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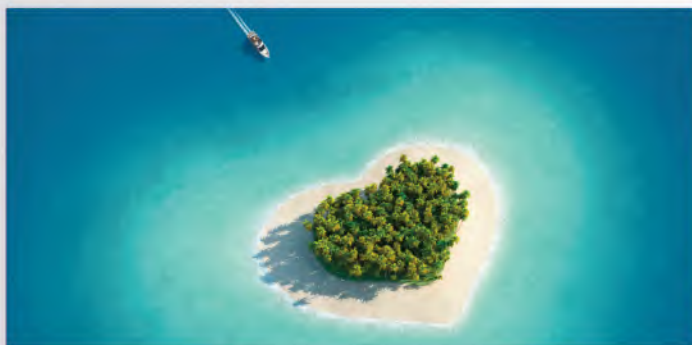
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AGENT NETWORKING EVENING

Tuesday 13th May 2025
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- 7:30^{PM} - Hot Dinner
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Travel Bulletin is delighted to invite you to this informative and fun event, enabling you to learn more about the Weddings & Honeymoons industry from leading suppliers. The evening will involve networking and presentations along with a delicious hot dinner, drinks, exciting entertainment and a free prize draw with prizes galore!

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Everything you need to know from new openings to special offers and more.



AGENT INSIGHT

Hay Travel's Lisa Jones shares her thoughts on why travellers keep returning to Canada.



CRUISING

From riveting rivers to ocean odysseys and everything in between.



CANADA

The Great White North is offering increased connectivity, exclusive tours and uninterrupted beauty.



CARIBBEAN

New openings, expanded properties and more.

FIVE YEARS ON

Adido CEO Andy Headington has shared his thoughts on how the face of travel has changed following the five year anniversary of lockdown.

FORMER PM Boris Johnson described coronavirus as "the biggest threat this country has faced for decades" when he called for lockdown measures on March 23rd, 2020; five years on, Adido CEO Andy Headington has investigated exactly how the pandemic has impacted the travel industry.

"For many, it all feels like a distant memory, but for others, it's still very much an unwelcome presence. One thing's for sure though – the pandemic's impact has reshaped many aspects of our lives, including travel. In truth, the way we search, book and experience holidays has shifted and evolved in a variety of ways.

"The days of popping into your local high street travel agency and booking a holiday face to face may feel like they belong to a bygone era, but agents have enjoyed a renaissance since Covid, with the likes of Travel Counsellors seeing record-breaking sales over the last couple of years.

"In fact, the proportion of people saying they booked a holiday with a travel

professional in the last year has risen to 38%, up from 34% the previous year, according to ABTA, while 60% of millennials are happy to pay more for the knowledge travel agents provide.

"Not only did the travel industry bounce back after Covid, it also thrust some lesser-known destinations into the spotlight. A combination of TikTok and Instagram influencers looking beyond the likes of Venice and Dubai, plus pushback from tourism hotspots such as Barcelona and the Balearics, meant other places had a chance to shine.

"A global lockdown also gave people time to reflect on their impact on the world and that includes how we travel and where we travel to. Since the pandemic, 61% of travellers report wanting to choose more sustainable travel options."

To read Andy's full insights, head to <https://travelbulletin.co.uk/news-mainmenu/five-years-after-lockdown-how-has-travel-changed>

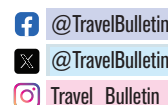


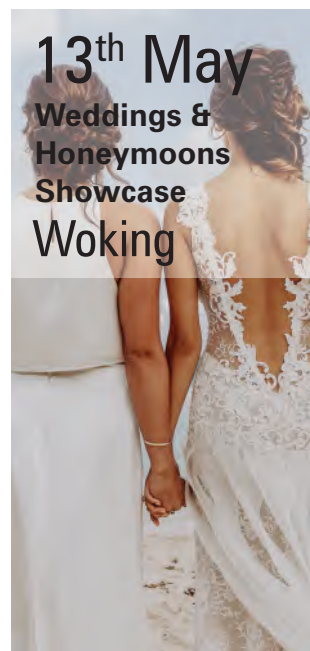
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Palladium anticipates record Q2 performance

AFTER EXCEEDING the billion euro revenue mark in 2024, Palladium Hotel Group is expecting record Q2 performance, with over 90% occupancy expected in Spain and Italy during Easter.

With Brits taking up 27% of the brand's market share between May and October last year, the earlier start to springtime weather and greater flight frequency

expected on the continent this year should see this momentum continue in Q2.

Along with those factors, Easter will be celebrated three weeks later than last year, and Palladium has committed to opening several of its hotels (including the Grand Palladium Select Palace Ibiza) as early as April 3rd this year.

www.palladiumhotelgroup.com



Efteling confirms opening date for new hotel

THE DUTCH theme park's fourth hotel, and first inside the theme park gates, will open on August 1st, 2025.

Reservations for the hotel opened via the theme park's website on March 17th, 2025, with 140 rooms across multiple room categories (including

suite options with balconies) available to book.

Efteling's director of park & resorts, Nicole Scheffers, described the property as "an investment of the future... we are focusing on international growth."

www.efteling.com

Andante Travels adds departure to Roman tour of Algeria

SPECIAL INTEREST operator Andante Travel has added a second departure date to its 'The Romans in Algeria' itinerary as the initial departure nears sold-out status.

Departing on November 15th, 2025, the new departure will follow the initial itinerary, with 20+-year Andante guide Farès Moussa guiding guests through Algeria's Roman ruins.

Algeria's Roman history is lesser-known but well-conserved, with the UNESCO-protected gridded streets of Roman Djémila and Timgad impressively preserved. The Triumph of Dionysus, in Sétif, is one of the most intricate Roman mosaics, a masterful example of the civilisation's artistic sophistication.

Packages lead in from £5,495 per person.
www.andantetravels.co.uk

Jules Verne unveils Spring Sale savings

RUNNING UNTIL April 11th, 2025, Jules Verne’s Spring Sale offers significant savings on selected tours departing between April and December 2025 across Europe, Asia, the Middle East and the Americas.

Some of the top pick tours on sale include the 17-night ‘Patagonia to Cape Horn’ tour with prices leading in from £9,545 per person, boasting a saving of £1,650. This

itinerary takes guests on an epic adventure through cities, seascapes and mountain peaks with activities including Chilean wine tasting, an expedition cruise and visiting Magdalena Island.

Other tours included in the sale are the 16-night ‘Secret India’ itinerary from £2,995 per person and the 12-night ‘The 600-Mile Nile’ tour from £4,995 per person.

www.vjv.com



Magari waives solo supplement

ITALIAN SPECIALIST Magari Tours is waiving solo supplements on a range of its tours departing in June 2025. Tours with the supplement waived include the ‘Essence of Lombardy’ departure on June 1st, 2025, starting from £2,295 per person, saving £400 on the usual solo upcharge. ‘Puglia Unwrapped’, departing on June 15th, 2025, starts from £2,499 per person, saving £350 per person.

All lead-in fares cover return flights, half-board accommodation, guided sightseeing, and coach transfers. www.magaritours.com



All stations to Antigua

THE LONDON Underground received an Antiguan makeover courtesy of the new partnership between Elite Island Resorts and Transport for London.

The digital ads highlighted the adults-only beachfront villas and white sandy beaches, encouraging commuters to trade in the Elizabeth Line for Elite Resorts. QR codes sent users to the brand’s digital platforms.

www.eliteislandresorts.com



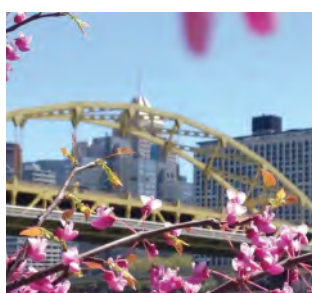
BA increases Pittsburgh service

BRITISH AIRWAYS is increasing its service to Pittsburgh by bringing its weekly total of flights to seven, offering a daily service for the first time since 2019.

Return fares lead in from £514 per person for the non-stop route from London Heathrow to Pittsburgh International.

Daily flights will be available throughout the summer season, taking to the skies until October 2025.

www.britishairways.com



G Touring celebrates 30% sales spike

JUST YOU and Travelsphere have both added new departure dates on bestselling tours after January sales outperformed those of last year by 30%. Rachel Mould, the operator’s head of trade sales for the UK, attributed the brands’ January success to “trade partners... [going] above and beyond during peaks.”

To further the impressive performance of trade sales, G Touring is recruiting a new key account manager for the Midlands and a business development executive, which Rachel says “demonstrate[s] our commitment to supporting agents.”

www.travelsphere.co.uk / www.justyou.co.uk

RateHawk unveils sustainable search feature

RATEHAWK’S NEW ‘Sustainability certification’ filter allows agents to find eco-friendlier properties and sustainable initiatives.

Ilya Kravtsov, the Emerging Travel Group’s CCO, said the feature “aims to help travel professionals and their clients quickly and easily find eco-certified options [...] and] reflects our



commitment to creating a user-friendly platform that meets all our customers’ needs...”

www.ratehawk.com



Explore more possibilities

Malta's summer sizzles with vibrant energy! Picture this: sun-kissed beaches, crystal-clear waters perfect for diving and snorkelling, and lively festivals every night. Your clients crave unforgettable experiences, and Malta delivers. From exploring ancient temples to indulging in delicious Mediterranean cuisine, it's a summer paradise! Plus, with direct flights and diverse accommodation options, it's a breeze to plan, so don't let them miss out on our Mediterranean gem!

To help you confidently sell Malta, I offer engaging online training sessions, covering all the insider tips. If you're based near London, let's connect over coffee for a personalised, in-person session. Reach out anytime, and let's make your clients' summer dreams a reality!

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Don't Let the Magic Slip Away

Book Your 2026/27 Lapland Adventure for Just £99 pp deposit*

*Selected packages only
Book by April 30th 2025

NOT IN The Guidebooks' 'Magic Won't Wait' campaign encourages agents to sell the Lapland adventure of their clients' dreams further ahead of time. Until April 30th, 2025, customers can secure their trip to Lapland from £99 deposit per person for travel between December 2026 and March 2027. www.notintheguidebooks.com

Explore Worldwide reports strong trade growth

EXPLORE WORLDWIDE has reported that 29% of bookings have come from agents in the four-week period from the end of February to mid-March.

Additional resources, increased marketing budgets and new team members have helped to drive up agency sales, with family holidays a particular market favourite through agents.

Japan is also topping the tables in terms of agent sales as 41% of bookings over the last

month have been to the Far East destination. Costa Rica, Sri Lanka, South Africa and Vietnam round out the top five destinations for the operator.

Philippa Baines, agency sales manager for Explore, said, "We've always been an agent-friendly brand, promising 100% price parity, with all our promos and discounts – including loyalty discounts – available via agents and fully funded by us." www.explore.co.uk

Newmarket expands regional departures

NEWMARKET HOLIDAYS is offering new regional departures for 19 of its escorted tours throughout 2025, 2026 and 2027.

The tours with new departures include the 'On Safari' range to South Africa where travellers can now depart from Manchester, Glasgow and Inverness.

Two tours in India have also increased their regional departure offering, with the 'Tigers & the Taj Mahal' tour now flying from Manchester, Newcastle and Edinburgh, and the 'Kerala and India's South' now departing from Glasgow.

www.newmarketholidays.co.uk



TC World Cup winners enjoy Orlando

THE WINNERS of Travel Counsellors' World Cup incentive, Team Norway, enjoyed a trip to Universal Orlando Resort last month, visiting the resort's theme parks and hotels. 2,100 Travel Counsellors competed in the incentive.

www.travelcounsellors.co.uk

AGENT INCENTIVES

- **AGENTS WHO** make a Regent Holidays booking before April 30th, 2025, will be entered into prize draw to win a short break for two to Finland, including return flights, three nights' bed and breakfast accommodation and private transfers. Daniele Boni, product manager for Regent, said, "In the last three years our portfolio of Finland summer itineraries has more than doubled, and we're seeing a gradual year on year increase in enquiries and bookings made [...] we are delighted to be working with Visit Finland to showcase our programme in this stunning destination and offer one of our valued trade partners a truly special break for two." To help agents with their bookings, Regent is offering a series of special offers on select holidays, including a complimentary lunch at Lake Lahti for guests booking onto the 'Land of 1,000 Lakes' fly-drive holiday, or £180 in savings per person on the 'Finnish Brown Bear Adventure'.
www.regent-holidays.co.uk

- **P&O CRUISES** has announced the return of its Shine and Sea incentive, which sees agents invited aboard for one of two seven-night celebration sailings. Agents booking Select Price fares before April 17th, 2025 and registering their interest for the Shine at Sea event could be in with a chance of winning. Ruth Venn, P&O Cruises' sales director, promised winning agents "the chance to step on board, immerse themselves in everything that P&O Cruises has to offer and have a true guest experience." More details on the Shine at Sea campaign can be found on the Shine Rewards Club.
www.shinerewardsclub.com

AGENT BULLETIN



CORENDON AIRLINES hosted over 30 agents at the MKM Stadium's Corendon Lounge for a match between Hull City FC and Oxford United, which ended up as a 2-1 win for the home team. Pictured above are Joanne Corbett, Alistair Hart and Samantha Wiseman from Andrew Earles Holidays with Roary and Amber, Hull city's mascots!

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COMPETITION

You could win one of five incredible prizes courtesy of Louis Hotels, including a four-night stay for two at Paphos' five-star Cali Resort & Spa!

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

AGENT TRAINING

- **AGENTS CAN** earn Seattle Certified status upon completion of Visit Seattle's new training course, which features four modules. Liz Johnson, Visit Seattle's senior director of tourism development, remarked, "Equipping travel professionals with the tools and resources to become destination experts is crucial," and said the platform will allow agents "to easily curate unforgettable experiences for visitors from around the globe." The four launch modules on the platform cover 'Seattle's Spirit: Sports & Events', 'Mastering the Art of Selling Seattle', 'Exploring the Great Outdoors: Seattle's Adventure Guide', and 'Savouring Seattle: A Culinary Journey'. Along with the four training modules, registered agents will be able to access destination guides and marketing resources.
www.seattledestinationtraining.org
- **VISIT ISLE** of Man's new training course hopes to educate agents and operators about the island's heritage and experiences. In celebration of its launch, one lucky course graduate will win a two-night stay for two with flights and Go Explore Heritage Cards, covering public transport and access to National Heritage sites. Agents completing the course before April 30th, 2025 could win. Agents can also log bookings in exchange for points, with the top-scoring agents potentially earning hundreds of pounds in Amazon vouchers.
www.isleofmanexpert.com
- **TRAVEL BULLETIN** will be joined by Sandos Hotels & Resorts, Blue Diamond Resorts and other top suppliers for our Family Holidays Virtual Showcase on April 24th at 2pm. Receive the latest updates and learn top selling tips during short but informative presentations, then connect with them during a live Q&A sessions. Plus, a short product quiz could see you win some amazing prizes!
www.travelbulletin.co.uk/events

"Big year for the trade" at Inside Travel

HEAD OF trade Gabo Quiros celebrated "the biggest trade sales ever" in Q1 as he unveiled Inside Travel's new-look agent team.

The team, headed up by senior team leader Claire Brothers, is comprised of nine Inside staff, all of whom have



worked for the group for at least two years. Between them, there is over 35 years' combined experience living in Japan.

Continuing, Gabo iterated, "Our trade partners are huge for us and together with the incredible popularity of Japan right now, we want to make it easier for our agents to make those sales.

"By providing a single point of contact, we won't be passing agents around, which will allow the expert and agent to build a bond and ensure a more efficient sale and all-round better experience."

Claire Brothers has worked for Inside Travel for over 11 years. "Japan is so popular at the moment, but we are always able to make time for our agent friends and thankfully, happy customers ensure that our agent partners are already coming back." www.insidetravelgroup.com

Advantage boosts accommodation roster

THE ADVANTAGE Travel Partnership's new partnership with SHR, a global hotel distribution specialist, will allow Advantage members to access a further 2,000+ hotels, bringing the Partnership's global accommodation roster to over 45,000 hotels worldwide.

SHR's accommodation range will be bookable via the Advantage GDS, which collates accommodation bookings from a

range of hotel chains, independent properties, bedbanks and serviced apartments.

Pelin Dede, the Advantage Travel Partnership's head of supplier partnerships, promised that the partnership "will enhance our offering to members, enabling our programme to be more global than ever due to its portfolio having a large number of hotels in North America."

www.advantagemembers.com

Universal Orlando opens new hotel

THE 750 rooms of Universal Orlando Resort's new four-star Terra Luna Resort hotel opened their doors last month. Operated by Loews Hotels & Co., Universal Terra Luna Resort adds 750 additional keys to the theme park resort's accommodation range, providing a much-needed boost as it prepares to open its third gate, Universal Epic Universe, on May 22nd, 2025.

The luminous property invites guests for an intergalactic stay, with guest rooms featuring space station-styled windows, the on-site bar offering lunar-inspired cocktails and the hotel's striking façade adding a burst of colour to the resort.

www.universalorlando.com



Singapore boosts Gatwick programme

SINGAPORE AIRLINES increased its service from Gatwick to Singapore from its current five-weekly schedule to daily on March 31st, 2025. The airline operates four daily flights from Heathrow and five weekly flights from Manchester.

www.singaporeair.com

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, April 17th. Solution and new puzzle will appear next week.

March 21st Solution: A=8 B=6 C=7 D=3

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KNOWN FOR its agricultural heart and abundance of rivers, travellers can hike up Mount Cheam to look across the vast Fraser Valley before hitting the slides at the largest waterpark in BC.

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

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- Across**
- 1 Oxford based operator whose slogan is: Travel beyond the ordinary (7)
 - 5 Denpasar airport serves this beautiful holiday island (4)
 - 6 Nicknamed the Windy City, sounds like a jazz age musical (7)
 - 8 Island in the Tyrrhenian Sea (4)
 - 10 Santiago is the capital (5)
 - 13 Popular Lanzarote resort, ____ Blanca (5)
 - 14 Cruise ship, Norwegian ____, sounds celestial (4)
 - 17 Tallinn is the capital (7)
 - 18 Prestigious art gallery with branches in London, Liverpool and St Ives (4)
 - 19 Nassau is the capital (7)

- Down**
- 1 Thomas, England's new football manager (6)
 - 2 Australian river, sounds like an aquatic bird (4)
 - 3 Legendary castle of King Arthur (7)
 - 4 Currency of Turkey (4)
 - 7 Hawaiian island (4)
 - 9 Fred. Olsen cruise ship (7)
 - 11 Famous London park (4)
 - 12 Hoseasons offer boating holidays to this Norfolk region, The ____ (6)
 - 15 Australian actress ____ Blanchett (4)
 - 16 US state, home to Bryce Canyon National Park. (4)

CROSSWORD

Mystery Word: THAILAND
Down: 1 TUCHEL, 2 SWAN, 3 CAMELOT, 4 LIBA, 7 OAHU, 9 BOLETTE, 11 HYDE, 12 BROADS, 15 GATE, 16 UTAH.
Across: 1 TRANSUN, 5 BALI, 6 CHICAGO, 8 ELBA, 10 CHILE, 13 PLAYA, 14 STAR, 17 ESTONIA, 18 TATE, 19 BAHAMAS.



AGENT INSIGHT

LISA JONES

HAYS TRAVEL

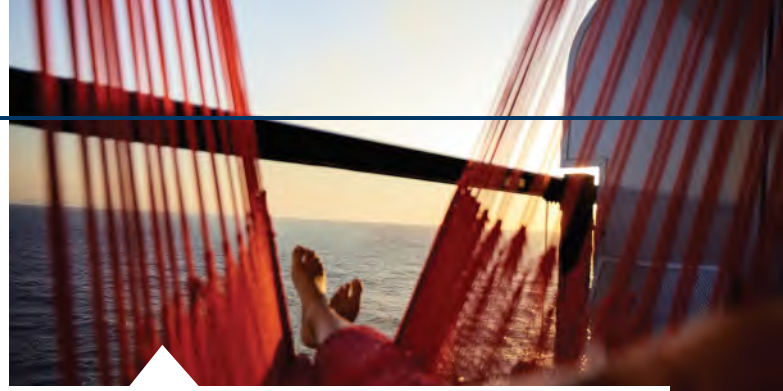
EVER SINCE I was a little girl, Canada was always a country we talked about at home. With relatives who had emigrated there, it often came up in conversations, and I guess it's always been somewhere I've felt a connection to. Back in the 19th and early 20th centuries, a lot of Welsh people made the move to Canada, often looking for better opportunities or to escape tough times back home. So, it's no surprise that Canada still holds a special place in the hearts of many Welsh people today.

Since starting my business in October, I've already booked several trips there – and it's easy to see why it's such a popular choice!

Canada is famous for its breathtaking landscapes and vibrant cities. From coast to coast, there's such a variety of natural beauty to explore. The towering Rocky Mountains in Alberta, the crystal-clear lakes of Banff and Jasper, and the incredible Niagara Falls are just a few examples that make it so special. On top of that, Canada's cities like Toronto, Vancouver, and Montreal are buzzing with life – multicultural, packed with great food, festivals, and so much to see and do.

Every trip I've booked to Canada so far has included tickets to the Calgary Stampede. It's one of the country's biggest and most exciting events – often called 'The Greatest Outdoor Show on Earth'. Held every July in Calgary, Alberta, it's a 10-day celebration of Western heritage and culture, and it's always a hit with visitors.

I've been lucky enough to visit Canada myself and see the spectacular Rocky Mountains up close. During my stay in Banff, I had so many amazing experiences – one of the highlights was snowmobiling through the mountains. It's something I'll never forget. Canada is definitely on my list of places to take my girls once they're old enough to appreciate it! And I'll continue promoting it as a great destination for a diverse range of customers.



Virgin rides the wave of success after record-breaking season

VIRGIN VOYAGES has shattered previous records and delivered its strongest trading season to date, boasting a 34% growth in bookings during the waves period with a 30% surge in UK revenue.

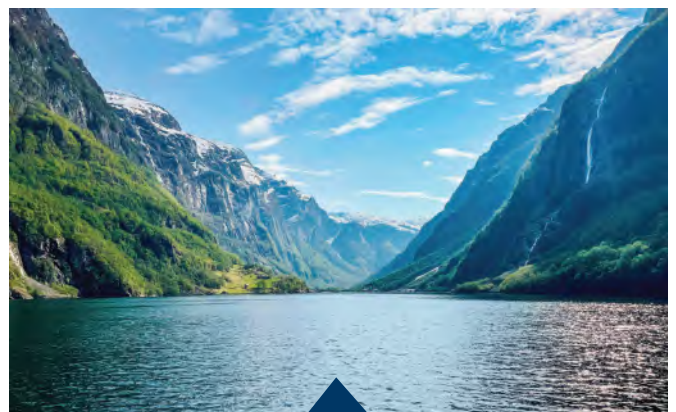
CEO Nirmal Saverimuttu states that this is "just the beginning of what we know will be our best year yet."

"These outstanding results show the incredible momentum our brand has built – driven by our travel advisors who recognise that our kid-free, award-winning experience offers a true premium alternative in the industry."

www.virginvoyages.com

News Bites

- ROTANA HAS joined the Global Hotel Alliance where the GHA loyalty members will have an additional 80 properties to choose from.
- VIETNAM AIRLINES has announced its summer 2025 and winter 2025/2026 schedules, offering three weekly direct flights to Hanoi and two per week to Ho Chi Minh City from London Heathrow.
- EASYJET HAS launched a new year-round service from Southampton to the French Capital.



JET2.COM AND Jet2CityBreaks have announced the largest-ever Norway and Fjords programme for 2026, including additional departures from three new regional airports: Belfast International, Liverpool John Lennon and the East Midlands. The expansion means capacity to Bergen has increased by 26% for next year, with more than 7,000 seats on sale. www.jet2.com

Brightwater makes flight-inclusive first

SPECIAL INTEREST operator Brightwater Holidays has added flight-inclusive options to its range of Scotland tours for the first time, with 16 of the 25-tour range bookable with flights from several regional airports.

Same-day flights are timed to transfer guests to their nearest tour pick-up points. Departures are available from Gatwick, Luton, Bristol, Birmingham, Manchester, Southampton and Stansted.

Brightwater Holidays' managing director, Alison Wilson, said, "We knew that to grow our sales through agents, we needed to make our Scottish product more accessible to customers all around the country. Creating easy-to-book packages with flights and transfers to the tour point takes the hassle away for everyone and means we can offer more choice than ever before."

www.brightwaterholidays.com



Kids fly free to Corsica

CORSICAN PLACES has unveiled an exclusive 'Kids Fly Free' offer, covering kids and school-age teens on any of its Stansted to Calvi flights between May 18th and October 5th or Gatwick to Figari flights between June 29th and August 24th.

Any packages booked before May 31st, 2025 qualify for the free flights; every paying adult aged 17 and up covers a free flight for a child aged between two and 16.

www.corsica.co.uk



New Expedia TAAP feature bolsters value

EXPEDIA TAAP has announced a new feature, allowing agents to apply a discretionary service charge to bookings.

Agents can apply a service charge up to 30% of total booking value as an agency service charge on accommodation-only and package bookings.

Robin Lawther, Expedia TAAP's VP, described the feature as "a natural next step in expanding our platform and continuing to empower travel advisors to expand their businesses and boost their earnings."

Service charges can be added at checkout and keep track of charges across agencies with monthly TAAP statements.

www.expediataap.co.uk

Emblems Collection to make Italian debut

ACCOR HAS announced the signing of the Hotel Bellevue Cortina D'Ampezzo, marking the Emblems Collection's debut in Italy.

Due to open at the end of 2026, the property "perfectly embodies the essence of the Emblems brand... it seamlessly blends luxury and nature, emotion and experience," according to



Emblems CEO Maud Bailly.

The hotel will feature 80 keys on opening, 27 of which will be suites.

www.emblemscollection.com



Turkish Airlines adds 353rd destination

OHRID, IN North Macedonia, has become Turkish Airlines' 353rd destination in its global network.

Turkish Airlines' CEO, Bilal Eksi, said the route "will create new opportunities for both tourism and business. Additionally, it will further enhance cultural exchange with Ohrid, a city that reflects the essence of the Balkans and carries traces of the Ottoman heritage."

Until April 15th, 2025, fares between April 15th and August 28th, 2025 from Istanbul start from £107.

www.turkishairlines.com



Club Med opens winter sun 2025/26

CLUB MED opened sales on winter sun 2025/26 last month, spanning travel dates between November 29th, 2025 and May 29th, 2026.

A number of discounts apply for the season, including up to 20% off premium rooms (deluxe rooms, suites and villas, up to £750 off) and 15% off superior rooms (up to £420 off).

A number of short- and long-haul destinations are included.

www.clubmed.co.uk



Cruise Showcase

SOLIHULL'S FINEST agents were joined by Bedsonline, Expedia TAAP, Havila Voyages, Tampa Bay, Tunisia and Riviera Travel as we sailed into town with our first Cruise Showcase of 2025!

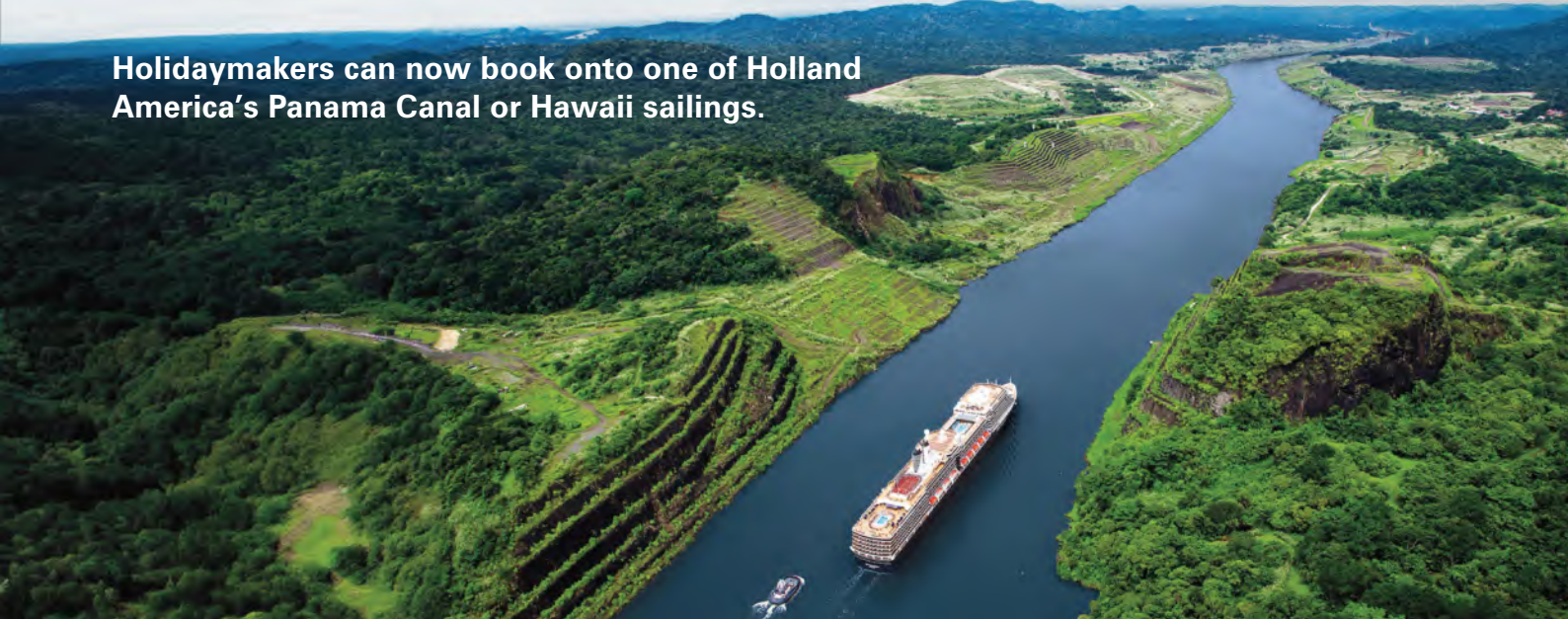
The lucky winners of our ever-popular prize bingo returned to land with gift vouchers, Tampa Bay-inspired Monopoly, and more.



Fancy a slice of the #TBShowcases pie? The show hits the road next month in Marlow for our Greece Showcase, Crewe for our Family Holidays Showcase, Woking for our Weddings & Honeymoons Showcase before a Luxury Roadshow in Lancaster, Manchester & Sheffield! To confirm your place by emailing events@travelbulletin.co.uk

PANAMA PROGRAMMES AND HAWAIIAN HOLIDAYS

Holidaymakers can now book onto one of Holland America's Panama Canal or Hawaii sailings.



HOLLAND AMERICA Line has opened bookings for its 2026/2027 Panama Canal and Hawaii voyages, as well as launching its Mexico and Pacific Coast seasons.

Guests will sail through the historic Panama Canal with a series of voyage options ranging from 14 to 28 days,

while travellers who wish to bask in the Hawaiian sunshine can enjoy cruises ranging from 17 to 28 days.

The line will offer 12 voyages through the Panama Canal aboard the *Eurodam*, *Nieuw Amsterdam* and *Zuiderdam* ships. The sailings will take guests on roundtrip adventures from either Vancouver, Seattle, San Diego or Fort Lauderdale. On select voyages, guests will have the exclusive opportunity to visit Acapulco in Mexico, where Holland America will make its return for the first time in 15 years.

Prices lead in from £2,939 per person for a 14-day sailing departing in January

2027.

Travellers can also choose from six Hawaiian itineraries sailing aboard the *Koningsdam*, *Noordam* and *Zaandam* vessels. Guests will travel roundtrip from either Vancouver, Seattle, or San Diego. The 18-day 'Circle Hawaii' cruise will depart from San Diego on November 19th, 2026, with five port stops across Hawaii and in Ensenada, Mexico.

Prices lead in from £2,929 per person, with guests having the chance to spend Thanksgiving on the shores of Honolulu.

www.hollandamerica.com

JTA reveals Cruise Collection

JTA HAS unveiled its Cruise Collection brochure for the trade, featuring an extensive portfolio of cruise holidays offering everything from family-friendly fun to luxury getaways on the high seas.

The brochure will feature bespoke itineraries from more than 20 cruise lines offering diverse sailings around the world.

Wayne Darrock, CEO of JTA Travel Group, said, "Whether customers are looking for an adventure-packed family holiday, a romantic river cruise, or an all-inclusive luxury voyage, we have the perfect option for every traveller" www.jtatravel.co.uk

Putting the Ode in Odyssey

SILVERSEA IS urging travellers to appreciate the beauty of the world after announcing that bookings for its 2028 world cruise, 'An Ode to the Moment' are now open. Departing from Miami, the *Silver Shadow* will set off on her world odyssey on January 5th, 2028, and end her journey in Nice on May 16th, 2028 after calling to 58 destinations in 29 countries. Prices lead in from £61,500 per guest. www.silversea.com





Crystal's sensational savings

UNTIL APRIL 30th, 2025, guests can save up to £2,000 per person in Crystal Cruises' brand new 'Sensational Savings' campaign. The offer is valid across a range of sailings throughout 2025, 2026 and 2027 sailing in Europe and the Mediterranean, the Americas, Caribbean, Africa, the Indian Ocean, the South Pacific, Asia, Australia and New Zealand. Guests will also receive US\$500 per suite in onboard credit to be spent at their leisure.

www.crystalcruises.co.uk



Relax and rejuvenate with Explora Journeys

THE CALMING sounds of the ocean waves will transport guests to a place of relaxation in Explora Journeys' new Ocean Wellness Retreats. The one- and two-night retreats aim to blend the healing power of the water on the ship deck. The retreats offer yoga, insightful seminars and stress management for guests to let go of everyday life while sailing across the ocean.

www.explorajourneys.com

Experience Indonesia like never before

GUESTS CAN explore the underwater wonders of Indonesia with a series of new chartered voyages with National Geographic-Lindblad Expeditions.

Charting the *Aqua Blu* vessel from Aqua Expeditions, the cruise line is offering a 15-day 'Indonesia's Coral Gardens and Komodo Dragons' itinerary from £18,847 per person. Beginning in October 2026, travellers will chart a course through Indonesia's Coral Triangle before venturing into Komodo National Park to witness the world's largest lizards in the wild. Guests can also snorkel and dive in the waters of the Taka Bonerate National Park, kayak through mangrove forests and engage with local communities.

On the 15-day 'Indonesia's Spice Islands Raja Ampat' itinerary, guests will sail deep into the heart of the region's Spice Islands, blending cultural discovery with marine exploration. Guests will snorkel in the Raja Ampat, discover rock art dating back



centuries in Misool's lagoon labyrinth, visit traditional villages and explore hidden jungle waterfalls and remote volcanic islands. Prices for this itinerary lead in from £17,397 per person based on a November 8th, 2026 departure.

www.expeditions.co.uk

Arabian nights under the winter sun await

FOUR NEW repositioning cruises join Celestyal's 2025/2026 winter programme in the Arabian Gulf, featuring maiden port calls and two new countries for guests to explore.

For the first time Celestyal will visit Jordan and Saudi Arabia as part of the new sailings, with five maiden ports of call visits to Aqaba, Jordan; Jeddah, Saudi Arabia; Muscat, Oman; and Sharm El Sheikh and Ain Sukhna, Egypt. These new debuts will also mark the cruise line's return to Egypt for the first time in two years.



A new 14-night 'Ancient Athens to Amazing Abu Dhabi' itinerary will see *Celestyal Journey* depart Athens on November 22nd, 2025, calling at Port Said, the maiden port visits and a stop in Dubai before arriving in Abu Dhabi on December 6th, 2025, right in time for the Formula 1 Abu Dhabi Grand Prix.

Celestyal Discovery will depart from Athens on November 28th, 2025, charting the same course as above but with an additional stop in Kusadasi, Türkiye before arriving for her maiden call into Abu Dhabi on December 13th, 2025.

Both ships will also sail on the two returning 14-night 'Amazing Abu Dhabi to Ancient Athens' cruises, sailing the same course during March 2026 to arrive back in time for the Greece and Mediterranean season to begin.

www.celestyal.com

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Luxury Holidays Roadshow

TRAVEL BULLETIN bought a taste of luxury to Swansea, Cheltenham and Ascot last month on our Luxury Holidays Roadshow.

Abercrombie & Kent, Barut Hotels, Coco Bodu Hithi, Roam, Grecotel Hotels & Resorts, H10 Hotels, the Japan National Tourist Organization, Jetset, Sandals, Inmood Hotels, Louis Hotels, Nassau & Paradise Island Promotion Board, Sandals, SPL Villas, Sun Siyam Resorts, Seychelles, Tunisia, United Airlines, Constantinou Bros. Hotels, SPL Villas and Vincici Hoteles networked with some of Swansea, Cheltenham & Ascot's finest and, of course, gave away a whole host of incredible prizes!



Fancy a taste of [#TBSHOWCASES](https://www.travelbulletin.co.uk/showcases) luxury? Our next Luxury Holidays Roadshow will see us take to Lancaster, Manchester and Sheffield on May 19th, 20th and 21st. Confirm your place or find out when we will be hosting our next event near you by contacting events@travelbulletin.co.uk

THE YEAR OF THE AGENT

After entering the UK market last year, Atlas Ocean Voyages' international sales lead, Bernie Carter, has declared 2025 "the Year of the Agent."



LAST MONTH saw Atlas Ocean Voyages put its Antarctic 2026/27 season on sale, with a choice of six itineraries available to book. The season's longest itinerary, the 16-day 'Antarctic & Falklands Adventure' voyage, departs twice during the season and sails from Buenos Aires to Ushuaia aboard *World Traveller*. Prices lead in from £12,466 per person.

Audley announces four new land and sea itineraries

TAILOR-MADE operator Audley Travel has expanded its ocean cruising offering with the addition of four new land and sea itineraries.

Destinations available in the new tours include Canada, Iceland, Singapore, the Seychelles, Australia and New Zealand.

Audley continues to work with agents to curate 'hybrid trips' for their clients in order to maximise their travel time and destination experience by getting the best out of both the high seas and the land whilst enjoying elevated comfort and style.
www.audleytravel.com

Now, amidst "really strong support" from travel partners, including its UK GSA The Cruise Line, Bernie is looking to expand Atlas Ocean Voyages' footprint in the marketplace. The UK focus for the year ahead has seen the expedition line launch a UK-dedicated site, which Bernie said has already welcomed "a surge in visits."

"The one thing we are looking to do as we develop our UK business is to make it one of the largest markets outside of North America... it is a very sophisticated and complex commercial marketplace."

Bernie is keen to increase awareness among agents; a plan that was

expedited after impressive performance last year. Agents can sign up to the brand's UK trade Facebook page (*Atlas Ocean Voyages UK Trade*) and earn a £100 Amazon voucher after confirming their first booking. Bernie explained the value of the Facebook community beyond the incentive. "Not only does it give agents the chance to earn more money... they will hear all the news first, we will give them inside tips, let them know when we are going to launch a season and the latest offers."

www.atlasoceanvoyagesuk.com
book.com/groups/atlasoceanvoyagesuktrade

Carnival welcomes two additions to its fleet

CARNIVAL CRUISE Line has officially welcomed Carnival Adventure and Carnival Encounter to its fleet.

Both vessels have departed on their maiden voyages: a nine-night sailing for Adventure from Sydney and a three-night roundtrip cruise from Brisbane aboard Encounter. The ships were previously transferred from P&O Cruises Australia.

www.carnival.com





Personalised luxury in Peru

AQUA EXPEDITIONS' *Aqua Nera* river boat offers guests a tranquil and luxurious journey into the depths of the Amazon on a once-in-a-lifetime cruise.

With 20 designer suites, the vessel offers guests personalised luxury while exploring the Peruvian Amazon with small-group excursions available to bring guests closer to the wildlife which call the world's most biodiverse rainforest home. Prices lead in from £3,356 per person for a three-night voyage. www.aquaexpeditions.com



Spend Christmas on the Danube

JUST YOU has launched a new series of escorted tours for the 2025 festive period.

One of the tours highlighted is the six-day 'Christmas in Budapest' which departs on December 23rd, 2025, and includes city tours of Buda and Pest, time at the Christmas Market, as well as a scenic river cruise along the Danube. Prices lead in from £2,99 per person. www.justyou.co.uk

AmaWaterways expands Chobe cruises

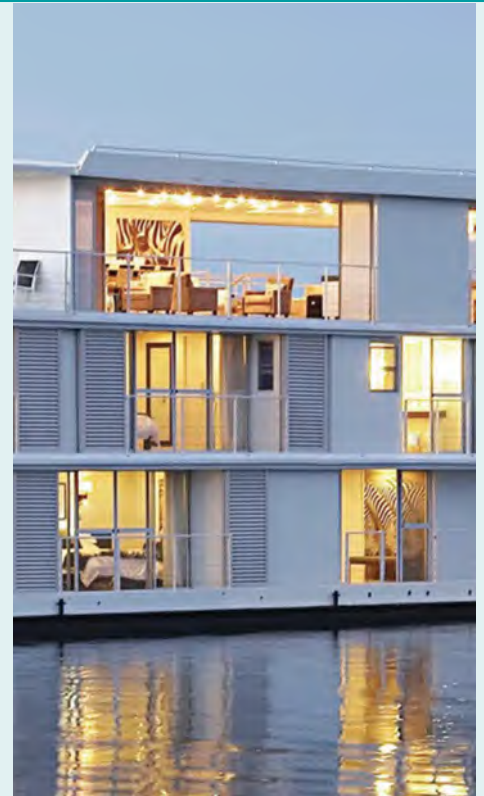
FOLLOWING STRONG demand for cruises along Africa's Chobe River, AmaWaterways has added four new sailings aboard the *Zambezi Queen* to its 2026 programme.

Each four-night safari cruises are combined with a choice of land itineraries ranging from nine to 16 nights and incorporating sights such as Table Mountain and Victoria Falls.

Jamie Loizou, managing director of AmaWaterways, said, "Cruises on the intimate *Zambezi Queen* offer a phenomenal opportunity to see wildlife and be immersed in Africa. With only 28 guests on each departure, this exclusive product is in high demand."

AmaWaterways' cruises along the Chobe River include all onboard dining, complimentary beverages, a Chobe National Park safari with an exclusive picnic, and visits to local African villages.

Prices lead in from £10,946 per person for



the nine-night 'Discover Africa' itinerary combining three nights in Cape Town with a four-night cruise and two nights at Victoria Falls. The price includes return flights from either London or Manchester.

www.amawaterways.co.uk

CroisiEurope launches new Nile cruise

CROISIEUROPE HAS set its sights on Egypt with the introduction of a brand-new Nile cruise aboard the chartered *RV Star of Luxor*.

The new seven-night 'Cruise on the Nile: The Land of Pharaohs' itinerary offers guests a roundtrip sailing from Luxor and promises a range of unforgettable adventures and discoveries to be had.

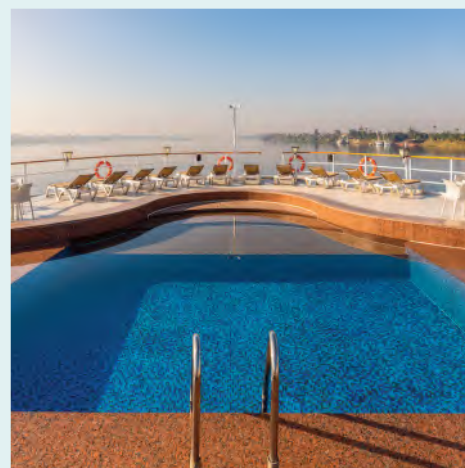
Some of the highlights of the cruise include visits to the Karnak Temple Complex, the Temple of Horus, the Temple

of Kom Ombo, the Philae Temple Complex and the Aswan Dam. Guests will enjoy a local boat tour to the island of Elephantine, passing between granite islands and natural reserves, as well as an optional excursion to the rock temples of Abu Simbel.

In addition to the cruise, CroisiEurope is offering a four-day optional pre-cruise programme in Cairo featuring visits to the Coptic district, the Giza Plateau, the Pyramid of Cheops, the Saqqara necropolis and the chance to explore the recently-opened Grand Egyptian Museum.

The cruise will operate between March and December 2025, and February and December 2026. Prices lead in from £1,012 per person, and to celebrate the launch of this cruise, CroisiEurope is offering savings of up to £380 per person on select tours when booked by April 30th, 2025.

www.croisieurope.co.uk



Seasonal sailing and summer celebrations

UNIWORLD BOUTIQUE River Cruises is bolstering its Holiday Collection for 2025. The new addition, a seven-night 'Magical Parisian Holiday' hopes to capture the seasonal magic of the Seine from £3,999 per person.

On the seven-night sailing, which departs from the French capital, guests will get an exclusive tour of Versailles, including areas usually closed to guests. *S.S. Joie de Vivre* then sails to several countryside cities, including the home of Monet (Rouen) for a private choral performance at Rouen Cathedral, a private reception at Château de Bizy, and several calls at some of the continent's iconic Christmas markets. Uniworld's CEO, Ellen Bettridge, introduced the itinerary. "We're thrilled for guests to experience this new addition to our Holiday Collection... a fresh way to experience

this magical season aboard a decked-out floating boutique hotel."

Any agents confirming a booking with Uniworld before April 30th, 2025 (and forwarding booking confirmations to agency.sales@uniworld.com) could see themselves on a summer sailing from Amsterdam to Brussels aboard *SS Victoria*. www.uniworld.com



TUI River Cruises Easter lates

AMSTERDAM CALLS with late Easter deals from TUI River Cruises. *TUI Isla* will set sail roundtrip from Amsterdam on April 22nd, 2025 on a five-night 'Windmills & Waterways' itinerary from £1,198 per person in a Deck 1 Superior Cabin. www.tui.co.uk




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*2026 river cruises, the free all-inclusive drinks includes unlimited quantity of drinks from 10am to midnight while on board (selected drinks available).



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EXCEPTIONAL CANADIAN TRAVEL

ECT Travel's new duo of Canadian adventures showcase the nation's charm in all its glory.



EXPLORE VANCOUVER & Victoria: Gardens and Natural Wonders

CANADA'S PACIFIC Coast is much-admired for its unique blend of vibrant urban life and breathtaking natural beauty.

ECT Travel's nine-day itinerary (departing on May 22nd, 2025) hopes to showcase the best of Vancouver and Victoria, promising travellers an immersive look into of British

Columbia's varied landscapes, storied culture, and history.

Vancouver, which emerges from the surrounding mountains and Pacific Ocean, serves as the tour's starting point. The tour's city stint includes visits to three renowned gardens, a scenic boat tour of Howe Sound to observe marine wildlife, and a guided exploration of indigenous outdoor art. Guests can participate in a sea-foraging excursion led by a chef and wildcrafter.

Victoria, the British Columbian capital, and its historic charm and lush gardens is next on the agenda. Over three nights, guests will explore the city's picturesque harbor, trace its British heritage, and visit the internationally

acclaimed Butchart Gardens. The programme also puts Victoria's thriving arts and culinary scenes on full show.

Quilt Canada 2025: A Textile Experience in Toronto

QUILT CANADA is celebrated as the premier annual event for quilting and textile enthusiasts. The 2025 edition will take place in Mississauga, Ontario, with accommodation in Toronto. ECT Travel's nine-day itinerary, departing on June 15th, 2025, includes a visit to The Textile Museum of Canada, participation in a traditional quilting bee in St. Jacob's, an icewine tasting, and a visit to Niagara Falls. Prices on request at www.ecttravel.com.

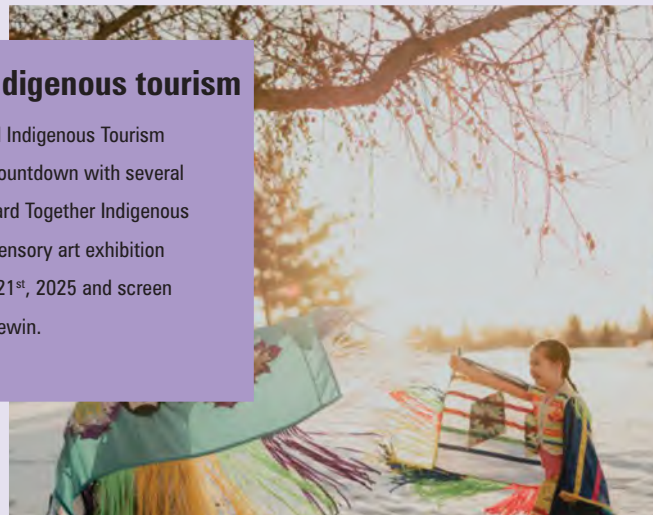
September savings

TTC TOUR Brands' 'September on Sale' could save guests up to 15% on September departures, worth up to £1,237 depending on tour value.

Among the itineraries included in the sale is 'The Best of Eastern Canada and USA', which includes savings of up to £831 when booked before May 29th, 2025. Along with some iconic picks of the USA's East Coast, the itinerary includes stays in Toronto, Ottawa, Quebec City and Montreal, with a TTC-signature Make Travel Matter experience in the latter. Prices lead in from £6,006 per person. www.insightvacations.com

Edmonton champions indigenous tourism

AS THE host city for 2026's International Indigenous Tourism Conference, Edmonton has started the countdown with several experiences as part of its Walking Forward Together Indigenous Tourism Strategy. They include a multi-sensory art exhibition exploring Indigenous identity until June 21st, 2025 and screen printing workshops at Mobilize Waskawewin. www.exploredmonton.com





Toronto CityPASS adds Ripley's Aquarium

RIPLEY'S AQUARIUM of Canada has joined the Toronto CityPASS programme, which allows visitors to save up to 38% when combining entry to five of the city's attractions. The pass now includes the aquarium, the CN Tower, and a choice of Casa Loma, the Royal Ontario Museum, City Cruise Toronto and Toronto Zoo. Visitors to Ripley's Aquarium will find 50 live exhibits and over 100 interactive displays. The pass leads in from £70 for adults.

www.citypass.com/toronto



MSC visits Victoria on Alaska itineraries

AS PART of MSC Cruises' new Alaskan itineraries (set to make their debut next summer), *MSC Poesia* will call in Victoria on Vancouver Island. Cruisers calling in Victoria can expect colourful gardens and striking architecture in British Columbia's capital city. As *Poesia* enters the harbour, guests are encouraged to keep an eye out for orcas, sea lions and porpoises which dwell in and around Victoria Harbour.

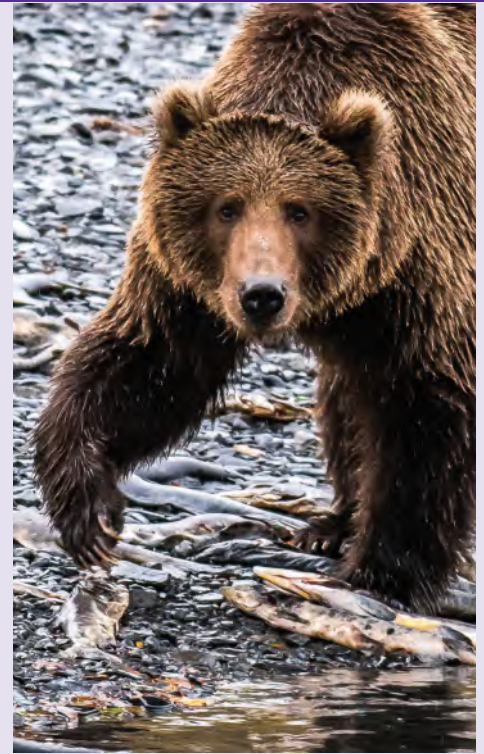
www.msccruises.co.uk

Become a bear whisperer in the Cariboo Mountains

ECO TOURS has relaunched its iconic Bear Whisperer experience, where guests will spend three nights in the Cariboo Mountains witnessing the majestic creatures in their natural habitats. Guests can get up close and personal (safely) with a Grizzly as they fish for salmon in the spring and trek through the mountains in summer.

Canadian Sky has included the Bear Whisperer experience on its new 12-night 'Wilderness and Wildlife' self-drive tour. While the tour can largely be tailored to suit guests' wishes, it promises the chance to spot and interact with local wildlife on memorable bear spotting, horse riding, kayaking and hiking experiences.

Guests will fly into Vancouver before spending three nights in the classic log cabin-style Beaver Guest Ranch, three nights in the Terra Nostra Guest Ranch on Lake Clearwater, enjoy the Bear Whisperer



experience for three nights, and spend two nights in Whistler before flying home from Vancouver. Prices lead in from £4,149 per person including return flights. The Bear Whisperer experience is only available on fixed dates between August and October. www.canadiansky.co.uk

Green travel in the Garden City

AS TRAVELLERS continue to prove that sustainable travel and eco-friendly choices are a priority, Greater Victoria is making waves as a perfect choice of destination blending natural and architectural beauty with a deep commitment to sustainability.

The region has officially been crowned as the 'Most Sustainable Destination in North America' by the Global Destination Sustainability Index, becoming a pioneer in responsible tourism.

The city offers an 'Eat, Drink, Pedal' E-bike

tour through the scenic neighbourhoods, as well as zero-emission water taxis and Harbour Air Seaplanes in a bid to encourage tourists and locals to navigate the city more sustainably.

British Columbia is famed for its great outdoors and Victoria provides holidaymakers with a wide array of outdoor attractions. Travellers can embark on carbon-neutral whale watching trips with Eagle Wing Tours, and wander around the Butchart Gardens where foliage blooms year-round under eco-friendly horticultural initiatives.

The city offers several eco-friendly accommodation options, including the Oak Bay Beach Hotel, The Parkside Hotel & Spa, and the Inn at Laurel Point, where sustainability is as much a priority as a good night's sleep.

www.tourismvictoria.com



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Experience Desolation Sound by boat

EXPLORE THE vast waterways, fjords and islands of Desolation Sound on a new five-day cruise with Maple Leaf Adventures. Guests can sail into the landscape dotted with glaciated peaks and rainforests.

The five-day 'Desolation Sound in Spring' trip departs from Campbell River with prices leading in from £2,206 per person including all meals, shore excursions, use of rubber boats, kayaks and fishing gear, local lodging when on land and dedicated services of the crew. www.mapleleafadventures.com



Cruise from Canada to Iceland

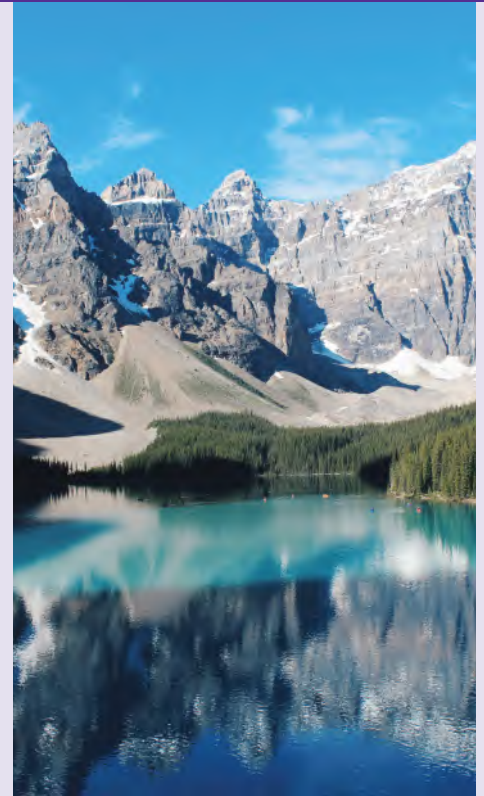
EMBARK ON an extraordinary journey from Canada to Iceland on Swan Hellenic's 12-day cruise. Setting off from Halifax, Nova Scotia, guests will explore the beauty of the North Atlantic with stops in St. John's, Newfoundland, visits to the remote shores of Greenland, before ending the voyage in Reykjavik. Prices for the cruise lead in from £6,735 per person. www.swanhellenic.com

Walking in a Canadian wonderland

AN ENCHANTING winter winter wonderland awaits guests with Inspiring Travel's 14-night 'Western Canada's Winter Wonderland' tour.

The winter magic will begin in Calgary, Alberta, where guests can kickstart their holiday ice-skating downtown or watching the Calgary Flames at the Scotiabank Saddledome. The exclusive itinerary then allows travellers to explore the dramatic natural beauty of Banff and Lake Louise before testing out their winter sport skills in Whistler and Sun Peaks. Additional winter adventures of snowmobiling, snowshoeing, snowboarding and dog sledding can be added.

With the best time to travel between December and April, this itinerary makes the perfect winter getaway for every type of traveller, from guests who would prefer to test the limits on the slopes or those who would rather cosy up in front of the fireplace



with their loved ones.

Prices for this winter wonderland tour lead in from £5,570 per person, including accommodation, private transfers and domestic flights.

www.inspiringtravel.co.uk

Air Canada expands the tartan trail with new Montreal route

CONTINUING ITS transatlantic expansion for 2025, Air Canada has unveiled a new route between Edinburgh and Montréal.

Set to take to the skies from June 27th, 2025, the direct service marks the only connection between Canada's second largest city and Scottish capital. The route will service the two countries until September 7th, 2025, and will be operated on the airline's 737 MAX 8 fleet, offering 16 seats in Premium Economy and 153 in Economy.



Margaret Skinner, senior director of sales, EMEA for Air Canada, said, "Edinburgh has always been an important market for Air Canada, thanks to strong business, tourism, and cultural ties between Scotland and Canada, so we are proud to be expanding our presence in the market by adding a second route for 2025."

Flights will operate thrice weekly and join the airline's existing summer service between Edinburgh and Toronto which operates daily during the peak season. Currently, Air Canada operates a total of 75 weekly services between the UK and Canada during summer, with departures from London Heathrow, Manchester and Edinburgh to cities including Calgary, Halifax, Montréal, Ottawa, Toronto and Vancouver.

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ROYAL RESTORATIONS

Blue Diamond Resorts has unveiled the \$25 million transformation of its Dominican Republic properties.



TWO PROPERTIES under the Blue Diamond Resorts label in the Dominican Republic have undergone a £25 million transformation, striving to redefine their guests' experience and instilling it with equal parts comfort and elegance.

Both the Royalton Punta Cana, An Autograph Collection All-Inclusive Resort & Casino and its neighbouring Hideaway by Royalton Punta Cana, An

Autograph Collection All-Inclusive Resort & Casino – Adults Only, began their transformation project in April 2024 and will shortly be ready to once again welcome guests back through the doors in time for the summer season.

Redesigned rooms and upgraded common areas, including the lobby, Diamond Club lounge and Convention Centre will impress travellers as they step foot into the Royalton Punta Cana.

Equally, travellers staying at the Hideaway by Royalton Punta Cana will also bask in tranquillity in their newly enhanced rooms and public spaces, offering an elevated experience for adults looking to escape in a luxurious setting. Agents can book their clients into these

hotels from £1,362 per person through TUI for select dates in June 2025.

Blue Diamond Resorts has also been busy in Jamaica with its latest venture in the Caribbean set to open its doors in late 2026. The Royalton CHIC Jamaica Paradise Cove, An Autograph Collection All Inclusive Resort – Adults Only, builds on the success of previous Royalton resorts and is ready to bring the brand's signature sophistication to Jamaica for the first time.

Located forty minutes from Ochos Rios International Airport, the 345-key resort will be nestled in Runaway Bay, providing a serene escape on unspoilt coastline.

www.bluediamondresorts.com

Treasure Beach comes to Turks and Caicos

A NEW Treasure Beach Village is coming to Beaches Turks and Caicos Resort.

With bookings now open, travellers can choose from 101 multi-bedroom suites, bringing the all-inclusive resort's total room count to 858 and marks the sixth village addition to the property. The different room categories include suites, villas and penthouse options. The 100-acre beachfront village overlooks the pristine waters of Grace Bay and is complete with a 15,000-square-foot pool, new dining concepts and a 32-seat cinema to inspire family connection in a luxurious setting.

www.sellingsandals.co.uk

Coconut Bay celebrates 20 years

SAINT LUCIA'S Coconut Bay Beach Resort is celebrating its 20th anniversary this year, and, to commemorate the occasion, it has announced a US\$80 million expansion will take place on its five-star sister property, Serenity, from September 2025. Renovations will also continue throughout Coconut Bay for all 250 rooms as part of the \$24 million transformation which began last year and will continue through to 2026.

www.cbayresort.com





Bookings open on new Wyndham in Punta Cana

THE WYNDHAM Alltra Punta Cana is now on sale across the UK market and travellers can enjoy stays at the family-friendly resort from £1,459 per person. Promising the Dominican's ultimate all-inclusive experience, the 620-suite resort is tucked away on the Uvero Alto Beach, approximately 45 minutes from the airport. The resort is complete with a free-form pool, a waterpark, spa facilities, a world-class fitness centre and entertainment in the evenings. www.wyndhamhotels.com



Dominica launches 'Kool Escapes'

DISCOVER DOMINICA has launched a new summer campaign entitled 'Kool Escapes', which stars the island's first-ever Olympic gold medallist, Thea LaFond-Gadson. The campaign aims to encourage more visitors to the island between June and August by highlighting the memorable experiences and fun that can be had on the often overlooked island. www.discoverdominica.com

St. Kitts: an adventure seeker's paradise

THE CARIBBEAN has much more than sun-soaked beaches on offer; St. Kitts offers a perfect playground for adults and children alike to try out their more adventurous sides and discover a different side to island life.

From snorkelling, ziplining, diving and ATV rides, travellers can quench their adrenaline thirst against a lush backdrop of rainforests and mountains.

Some of the activities available on the island include the St. Kitts Sky Safari, where visitors can soar above the canopies by zipline, or instead choose to explore the world under the waves with guided dives through ship wrecks and coral reefs.

Thrillseekers can get their blood pumping with ATV excursions over scenic vistas and through hidden trails, or there is a whole host of water sort activities available to all, including kiteboarding, paddle boarding, wakeboarding, parasailing, kayaking, jet



boating and jet skiing.

The island has strong air connectivity with the UK, with twice-weekly direct flights from London Gatwick with British Airways. www.visitst Kitts.com

Silversands' \$1,000 daily spend bonus

A NEW villa package is available at Silversands Resort at Grand Anse, promising unmatched quality, privacy and comfort for guests. Located on the sun-soaked shores of Grenada, the new Premier Villa Escape package allows guests to tailor their stay with up to US\$1,000 in daily Experience Credits to be used for spa treatments, customised villa dining or water sport activities.

The personalised approach extends to the resort's beachfront villas, each one offering



a quintessential escape for families and groups steeped in luxury. Among the villas is the 6,000 square-foot Beachfront Pool Villa, offering the perfect place for larger groups to relax and connect together.

Each Silversands villa is completed with high-end amenities, a private pool, fully equipped kitchens, and spacious indoor and outdoor living areas. To further enhance the stay, treatments are available at The Spa Silversands, including an age-defying natural Facial or the Chocolate Body Wrap service inspired by the islands 'Spice Isle' heritage. Guests can also indulge in a luxury dining experience, either savouring bold Asian flavours at Asiatique or enjoying fresh seafood at Grenadian Grill.

Rates for Silversands villas lead in from £5,420 per night for a four-bedroom accommodation option. www.silversandscollection.com

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A twin-centre made more accessible than ever

SVG AIR'S new service between Bequia (St. Vincent & the Grenadines) and Grenada has made twin-centre trips between the two islands more accessible than ever.

Bequia Beach Hotel and Calabash Hotel, two hotels which promise the authenticity that only family-owned-and-operated hotels bring, have been partners on an exclusive twin-centre package with Audley Travel.

Guests can spend seven nights in a Westside Suite at Calabash Hotel, enjoying several island excursions and a free 60-minute spa treatment.

Onwards to Bequia Beach Hotel, a champagne welcome starts the stay off on a fittingly indulgent note, with a saltwater pool and spa unwinding the whole affair in tranquil fashion.

Prices for the 14-night twin-centre with Audley Travel start from £7,025 per person on a bed-and-breakfast basis with international economy flights, inter-island flights, and transfers.

Eight-night options lead in from £4,975 per person with the same inclusions.

www.audleytravel.com/the-caribbean



A Caribbean cruise collaboration

UNTIL APRIL 30th, 2025, agents can book a series of pre- and post-cruise stays on 2025 and 2026 Caribbean departures, the result of a partnership between Unforgettable Travel Company and SeaDream Yacht Club. All stays include a free overnight stay in Barbados, overnights on SeaDream in Bequia and/or St. Barths, open bars, all meals, and select experiences.

Departures include a nine-day 'Jewels of the Grenadines Cruise & Land' itinerary from £3,887 per person. www.unforgettabletravel.com

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