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Brits are taking sustainability more seriously when it comes to choosing holidays.

ECO-FRIENDLY TRAVELLERS in the UK are more switched on to the issue of sustainability than their European counterparts – and more likely to bear these concerns in mind when booking a short break, according to new research from Tootbus.

69% of UK travellers say they have heard about the concept of 'sustainable travel', with 41% claiming to have a strong understanding of the subject. This makes them more knowledgeable than their neighbours from France (68% / 32%) and Belgium (65% / 29%). However, while 82% of those questioned in Generation Z (18-24) are clued up, that drops with each increasing age bracket, to just 60% of baby-boomers (65 and over).

When it comes to nipping off for a short city break, whether it's at home or overseas, just under half of Britons (49%) say preserving the environment in their chosen destination is 'very important', again ahead

of the French and Belgians (42% and 37% respectively).

When quizzed about choosing activities on their city break, UK visitors are the most likely to opt for operators and attractions that are environmentally aware (86%). At the same time, Brits are more accepting of the idea that visiting a city in a 'greener' way could be more expensive – with average price rises of 16.5% being deemed bearable (French would pay 10.8% more, Belgians 11.8% more). However, less than one in five overall (19%) say that they would choose an eco-friendly option even if it is more expensive than a similar, less green option.

Looking ahead, British holidaymakers are more inclined to believe that the future of holidays is much more sustainable. As many as 84% of those questioned believe sustainable travel is a good way to help the environment, especially young people, who suggested they are willing to pay more than other groups.

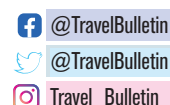
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MORE TO EXPLORE

Hello! It's September and there's no better destination to chase the summer sun than the Mediterranean archipelago of Malta. Boasting over 300 days of sunshine and the sunniest city in Europe Valletta – it's the perfect recommendation for a winter getaway. The cities of Valletta, Mdina, Three Cities and Victoria in Gozo are positively fairy tale like, with winding honey-coloured streets leading to palaces, cathedrals and other historic monuments. Take our City Breaks course to learn more and you'll automatically be entered into a draw to win a Gastronomy Goody Bag.

Peter Green,
MTA Trade Trainer

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12th Sept.

**North America
Showcase**

Dorking



13th Sept.

**Luxury Holidays
Showcase**

Lincoln



19th Sept.

**Adventure &
Activity Holidays
Showcase**

Cambridge

Hit the bullseye with National Holidays

NATIONAL HOLIDAYS has launched a new 'Superstars of Darts' coach break to see a match between 2021 Premier League Champion Jonny Clayton and 2008 BDO World Champion and Sky Sports presenter Mark Webster. Staying at the

Adelphi Hotel in Liverpool, the two-day break departs on December 11, 2022 and costs from £129 per person. It includes return coach travel and one night accommodation.
www.nationalholidays.com/agents



Holland America Line simplifies procedures

HOLLAND AMERICA Line is updating its 'Travel Well' Covid-19 protocols and procedures, including requirements for vaccinations and pre-cruise testing.

These changes will come into effect for cruises departing on or after the September 6, 2022.

Under the simplified procedures, for most voyages up to 15 nights, vaccinated guests will no longer have to test before cruising and unvaccinated guests will be welcomed with a self-test within three days of sailing. The new protocols do not apply to itineraries for countries where local regulations may vary, including Canada, Australia and Greece.

www.hollandamerica.com/cruise

Halloween Horror Nights at Universal Orlando

UNIVERSAL ORLANDO Resort has revealed more details about its Halloween Horror Nights 2022 – including the six original concepts that complete this year's lineup of 10 haunted houses, five sinister scare zones and two live shows.

The event kicks off on September 2, 2022 and runs on select nights through October 31.

Visit www.HalloweenHorrorNights.com for all the details, including ticket prices and availability.





MSC Seaside completes sea trials

MSC SEASIDE, the second ship in MSC Cruises' Seaside EVO class, has entered the final preparations for its inaugural Caribbean season, kicking off later this year.

The ship completed its sea trials successfully, following a testing period between August 17 and 20, 2022.

Home to 2,270 cabins, 11 dining venues and 19 bars and lounges, the ship will hit the seas in December 2022, sailing year-round from Miami to the Caribbean.

www.msccruises.co.uk

PLAY Airline reveals fourth American route

PLAY, ICELAND'S leading budget airline, has expanded its route to a new USA destination: Dulles International Airport. Standard fare prices start from £199, with the service taking to the skies from London Stansted on April 26, 2023.

The new route will expand passenger choice when travelling to Washington D.C. and beyond.

Birgir Jónsson, CEO of PLAY, said: "We pride

ourselves on routes that allow travellers to pay less and play more while in destination. From Autumn 2022, Dulles International Airport will be connected to Washington, D.C., via the Silver Line of the Washington Metro, which will allow passengers to reach D.C. within 50 minutes for just \$6.00, leaving more money to spend in the city's great museums, restaurants, and galleries."

www.flyplay.com

Escapes fit for Aphrodite at CAYO Exclusive Resort

CAYO EXCLUSIVE Resort & Spa is launching a new 'minimoon' package for newlyweds seeking a short haul escape.



The package includes date night dining at one of four restaurants, a wellness package for two, and a stay in a spacious room. The package starts from £1,400 for two sharing.

www.cayoresort.com

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See you soon Lynsey

Lynsey Jones
National Sales Manager



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AGENT INSIGHT

CHRIS WOULDHAVE

CT4N TRAVEL

WHAT IS the definition of luxury? It is certainly down to the individual's perception but is it based on the traditional star ratings of properties or is it actually to do with the smaller touches?

Traditional five-star properties tend to exist on the Greek islands with direct flights (Rhodes, Kos, Crete, Corfu, etc.) but we have seen many enquiries this year where guests are actually looking for more of a traditional island while still wanting that level of luxury.

Now, we can look at the middle ground and put the customers onto an island which doesn't have as many flights (Skiathos or Kefalonia, for example), where there will still be those traditional five-star properties. Alternatively, there is a new trend of luxury, boutique properties opening on some of the smaller islands.

These hotels are starting to pop up on even the smallest of islands such as Tilos in the Dodecanese. This year, the Utopia Boutique Hotel opened, and the reviews so far show that it is becoming a very quick success story. Small touches such as a cold towel and refreshing drink on check-in, daily turndown service and a private yacht for excursions all add to the experience.

Syros, Milos, Sifnos, Spetses, Folegandros, Hydra, Paxos, Aegina – the list of islands where these boutique properties are located grows bigger every month. By making the whole experience five-star instead of just the property, we are finding this is meeting customers' expectations more.

Add the little touches for the whole journey – if the client is flying economy, then book an airport lounge, upgrade the private car transfer to a premium vehicle, upgrade the ferry tickets, and check if the hotel does their own transfers from the port.



Viking's newest Nile river ship named Viking Osiris

VIKING CELEBRATED the naming of its newest Nile river ship, Viking Osiris, with a ceremony in Luxor, Egypt.

The naming of Viking Osiris came as Egypt marks several key events this year, with the opening of the new Grand Egyptian Museum outside of Cairo on the Giza Plateau and the 100th anniversary of the discovery of King Tutankhamun's Tomb by Howard Carter.

Hosting 82 guests in 41 staterooms, the state-of-the-art ship will hit the Nile for round-trip Cairo sailings on the 'Pharaohs & Pyramids' voyage from January 2024, with prices from £4,195 per person.

www.vikingrivercruises.co.uk

News Bites

EMIRATES IS reinstating a temporary third-daily service from London Gatwick to Dubai to meet rising demand in the half-term holidays.

CHILE HAS updated its entry requirements, allowing guests to enter quarantine-free with proof of vaccination or a negative PCR test.

ECUADOR IS eyeing a strong return to the UK market following its successful appearance at LATA Expo earlier this summer.

Read more at www.travelbulletin.co.uk/news-mainmenu



VISITMALTA WILL continue its partnership as official destination partner of Manchester United, with the club promoting Malta as a destination to its 1.1 billion followers. Minister for Tourism Clayton Bartolo said: "Reaffirming VisitMalta as the Official Destination Partner of Manchester United will lead to an increase in visibility and marketing coordination on an unprecedented level." www.visitmalta.com

AGENT INCENTIVES

- FOLLOWING ITS** partnership with CLIA UK & Ireland, Lifts To, the transfer specialist for airport, city centres and cruises, is set to launch marketing collateral and an EMBARC ID agent incentive programme. Kelvin Dunk, head of sales for Lifts To, said: "I'm really excited to be working closely with CLIA to build new and closer relations with the cruise holiday retailers and will be the 'go to' solution for all their transfer needs. Here at Lifts To we draw on our 20 years' experience in the transfer market, and provide agents with high quality and seamless transfers, delivering optimum post and pre travel service levels for customers."
- HARBOR CLUB**, Curio Collection by Hilton, Saint Lucia, has launched an incentive. Running until December 31, 2022, agents have the opportunity to earn £20 for every booking made. If agents register two bookings before September 15, 2022, they will be entered into a prize draw to win a five-night stay at the Harbor Club. Suzy Trott, founder of Harbor Club's retained trade sales agency, Silva Lining, commented: "We are delighted to bring this brand new incentive to travel agents. It demonstrates our continued commitment to the UK trade and provides a huge thank you to all agents that continue to support the Harbor Club with bookings. The incentive is our first and we invite all agents to start booking and earning!"
- DRIVEAWAY** IS continuing its prize draw for a £500 DriveAway voucher with every new booking made by December 31, 2022. Bookings of seven days or more apply, with the winner contacted in early 2023. m.thom@drive-away.com

AGENT BULLETIN



JAN STANBURY, from Courtney World Travel in Tewkesbury, was the recent winner of Riviera Travel's National Travel Agent Day competition on Facebook. Jan was chosen from over 700 entries and won a Rhine cruise for two this October. The competition was held to recognise and thank the trade for its support.

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COMPETITION

Three Love2shop vouchers with signed Astronaut photos and a Kennedy Space Center gift are up for grabs when agents answer three space-based questions!

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

AGENT TRAINING

- LOS ANGELES** Tourism has released a series of themed webinars for the travel trade. Agents can get the LA lowdown on the destination's sport offerings, find out what's new in 2022, and take a virtual tour of the revamped Warner Bros. Studio Tour Hollywood. Kathy Smits, senior vice president of global tourism for the organisation, said: "The importance of travel trade to Los Angeles can't be overstated. We are so grateful for the continued support of our valued partners and hope these webinars will serve as a useful tool." www.discoverlosangeles.com/travel-trade/webinar-library
- SLOVENIA** IS hitting the road again, hosting two more international conferences before the end of the year. Slovenia recently welcomed delegates to the Bled Strategic Forum, and will kick off again in October for the Transcend 22 and the European Food Summit in November. www.slovenia.info/en
- VISIT MALTA** is continuing its prize draw, with the chance to win a £50 Amazon voucher or Maltese gastronomy goody bag monthly to agents who complete the Malta Training Programme. The more courses completed, the more entries agents can earn. www.travelbulletin.co.uk/travelgym/destination-training
- VISIT ORLANDO'S** popular trade show, Orlando Live!, is taking place in Glasgow, Manchester and London from September 12-15, 2022. Agents can hear all about the newest and classic attractions in Orlando straight from organisation partners and representatives. Visit Orlando's president and CEO, Casandra Matej, said: "The UK remains our top overseas international market... Orlando Live! gives travel advisors the opportunity to learn more about our destination to maximise new business." www.visitorlando.com



INDUSTRY *insight by...*



David Moon, head of business development at The Advantage Travel Partnership, highlights the role and importance of business development managers at the consortium.

THERE HAS been lots of talk this year about building back and it's been no different for the business development team at The Advantage Travel Partnership. Recent recruits to the team include Emily Shannon, who joined in February and Jayne Lambert who started in April. Emily and Jayne complement the existing team of Sarah Miller, Andy Boorman and Kate Wye out on the road, with office-based support from Nicola Watkins and Rebecca Reynolds.

To some extent, when we picked up the pace of face-to-face member visits at the turn of the year, it was like meeting new members for the first time. Some businesses have had to

radically overhaul how they operate and learn to trade in different ways. It has been great to see so many familiar faces in person (rather than on a screen). The size and shape of businesses may have changed, but the burning desire to provide a great reliable service to their customers shines brighter than ever around the membership.

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The role of our BDM's is to understand the challenges our members face and then help members come up with the strategies and solutions to make things better, regardless of whether business is going

well or not and that is exactly what we have been doing over the last seven months. Understanding how business is performing now and what their plans are for the future is essential to our partnership with our members.

The sheer weight of work over the last six months, has meant some members just haven't had the opportunity to take a step back from the front line. Meeting with their BDM has given them exactly that chance.

In addition to the fantastic skills and industry knowledge our BDM's have, a key ingredient of what we offer is the "how to". How can members take the products and services we have to offer and make them effective in their business in order to generate more sales, happy customers and more profit.

As well as face-to-face meetings, we have also continued using the benefits that software like Zoom and Teams have to offer.

It's also been satisfying to start offering members the opportunity to attend some of our fantastic in-person events.

Our BDM's on the road, along with Nicola and Rebecca offering office-based support, are by nature people who want to help others and are therefore ideally suited to their roles.

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, December 8. Solution and new puzzle will appear next week.

**The winner for August 19's prize is
Jessica Robertson from Hays Travel Salisbury.**

August 19 Solution: A=2 B=4 C=3 D=8

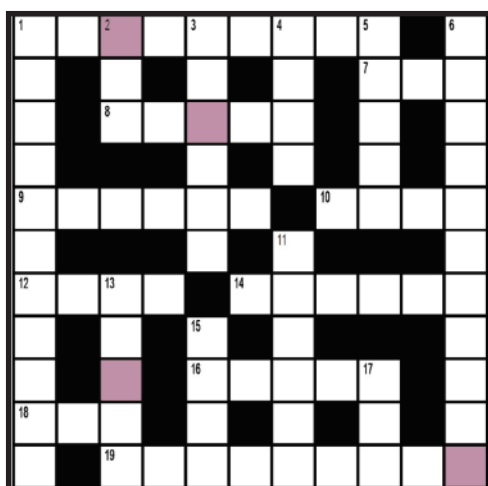
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	2		6				4	
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	6				7		9	
		1	9	2		7		
D	9	4	7		1			2



WHERE
AM I?

This city in America began as a mining town during the western Kansas Territory's Pike's Peak Gold Rush, and is known as the 'Mile High City', due its elevation being 5,280 feet above sea level.

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



Across

- 1 Carrier with a main hub at Charles de Gaulle airport (3,6)
- 7 Guernsey, Channel Islands airport code (3)
- 8 Ring-shaped island (5)
- 9 Italian city famous for pizza (6)
- 10 Sicilian Mount (4)
- 12 Salt Lake City is the state capital (4)
- 14 Airline nicknamed The Flying Kangaroo (6)
- 16 Hotels and resort group (5)
- 18 Estimated time of arrival, initially (3)
- 19 English city, with iconic bridges and historic Grey's monument (9)

Down

- 1 Poldark star, now The Suspect in ITV's new drama (5,6)
- 2 Country home initially, of the Kruger National Park (3)
- 3 Lindos is a popular holiday destination on this island (6)
- 4 Flows through 5 Down (4)
- 5 Country located in the northeastern corner of Africa (5)
- 6 Mendelssohn's Hebrides Overture was inspired by a visit to this geological feature on Staffa (6'1,4)
- 11 City whose airport is the main hub for Costa del Sol holidays (6)
- 13 Capital of Jordan (5)
- 15 Actor Martin, known for his role as Inspector George Gently (4)
- 17 Could be a small child or alcoholic drink (3)

CROSSWORD

Across: 1 AIR FRANCE, 7 GCI, 8 ATOLL, 9 NAPLES, 10 ETNA, 12 UTAH, 14 QANTAS, 16 HYATT, 18 ETA, 19 NEWCASTLE.
Down: 1 AIDEN TURNER 2 RSA, 3 RHODES, 4 NILE, 5 EGYPT, 6 FINGAL'S CAVE, 11 MALAGA, 13 AMMAN, 15 SHAW, 17 TOT.
Mystery Word: ROME



Cruise Showcase Exeter

OVER 40 agents joined us at the Mercure Exeter, Rougemont Hotel for our Cruise Showcase on July 12, 2022! Headline sponsor Virgin Voyages joined Visit Canada, Riviera Travel, Oceania Cruises, Barbados Tourism Marketing Inc., CroisiEurope and Venture Ashore to showcase the best of river and ocean cruising. Lucky agents left with prizes from a £100 Amazon voucher to a bottle of Moët Chandon!



Want to get in on the [#TBShowcases](#) action?
 Our next event will be the North America Showcase taking place in Dorking on September 12, 2022.
 To confirm your place or find out when we will be hosting our next event near you contact events@travelbulletin.co.uk

A TASTE OF LUXURY

Curaçao's culinary scene is on full show with Sandals' new 'Island Inclusive' dining programme.



SANDALS RESORT Curaçao's all inclusive offering has expanded with a new 'Island Inclusive' dining programme, giving guests a taste of luxury and classic Curaçao culinary delights at a choice of off-resort restaurants.

The choice of restaurants includes Kome, a unique concept offering wood-

fired meats, a professionally relaxed service style, and a commitment to green practices.

BKLYN belnds a chic and cost Gastro-style bar with a variety of sharable food, wines, and bespoke cocktails set to a backdrop of classic 90s hip-hop.

Restaurant Nultwintig, directly on the Caribbean Sea, hosts a team of international chefs crafting a culinary experience with freshly-prepared dishes and paired wines.

The programme is included free of charge to any guests staying seven nights or more in a Butler suite at the new resort, which celebrated its

opening on June 1, 2022. Qualifying guests are givne a US\$250 voucher at check-in to spend on lunch or dinner at any qualifying restaurants. Round-trip transfers from the resort are also included free of charge.

Stays in an Carisia Luxury room are available from £2,626.05 per person based on a seven-night stay in March 2023.

Upgrading to a Kurason Island Poolside Butler Bungalow or Awa Seaside Butler Bungalow includes free use of a convertible MINI Cooper to explore the island.

www.sandals.co.uk/tas

Four Seasons expands in Egypt

FOUR SEASONS Hotel and Private Residences New Cairo Capital at Madinaty and Four Seasons Hotel Luxor will be introduced in Egypt. Four Seasons Resort and Private Residences Sharm El Sheikh will also be enhanced, which will double the offerings of the property with new accommodations, dining outlets, activities, and more.

Classic Collection Holidays is offering an early booking discount on select Four Seasons stays booked by January 1, 2023.

www.classic-collection.co.uk

A sip of luxury onboard Azamara

FOLLOWING THE launch of Azamara Onward this spring, Azamara is bringing a taste of the ship's exclusive Atlas Bar to the rest of the Azamara fleet. Beginning August 2022, guests aboard any Azamara voyage can enjoy the 'Atlas Bar Experience' offering some popular destination-inspired tipples in The Den.

Prices for the 12-night 'Black Sea Intensive Voyage' start from £3,537 per person. www.azamara.co.uk



Experience small group luxury

ABERCROMBIE & KENT'S choice of luxury tours offers safari expeditions and ancient history galore, with a dose of luxury to stay in style.



Discover Colorado's landscape

DISCOVER COLORADO'S epic landscape with Audley Travel. Audley Travel offers a 15-day Colorado Rockies itinerary where travellers visit Denver, Colorado Springs, Breckenridge, Aspen, Estes Park and the Rocky Mountain National Park. Activity highlights include whitewater rafting on the Roaring Fork Valley, just outside of Aspen, and hiking in the Rocky Mountains. This luxury holiday is priced from £3,455 per person including return flights, accommodation and car hire. www.audleytravel.com



See mantas in the Maldives

INTERCONTINENTAL MALDIVES Maamunagau Resort has announced the launch of the first Manta Retreat of its kind. The inaugural retreat will take place October 23 to 28, 2022, in collaboration with the resort-based Manta Trust organisation. A curated programme has been put together to educate, explore and raise awareness for manta rays in their natural habitat. www.maldives.intercontinental.com

South Africa: Safari in Style

This holiday allots time to experience Cape Town in depth, including Robben Island and Bo-Kaap, as well as the Marine Big Five at Grootbos Private Nature Reserve, and the Big Five on game drives and walking safaris in a private reserve, far away from the crowds. The 10-day itinerary starts from £8,320 per person.

Machu Picchu & Sacred Valley Escorted Tour

This adventure-focused trip includes a ride aboard the PeruRail Sacred Valley, a 1920s-railway train, followed by a stay at the lone hotel at Machu Picchu for extra time to explore the 'Lost City'. Other highlights include a private village visit, interactive photography lesson and Peruvian cuisine experience. The seven-night adventure starts from £5,645 per person. *To explore more itineraries, visit www.abercrombiekent.co.uk*



Adventure at The Sarojin

FROM APPROXIMATELY £1,972, two guests can enjoy seven nights in a Garden Residence at Thailand's five-star, 56-room boutique residence, The Sarojin, until October 31, 2022, with the The 'Sarojin Cares Adventure' package.

This package includes a 'Just For Two' Sea Adventures trip to Phang Nga Bay, a Jungle Adventures trip to Khao Sok, a Glimpse of Local Life, Day in the Life of a Local personalised tour, all day a la carte breakfast served until 6pm with sparkling wine and private transfers to/from Phuket International Airport.

In addition to this, guests gain complimentary invitations to join The



Sarojin team on their regular 'Sarojin Cares' volunteer days in the community or take part in the resort's conservation and community activities, such as mangrove reforestation, coastal beach cleaning, community and child care centres and other environmental care activities.

www.sarojin.com

Indulgence on the seven seas with Regent

REGEN SEVEN Seas Cruises, the luxury ocean cruise line, has announced its 2024-25 Voyage Collection, with a choice of indulgent itineraries and new ports of call across some of the world's most impressive destinations.

The cruise line's fleet will sail a choice of 160 new port-intensive itineraries (21 more than the 2023-24 season), each designed with cultural immersion at their core.

"Our 2024-2025 Voyage Collection has been curated to provide guests the chance to experience new cultures and gain new perspectives, across thousands of nautical miles," said Jason Montague, president and chief executive officer, Regent Seven Seas Cruises.

"The collection is filled with opportunity after opportunity to connect with the world around us. With multiple new ports of call, a plethora of overnight stays in port, and our enviable inclusion of unlimited shore excursions, our luxury cruises are the remedy for every traveller's wanderlust."



Highlights include two new 14-night sailings in Alaska, more sailings across Western Europe than ever before, and the cruise line's latest ship Seven Seas Grandeur sailing the Mediterranean and Caribbean before a debut season in Canada and New England.

www.rssc.com

All the frills at Fairmont Maldives

POSITIONED AS the ultimate family getaway for eco-conscious travellers, Fairmont Maldives Sirru Fen Fushi boasts a choice of eco initiatives, indulgent excursions and luxury facilities to bring the family, sustainability and Maldives hospitality together under one roof.



Guests can dive into the 9km coral house reef, patrolled by over 250 species of tropical fish, manta rays and turtles, before heading back onto dry land to turn waste into wonder at The Sustainability Lab. The workshop allows guests to create bespoke souvenirs from plastic waste collected from the shores. Families can join the team in moulding the plastic into unique souvenirs to be treasured long after the holiday is over.

Asian-inspired treatments at the Willow Stream Spa incorporate locally-grown ingredients to truly connect guests with their surroundings.

Inspiring Travel Company offers seven nights at the resort from £4,235 per person.

www.fairmont.com



The Only Way is the Dominican: Hard Rock a small-screen star

HARD ROCK Hotel & Casino Punta Cana, a recent star of two episodes of *The Only Way is Essex*, is spotlighting its all-inclusive escapes.

Follow in the footsteps of the small-screen stars with a stroll along the resort's 121 acres of white sandy beach or dips in one of 13 pools.

Golfers can tee off at the Nicklaus Golf-designed Hard Rock Golf Club at Cana Bay, water lovers can make a splash at the RockAway Bay Water Park, while serenity searchers can be pampered at the luxurious Rock Spa.

As the sun goes down, the night life kicks off, with the resort's nine restaurants, 23 bars and lounges and on-property ORO Nightclub all bringing the party to guests' doorsteps.

Seven nights at the five-star Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Punta Cana starts from £1,520 per person, based on two adults sharing a Caribbean Junior Suite with balcony or terrace, including return flights from London Gatwick and transfers departing in October 2022.

www.hardrockhotelpuntacana.com

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Flights With
Virgin Atlantic

BARBADOS



SANDALS BARBADOS

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Staying in a
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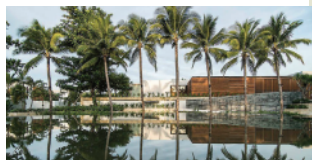
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AFTER OPENING its doors to guests on June 1, 2022, Sailing Club Signature Resort Phu Quoc continues to welcome holidaymakers with a choice of luxurious stay options.

Located on the Phu Quoc Marina complex, near the Bai Truong beach, the surrounding beaches, ecosystems and unique experiences make for an indulgent escape.

100 opulent villas offer a fair choice of accommodation, with minimalist design, cosy rooms and well-equipped facilities offering true seclusion and a host of 'feels like home' moments.

Sandals, The Market, the Sailing Club's on-resort restaurant, guarantees a unique experience, with a choice of ingredients and dishes to hand pick.

The local walking street, night market and beach square are right on guests' doorsteps.

www.sc-signaturephuquoc.com

Pick of the Barbados bunch with TUI

BARBADOS WILL welcome the largest TUI UK winter 2022/23 programme. Over 54,000 planned seats will be available during the winter 2022/23 season, with eight weekly flights catering for growing winter demand.

A choice of A-class and B-class hotels is available.

www.tui.co.uk

From Japan to London: luxury in Marylebone

INSPIRED BY Japan and set apart by exceptional service, The Prince Akatoki offers guests the chance to slow down and renew among the bustle of London.

The carefully-designed rooms promote mindfulness with Japanese-inspired interiors and warm lighting, with the in-house Malt Bar & Lounge keeping with the theme, offering unique cocktails that put a flavoursome twist on single Japanese ingredients from sesame to kumquat. The cocktail menu is intertwined with a rare floor-to-ceiling collection of Japanese fusion tipples.

The in-house TOKii bar hosts a menu inspired by fine fusion and Japanese flavours, with a number of experimental choices to push the boat out. TOKii offers authentic Japanese breakfasts, afternoon tea and in-house sushi masterclasses on top of its lunch and dinner menus.

Sophisticated décor and Japanese craftsmanship throughout guarantee an indulgent backdrop for city stays.

Rooms at The Prince Akatoki London start from £400 per night on a bed-and-breakfast basis.

www.theprinceakatokilondon.com



Indulgence in Doha with The Chedi Katara

THE CHEDI Katara Hotel & Resort is the Qatari capital's newest resort, set to open in November 2022.

The hotel sits on a beachfront setting



within the landmark 100-hectare Katara Cultural Village district, offering theatres, concert halls, exhibition galleries, restaurants, shops and more on its doorstep.

Offering 59 rooms and suites and 32 villas, the property will also host five gourmet venues from The Restaurant to The Cigar Lounge and The Beach Club.

Booking details will follow closer to opening.

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MARK WARNER'S MED

The Aeolian Village Beach Resort is joining Mark Warner's portfolio of properties.



MARK WARNER has announced that the Aeolian Village Beach Resort in Lesvos will be joining its holiday portfolio for summer 2023.

A €2 million upgrade programme will be undertaken this winter, adding top class sports and childcare facilities to the hotel infrastructure already in place.

Brand new padel tennis courts will join the existing tennis facilities alongside new water sports and cycling centres and upgrades to the

bars and restaurants.

The resort is located in a private corner of the golden sands of the wonderful Eressos beach. A short walk takes guests into a charming village of Skala Eressos with its selection of seaside tavernas and bars.

With great conditions for sailing and windsurfing, quiet roads and tracks for cycling and mountain biking and Mark Warner's first padel centre, customers will be sure to

enjoy this latest addition.

The new resort will be going on sale in a few weeks' time.

For bookings or more information, contact Mark Warner on 0844 2736819 www.markwarner.co.uk.

Stay at the Xara in Medieval Mdina

THE XARA Palace Relais & Châteaux is a 17th-century palace hidden away in the medieval fortified city of Mdina, the old capital of Malta, for those looking for a Med escape with a twist.

The Xara Palace has recently refurbished each of its 17 rooms and suites to feature luxurious Parisian fabrics, antique furniture and paintings, underfloor heating and Hasten beds.

Rooms at Xara Palace start from £199 per night per room. www.xarapalace.com.mt

Malta and Gozo with Olympic Holidays

IN THE middle of the Mediterranean, the islands of Malta and Gozo are abundant in natural wonders; from the Blue Grotto caverns to the Blue Lagoon on the tiny island of Comino, hilltop villages and fishing harbours.

This six-night island-hopping itinerary will include three nights in Malta staying at the Solana Hotel & Spa and three nights in Gozo at the Quaint Boutique Hotel Xewkija from £679 per person, from Manchester or £719 per person from Gatwick. The island hop is available from May to October.

www.olympicholidays.com/two-island-hops/malta-gozo



Corsican Places' authentic addition

CORSICAN PLACES has expanded its growing selection of accommodations across the island of Corsica with Les Bergeries d'Alata, a traditional farmhouse perched above the Gulf of Ajaccio.

The three-star hotel offers an authentically Corsican stay, nestled in a peaceful location amid the beauty of the southwest coast, while also being within 5km of the capital town of Ajaccio.

With just six guest rooms and a maximum occupancy of 12, the accommodation guarantees tranquillity, as well as the facilities and onsite restaurant usually expected from a hotel.

Corsican Places product executive, Joanne Mutton, said of the new addition: "This is a further great option and welcome addition to

our programme, which is conveniently placed for exploring Ajaccio and Corsica's beautiful southwest coast. We're also delighted to provide stress-free travel through our own charter flight service into Ajaccio, along with the security of a fully bonded tour operator."

Seven nights with flights, car hire and bed-and-breakfast accommodation, start from £1,199 per person.

www.corsica.co.uk



Constellations in focus on the Canary Islands

LA PALMA, the second westernmost island in the Canaries, makes for an impressive stargazing destination. Sitting at 2,396m above sea level, and with legislation protecting the skies from light pollution and air traffic, guests are guaranteed an impressive glimpse at the stars during stays.

Founded in 2012, La Palma Astronomy

Tours takes guests to some of the best viewing points on the island and to astronomy and photography workshops. A 'Tapas and Stars' tour combines the island's most delicious tapas spots with the incomparable stargazing settings. Astronomy tours start from €33.

www.starsislandlapalma.es/en/



Balearic beats this summer: wellness and culture galore

THE BALEARIC Islands' summer season continues in full swing, with a whole host of events offering up even more this autumn and winter.

Formentera Zen, the wellness event which includes a programme of masterclasses, workshops and talks on yoga, pilates, meditation and more, will return from October 14-16, 2022. Tickets are available now as guests gear up to find their zen.

www.formenterazen.es

Thanks to the sustainable tourism tax put on the island group, 16 cultural and conservation projects have already taken place, with a whole host set to continue throughout the year. Guests can reap the rewards of the green approach with a new sustainably-built nautical sports centre in Formentera and the Balearic Islands' symphonic orchestra headquarters in Palma.

An open-air art exhibition dubbed the 'Night of Art' will return to Mallorca's old quarter, boasting art from young talents and seasoned professionals, with museums and galleries opening their doors free of charge throughout the third week of September.

www.illesbalears.travel



The Med's best sunsets with Jet2

JET2HOLIDAYS IS highlighting the diverse locales and swoon-worthy sunsets on offer with their Mediterranean choices.

Sicily's beauty has long been luring travellers, with its mountainous landscapes (home to Europe's highest active volcano) offering plenty of vantage points to catch a stunning Sicilian sunset. Packages departing in September 2022 start from £444 per person (based on two adults and one child) sharing, including a 22kg baggage allowance, flights, return transfers, and seven nights half-board at the three-plus-star Hotel Olimpo Le Terrazze.

Paphos, on the southwestern coast of Cyprus, has something for everyone. The wealth of history and archaeology, blended with sun-soaked beaches, make for an ideal family destination. Bed-and-breakfast stays at the four-plus-star Constantinou Bros Athena Beach Hotel start from £886 per person with the same inclusions as above. www.jet2holidays.com

Radisson Resort Plaza Skiathos hits the Sporades

RADISSON HOTEL Group has opened its latest upscale resort in the Sporades islands, on the sought-after Skiathos island destination. Known for its unspoiled natural beauty, this property makes the most of its surroundings and the sandy beaches of the Aegean Sea.

The resort's 84 rooms and suites are decorated in a modern, minimalist style, with most offering views of the hotel pool or sea. Select rooms offer private balconies or terraces, with the biggest suites featuring private whirlpools.

Standard rooms start from approximately £109 per night.

"We are excited to offer our guests a fantastic resort experience on the beautiful island of Skiathos, as we continue to expand our Greek resort portfolio. Radisson Resort Plaza Skiathos allows guests to switch off and relax surrounded by stunning natural beauty," said Yilmaz Yildirimlar, Area senior vice



president at Radisson Hotel Group. www.radissonhotels.com

Relax and rewind with a historic city break

PLANET HOLIDAYS is showcasing its tailor-made city break packages to agents looking to meet the growing demand of flexible winter sun holidays.

Three-night city breaks to Athens and a number of Greek islands are an optimal choice for guaranteed winter sun and cultural exploration, with Planet Holidays offering packages including luxury accommodation, flights and transfers for

winter 2022 and 2023.

Athens is one of the must-see capitals of Europe, with its ancient sites, such as the Acropolis, the Parthenon, the Agora and Dionysus Theatre, a big draw for city break travellers. A three-night break staying at the five-star Electra Hotel with return flights from Gatwick and transfers starts from £499 per person.

www.planet-holidays.co.uk



INTO THE WILDERNESS

Take a 'Finnish Wilderness Week' with Exodus Travels' eight-day package.

GUESTS ARE welcomed into the heart of Oulanka National Park on Exodus Travels' 'Finnish Wilderness Week' itinerary.

The trip kicks off at Basecamp Oulanka, a complex of cosy wooden accommodations in a remote location,

overlooking the Juuma Lake and backing into Oulanka National Park.

Day two brings a snowshoeing excursion into the wintry landscapes of the national park, with day three pushing the boat out further with cross-country skiing in the morning.

Dogsledding awaits on day four, along with a tour in the Riisintunturi National Park and an optional ice climbing adventure.

Day five brings a free day in Ruka with a selection of optional activities on offer.

The trip draws to a close with a wilderness skills workshop, including quinzee building (snow-formed sleeping quarters) and fire-making.

The eight-day itinerary starts from £2,199 per person excluding flights, with departures throughout December 2022 and January and February 2023.

www.exodus.co.uk

Wendy Wu's winter escape in Vietnam

WENDY WU Tours has launched a brand new fully-inclusive 'Christmas in Vietnam'.

Departing on December 15, 2022, the tour takes guests on a festive journey through many of Vietnam's most postcard-perfect sites, spending Christmas Eve and Christmas Day on the waters of Halong Bay and Lan Ha Bay.

The 13-day tour starts from £3,340 per person, including return flights, four-star accommodation, all meals, expert guiding, sightseeing and entrance fees and a two-day Halong Bay cruise.
www.wendywu tours.co.uk

flybe expands winter programme

AFTER LAUNCHING in April, flybe has expanded its winter offering, kicking off on October 30, 2022, with a choice of flights from London Heathrow, Newquay, Birmingham, Belfast City, East Midlands, Southampton and Glasgow.

Services include flights to Amsterdam for connecting destinations and a host of regional operations.

www.flybe.com



Night-time thrills promised at LAAX resort

LAAX RESORT is highlighting their night-time entertainment this winter by showcasing the range of activities visitors can participate in under the stars.

Night-time Snow Shoeing

For the very first time, visitors can enjoy two snowshoe hiking routes leading between Falera and Curnius, where they can explore the beautiful peaks by foot. Afterwards, hikers can warm up at the summit with the delicious local food from the Tegia Curnius. Snowshoes can be rented from £16 for a half day.

Guided Tour Under the Moonlight

For the more advanced skiers, this is an opportunity to take a guided descent into the panoramic views across six-nights of the full moon in the peak winter season (ending March 18) for £68 per person. Guests begin their journey on a gondola ride where they can soak in the landscape before enjoying a three-course meal in the Capalari restaurant, after which they will begin their descent into the valleys, basking in the moonlight.

LAAX's Lantern-lit Walk

Illuminating the darkness, more than

300 lanterns create a serene and peaceful surrounding where visitors can escape the buzz of the day's action-packed activities. Accessible to all fitness levels, including families with young children, the 3.6km walk winds through the picturesque snowy landscapes of the Swiss Alps, lit up against the winter's night sky.

Sledging into the Night

The Foppa to Films sledge runs wake up as the sun goes down, making it the perfect activity for the night owls who would rather enjoy the thrill of riding the slopes against the starry backdrop as opposed to curling in front of the fire with a hot chocolate. Fun for all the family, slots can be booked online and prices can range from £5.50 for children to £16 for adults.

Night-time Cross-Country Skiing

Skiers are given the opportunity to traverse the Swiss Wonderland of their own accord on this 2.5-4Km cross-country ski course. Adults can expect to pay £9.60 for the pleasure, while under 16s can join completely free of charge. With fewer people on the trails and a gorgeous starry backdrop, night-time cross country skiing has become a fast favourite at LAAX. The trails are suitable for beginners as well as more experienced skiers, giving everyone the opportunity to witness nature at its most serene.

LAAX has also unveiled the new 'Free60' natural snow park ahead of the winter season, promising 18 new obstacles in unprepared terrain to action-hungry riders. It will be the fifth snow park in the resort, located between Crap Sogn Gion and Plaun. Ski passes start at approximately £47.
www.flimslaax.com/en



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