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THE MORE THE MERRIER

Family travel isn't going anywhere according to new research by Confused.com.

WITH EXTERNAL global factors continuing to play havoc with holiday plans across the world, Confused.com has found that families in the UK continue to prioritise their time away together, with 64% having travelled abroad last year.

According to Confused.com's latest research, the majority of UK parents (84%) feel it's important for their children to experience life outside of their home country, with two thirds stating they travel abroad with their children at least once a year.

The decision on whether their children join usually depends on destination appeal (36%), school/university schedules (29%), and affordability for the parent(s) (29%). In terms of destination choice, over half of parents decide the location themselves, whereas 37% involve their children in the planning stages.

The bank of Mum and Dad remains open for holiday spending right through into

adulthood. Almost nine-in-ten (89%) of respondents with grown up children said they have been away with them since turning 18. 87% of those parents also cover one or more holiday costs for their adult children, including accommodation (78%), transport in the destination (74%), and flights (69%).

The funding doesn't stop there: nearly half of respondents revealed they have contributed towards their children's holidays abroad without them.

As children grow, so too might their guest list. Almost half of parents state they would allow their child to bring a partner (48%) or a friend (47%) with them on a family holiday, with 67% of parents stating they would also contribute financially to have them join. Almost half (45%) would offer to pay for accommodation, while 47% would pay for food and drinks, 42% for activities and excursions, and 32% would even offer to pay for flights.

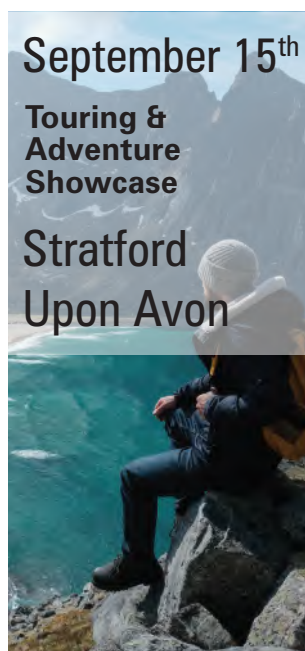
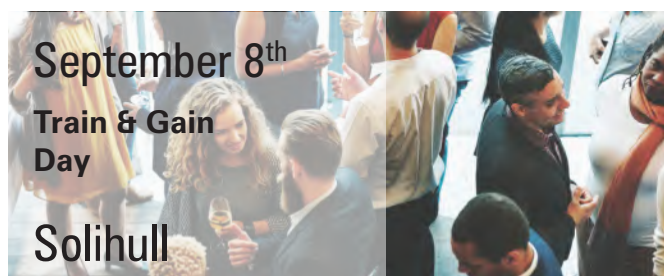
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Swan Hellenic expands Asia-Pacific choices

SWAN HELLENIC has announced a massively enriched 2027 season, enhanced by its new Asia Unlocked offer, which brings a free upgrade to a balcony stateroom and Gold Wi-Fi for every new booking completed by November 9th, 2026.

The pioneering company's 2027 Asia-Pacific season has been expanded from five to 10 cultural expedition voyages rich

in discovery, from coral paradises to inspiring sites of centuries-old history and famous battle sites of the Second World War.

The new additions include two New Zealand Voyages at the beginning of the season, and a Japan voyage at the end. Two entirely new voyages also feature a visit to Busan in South Korea.



Turn back the clock with Ambassador

AMBASSADOR CRUISE Line is inviting guests to re-live three of the most memorable decades in music, fashion and pop culture with the launch of its all-new themed sailing, 'Decks & Decades... a 70s, 80s, and 90s Celebration'.

The new sailing comes as

nostalgia-led travel continues to gather momentum.

The sailing will host guest acts such as The Divettes, Wild Boys, and 90s Rewind.

There will also be themed quizzes, spectacular cabaret performances, and themed menus.

The demand for Taiwan has been answered

INSIDEASIA HAS added Taiwan to its destination portfolio, introducing seven new itineraries in response to the growing demand for cultural adventures across Asia.

Taiwan is emerging as a compelling option for travellers seeking cultural depth, incredible food and landscapes in a compact and accessible country.

InsideTravel Taiwan development manager, Grant Ekelund, commented, "Despite its size, the island offers remarkable diversity. Travellers can explore centuries-old temples, experience traditional tea culture, discover Indigenous heritage, hike national parks with a backdrop of huge mountains and enjoy arguably one of Asia's best food scenes – all within a single journey."

Don't miss out on the F1 Abu Dhabi Grand Prix

AS FCDO restrictions continue to lift, luxury sports operator Spectate is encouraging sports fanatics to book now if they want to experience the Formula 1 Etihad Airways Abu Dhabi Grand Prix.

The highly sought-after programme is now in high demand as customers look to lock in their holiday with confidence ahead of the December race.

Spectate's Grand Prix package includes

flights, transfers, five-star accommodation, and three-day Grandstand race viewing. Prices start from £3,495 per person, while Platinum Hospitality packages lead in from £5,295 per person.

Head of Spectate, Jimmy Rowan, said, "With new rule changes promising an even more unpredictable championship battle, the season looks set for a gripping fight to the finish in Abu Dhabi."



Windstar opens Asia 2028/2029 season

DRIVEN BY strong demand for Asia voyages, Windstar Cruises is expanding its presence in the region with the launch of its 2028/2029 Asia season aboard *Star Seeker*.

As of June 2026, bookings for the 2027 Asia voyages have nearly doubled ahead of the same period last year, reflecting the growing interest in small-ship sailing and immersive cultural journeys.

The new season will sail through Japan, Thailand, Vietnam, Cambodia and Singapore, combining overnight stays, extended Cruise Tours and access to city-centre docks and smaller regional ports.

Discover more of Europe with Celebrity River Cruises

GUESTS WHO sail with Celebrity River Cruises can now discover more of Europe with guided, multi-day Before and After Stays. The innovative approach to pre- and post-cruise stays are available to book now for Prague and Budapest options in 2027 and Amsterdam and Lausanne options in 2028.



Each two- or three-night stay offers locally led and richly immersive discovery opportunities in each destination.

Birmingham Airport Update

Update from Tobias Morter

Birmingham Airport Business & Travel Trade Executive



Welcome to July's edition of our travel trade update. Here's the latest from across BHX.

Update from Tobias

We are delighted to see the recent FCDO advice changes for the UAE and Qatar, providing additional confidence and creating even more opportunities to sell two of the region's most popular destinations alongside our valued partners, Emirates and Qatar Airways.

Record May reflects growing demand and trade support

Birmingham Airport welcomed more than 1.3 million passengers in May, making it the busiest May in the airport's history. Thank you to our travel trade partners, whose continued support and promotion are helping more customers choose to fly from BHX.

EgyptAir is launching a brand-new direct service to Cairo

This long-awaited route makes one of the world's most captivating destinations more accessible than ever from the Midlands. Alongside Egypt's iconic attractions and Red Sea resorts, the service also offers excellent onward connectivity.

Jet2 expands Summer 2027 programme from Birmingham

Jet2 has strengthened its Summer 2027 programme from BHX, with new services to Bergerac, Bergen, Thassos, Tunisia, Hurghada, and Sharm El Sheikh. The additions give customers even more choice, from French countryside escapes and Norwegian fjord adventures to Greek islands, North African sunshine, and Red Sea resorts.

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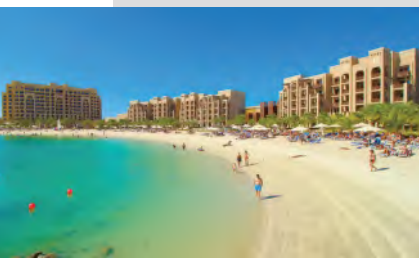
FLIGHT BITES

MALAYSIA AIRLINES and Singapore Airlines have officially kicked off their strategic business partnership, rolling out joint fares for travellers hopping between Kuala Lumpur and Singapore.



Ras Al Khaimah is open for business

AS TRAVEL restrictions to the UAE begin to lift, Ras Al Khaimah is ready to welcome back UK visitors. CEO Phillipa Harrison said, "The travel protection now offered by our national carriers means visitors from across the world can book their holiday to the UAE this summer knowing they are covered from the moment they board their flight. We invite travellers everywhere to come and experience everything Ras Al Khaimah has to offer."



CELESTYAL'S 'SUITE Summer Sale' offers guests the chance to upgrade their summer holiday with low suite fares. Guests can access fares from £499 per person when booking before August 31st, 2026. The offer is available across Celestyal's Mediterranean 2026 programme, which spans cruises to Greece, Italy, Croatia, and Montenegro.

Say 'Aloha!' to Hawai'i

A SERIES of new airline routes and network developments are making Hawai'i more accessible for UK travellers.

Alaska Airlines has launched a daily non-stop, year-round service between London Heathrow and Seattle, opening doors for UK travellers to explore the Hawaiian Islands and the Pacific Northwest through the airline's extensive connection network.

Delta Air Lines' new London-Boston service

also opens up an attractive stopover option for UK travellers heading to Hawai'i. Visitors can now combine time in the historic New England city with an idyllic Hawaiian escape, creating a seamless city-to-island itinerary in one trip. Meanwhile, Southwest Airlines plans to launch a new non-stop service between Las Vegas and Hilo later this year, offering a fresh way to experience two very different destinations in one trip.

MOVERS & SHAKERS



LUCY PARK has joined Audley Travel as the new Trade Partnerships Manager for Scotland, Northern Ireland and the North of

England, where she will bring 12 years of experience in the travel industry with her.



MAYOR HOTELS & Resorts has appointed Yiannis Ioannou as Business Development Manager for the UK and Ireland, further

strengthening the group's commercial presence across two of its most strategically important markets.

Save £550 per couple with Rocky Mountaineer

AS CANADA experiences surge in interest and bookings, Rocky Mountaineer invites passengers to get ahead and save with a new 'All Aboard' promotion for the 2027 season.

The luxury locomotive is inviting passengers to save up to £550 per couple for new bookings made before July 21st, 2026.

One of the packages on offer is the seven-day 'Journey through the Clouds Excursions' which begins with a two-night stay in Vancouver before travelling to Jasper aboard the train. Prices lead in from £1,865 per person, with the campaign savings applied.



The Cayman Islands launch 'Worry Free' initiative

TRAVELLERS TO the Cayman Islands can fully enjoy their holiday as the Cayman Islands Department of Tourism has launched the 'Worry Free Hurricane Guarantee', a promise made to cover cancellations and compensation during hurricane season.

AGENT INCENTIVES

- **DO YOU** want to win a holiday worth up to £10,000? Riviera Travel has launched its brand-new trade incentive, 'Book It. Win It. Take It.' for agents who make any Riviera booking before July 31st, 2026. Each booking counts as an entry into the draw, with the more bookings made, the higher the chance of winning. Agents can register their bookings via the Riviera Vault. The lucky winner can choose from a range of Riviera holidays, including 'Canada's Rocky Mountaineer'; 'Cruise the Heart of Europe: Journey Along the Rhine, Main & Danube'; or 'Vietnam, Cambodia and Mekong River Cruise'.
- **ROYALTON HOTELS & Resorts** is spotlighting the new Royalton Vessence Barbados property with the launch of double rewards of up to £40 per room on all bookings made to the property when booked and logged before July 31st. £20 per room is available for the first 10 bookings, and £40 per room thereafter.
- **VIRGIN VOYAGES** is celebrating its UK trade partners throughout July with First Mate Appreciation Month, designed to thank agents with extra incentives, giveaways and exclusive opportunities. As part of the campaign, every booking logged through First Mate Loot will earn agents £15, three-times the usual cash prize. Bookings for Virgin Voyages' UK Comedy Fest Voyage will earn six-times the usual reward. First Mates will also have the chance to win one of five places on the special fam trip 'Bring on Mexico' departing this November. The more bookings agents make, the higher the chance of winning. The month will also include weekly 'share and win' social giveaways.

AGENT BULLETIN



TRAVEL COUNSELLORS has brought together more of its highest-performing business owners for its latest Gold Trip to Silhouette Island in the Seychelles. The four-night escape welcomed more than 30 Gold Travel Counsellors, their partners and members of the support team to celebrate their exceptional achievements across the community.

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COMPETITION

Win a five-star escape to Cyprus at the new Imperial Island Resort in Paphos, courtesy of Louis Hotels!

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AGENT TRAINING

- **VISIT FLORIDA** Keys & Key West has launched its reimagined Key Lime Academy training tool for UK and Ireland agents. The platform explores the sub-tropical archipelago's five regions: Key Largo, Islamorada, Marathon, the Lower Keys, and Key West. Through the training module, travel professionals can learn about the character of each distinct district and glean the knowledge and confidence they need to match the right client with the right Florida Keys experience. Designed to support travel professionals wherever they are, the Key Lime Academy gives agents and operators access to a range of practical selling tools. These include useful destination insights, client talking points, itinerary inspiration, planning tips, and sales support.
- A **NEW** video-led training platform is coming to VIVA Cruises' travel agent portal. The programme will comprise five modules covering an introduction to the operator, the ship fleet, the onboard experiences and shore excursions, and two destination sessions. Each module includes a quiz to help grow agents' knowledge of the river cruise line, with more modules to be added in due course. Agents who complete the course will become a 'VIVA Cruises Specialist' and will be automatically entered into a prize draw to win a cruise for two.
- **JOIN THE** Rocky Mountaineer team to learn more about the inspiring rail journeys through the picturesque scenery of the Rocky Mountains and American Southwest. Log onto the Rocky Mountaineer trade platform to discover more about the award-winning service your clients will experience onboard, and learn more about how you can become a Rocky Mountaineer Expert and gain access to discounted agent rates to experience the magical locomotive for yourself.

Quark's earliest-ever season launch

QUARK EXPEDITIONS has launched its Arctic 2028 and Antarctica 2028/2029 seasons, which marks the earliest launch in the company's history.

Featuring more than 70 departures across the Arctic and Antarctica, the new



season introduces new opportunities for exploration, including the Guided Photography Program, Expedition Extensions, a new Canadian Arctic voyage through the Northwest Passage, and the return of Tundra to Table, a culinary experience developed and delivered in partnership with the Greenlandic chef collective Igapall.

Quark's Antarctic 2028/2029 season explores five remarkable regions, including the Antarctic Peninsula, South Georgia, the Falkland Islands, Patagonia, and the rarely visited Emperor Penguin colony at Snow Hill Island.

Accessible by helicopter from *Ultramarine* and subject to ice conditions, Snow Hill Island remains one of the most exclusive wildlife experiences in Antarctica. A new Canadian voyage also explores the remote Northwest Passage.



EASYJET HAS unveiled a new bi-weekly summer route from Cornwall Airport Newquay to London Gatwick easyJet's new service between Newquay and the capital exhibits a strengthening partnership between the airline and the airport. easyJet has also confirmed a new winter route from to Geneva, which marks the first international service from CAN.

Canyon Spirit celebrates record year

WITH 2026 departures selling out faster than a runaway train, premium rail company Canyon Spirit is giving travellers a fantastic head-start on the 2027 season.

After seeing year-on-year guest numbers practically double, the operator has unveiled a stellar promotion offering complimentary Premier upgrades worth £775 per person. Valid for new bookings on curated packages along the spectacular Rockies to the Red

Rocks route between Denver and Salt Lake City, the 'All Aboard America' promotion runs until July 21st 2026.

Canyon Spirit is the fresh face of Armstrong Collective's tourist train, having transitioned from the Rocky Mountaineer name for the 2026 season. The rebranding also introduced a highly desirable extension from Moab to Salt Lake City, transforming the route into an unforgettable three-day journey.

Uniworld rides the wave with new ships

UNIWORLD BOUTIQUE River Cruises is riding the wave of record demand from UK travellers; bookings for 2026 are up 32% year-on-year. To celebrate the surge, the brand is rolling out a fresh lineup of ships, immersive experiences, and cruise-and-tour holidays.

The *S.S. Emilie* has already hit the water this season, with three more sleek vessels joining the fleet by 2027. The cruise line is also expanding its partnerships, joining forces with Aqua Expeditions to bring the *Aqua Blu* into the portfolio for Indonesian adventures, alongside ultra-luxury river and ocean sailings with *Seabourn*.



TTC boosts booking confidence

TTC TOUR Brands are giving travel agents and their clients ultimate peace of mind by announcing 100% definite departures across Trafalgar, Insight Vacations and Costsaver tours. Departures from now up until September 30th, 2026, are secure.

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, July 23rd. Solution and new puzzle will appear next week.

June 26th Solution: A=8 B=6 C=9 D=4

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WHERE AM I?

MAURITIUS' CAPITAL blends modernity with tradition and is home to a mix of cultures, with many influences from India, Africa, Europe, China and the Middle East.

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

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- Across**
- 1 Leading UK travel agency with over 50 years experience (8)
 - 5 Abu Dhabi is the capital (3)
 - 7 State capital of Michigan (7)
 - 9 A room for two singles (4)
 - 10 Wild dog featured in the name of a famous Frederick Forsyth novel (6)
 - 12 Popular European city-break destination (6)
 - 13 Located in the north of England, it is probably most famous for a beautiful Minster (4)
 - 16 This English city has a racecourse, a zoo and a shopping area called The Rows (7)
 - 17 Dublin international airport code (3)
 - 18 Fred. Olsen cruise ship, sounds like a Scottish royal residence (8)

- Down**
- 1 Actress Emily, recently seen in Spielberg's Disclosure Day movie (5)
 - 2 Island, otherwise known as Lindisfarne (4)
 - 3 The world's tallest uninterrupted waterfall (5)
 - 4 Everton and England goalkeeper, Jordan (8)
 - 6 Carrier with global hub in Dubai (8)
 - 8 Type of tide (4)
 - 11 Glamping type accommodation (4)
 - 12 This is not just any nut, it's the official state nut for several U.S. states (5)
 - 14 Capital of Afghanistan (5)
 - 15 Light rail transport found in Manchester, Birmingham and Nottingham (4)

CROSSWORD

Across: 1 BARNHAM, 5 UAE, 7 LANSHING, 9 TWIN, 10 JACKAL, 12 PRAGUE, 13 YORK, 16 CHESTER, 17 DUB, 18 BALMORAL.
Down: 1 BLUNT, 2 HOLY, 3 ANGEL, 4 PICKFORD, 6 EMIRATES, 8 NEAP, 11 YURT, 12 PECAN, 14 KABUL, 15 TRAM.
Mystery Word: ELBA

Mid-year growth for Riviera Travel

RIVIERA TRAVEL is celebrating a standout mid-year performance with the trade, with passenger numbers and revenue both delivering impressive double-digit growth. Year-to-date results show UK trade passenger numbers have increased by



27% year-on-year, while revenue has grown by 33%.

This strong performance reflects demand across both river cruises and escorted touring. River cruise continues to lead the way, with trade passenger numbers up 33% year-on-year and revenue increasing by 35%. The results highlight not only the strength of Riviera Travel's core product, but also the confidence agents have in recommending the brand to their customers. Its solo cruise programme has shown strong success following the launch of Riviera's dedicated solo ship.

Touring has also delivered solid growth, with passenger numbers rising by 10% and revenue up 19%, as agents continue to drive demand across both European and long-haul programmes, highlighting the strength and diversity of Riviera Travel's touring portfolio.



HAVILA VOYAGES' new booking campaign is offering up to £400 of onboard credit per cabin for cruises departing between October and December 2026. Guests who book the Round Voyage between now and the end of August will qualify for the full amount, while Voyage North or Voyage South sailors will earn £200 per cabin.

Involved Holidays offers 15% off for autumnal departures

AGENTS CAN help save their clients up to 15% off across all of Involved Holidays' September and October 2026 departures, whether they be a solo wanderer, a couple looking for an alternative romantic break, or a private group.

Applicable on all bookings made before July 19th, agents must quote 'WALK15' at checkout where the savings will be automatically applied.

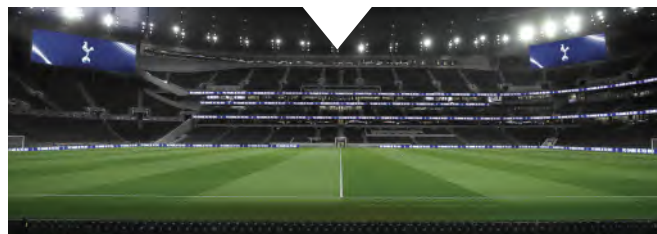
The offer is available across more than 40 Involved itineraries, including the seven-night 'Walking in Sicily' trip from £1,699 per person, and the seven-night 'Walking in Costa Blanca' itinerary leading in from £1,274 per person.

All stays are offered on a half-board basis, with return flights included. Agents can use Involved Holidays' training portal to learn the latest tips and tricks to help sell.

G Adventures kicks off 'Away Games'

THE NEW trip series will bring football lovers together for match day experiences while offering deeper cultural connections across Europe's most popular sporting cities.

The operator's 'Away Games' series marks a first for small group travel, promising travellers premium-style trips combining the love of football with a celebration of community, culture and traditions. On match day, fans will enjoy VIP club-level seating, premium lounge access, and hospitality packages. Beyond the main event, itineraries will dive deeper into sports heritage, including guided tours through legendary supporter pubs, and time to explore each city's culinary hotspots on local food tours.



Just Go! Holidays launches new tour

A NEW astronomy and astrophotography tour to Tenerife will join the collection next year.

The seven-day trip will combine the dramatic volcanic landscapes the island is renowned for with magical night-sky experiences. Prices lead in from £2,379.

Free Nova Scotia entry with Canada Strong Pass

THE RETURN of the Canada Strong Pass means travellers can make the most out of their trip to Nova Scotia with free admission to some of the region's most iconic attractions.

Running until September 7th, 2026, the Strong Pass offers free admission to national historic sites, national parks, and national marine conservation areas.

It also includes a 25% discount on camping

and overnight accommodations at all participating Parks Canada locations.

Some of the experiences eligible for free admission include canoeing to Kejimikujik National Park and National Historic Site, exploring the historic forts of Halifax Citadel National Historic Site, and tackling one of the 26 hiking trails in Cape Breton Highlands National Park.



CroisiEurope: November cruises

CROISIEUROPE HAS launched a new "November Cruise Escapes" collection for 2026 and 2027, offering quieter, off-season sailings along the Rhine and French waterways. These exclusive itineraries feature unique onboard experiences not found on regular departures, including regional culinary demonstrations, themed cultural evenings, and premium excursions.

Packages start from £566 per person and include all meals, drinks, Wi-Fi, and port fees across nine distinct routes.



Jet2 app undergoes an update

JET2 HAS updated its app with new features designed to make travel smoother and give customers more control over their trips. Users can now check live flight times and status updates up to 72 hours before departure.

Additionally, the app provides specific details for meeting in-resort Customer Helpers, including the helper's name, visit times, and locations.

Cunard unveils 2027 entertainment programme

CUNARD HAS unveiled its 2027 world-class entertainment programme, which is headlined by the return of four acclaimed event voyages.

Developed in partnership with some of the world's leading cultural organisations, the 2027 line-up on board the world's only ocean liner brings together award-winning theatre, ballet, classical music and literature.

Guests can enjoy immersive performances, workshops and exclusive access to world-renowned artists at sea.

The Transatlantic Crossing departs on October 20th, 2027, and will celebrate the very best of theatre through exclusive performances, workshops and behind-the-scenes insights.

\$200M Sandals 2.0 upgrade in Jamaica

SANDALS RESORTS is bringing a \$200 million "Sandals 2.0" upgrade to three of its Jamaican properties this winter, including Montego Bay, South Coast, and the newly renamed Caribbean Cay. The major changes introduce fresh dining concepts, redesigned pools, SkyPool Suites, and the brand's first-ever double-



queen rooms. You can lock in these fully protected getaway packages through UCHL with just a £175 per person deposit.

CORENDON AIRLINES has streamlined the travel experience with new self-service kiosks.

The kiosks allow passengers to check-in, select seats, pay for supplementary services, and organise baggage drop.

The kiosk is a step towards the airlines' digital transformation, in which it aims to introduce solutions to enhance the passenger experience.





Meet the Swiss

FROM CHOCOLATE making and a traditional BBQ dinner to speed networking and a wonderful performance, this special showcase, in partnership with Switzerland Tourism, celebrated the heart of the destination alongside agents and a host of suppliers.

A big thank you to Switzerland Tourism for providing such interesting workshops and activities, as well as presenting partners who joined us for the roadshow.



THE KIDS TAKE CHARGE

Family travel has continued to evolve, and Virginia Beach caters to individual needs.



A STUDY by Hilton revealed that 70% of parents who travel with children choose their destination based on their child's needs and interests.

Virginia Beach offers flexible and unique activities for everybody, from toddler to retiree, with 38 miles of beaches and an extensive network of

parks and waterways.

The Adventure Park at Virginia Beach allows children aged five-and-above to tackle treetop courses and zip lines across more than 250 aerial platforms.

The Virginia Aquarium & Marine Science Center gives families the opportunity to enjoy education and explore 800,000 gallons of marine habitats with the chance to encounter hundreds of species and enjoy a dolphin boat tour for all ages.

Virginia Beach also offers the classic American summer experience, as the

coast is littered with bike hire shops, ice cream parlors, street performers, and casual family-friendly dining spots.

For accommodation, Moxy Virginia Beach Oceanfront offers a playful two-storey slide in the lobby. The communal spaces are family-focused with games, and other activities. Delta Hotels Virginia Beach Waterfront offer bunk-bed room options and a quieter setting overlooking calm waters.

Travelling to Virginia Beach has never been easier, with one-stop flights from Norfolk via New York or Boston.

Generational adventures for all

LAS TORRES Patagonia is a family-owned natural and cultural reserve in Chile's Torres del Paine National Park. The reserve offers a variety of enriching experiences for all ages.

For the youngest adventurers, the Azul Lagoon Half Day Tour is perfect for gentle exploration and engaging storytelling.

For adults, the full five-day W Circuit requires a level of fitness, and takes in the Towers, French Valley, and Grey Glacier.

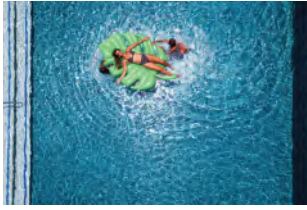
Las Torres Patagonia's All-Inclusive Program allows guests travelling together to individually customise their days to their desires.

Authenticity above all

OMAN IS ideally positioned to meet the demand for families' needs for authenticity, adventure and cultural immersion.

Families can hike 'the Grand Canyon of Arabia', swim in cooling wadis, spot nesting turtles, and explore ancient forts in Nizwa. Horizon Blue Oman is a conservation family business which offers snorkelling and fishing tours. Families can camp beneath the stars at Thousand Nights Camp.





Hilton brings families to Mahé

CANOPY BY Hilton Seychelles Resort is placing family travel at the centre of its island experience, complete with direct beach access, three swimming pools, the Bounty Seekers Kids' Club, and a programme full of activities for all ages.

The shoreline acts as a playground where families can enjoy beach time and water activities together, before heading out on excursions to Victoria and St. Anne Marine National Park to spend more quality time together.



A legendary trail awaits in Innsbruck

MAKE IT a summer the entire family will remember in Innsbruck. With the panoramic Alpine scenery and lively charm, the region offers families the perfect place to reconnect and spend quality time in the great outdoors. One highlight is the Legend Trail that transforms a normal walk into a magical journey, where trees tell stories and set puzzles for younger explorers to solve.

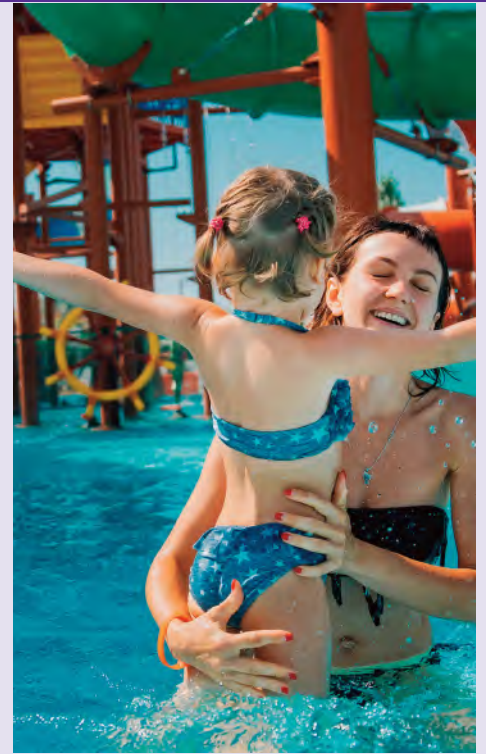
A host of family-friendly developments along the Red Sea

A FULL summer of fun awaits families across Red Sea Holidays' portfolio of properties, from new Kids' Club offerings to action-packed waterpark adventures.

Over at the recently opened five-star Al Kasr Resort in Sahl Hasheesh, the ultra-all-inclusive property has expanded its family-friendly offering with a new Kids' Club dedicated to those young holidaymakers aged from 2-to-11. Alongside the new club, the resort also houses a dedicated kids' pool, a playground, and a range of activities specifically curated to entertain younger guests daily.

Summer holiday breaks at Al Kasr Resort lead in from £5,100 for a family of four.

A new Aqua Mania Jungle Park awaits guests at the Rixos Radamis in Sharm el Sheikh. The park features 29 waterslides, kids' areas and an all-inclusive bar and food



court, creating a perfect new attraction for kids to run loose while the parents sit back and take in the rays. Kids can also play in the RIXY Kids Club, a centre which offers an immersive educational experience that aims to empower young minds.

Prices lead in from £5,900.

The Star of the Indian Ocean shines with Sunlife's family offerings

AS MULTI-GENERATIONAL travel demand continues to rise, Mauritius is emerging as a standout long-haul destination for families seeking shared experiences, space and sunshine.

Luxury hotel group Sunlife offers a high-end collection of properties across the island, each prepared to cater for the growing demand of holidays that bring together grandparents, parents and children under one tropical escape.

Leading the trend is The Bay Club at



Anahita, which houses expansive two-to-five bedroom suites and villas, perfect for a full family getaway. Prices for a five-night stay lead in from £233 per night.

Elsewhere, Sunlife is evolving its approach to Kids' Clubs that reflect the broader shift in the industry for family travel. Younger travellers aged 2-to-11 can take part in eco-themed adventures led by the resorts' mascot, Izzy the Bee, with activities including sustainability lessons at the Hotel of Bees, honey tasting sessions, and garden-to-table cooking classes.

For the older children, the resort brand also offers experiences for those aged 12-to-17 who favour independence and social connection. The programme is built around adventure, with activities designed to make the most out of Mauritius' natural setting including beach sports, water sports and group challenges.

The perfect family beach break

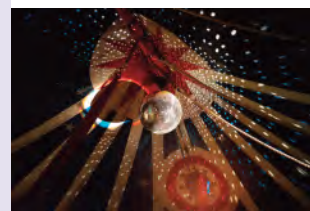
SURVIVING THE British heatwave has been a challenge to all, but an inspiration to others. The desire for a beach holiday, to bask in the sun's rays and take the opportunistic sea dip, will undoubtedly rise as the heatwave leaves Britain's atmosphere.

Creta Maris Resort offers a stress-free, five-star, all-inclusive break for those looking to make the most of a summer holiday. For families looking to book this summer, Creta Maris Resort is offering the chance for children under 12 to stay for free in Family Rooms, Premium Suites, and the Premium Private Pool Villa.

Children can take part in educational activities at Creta Maris Resort's Asteria Kids Club. The club is for children aged 4-to-12 years old and offers a carefully designed programme, combining physical, creative, and cognitive activities, including

yoga sessions, mindfulness exercises, outdoor play, interactive storytelling, crafts, and games connected to Greek history. The Teens Club is available for 13-to-17 year olds and aims to create a space for personal growth

Families can cool off in the resort's pools, with five different ones to choose from, or splash around in the resort's own waterpark, complete with a range of water slides.



Everybody loves the circus

EDEN VILLAS & Apartments in Albufeira, the Algarve, is launching a brand-new circus tent this summer.

Shows start at 8.30pm and run for approximately 45 minutes to one hour, followed by dancing and entertainment until around 10.00pm. Access is included for resort guests, with no reservation required.

The circus is part of Eden Villas & Apartments' wider family-focused summer offering, which also includes an array of aqua activities.



Escape to the Red Sea

SOMABAY OFFERS seven hotels and a range of self-catering accommodation throughout Egypt that can suit anybody.

The Kaktus Hotel & Co-Working Hub offers a laidback atmosphere, whereas the newly-renovated Sheraton Soma Bay Resort offers stylish relaxation.

Dining is unlimited, even for the picky-eaters, with beachside cocktails and sushi on rooftops.



Be one with nature in Maine

EXPLORE MAINE'S nature landscape with seasonal events this summer.

Cycle through Acadia National Park with gravel biking. Get amongst giants on a Moose Safari, with Maine being home to around 75,000 of the gentle giants.

For a more physically intensive

experience, visitors can mountain-climb in Acadia National Park and Camden.

For aqua fanatics, kayaking and canoeing allows deep ocean bay exploration.

Celebrations such as the Wild Blueberry Weekend and Maine Lobster Festival are key to experiencing the culture of Maine.

REIMAGINE FAMILY LUXURY

Sun Siyam invites families to explore the world of luxury this summer with exclusive offers.



THIS SUMMER, Sun Siyam Resorts has redefined the qualities of a luxury family escape in the Maldives and Sri Lanka.

Whilst the Maldives is oftentimes associated with romantic getaways and honeymoons, Sun Siyam Resorts highlights a more family-focused side of the island through perks such as complimentary seaplane transfers, kids-stay-free offers, and aqua activities such as dolphin cruises, snorkeling safaris, floating water parks and cultural events. Calm lagoons, spacious villas, and flexible all-inclusive options can give parents and grandparents the stress-relief they need.

At Siyam World, families can indulge in 45% off available rates this summer, alongside complimentary seaplane transfers for one guest on stays of four nights or more. The property boasts an energetic atmosphere, with more than enough to keep the kids entertained. The dedicated Family Offer allows kids to stay and eat for free, and includes a complimentary dolphin trip.

Sin Siyam Iru Fushi offers 30% off all villa categories this summer, alongside 50% off seaplane transfers.

Meanwhile, Sun Siyam Olhuveli invites families to embrace playfulness with complimentary return airport

transfers for two adults on select pool villa stays.

In Sri Lanka, Sun Siyam Pasikudah offers a different take on tropical travel, with an adventure along the country's east coast. Kayak, cycle, and breathe in the culture of the coastal wellness paradise.

Dive into uncharted waters

INSPIRING TRAVEL is offering a resort experience like no-other. The Six Senses Laamu is located on the virtually uncharted Laamu Atoll, deep in the Indian Ocean.

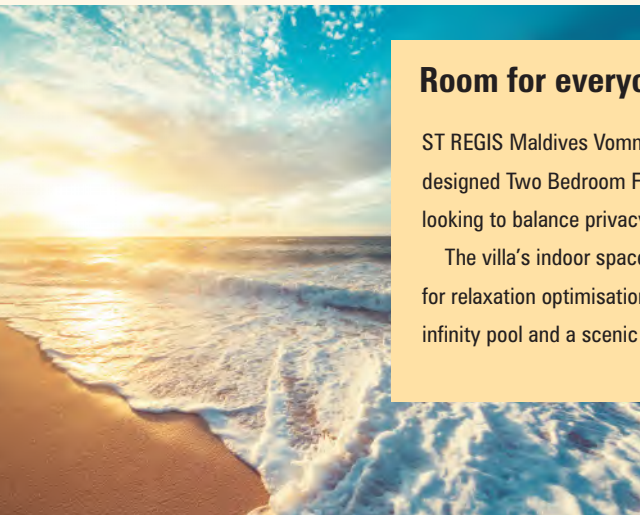
Surrounded by crystal clear waters and platinum sand beaches, the resort is the purest form of the Maldives. The resort has been designed to be ecologically in tune with the idyllic surroundings, as its villas are luxuriously eco-friendly.

Prices lead in from £5300 per person, for two adults in a Lagoon Beach Villa for a bed & breakfast board for seven nights.

Room for everyone at St Regis

ST REGIS Maldives Vommuli Resort has unveiled its re-designed Two Bedroom Family Villas that are ideal for families looking to balance privacy and connection.

The villa's indoor space has been thoughtfully re-designed for relaxation optimisation. The outdoors boasts a private infinity pool and a scenic view of the Indian Ocean.



A new chapter in Mauritian tourism

NON-STOP flights, a pledge to broaden visitor groups, and a strong commitment to regenerative travel are ushering in a new era of tourism for Mauritius.

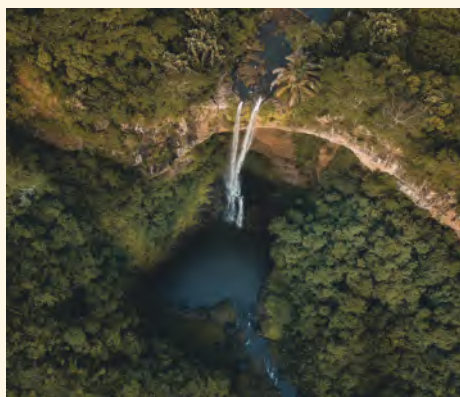
Last month, representatives from Air Mauritius and the Mauritius Tourism Promotion Authority met with agents, hoteliers and UK media to present the island's evolving tourism strategy. The new dynamic sees the national carrier and the tourist agency work in tandem to create a refreshed 'slow luxury' initiative.

Dinesh Burrenchobay, chairman at the Mauritius Tourism Promotion Authority, said, "For Destination Mauritius, it is fundamental that the MTPA works closely with our national airline in ensuring a seamless option across various cities for the visitors of our tropical paradise."

Nestled in the heart of the Indian Ocean, Mauritius is known as one of the world's most romantic honeymoon destinations,

but also attracts solo travellers, adventurers, families and culture seekers. It has never been easier for UK visitors to travel to the island gem, as Air Mauritius provides five non-stop weekly flights from London Gatwick.

"We are Mauritius. Everything we do reflects the warmth, authenticity and unique spirit of our island nation," said Laurent Reccoura, chief commercial officer for Air Mauritius.



Spend a night under the Maldivian sky

A PIONEERING resort in the Maldives, Gili Lankanfushi, is inviting guests to embrace the growing trend of Noctotourism with its collection of immersive after-dark experiences.

'Supper Under the Stars' offers a bespoke private dining experience for those seeking a romantic evening under the Maldivian sky, priced from \$275 per person; while the Jungle Cinema offers guests a magical open-air experience beneath the night sky, complete with oversized sunbeds and Hollywood favourites.



A diver's paradise in Malé

THE RECENTLY-opened Eri Maldives is a diver's paradise with four direct reef entry points offering a diverse marine population. No matter the experience level, guests can dive beneath the surface and have the chance to witness white-tip and black-tip reef sharks, nurse sharks, hawksbill sea turtles, mobula rays and eagle rays. There is also the chance to see manta rays between December to April.

Discover the splendours of Sri Lanka

TRAVELMARVEL'S FIRST-ever standalone touring brochure showcases its breadth of products across the globe in a range of travel styles to suit any traveller.

One of the new tours launching for 2027 is the 12-day 'Splendours of Sri Lanka' in the Small Group category. The itinerary

offers an intimate tour of no more than 24 guests to explore the country's cultural history.

To celebrate the launch of the brochure, Travelmarvel is offering up to £1,000 savings on select 2027 departures for bookings made before July 31st.





Australasia & Pacific Islands Showcase

WE BROUGHT the wonderful world of Australasia to sunny Southampton last week, where agents were treated to a jam-packed evening full of learning and prizes, including a very special black pearl directly from the Cook Islands.

A big thank you to our suppliers: AAT Kings, Destination New South Wales, Journey Beyond, G'Day Group, Cook Islands, Prestige Travel, Taronga, THL, Etihad, Tasmania, and Tourism Australia.



Want to get in on the [#TBSHowcases](https://www.travelbulletin.co.uk/showcase) action? Our next event will be the Train & Gain Day taking place in Solihull on September 8th. To confirm your place or find out when we will be hosting our next event near you contact events@travelbulletin.co.uk

A MAGICAL MAKEOVER AWAITS...

The UK Universal theme park is set to be the country's most popular tourist attraction.



ONE OF the largest investments in the UK tourism sector has been agreed upon between the government and Comcast NBCUniversal for the Universal United Kingdom Resort, set to be built in Bedfordshire.

The development is expected to open in 2031 and will bring up to 20,000 jobs during the construction and

a further 8,000 jobs when operations commence.

With immersive storytelling, thrilling attractions and hospitality, Universal expects the site to generate nearly £50 billion of economic benefit for the economy by 2055.

The government's investment unlocks regional transport and infrastructure improvements that will maximise the benefits of the development and enable wider growth across the region.

The theme park and resort is expected to attract millions of visitors each year including more than a million

overseas visitors.

Universal and the government are also cooperating to maximise benefits to local educational establishments. For example, Universal has committed to world-class training opportunities for the next generation of its workforce, including through a range of apprenticeships and internships.

The Department for Transport is also going ahead with plans to upgrade the strategic road and rail network, on the A421 and at Wixams station, which will provide wider resilience and improved connectivity within the region, at an expected cost of £474 million.

Shakespeare in Idaho

IDAHO IS a secret powerhouse of culture, as one of the USA's best kept secrets.

The Idaho Shakespeare Festival is celebrating 50 years in the state's capital, Boise. The festival exhibits a mix of Shakespeare's plays, musicals, and contemporary works.

The festival welcomes over 70,000 visitors annually, as guests can become immersed in the world of one of the most prolific playwrights through the outdoor amphitheatre.

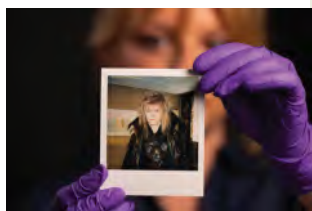
The 2026 festival runs until September 27th.

A new focus on the environment

PORTAVENTURA WORLD has set out how sustainability has been integrated across the company.

The Costa Daurada resort has consolidated its energy transition and decarbonisation strategy. 'The Energy Circuit' is an educational area that aims to bring renewable energy generation closer to schools, with more than 15,000 solar panels.





V&A brings Bowie on tour

THE V&A will be bringing the archive of the legendary David Bowie around the UK, with the tour kicking off in Dundee in November, 2026.

Items will include Bowie's legendary costumes, musical instruments, photography and personal treasures, including the stopwatch he used when songwriting; plus never-before-seen items, such as make-up test polaroids, a Ziggy Stardust-era acoustic guitar, unreleased scripts, handwritten lyrics, and costumes from his final album.



Where innovation meets art in Ottawa

OTTAWA IS continuing its celebrations in 2026 as the city marks the 200th anniversary of its founding as Bytown.

In September, Ottawa's streets will transform into a free overnight gallery during Nuit Blanche. This year's theme explores the intersection of creativity, technology, and urban life through immersive installations, light displays, and live performances.

The Riviera to rival them all

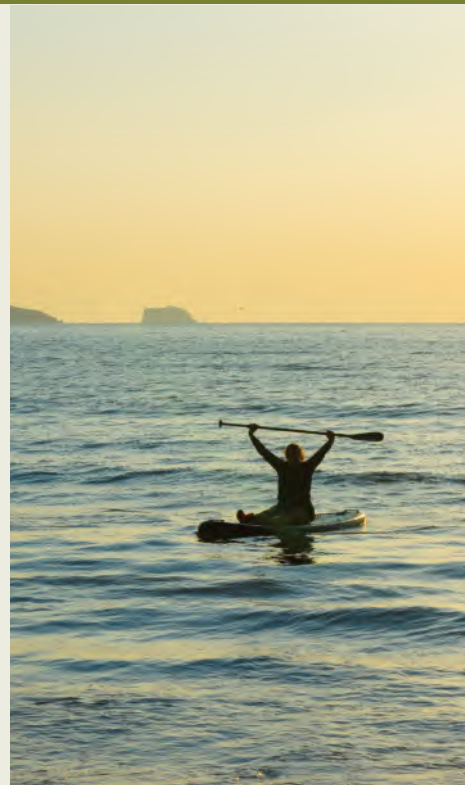
THE ENGLISH Riviera is set for its most exciting summer ever.

An action-focused staycation is the perfect way to experience the English Riviera this summer, with Splashdown Quaywest reopening for summer 2026.

Overlooking Goodrington Sands in Paignton, the UK's largest waterpark has twisting tyre rides, a pirate-themed interactive water playzone, and an aquaplay arena.

The SUP World Cup comes to the English Riviera, a UK first. The UK's first-ever International Canoe Federation Stand Up Paddleboard World Cup will be held across the waters of Torquay, Paignton, and Brixham.

Torquay will host the prestigious Fireball World and National Championships, which will welcome up to 100 boats and top international competitors. Spectators can enjoy the competition on the shores of the



riviera, with bustling harbours and waterfront dining.

Other than the headline events, the destination offers a fresh perspective on its UNESCO Global Geopark coastline, with a variety of cruise and ferry services.

The Muppets return to Disney

THE LEGENDARY Rock 'n' Roll Coaster Starring The Muppets roars back to life with a rock-charged remix that drops guests straight into the middle of The Electric Mayhem's biggest night yet.

The Electric Mayhem has put their own spin in their performance, which features a vibrant, psychedelic design inspired by the classic Muppet car paint job.

Celebrity cameos litter the stage, from the queue all the way to the merch shop: John Stamos, Neil Patrick Harris, Travis Barker,



and even Weird Al.

The first-ever audio-animatronics will keep guests immersed, with Scooter the Muppet making his debut. Walt Disney imagineering was able to build and programme a figure that looks, moves, and emotes exactly like Scooter should.

In other Disney news, a new mission aboard the Millennium Falcon has taken the stage. Positioned in the back row of the cockpit, the left and right engineers are responsible for tracking enemy ships, picking the planet destination, and earning credits for Hondo by collecting cargo. A new dedicated role on the ride is for somebody to keep an eye on the adorable Grog.

The Clubhouse calls for guests, as the live show turns into a feel-good celebration where guests partake in the show with Mickey and Minnie Mouse.



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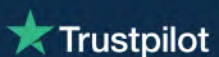
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Boo Boo Laand comes to UAE capital

ONE OF Dubai’s most loved family attractions is making its way over to Abu Dhabi next month as Boo Boo Laand is set to open its doors at The Galleria Al Maryah Island this August.

Following the success of its flagship destination in the Dubai Mall, Boo Boo Laand Abu Dhabi will bring the same immersive world of play, creativity and family-friendly experiences to the UAE capital.

Visitors can look forward to signature attractions including Boo Boo Jungle, Stadium, Snow Pool, Car Racing and Farm to Table, alongside a series of experiences designed to spark curiosity and creativity for younger guests.

In addition to daily play experiences, Boo Boo Laand Abu

Dhabi will offer birthday parties, private events and school programmes.

This opening marks an important milestone for Boo Boo Laand as the brand continues to grow across the UAE. Further openings are planned for 2026, alongside the continued expansion of its Dubai Mall flagship.



Spend 48 hours on Route 66

THE FAMOUS Route 66 may end at Santa Monica Pier, but some of its more fascinating tales live in West Hollywood. Visitors can begin their journey at the MAK Center for Art and Architecture which helped shape California as it looks today. Next, visitors can discover the centennial public art features, and spend an afternoon exploring West Hollywood’s Rainbow District: one of the world’s most celebrated LGBTQ+ neighbourhoods. Finally, no Route 66 visit is complete without stopping at Tail O’ the Pup, the hot dog shaped roadside landmark.

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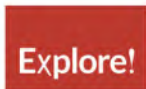
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