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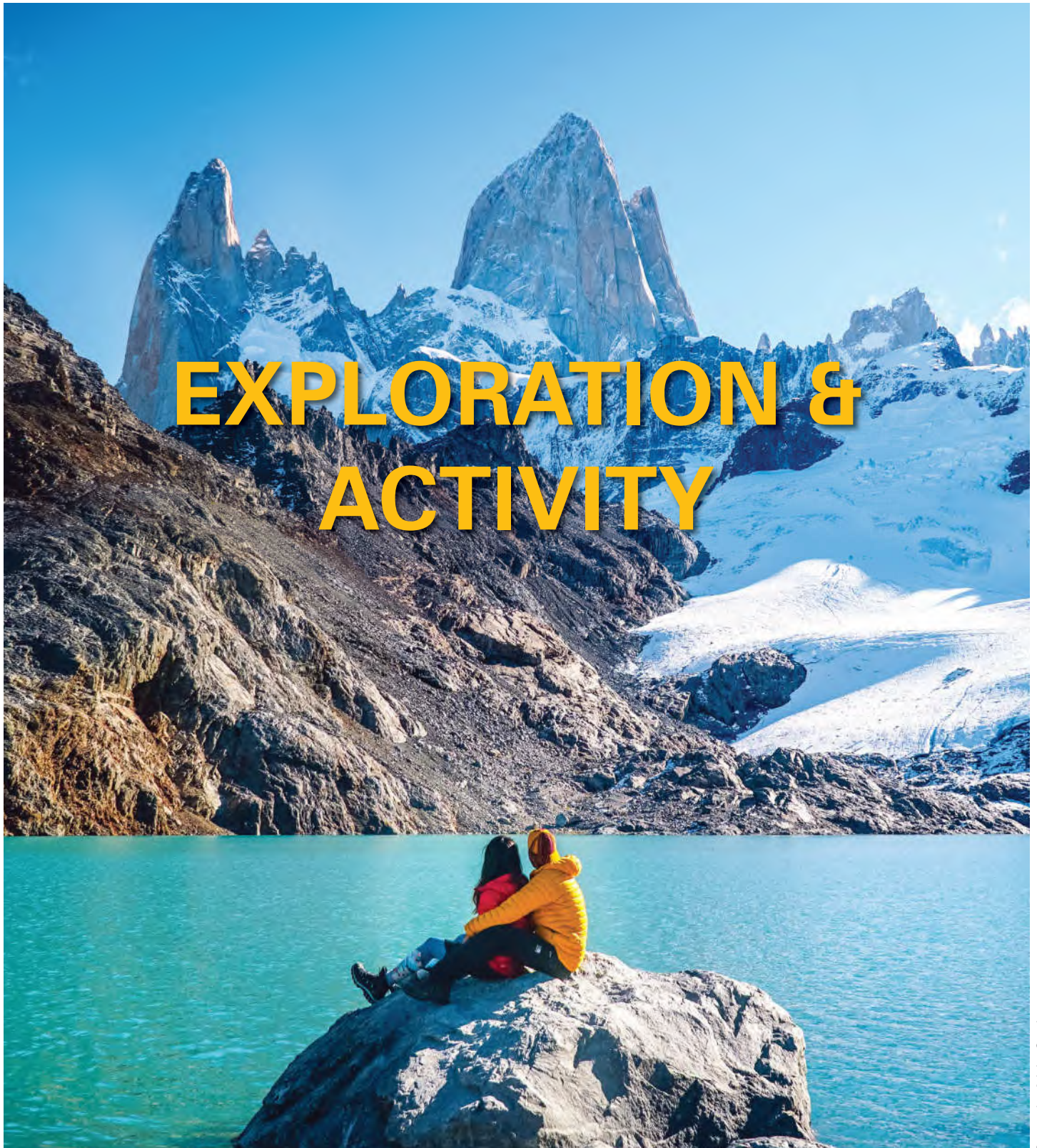
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# SOLO RUN

Leisure Lakes Bikes looks into the growing trend of travelling without company in its latest research.



70% of solo travellers have the desire to travel internationally.

LEISURE LAKES Bikes looked into the rising trend of solo travel and why an increasing number of tourists are looking to travel alone.

The world of solo travel is welcoming to all genders, yet women are more likely to go on a travel adventure on their own. Overseas Adventure Travel (O.A.T) reports that 47% of their travellers are registered as 'solo', and a whopping 85% of those are women.

In terms of the generations who are travelling without company, Gen Z and millennials are leading the way, with one in four travellers planning to travel solo in the next six months.

According to the Solo Traveler 2021 Reader Survey

that took into account a total of 2,359 respondents, 70% of solo travellers are wanting to travel internationally. Nevertheless, group travel is also popular amongst 62% of the respondents.

The rise of sustainability is also defining the way solo travellers are exploring the world. According to the Solo Traveler 2021 Reader Survey, 37% of the respondents want to travel more consciously and sustainably. In order to reduce their eco footprint, 12% are planning on flying less when it comes to future trips.

Travel will be a priority in terms of budget (36%) with longer (20%), more frequent (22%), and road trips (26%) leading the way. 16% of solo

travellers wouldn't shy away from luxury on the road either.

In the Solo Traveler 2021 Reader Survey, 66% of the respondents chose this type of travel because they wanted to see the world and not wait for others. Similarly, 56% wanted to do whatever they want, and 48% like the feeling of freedom and independence.

Solo travel is also seen as an ideal way to grow as a person, and 41% of the respondents are driven by this. Many travellers that took part in the survey see solo travel as a self-discovery journey, where they can learn who they are and what they want from life, as it can be quite cathartic.

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## Emerald Azzurra christened in Venice



Image Credit: Emerald Cruises

EMERALD CRUISES' first ocean luxury yacht, Emerald Azzurra, was named in an intimate ceremony in Venice, Italy.

The 100-guest luxury yacht, which boasts opulent suites and staterooms, à la carte dining restaurants and a water sports boat, will

now set sail on a series of eight to 25-night itineraries around the Mediterranean and Adriatic Seas.

Emerald Cruises is offering savings of up to 35% and a free Premium Drinks Package on bookings made for the 'Gems of the Arabian Peninsula' itinerary,

departing December 2022 and January 2023. The nine-day ocean cruise sails from Doha to Sir Baniyas Island, Abu Dhabi, Khasab, Fujairah, Zighy Bay and Dubai, with prices starting from £3,827.

[www.emeraldcruiises.co.uk](http://www.emeraldcruiises.co.uk).

## Leger Holidays launches Battlefield Tour

LEGER HOLIDAYS has launched a new tour, 'Band of Brothers: The Actors Tour'.

The tour to Belgium is based on the American TV war drama, Band of Brothers – created by Steven Spielberg and Tom Hanks – and includes visits to WWII battlefields in the company of three actors who featured in the award-winning TV series – Matthew Leitch, Tim Matthews and Peter McCabe.

The tour follows in the footsteps of Easy

Company with the opportunity to also talk to the actors, who will share their experience of acting and working in the series.

The five-day tour is priced from £1,099 per person, and includes Silver Service coach travel with local UK joining points, four nights' accommodation, three evening meals, all excursions as detailed with a Specialist Battlefield Guide.

[www.leger.co.uk](http://www.leger.co.uk)

## Children of the 80's returns to Hard Rock Hotel Tenerife in July

FOLLOWING A two-year hiatus, Hard Rock Hotel Tenerife has announced the return of its 'Children of the 80's' party.

Celebrations will kick off on July 9, 2022, with the Neon Collective, a tribute to Depeche Mode, The Cure and U2. The performance will mark the beginning of the festival and will serve as the go-to event for those looking for an alternative to the electronic music circuit in Tenerife. In addition, the line-up includes names such as Los Inhumanos, Vicky Larraz and Nathalie The Soundlovers.

Tickets can be purchased starting at €25. In addition, attendees can consult and book a shuttle service through the same website. The cost of this service



Image Credit: Hard Rock Hotel

will be €10 round-trip and will be available from / to Los Cristianos at different times, before the start of the event and from half an hour before the end of the event. Hotel guests will be able to enjoy this party completely free of charge.

Visit [www.childrenofthe80s.com](http://www.childrenofthe80s.com) for more information.



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## Sign up to Gran Canaria's webinar

JOIN KATERINA Bomshtein from the Gran Canaria Tourist Board, and *Travel Bulletin*, for the #GranCanaria #somuchtolivefor Webinar.

Agents can join to receive the latest updates and learn top selling tips from Gran Canaria during their informative presentation then connect with them during a live Q&A sessions. Participants can take part in the short product quiz for their chance to win a prize courtesy of Hotel Cordial Mogan Playa, and one lucky agent will win a seven-night holiday for two people on half-board with car hire and a VIP island tour included.

The webinar is scheduled for Thursday, June 23 at 2pm GMT. [Register here.](#)

## Classic Collection launches Morocco & Egypt brochure

### CLASSIC COLLECTION

Holidays' North African options have expanded with the arrival of the operator's new 84-page brochure, highlighting multi-centre holidays, Nile cruise and stay, boutique luxury hotels, and family-friendly, five-star and all-inclusive options.

Doranne Dawson, product and purchasing manager for Morocco and Egypt, commented: "Our new brochure focuses on both Morocco and Egypt's huge variety of product and underlines their appeal as more than just sand and sea destinations.

"Demand for Nile cruise and stay holidays in Egypt is gaining traction as are two and multi-centre holidays between Marrakech, the Agafay Desert and the High Atlas mountains, with



A choice of North African escapes is available in the new brochure.

customers preferring our private transfer service between resorts over interconnecting flights."

Choices include four nights at the Fairmont Royal Palm Marrakech from £725 per person on a bed-and-breakfast basis, and seven nights at the all-inclusive White Beach Resort in Taghazout from £905 per person.

"Both Morocco and Egypt offer an unspoilt natural environment, culture and adventure, in addition to beaches, sports and leisure," concluded Dawson.

The brochure is downloadable at the operator's website, with print copies available through Tradegate.

[www.classic-collection.co.uk](http://www.classic-collection.co.uk)

## Holland America Line hold naming ceremony for Rotterdam

HOLLAND AMERICA Line's flagship Rotterdam got the royal seal of approval at a ceremony in its namesake city on May 30, 2022, as HRH Princess Margriet of the Netherlands officially named the ship.

"Our heritage is rooted here in the Netherlands, and we are deeply honoured to have Her Royal Highness Princess Margriet as godmother of her fifth Holland America Line ship," said Gus Antorcha, president of Holland America Line.

"When Rotterdam was delivered in 2021 we postponed its naming ceremony so we could hold it in Rotterdam, because there's no better place to name a ship than in the city it was named after. After a challenging couple of years, we are excited to celebrate this memorable moment in our company's history."



Image Credit: Holland America

Rotterdam is the third vessel in the cruise line's Pinnacle Class series of ships, carrying 2,668 guests across the seas of Northern Europe and the Caribbean in 2022.

[www.hollandamerica.com](http://www.hollandamerica.com)

## Kenya unveils strategy to guide tourism future

KENYA'S MINISTRY of Tourism & Wildlife has unveiled a new strategy to guide the recovery and growth of the country's tourism sector across the next five years.

Dubbed the 'new vision for Kenya's tourism', the strategy provides a long-term road map for the sector and will shape the future of the nation's tourism industry.

Cabinet secretary for the department, Najib Balala, explained: "Despite the many challenges and sometimes difficult environment, the sector has made tremendous

progress in developing practical frameworks that deliver a memorable visitor experience.

"It is against this backdrop that we launch the Tourism Strategy for Kenya 2022-2025 today. The strategy was developed with a clear vision of propelling the sector to newer and higher heights."

The plan highlights the four main pillars of branding, marketing, experiences and enablers as the key drivers for tourism in the future.

[www.magicalkenya.com](http://www.magicalkenya.com)



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## Japan reopens for international travel

GUESTS ARRIVING on fully-inclusive escorted tours will be permitted to enter Japan as the nation begins to lift Covid-19 travel restrictions.

Wendy Wu Tours is seizing the day, with departures available as early as September. In celebration of the opening of borders, the operator has expanded its choice of cherry blossom season departures, as previous dates have sold out. Up to £970 per person off holidays are available for 2022 and 2023 holidays, along with 50% off single room supplements and partners fly free offers applicable on selected breaks.

[www.wendywutours.co.uk](http://www.wendywutours.co.uk)



## AGENT INSIGHT

### SANDRA MURRAY NORMANTON, YORKSHIRE

I WENT to the first ATAS presents in Leeds last week. They are the Association of Touring and Adventure Supplier put together by Lisa Cothoney, who is event co-ordinator – this was a great event with lots of great tour operators. It was nice to catch up with Danielle Radford - Cosmos, Thomas Morgan and Jessica Payne from Riviera Travel, Gem Walker from Newmarket, Carrie Day from Intrepid and James Howlett who was new to Hurtigruten but knew his stuff. These were all great presentations full of info and made you want to go away on holiday.

The travel news doesn't really seem to be getting much better – I can't believe some of the delays I hear about at Leeds, Manchester and Birmingham Airports. The queues sound horrendous – why have the airports let it get so bad with their staffing levels. I hope they can improve soon! I've got flights booked from Manchester to Crete soon, so all paws crossed. It is our elderly customers I feel sorry for, it's not the best way to start your holiday.

A lot of the Covid tests and restrictions seem to be dropping which is good news, and I think it's encouraging people to think about booking a holiday.

I think one good thing to come out of all this is that people are not so keen to book on the internet as they once were, they would rather see a travel agent and be safer and have someone to chat things over with.

Can I just remind everyone that the Yorkshire Travel Ball is coming up fast, it is planned for Thursday, July 21 at the Village Hotel, junc 28, M62. There are not many tables left and don't forget the animal charities are desperate for our help! Email me for more info at [s.murray922@btinternet.com](mailto:s.murray922@btinternet.com)

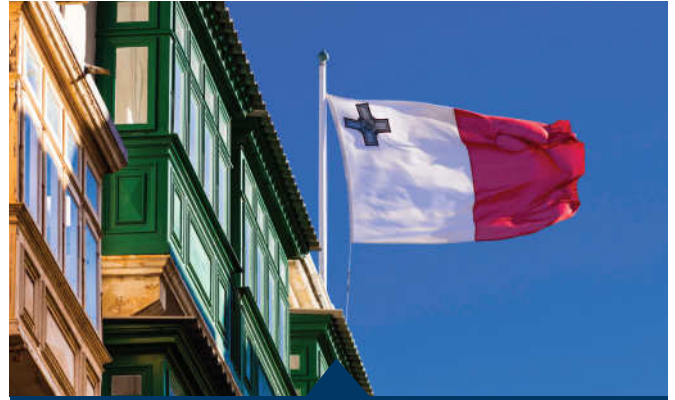


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VISIT MALTA is hosting a food- and wine-themed pop up shop at BoxPark Shoreditch on June 15 and 16, 2022. The event celebrates the easing of restrictions and the recent news that Mercury Holidays has reported a 366% increase in bookings for June and September 2022 compared to last year's figures. The pop up will host Mediterranean and North African cuisine with authentic options. [www.visitmalta.com](http://www.visitmalta.com)

## Riviera Travel announces 2023 ocean cruising programme

AS THE 2022 schedule continues to take to the seas, Riviera Travel is looking forward to its 2023 ocean cruising programme.

The programme includes new itineraries among returning favourites.

New itineraries include 'Aegean Odyssey' aboard the Star Flyer, which blends a seven-day sailing with two nights in Istanbul and one in Athens, with guided tours in both cities. Departing on May 4, 2022, guests will take in Pergamon, Chios, Patmos, Santorini and Monemvasia en route. Prices start from £2,399 per person.

The 2023 programme comprises 10 itineraries available to book now.



Image Credit: Riviera Travel

Two voyages aboard the new Ocean Albatros expedition ship will enhance the choice. An 'Arctic & Spitsbergen' eight-day sailing will offer a pre- and post-cruise stay in Oslo, along with the chance to experience the midnight sun from within the Arctic Circle and visit the glaciers and fjords of Spitsbergen from £4,299 per person.

Other new choices include the 10-day 'Buenos Aires & Voyage to Antarctica' from £8,499 per person.

[www.rivieratravel.co.uk](http://www.rivieratravel.co.uk)



**THE MOROCCAN National Tourism Office (MNTO) hosted an exclusive tourism event in London for key travel industry partners and professionals, as the country celebrates the restart of international tourism and the removal of pre-travel testing requirements for fully vaccinated people.**

## AGENT TRAINING

**ALONG WITH** its newly launched incentive, The Contiki Trade Sales Team will also be on hand to hold any additional training – both virtual and in person – for any stores or agents looking for additional training to give them an edge in the competition. For more information, or to schedule a session, agents can head to the Contiki UK & Ireland Agents Facebook Group.  
[www.facebook.com/groups/contikiukandirelandagents](http://www.facebook.com/groups/contikiukandirelandagents)

**AGENTS WHO** complete Visit Malta’s training programme will be entered into a draw to win a £50 Amazon voucher or Maltese gastronomy goody bag monthly. The more courses taken the more entries.  
 Training covers city break activities; UNESCO listed sites; adventure holidays; information on festivals; as well as LGBT-friendly holiday ideas.  
[www.travelbulletin.co.uk/travelgym](http://www.travelbulletin.co.uk/travelgym)

**STAY UP** to date with the latest news and webinars on the Beaches of Fort Myers & Sanibel, Southwest Florida – hosted by local partners and the UK team. For promotional assets, access the marketing tool kit for downloadable copy, images and social content. Finally, the new directory allows agents to communicate with destination partners for any hotel, excursion or transportation enquiry they may have. [www.travelbulletin.co.uk/travelgym](http://www.travelbulletin.co.uk/travelgym)

## AGENT INCENTIVES

- **THE HARBOR Club**, Curio Collection by Hilton, Saint Lucia, invites agents to earn via its first-ever booking incentive and prize draw offer. This incentive provides the chance to earn £20 on every seven-night booking made and logged at [www.harborclubrewards.com](http://www.harborclubrewards.com) before December 31, 2022. Alongside this booking incentive, agents can also win a five-night stay at the Harbor Club in Saint Lucia. Agents will automatically enter a prize draw when they register two valid bookings before September 15, 2022. A winner will be selected at random on September 16, 2022 and informed directly.
- **THROUGHOUT JUNE**, Windstar Cruises is offering agents a £25 voucher of their choice for any 2022 booking that they make. There is no limit to the number of bookings, so the more Windstar cruises agents book, the more money they will earn. All bookings must be made between June 1 to 30 2022. Email [megan.saunders@windstarcruises.com](mailto:megan.saunders@windstarcruises.com)
- **TO CELEBRATE** the Queen’s Jubilee, Attraction World is giving one agent the chance to win £1,952. To qualify, agents need to make any summer 2022 booking between now and June 30, over the value of £100. The qualifying booking must be departing between June 1 and September 30, 2022. Name, reference number and ABTA number to be emailed to [jubilee@attractionworld.com](mailto:jubilee@attractionworld.com)
- **CONTIKI IS** launching an incentive for travel agents that will launch as Love Island hits screens on June 6, until it finishes later this summer. Each month, Contiki will give away a “Summer Social” to the top-selling store for that month, along with spot prizes for top-selling agents each week. The “Summer Social” will see agents celebrate with a summer party, food and drink, along with customised Love Island-themed spot prizes for the best-selling agents.  
[www.facebook.com/groups/contikiukandirelandagents/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/contikiukandirelandagents/)

**£50 Amazon voucher to be won monthly**  
 The Malta Training Programme boasts 10 informative and engaging training courses to be taken from LGBT+ and family to Gozo and wellness.  
[malta-training.com](http://malta-training.com)

# Luxury Showcase

WE BROUGHT a taste of the Luxury life to Warwick on May 23, with a host of Midlands agents hearing from Cook Islands, Arizona Office of Tourism, Oceania Cruises, Discover Tunisia, Scenic and Emerald Cruises, Aldemar Resorts and Destination Canada! After an evening of speed networking, lucky prize winners left with hotel stays, hampers, champagne and more! Keep track of all our upcoming events at [www.travelbulletin.co.uk/events](http://www.travelbulletin.co.uk/events)





SUDOKU

### Win a £20 M&S voucher in the **travelbulletin** Sudoku prize puzzle

Fill in all the squares in the grid so that each row, column and each of the 3 x 3 squares contains the digits 1-9.

Once you have completed the puzzle, simply identify the numbers that relate to the letters, A, B, C and D then e-mail the solution, with your name, company name, and full postal address plus phone and ABTA number if applicable to:

**competition@travelbulletin.co.uk**

Closing date for entries is Thursday, June 23. Solution and new puzzle will appear in the next issue.

**The winner for May 27 is  
Clare Aitchison from TravelQuest.**

**May 27 Solution: A=7 B=8 C=1 D=2**

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| B | 8 |   | 1 |   | 4 |   | 2 |   |   |
|   | 9 |   |   | 7 |   | 8 |   |   | 1 |
| C |   |   | 2 |   | 5 |   | 7 |   | 9 |
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| D | 2 |   |   | 6 |   |   | 4 |   | 5 |



### WHERE AM I?

Plaza de Armas, the grand heart of this city's old colonial core, is home to two neoclassical landmarks: the 1808 Palacio de la Real Audiencia, housing the National History Museum, and the 18th-century Metropolitan Cathedral.

CROSSWORD

Fill in the crossword to reveal the mystery location highlighted by the green squares.

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**Across**

- 1 Danish shipping company \_\_\_ Seaways (4)
- 3 Famous Glasgow based football club (6)
- 7 Sir Richard, entrepreneur and business magnate (7)
- 9 P&O cruise ship (5)
- 10 Racecourse where the Queen's jockeys recently formed a guard of honour on Derby Day (5)
- 11 Alcoholic drink made from juniper berries (3)
- 12 Tennis player Naomi \_\_\_ sounds like a Japanese city (5)
- 14 Currency of Bahrain (5)
- 15 Scenic city and lake in Switzerland (7)
- 17 Capital of Lesotho (6)
- 18 Small dish appetiser, often enjoyed in Greece and Turkey (4)

**Down**

- 1 American singer who closed the Platinum Party at the Palace (5,4)
- 2 Dublin international airport code (3)
- 4 Prince Charles and Camilla made a surprise visit to this soap's jubilee street party (10)
- 5 North African capital city, close to the ancient ruins of Carthage (5)
- 6 Island country in the Indian ocean, famous for rare animal species (10)
- 8 William and Kate are Duke and Duchess of this city (9)
- 13 North African mountain region (5)
- 16 Tourist attraction on the Thames, The London \_\_\_ (3)

Mystery Word: NICE

Down: 1 DIANA ROSS, 2 DUB, 4 EASTENDERS, 5 TUNIS, 6 MADAGASCAR, 8 CAMBRIDGE, 13 ATLAS, 16 EYE.

Across: 1 DFDS, 3 CELTIC, 7 BRANSON, 9 AZURA, 10 EPSOM, 11 GIN, 12 OSAKA, 14 DINAR, 15 LUCERNE, 17 MASERU, 18 MEZE



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# MED ISLANDS



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## BACK IN SERVICE

**Azamara's entire fleet has started sailing again and includes Med-focused itineraries.**



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The itinerary features a visit to Palma de Mallorca.

AZAMARA HAS announced that its entire fleet of four ships has officially returned to the high seas.

The full fleet is welcoming guests onboard with country intensive itineraries, immersive land programmes, and more overnights in each port, allowing travelers to fully immerse themselves in each destination.

One itinerary on offer is the eight-night 'Islands Of The Med Voyage' aboard Azamara Onward.

The sailing aboard Azamara's newest ship brings guests to some of the Mediterranean's most beloved islands, in addition to a few off-

the-beaten path. The unique port of Olbia is a gateway to Italy's "Emerald Coast," offering beautiful beaches and hip restaurants. In the Spanish Isles, two late stays allow guests to discover Mahon, perched high atop a cliff with an array of shops, cafes, and restaurants, and Palma de Mallorca, home to the world's largest underground lake.

This voyage also offers a golf programme by Azamara's longtime partner, PerryGolf.

Prices start from £1,471 per person, for an October 21, 2022 departure date.

[www.azamara.co.uk](http://www.azamara.co.uk)

### Tantalise your tastebuds in Crete with Sunvil

SUNVIL IS offering a food-centred, twin-centre holiday to the Greek island of Crete and Paleochora for foodie clients.

On this trip, travellers will experience the olives, olive oil, herbs, home-grown fruit and vegetables, and traditional dishes, that are very much a feature of the Cretan lifestyle.

Here, visitors will also discover handcrafted cheese, homemade bread made according to Byzantine baking methods and delicious Cretan pastries, such as Kalitsounia (sweet cheese pastries), xerotigana (fried dough strips with honey and nuts) and Sfakian Pies (cheese stuffed pies, drizzled with honey).

This two-centre foodie itinerary includes a visit to Crete to the Venetian city of Chania and the small coastal resort of Paleochora. The seven-night trip costs from £887 per person, (two sharing), including bed-and-breakfast accommodation, flights (Heathrow) with 23kg hold luggage and transfers. Cookery classes are available on request.

[www.sunvil.co.uk](http://www.sunvil.co.uk)

# CLASSIC GOES CANARY

CLASSIC COLLECTION Holidays' new dedicated Canary Islands brochure has been launched featuring 80 properties across six of the Spanish islands: Fuerteventura, Gran Canaria, La Gomera, La Palma, Lanzarote and Tenerife.

The brochure highlights 28 hotels particularly suited to families, 24 adult only hotels, 10 boutique properties and of the six new properties introduced two are villas, one self-catering and the other sharing hotel facilities.

Seven night holidays on bed-and-breakfast at Hard Rock Hotel Tenerife start from £889 per person. All inclusive stays at Iberostar Playa Gaviotas is from £879 for seven nights. The adult-only Paradisus Salinas Lanzarote starts from £755 per person for seven nights on bed-and-breakfast.

[www.classic-collection.co.uk](http://www.classic-collection.co.uk)



## Go for Greek islands with Planet Holidays

PLANET HOLIDAYS is highlighting its new options in Greece.

In Larnaka, there is a number of new boutique hotels including The Indigo, with 40 rooms just four minutes walk to the iconic Church of Saint Lazarous and 10 minutes to Finikoudes Beach. Also newly introduced is the Mikes Kanarium City Hotel, steps away from the Palm Tree Promenade and the award-winning Blue Flag sandy beach of Finikoudes. And towards the MacKenzie Beach area, the five-star adults only The Cioa Stelio Deluxe Hotel, which combines the charm of a private house with the luxury and comfort of a five-star Hotel. This hotel has 51 rooms and suites.

Agents can call 01438 841 270.



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## CITY BREAKS SHOWCASE

Agent Networking Evening

Tuesday 21st June

**DUNSTON HALL HOTEL, SPA & GOLF RESORT, NORWICH**

Travel Bulletin is delighted to invite you to this informative and fun event, enabling you to learn more about the diverse range of cultural specialist tours and itineraries available. The evening will involve networking and presentations along with a delicious hot dinner, drinks, exciting entertainment and a free prize draw with prizes galore!

To confirm your place at this amazing event, email the name, company and contact details by

**Wednesday 15th June 2022** to: [events@travelbulletin.co.uk](mailto:events@travelbulletin.co.uk) or Telephone: **020 7973 0136**

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**VIRGIN VOYAGES HEADS TO THE MED**

VIRGIN VOYAGES is set to undertake med-centred voyages on the Valiant Lady ship. The 'Irresistible Med' itinerary takes guests from Barcelona to the French Riviera, exploring hidden gems along the way. 'French Daze & Ibiza Nights' features a stop in the French metropolis of Marseille, a night in Cannes,

paired with a night in Ibiza. Last, 'Spanish Obsession' will hop around the Balearic Islands from Mallorca's waterways, to Málaga, before concluding with an overnight escape in Ibiza. Prices start from £1,836.

[www.virginvoyages.com](http://www.virginvoyages.com)

**See Sardinia with Audley Travel**

AUDLEY TRAVEL'S 'Sardinia in-depth' itinerary will allow clients to access the island's sandy beaches as well as its interior.

In the south of the island, clients explore the southern beaches as well as taking a walking tour of the vibrant capital of Cagliari.

In Su Nuraxi di Barumini, clients enjoy a private tour of the Bronze Age structures of the Nuragic cultures.

In the north, clients can immerse themselves in the traditional Sardinian culture on a cheesemaking experience with local shepherds. Moving to the waters of the Costa Smeralda and La Maddalena archipelago, clients enjoy a day on a private boat.

The nine-day trip costs from £3,600 per person.

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# VIVA LA VILLA

SPL Villas launches to the trade, along with a host of training opportunities, fam trips and incentives.



Image Credit: SPL Villas

SPL VILLAS, a family-run independent villa specialist with a host of villas across the Mediterranean coastline, has launched to the UK travel trade this month.

After kicking off operations in the midst of the pandemic, SPL Villas has expanded its portfolio to over 900 uniquely-selected accommodation options for a range of budgets. The portfolio spans over 100 destinations across Croatia, Cyprus, Greece, Italy, Portugal, Spain, and Turkey.

The portfolio features a number of Canary Islands options, including La Canela, on the Salobre Golf Resort in Maspalomas. The villa can house up to six guests, with two bathrooms and three bedrooms, 9km from the beach. Rates start from £292 per night.

Villa Exuberante, in Quinta Do Lago,

Algarve, is ideal for younger families or large groups, with capacity for eight guests across four bedrooms, each with a bathroom. The property sits 2km from the beach, with prices from £417 per night.

A dedicated trade partnerships manager has been appointed to engage with and educate agents on the portfolio, helping with training and requests. A trade-dedicated training module has also been developed to strengthen agent knowledge and increase ease of booking. The module can be found on the agent portal, which explains commission rates for each villa. 10% commission on all bookings is offered, along with a number of incentives, fam trips and showcases across the year.

[www.splvillas.com](http://www.splvillas.com)

## Jet2holidays continues to expand summer 2023 schedule

JET2HOLIDAYS AND Jet2.com is responding to the growing demand in advance bookings for summer 2023 with expansions across its flight and package operations.

New routes to Sardinia and Sicily from Birmingham, and Tivat from Manchester will run throughout summer 2023 as the airline and package operator ramps up advance scheduling for the season.

Jet2.com and Jet2holidays has also expanded its existing programmes to favourites such as the Canary Islands for summer 23 too.



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Steve Heapy, CEO of Jet2.com and Jet2holidays said: "We are announcing more flights and holidays for customers and independent travel agents to choose from. The addition of more destinations and capacity from three bases comes on the back of enormous demand for our flights and holidays from Birmingham, London Stansted and Manchester Airports and, as always, we are quick to respond..."

Explore the full expanded schedule at [www.jet2.com](http://www.jet2.com) / [www.jet2holidays.com](http://www.jet2holidays.com)

## Once in Mykonos opens its doors

ENHANCING ACCOMMODATION choice for guests visiting the Greek island of Mykonos is Once in Mykonos, a 59-room five-star resort.

The former luxury villa has been reimagined, inspired by ancient Greek amphitheatres and the surrounding island's aesthetic.

In the hotel's pool restaurant, a unique culinary journey across international gourmet destinations awaits, highlighting the best of Greek and Mediterranean flavours with signature cocktails.

Nightly room rates start from approximately £280 per night.

[www.onceinmykonos.com](http://www.onceinmykonos.com)



Image Credit: Once in Mykonos

# MORE TO EXPLORE



MALTA



**VisitMalta**

ILGA-Europe has announced that Malta ranked the number one travel destination in the Europe Rainbow Index 2022 for the seventh year. Malta Pride Week takes place from 2-11 September and will be widely celebrated, with thousands of marchers, eye-catching floats and incredible street performers. The event sends out a message of empowerment to the community and celebrates love, life and diversity.

# ESCORTED CORSICA

'Sardinia & Corsica' are on show in Newmarket Holidays' escorted tour through these Mediterranean gems, with guests offered eight days to soak in the sun and history of the islands.



Image Credit: Adbia Stock

NEWMARKET HOLIDAYS is combining two of the Mediterranean's most captivating islands, Sardinia and Corsica, on their escorted tour.

The two-centre holiday combines a three-night stay close to Sardinia's stylish Costa Smeralda, with four nights on rugged Corsica, which hosts one of the most Mediterranean's most diverse landscapes.

On the first day, guests fly to Olbia, in Sardinia's northeast corner, where a Newmarket tour manager meets the group, and a coach awaits to bring guests to the hotel where they'll be free to spend the rest of the day relaxing.

After a relaxed breakfast on day two, an introduction to the Costa Smeralda in the form of an included excursion showcases the hidden coves and beaches of the region.

The third day's excursion spotlights the historic Alghero, the principal town of Sardinia's north, with 16th-century battlements and delicious ice cream proving the diverse history of the island.

Day four sees guests bid farewell to their Sardinian hosts as they head for a ferry crossing to Corsica, disembarking in the natural harbour of Bonifacio before a tourist train to the haute ville.

The itinerary's fifth day brings a guided excursion of the island's capital, Ajaccio, where Napoleon was born. The sweeping bay is impressive, brimming with restaurants and cafés in the shadow of a towering citadelle.

Day six brings an included west coast tour to the Scandola Nature Reserve and an optional coastal cruise.

The final full day offers a relaxing morning before a scenic ferry to Bonifacio and a final night in Olbia before the return flight.

Departures are available from Bristol, London Gatwick, London Luton, and Manchester. Prices start from £1,232 per person, with dates throughout June and October 2022.

[www.newmarketholidays.co.uk](http://www.newmarketholidays.co.uk)

## Angsana Corfu spotlights family fun across the island

ANGSANA CORFU, a new-to-the-scene upscale resort with views over Benitses Bay, is quickly becoming a family favourite for stays in the Greek Islands. From its kids club, child-friendly amenities and private beach clubs, it makes for an impressive base to explore the island.

The nearby Corfu Aquarium is a must for young budding marine biologists, with all ages invited to explore the aquarium at their own pace and discover the variety of creatures in the island's waters. Guided tours are also available. Standard tickets start from €6.30 for adults and €4.50 for children, with free entry for infants aged four and under.

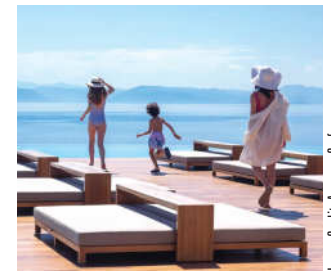


Image Credit: Angsana Corfu

Mavroudis Museum Olive Mill brings the family together to try out olive oil pressing and tasting. Head out to sea with sailings to the nearby islands of Paxos and Antipaxos, with Ionian Cruises offering a full-day tour with the chance to swim and snorkel. Prices start from €47 for adults and €26 for children.

[www.angsana.com](http://www.angsana.com)



Image Credit: Menorca Tourist Board

## A taste of Menorca at 2022's gastro event schedule

THE ISLAND of Menorca is celebrating its designation as European Region of Gastronomy for 2022 with a choice of events throughout the remainder of the year.

'Menorca en el plato' (Menorca on a plate) will take to the streets of the island for ten nights before the Fiestas of Sant Juan on June 23, 2022, with cafes and restaurants offering special menus to highlight local produce.

September will welcome the 10-day Menorcan Cuisine Fair, which will showcase traditional and innovative recipes prepared with local and seasonal ingredients.

[www.menorcaregiongastronomica.com/en/events](http://www.menorcaregiongastronomica.com/en/events)



# CARIBBEAN



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## FEEL LIKE ROYALTY IN JAMAICA

**Celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee with your clients by booking them a holiday fit for royalty to look forward to in 2023.**



Image Credit: Sandals Resorts

SANDALS RESORTS is offering a Platinum Jubilee holiday package.

The holiday includes a seven-night all-inclusive holiday to Sandals Royal Caribbean Resort & Private Island in Jamaica, plus a complimentary candlelight dinner and a bottle of Moët & Chandon Champagne for clients to enjoy during their stay.

The Platinum Jubilee package starts from £1,952 per person. The price includes a seven-night stay for two people at Sandals Royal Caribbean Resort & Private Island in a Caribbean Deluxe room on a Luxury Included

(all-inclusive) basis, a complimentary bottle of Moët & Chandon Champagne, a romantic candlelight dinner for two on one evening of stay, return economy class flights with Virgin Atlantic from London Heathrow Airport, and resort transfers. The package is valid for travel on select dates in September and October 2023. Price and package are both subject to availability and change.

*To book the Platinum Jubilee package with Unique Caribbean Holidays Ltd. call the call centre on 0808 164 3459.*

### Marriott to open Cancun resort

MARRIOTT INTERNATIONAL has announced the signing of Royalton Splash Riviera Cancun to join its growing all-inclusive portfolio.

Set to debut in late 2022, the 1,049-room Royalton Splash Riviera Cancun will bring an exciting new all-inclusive resort and waterpark to one of the world's most vibrant vacation destinations. Additionally, the resort is expected to offer encapsulating experiences through its distinct personality including a theater, bowling alley, unique water attractions and immersive culinary encounters at a dozen on-property restaurants and nine bars all amidst stunning views of the Caribbean Sea.

"We are excited for Royalton Splash Riviera Cancun to join Marriott's Autograph Collection brand," said Jordi Pelfort, president, Hotels and Resorts, Sunwing Travel Group.

[www.marriott.co.uk](http://www.marriott.co.uk)

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## Summer savings Barbados style

WITH THE Caribbean working its way back onto Brits' bucket lists this summer, Barbados Tourism Marketing Inc. has teamed up with accommodations, restaurants and attractions to offer savings up to 60% off.

Recharge and rejuvenate with up to 55% off the O2 Beach Club & Spa (from US\$884 per night), or 35% off Sugar Bay Barbados (from US\$403 per night). Explorers can push the boundaries with E-bike island adventures or Island Explorer coastal tours from US\$110 per person.

[www.babadossummersavings.com](http://www.babadossummersavings.com)

# AUTHENTIC ST LUCIA

The Saint Lucia Tourism Authority has spotlighted over 400 intimate accommodation options across the island for a taste of indulgence during guests' authentic St Lucian experience.



Image Credit: Caille Blanc Villa

THE SAINT Lucia Tourism Authority is launching a bespoke marketing programme, spotlighting the 400+ smaller accommodation options across the island.

Called the Collection de Pépites, the range showcases the island's broad range of smaller jewels, including B&Bs, boutiques, inns, and luxury villas.

The properties offer a unique opportunity to discover culture and culinary and wellness experiences.

Caille Blanc Villa & Hotel sits at the higher end of the collection. The four-star property sits above 'Snorkel Cove', which invites guests to take to the depths and get up-close and personal with some of the Caribbean's marine life. On-site experiences include

sailing trips, coal pot cooking, chocolate making and more. Rooms start from approximately US\$474 per person.

The Suite Spot Apartment offers a more intimate experience, with a one-bedroom ensuite room ideal for a couple's break. Stays start from £87 per night.

Lorine Charles-St. Jules, CEO of SLTA, said: "We are really excited to bring together this collection of wonderful property gems for people to discover. We know from visitor feedback that there is a real demand for these distinct properties, many of which give the opportunity to get closer to the action for an authentic experience.

[www.stlucia.org/en\\_UK/collectiondepepites](http://www.stlucia.org/en_UK/collectiondepepites)

## Antigua and Barbuda feel the love for romance month

AS COUPLES head back to Antigua and Barbuda to feel the Caribbean love, the destination's tourism authority, in partnership with the Antigua and Barbuda Airport Authority, has launched a 'Love Lane' fast-track service for couples arriving throughout June.

Couples arriving at the 'Love Lane' at the V.C. Bird International Airport until June 30, 2022 will be fast-tracked through immigration.

The experience is open to couples travelling to Antigua and Barbuda to get married, celebrate a honeymoon or enjoy a romantic escape.

Couples are encouraged to pre-register prior to travel.

"We want couples visiting Antigua and Barbuda to feel the love starting from the moment they arrive. Romance month has been a fixture on the calendar for over 10 years and now that we are

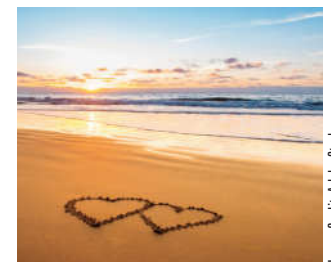


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moving beyond the pandemic and couples can now begin to plan their special occasions again." says Shermain Jeremy, special projects marketing manager.

[www.visitantiguabarbuda.com](http://www.visitantiguabarbuda.com)

# CARIBBEAN CHRISTMAS CRUISING

**Ambition's 2023/24 voyage schedule will include a Christmas & New Year sailing through the West Indies and Dutch Antilles.**



Image Credit: Ambassador Cruise Line

AMBASSADOR CRUISE Line has unveiled its 2023/24 programme, which will see the latest addition to the fleet, Ambition, take to the Caribbean seas.

Along with a host of themed itineraries, Ambition will see in the festive season with the 'Christmas & New Year in the West Indies & Dutch Antilles' voyage. Departing on December 11, 2023, the 38-night cruise invites its passengers to ring in the festive season and New Year aboard the 1,200-capacity ship, which is home to 714 cabins.

Guests board the ship in Amsterdam before several days at sea, calling in Leixoes for Oporto (Portugal), Funchal, Madeira, Mindelo, Sao Vicente (Cape Verde) en route to Bridgetown, Barbados for the first Caribbean call. Following this, Ambition calls at St. George's (Grenada), Mayrau (St. Vincent & the

Grenadines), Willemstad (Curaçao), Oranjestad (Aruba), Kingstown (St. Vincent & the Grenadines), Castries (St. Lucia), Basseterre (St. Kitts), Philipsburg (Sint Maarten) and St. John's (Antigua) for daytime calls. The voyage draws to a close on January 19, 2024 in Rotterdam.

'Christmas & New Year in the West Indies & Dutch Antilles' starts from £3,129 per person.

Agents can capitalise on their cruising clients, with Verhounig adding: "For our trade partners, I'm delighted to announce that commission is now payable on the entire fare. Encourage your customers to upgrade to our great value Ambassador fares which include the Expedition drinks package and earn yourself additional commission today."

[www.ambassadorcruiseline.com](http://www.ambassadorcruiseline.com)

## Curaçao rises as culture and culinary Caribbean hotspot

THE DUTCH Caribbean island of Curaçao has earned its place as an art and culture hotspot.

Curaçao Tourism Board's marketing director, Rebecca Varval, explained: "The appeal of Curaçao is that its experiences, its restaurants, its art scene – it's all put in place for anyone to enjoy, not specifically with tourism in mind. Guests of the island are welcomed to experience it in the same way our residents do."

New restaurants offer prizes for the palate, with new restaurants like Bario Urband Street Food, the gastropub BKYLN and the ObaAR Brazilian Lounge embodying the Curaçao culinary experience.

The artsy neighbourhoods of Scharloo and Otrobanada have welcomed myriad galleries, art tours, and experiences, including the New Art Cave, a gallery and workplace showcasing the work of local artist Francis Sling.



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Nightlife is also back on the cards, with the first mixology-focused cocktail lounge Ochenta a must-do.

[www.curaçao.com](http://www.curaçao.com)



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## Vaccinated travellers: test-free arrival to Barbados

FROM MAY 25, 2022, fully-vaccinated arrivals to the island nation of Barbados are no longer required to take a Covid-19 test to enter the country.

In a press conference, Prime Minister Mia Amor Mottley advised that the change comes as over 70% of the eligible population in Barbados is fully vaccinated.

Masks are now optional outdoors, while unvaccinated arrivals are still required to show a negative test on entry.

[www.visitbarbados.org/covid-19-travel-guidelines-2022](http://www.visitbarbados.org/covid-19-travel-guidelines-2022)

# EXPLORATION & ADVENTURE

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## JAUNT TO JORDAN

**Intrepid Travel is offering an adventure-focused, women-only trip to Jordan.**

INTREPID TRAVEL'S 'Jordan Women's Expedition' will see travellers exploring the desert nation over eight days.

Travellers will spend a night in Wadi Rum and learn the traditional art of henna with Bedouin women, and discover how kohl has been used for years not just as a beauty product but to protect the eyes from the harsh desert sands. Guests will spend an afternoon at a local female-only beach, discover the Dead Sea, and visit stunning Petra.

Visitors will also learn the art of Arabic cooking with their local host in her home and join a local female shepherd for a mezze breakfast where they will learn about her life, what a day as a female Jordanian shepherd is like, and how it has changed over the centuries.

The eight-day trip is priced from £1,465 per person.

[www.intrepidtravel.com](http://www.intrepidtravel.com)

### Explore Egypt with APT Touring

APT IS expanding into new destinations for 2022 and 2023, introducing Egypt, Jordan and Israel to its portfolio for the first time.

The brand is offering four new Travelmarvel trips and an introductory saving of £600 off per couple.

One example of a trip is the eight-day 'Treasures of Egypt and The Nile', a land and cruise itinerary that takes guests into the heart of Egypt.

In Cairo, guests will explore the Giza Pyramids, the Sphinx, and the Egyptian Museum before flying to Luxor to join a four-night Nile cruise to Aswan, sailing aboard the MS Royal Lily. There, they will explore temples and tombs along the way, sail on a felucca by Kitchener's Island, then fly to the majestic Abu Simbel temple.

This is priced from £2,445 per person, including flights, accommodation and 16 meals.

The price applies to the October 28 and November 11 and 25, 2022 departures.

For further itineraries, visit [www.apttouring.co.uk](http://www.apttouring.co.uk)



Image Credit: Intrepid Travel

# SET YOUR SIGHTS ON THE SKI SEASON

With the 2022 season drawing to a close, guests can look ahead to adventure on the slopes of the French Alps with Terresens.



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PLAN AHEAD for the 2022/23 ski season with Terresens' choice of Alpine escapes.

## Hôtel Cristal Lodge - Serre Chevalier

Boasting 300 days of sunshine a year, Hôtel Cristal lodge sits within a ski area comprising a dozen villages, including Chantemerle, Briançon and Villeneuve, offering 250km of interlinked pistes along the Serre Chevalier Valley.

The accommodation is situated in the heart of the ski resort, 300 metres from the lifts, with 20 bedrooms across double, triple and family categories.

Standard double and twin rooms are available from €70 per night.

[www.terresens-msh.com/residences/hotel-cristal-lodge-serre-chevalier-05-2/?lang=en](http://www.terresens-msh.com/residences/hotel-cristal-lodge-serre-chevalier-05-2/?lang=en)

## Résidence Les 3 Sophie - Morzine

Morzine offers a slice of the authentic French

Alpine charm. Nestled between forests and mountains, Morzine sits between 12 resorts as part of the Portes du Soleil ski area.

Les 3 Sophie's apartment complex is at the bottom of the Prodains gondola lift, giving direct access to the Avoriaz resort. Each apartment offers a warm atmosphere to kick back in an intimate Alpine setting.

Apartments are available from €850 per week. [www.terresens-msh.com/residences/residence-les-3-sophie-morzine/?lang=en](http://www.terresens-msh.com/residences/residence-les-3-sophie-morzine/?lang=en)

## Diamant des Neiges - La Plagne 1800

La Plagne is connected to the expansive Peisey-Vallandry, with 425km of ski trails. The Diamant des Neiges complex offers ski-in arrival across nine high-end apartments with two to five bedrooms each.

Apartments are available from €476 per week. [www.terresens-msh.com/residences/diamant-neiges-plagne-1800-73/?lang=en](http://www.terresens-msh.com/residences/diamant-neiges-plagne-1800-73/?lang=en)

## Peppa Pig Theme Park welcomes accessible add-ons

THE WORLD'S first Peppa Pig theme park has been welcoming guests since February 24, 2022.

The park, situated on the LEGOLAND Florida Resort in Winter Haven, Polk County, hosts interactive rides and playgrounds.

Six rides themed after the popular children's animated TV show await, guaranteed to have families snorting with joy.

Alongside the rides, guests can meet Peppa and her friends for a fairground adventure or make their way through a themed maze at George's Forst, climb into a treehouse or explore a nature trail.

Miss Rabbit's Diner serves up classic American family favourites and an assortment of healthy choices.



Image Credit: LEGOLAND Resort Florida

The park is a certified Autism Centre and offers enhanced ride and play accessibility for all guests, including those who require wheelchairs or those with special needs.

Tickets start from £99 per person, including entry to LEGOLAND Florida.

[www.dosomethingdifferent.com](http://www.dosomethingdifferent.com)



Image Credit: Slovenian Tourist Board

## Sports and outdoors: Slovenia's theme for 2022

THE SLOVENIAN Tourist Board has put sports and outdoor tourism at the heart of its strategy for 2022, with guests seeking out outdoor spaces, adventure, and exploration during their post-Covid travel.

Recent years have seen the destination welcome myriad new hiking and biking trails and tours, including the Juliana Trail, a 270km hiking route through the Julian Alps. The first female gold medal winner at 2021's Olympics, sport climber Janja Garnbret, is an ambassador for the board, spotlighting the destination's adventurous approach.

[www.slovenia.info/en/](http://www.slovenia.info/en/)

# MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR MOTORHOME

**ANZCRO is offering top tips to agents looking to book motorhome holidays for clients.**

AS AN increasing number of clients are looking towards booking motorhome holidays, ANZCRO is offering top tips.

## Flexibility

December to February are the peak holiday months in Australia and New Zealand, however, most other months allow flexibility to pull into a holiday park and secure a spot on the day.

## Pack light

All bedding, linen, crockery, plates, any kind of kitchen essentials are all supplied. Maybe book your clients a small electric fan heater in advance to keep them toasty during the winter months.



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## Going 'all in'

Inclusive rates will include handy items like free table and chairs and kids booster and car seats, as well as the all-important fan heater. These are available on request.

## Consider the terrain and wildlife

Unless your client is a confident driver, windy journeys should be avoided. Also, mindful of low bridges

and speed, both countries have a diverse range of wildlife, so it is recommended to steer clear of driving at dusk or dawn.

ANZCRO is offering 10% off the daily rate for June. Rates start from £80 per day for a Britz Ventura Plus, Auckland to Auckland (priced for July 15).

[www.anzcroconnect.co.uk/deals/motorhome-madness/](http://www.anzcroconnect.co.uk/deals/motorhome-madness/)

## Power walk through Paris with ToursbyLocals

TO CELEBRATE Bastille Day in Paris, ToursbyLocals is offering an excursion that allows your clients to fully immerse themselves into Paris.

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Pamela is the ideal tour guide for those looking to get the absolute most out of a fleeting visit to the city. The action-packed day will consist of a power walk at seven to nine km per hour with regular breaks to take in all the top spots such as the Arc de Triomphe, the Champs-Élysées, which is the centre of the Bastille Day parade, and Notre-Dame.

Pamela can meet visitors in any part of the city to start the tour and can customise the tour to suit clients' specific requests.

The price starts from £214 for up to six people, and lasts for two hours.

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