cayman Brac and Little Cayman. A National Tourism Plan focused

on economic, sociocultural and environmentally sustainable pillars was put in place to protect the Cayman Islands' environment and celebrate the cultural heritage while ensuring a vibrant tourist economy that not only promotes the islands, but protects them as well.

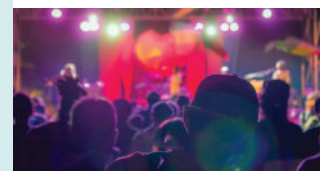


Curtain Bluff undergoes extensive renovations

ANTIGUA'S MOST iconic and all-inclusive resort, Curtain Bluff, will be investing in an extensive multi-million renovation to be completed by October 21st, 2023, just in time for the property's 62nd season.

Curtain Bluff is also unveiling a newly expanded Wellness Area to further elevate its health and wellness offerings to guests. A Yoga Pavilion will also be built among the lush zen gardens facing the azure waters of the Caribbean Sea.

www.curtainbluff.com



Get ready to party at Reggae Sumfest

JAMAICA'S LARGEST reggae festival is back next month for another week of live entertainment as Reggae Sumfest returns to Montego Bay from July 16th to July 22nd.

Activities taking place over the duration of the festival include an All Whites Blitz party, A Sound System Explosion, Beach Party and of course the main headlining concerts featuring the best musicians in the reggae world.

www.visitjamaica.com

KOUROS CONJURES MYKONOS MAGIC

Kouros Hotel & Suites is ready to greet holidaymakers with a myriad of exciting additions.



AHEAD OF what promises to be an unforgettable summer season, Kouros Hotel & Suites has added a myriad of new and exciting additions to the idyllic Myconian boutique hotel.

Perched high over the coastline, Kouros boasts unobstructed views of the Aegean Sea as well as being a convenient 10-minute walk from the bustling streets of Mykonos Town. As part of its exciting additions, culinary-buffs can rejoice as the fine-dining Narcissus restaurant offers spectacular views of the evening sun setting into the horizon while guests enjoy their decadent dishes.

With the introduction of an all-new menu for 2023, guests will be welcomed

with locally-sourced signature dishes hand-crafted by chef Anastasios Sakellariou.

Specially retouched for 2023, Kouros has been carrying out soft renovations in four of its premium rooms which have now been transformed into the Sanctuary Sea View Suites with Private Pool. The hotel has also created a brand-new Sanctuary Grande Sea View Suite, bringing the boutique's Aegean-overlooking rooms to 50.

These suites join other luxurious additions to the resort, including last year's new bar, sea-view pool, and an additional nine rooms and villas. All areas and amenities of the hotel capture the white-stone structures and

monochromatic palette that guests come to expect from Grecian-style luxury.

Kouros is designed with five stars in mind, and prides itself on its bespoke concierge and VIP services, as well as tailored experiences to all guests including private yacht hire, helicopter or private jet usage and many more. www.kouroshotelmykonos.gr

NBA shoots for Greece

COSTA NAVARINO basketball fans get ready to shoot some hoops as the National Basketball Association (NBA) has signed a multiyear agreement with TEMES to launch an NBA Basketball School in the area. The basketball programme will be for ages six and up and will cover on-court training, skill development and basketball education to all skill levels. One-, three- and five-day packages are available and all participants will receive a certificate and be in with a chance to win an array of wonderful prizes. There will also be a special event on June 8th featuring appearances from former and current NBA legends.

Liverpool jets off to the Med

LIVERPOOL JOHN Lennon Airport is about to experience the Jet2 treatment as the tour operator adds 20 of its summer 2024 sunshine destinations to the airport's roster.

In its first summer of operations from Liverpool John Lennon Airport, Jet2 will operate 54 weekly flights to destinations such as Corfu, Zante, Cyprus, mainland Spain and more.

www.jet2.com



Greotel Corfu adds seaview villas

GRECOTEL CORFU Imperial Hotel has unveiled a collection of waterfront villas spanning the island’s coastline.

The waterfront villas are complete with expansive pools, sea views and a private entrance. The villas are ideal for friends and families, with a choice of two- to six-bedroom rooms.

The resort allows guests to not only indulge in sea views, but in a choice of cuisines from around the Mediterranean and beyond. 16 seafront restaurants and bars offer everything from traditional Greek mezze to freshly-caught seafood.

The indulgence doesn’t stop there; guests can take a trip to the spa complete with a traditional hammam and a number of activities to take part in from archery to yacht excursions.



There is also a concierge on hand to arrange day trips to explore Corfu.

Rates start from £210 per night on a bed and breakfast basis. www.corfuimperial.com



Ex-BBC journalist leads Dark Tours

DARK MALTA TOURS offers walking tours that uncover the island’s dark and mysterious history.

Curated and led by ex-BBC journalist Mario Cacciottolo, guests are guided through Valletta, Birgu, and Mdina and told stories ranging from ghostly hauntings to buried treasure. Prices start at £13 per ticket. www.darkmaltatours.com



Domes dominates Greece’s luxury landscape

DOMES RESORTS has lined up a busy 2023 with the opening of two new resorts.

The Domes Noruz Cassandra, described as a beach club with rooms, opened in Halkidiki in April. The heart of the hotel is set around an infinity pool, beach club and bar where guests can enjoy a menu of neo-Greek Seafood from executive chef Dionysios Pliatsikas and an extensive wine list from local Halkidiki vineyards.

Contrasting the hedonistic with the holistic, wellness is a central element of Domes Noruz Cassandra and the resort boasts an OpenAir Gym and the award-winning SOMA Spa, which combines ancient Greek rituals and contemporary healing.

Meanwhile, the 30-suite, adults-only Dome White Coast Milos is opening this month, located in a waterfront nature preserve on the island’s northern coast. www.domesresorts.com




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Cook's Club Calvia: cut-price opening offer

COOK'S CLUB Calvia Beach is offering 30% off new bookings in celebration of its opening last month.

The stylish, adults-only offering is available to book with the saving, which is valid on all bookings for stays until June 15th, 2023.

On its opening, managing director of Cook's Club, Alessandro Dassi, said: "We are thrilled to be partnering again with Globales on a new exciting project in Mallorca.

"Set in one of the most beautiful parts of the island, our new hotel is the perfect holiday escape for guests looking for that stylish, fun-loving vibe that lies at the core of our Cook's Club brand philosophy."

With the saving, agents can book five nights, departing on June 5th, for

£395 based on two adults sharing a Double Room (saving 30%).

The new property follows hot on the heels of Cook's Club Kolymbia, in Rhodes, which also opened in May, boasting 271 rooms 350 metres from Kolymbia Beach. Rooms start from £86 per night based on two guests on a bed-and-breakfast basis.

www.cooksclub.com



All in for AluaSoul as resort tops Blue Bay charts

ALUASOUL ZAKYNTHOS sits among Blue Bay Travel's most popular mid-haul spots.

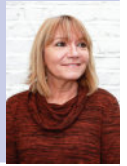
The resort, situated on the sands of Amboula Beach, offers a stylish, adults-only experience, with three pools, three restaurants, two bars, a spa, and a choice of activity and entertainment options. Seven-nights on an all-inclusive basis start from £699 per person, based on two sharing in October 2023.

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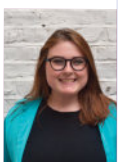
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