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Italy has been identified as the number one destination for UK travellers.

A NEW research study by Accor reveals optimism about the return of travel in 2022, with travellers intending to spend an average of 39% more on travel in 2022 than they did in 2019 and to take an average of three trips this year.

The study asked 2,000 people across the UK about their travel preferences and desires. The results were highly positive and indicate travellers value travel and holiday time more than ever.

The desire for 'fly and flop' has been heightened as beach holidays top the wish list for travel in 2022, with 31% of respondents planning sun and sand getaways. City breaks (28%)

are expected to come back, as the call of cosmopolitan culture returns.

After two challenging years, 12% of Brits are planning luxury trips to make up for all the lost travel in the pandemic years.

Italy has been identified as the number one destination for travellers from the UK. Furthermore, over half (51%) of those surveyed intend to keep their travels within Europe, and of those willing to explore beyond the continent, 18% are planning trips to North America and 13% to Southeast Asia.

36% of people are actively planning and booking trips for the first half of the year, 45% for the second half of the year and nearly one in

five (19%) are booking trips for 2023 already.

The way people travel is also tipped for change. 19% expect less air travel in 2022, 14% expect a return of rail and car travel and 11% expect trip stacking to continue as a standard in 2022, giving travellers the reassurance that at least one of the trips should go ahead.

A rare positive that has emerged is the increased awareness of sustainability as a priority consideration. Sustainability and the impact of the trip on the climate and planet is now a factor for 84% of people. This influences choices around where to go, how to get there, where they stay and what to do while onsite.

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Newmarket Holidays promotes African safari range



The dozen-strong African product range is Newmarket's fastest growth area for 2022.

NEWMARKET HOLIDAYS has said that its dozen-strong African product range is its fastest growth area for 2022, with the growth strongly fuelled by travel agent bookings.

The escorted touring specialist expanded its African range, launching four new tours with its recent brochure, including 'On Safari in Kenya', two new South African safaris and 'Madagascar – Red Island Wonders'.

Richard Forde, head of trade sales, said, "We've been working on the expanded

African safaris programme over the past 18 months, and we're operating in six African countries for 2022/23 with more to come in the future. These tours are proving particularly popular with a slightly younger market and sell well with our agent partners. We see lots of potential in these tours for 2024 both in terms of our relationships with the trade and expanding our product range."

www.newmarketholidays.co.uk

FLIGHT bites

ICELAND'S NEW, low-cost airline, PLAY, has announced its newest route between London and New York Stewart International Airport. The first flight will depart on June 10, 2022.



STARTING FROM August 15, Norwegian will add a twice weekly direct flight between Manchester and Trondheim in Norway, from £66.90.



AER LINGUS has launched a new codeshare agreement with American Airlines. The partnership will increase connectivity between the U.S. and Ireland, allowing Aer Lingus customers to book flights to a range of U.S. destinations.



JG Travel Group adds Game of Thrones tours

THE JG Travel Group has launched new Game of Thrones-themed breaks, which include a visit to the brand new Game of Thrones Studio Tour in Northern Ireland, plus a special guided tour by coach of key filming locations along the Antrim Coast.

The operator's Just Go! Holidays brand will offer four-day breaks by air, priced at £499 per person, whilst National Holidays will offer four-day options by coach, from £399 per person.

www.justgoholidays.com/agents



Industry bids farewell to Gianfranco "Franco" Colliva

TRAVEL BULLETIN is saddened to say goodbye to one of the travel industry's best known characters, Gianfranco "Franco" Colliva.

Posted to the UK in 1979 to run the local office, he joined Peltours in 1991 and became general manager, heading up hotel contracting and day-to-day operations, reporting to Stuart Lewis, the managing director. Franco took Peltours into the Egypt charter market, launching flights to Taba in 2002, using the then new airline Astraeus.

Following Preston Travel Group's takeover of Peltours Middle East division, Franco worked there for a short while before deciding to retire.

Greatly respected by all the industry colleagues he met over many years, Franco was a true character and friend, who left a lasting impression, and will be sorely missed by all.

Keep it classical with Amadeus River Cruises



The cruise will encompass the spirit and experience of classical music.

AMADEUS RIVER Cruises has unveiled details of its 'Classical Music on the Rhine' themed cruises, which are designed specifically for classical music lovers, and combine carefully crafted musical programmes onboard and ashore.

The eight-day itinerary is currently scheduled to sail on October 18, 2022, from Amsterdam to Basel.

A number of musical highlights are included in the voyage, with private concerts in the St Thomas Church in Strasbourg, Dominicus Church in Amsterdam and Beethoven's house in Bonn offering intimate experiences with expansive classic orchestras.

Onboard musical entertainment is provided

by the Dudok Quartet and the Nathan Quartet, ensuring cruisers live the classical music lifestyle onboard, too.

The cruise will sail on the five-star Amadeus Cara, and begins with an overnight stay in Amsterdam followed by ports of call in Utrecht, Cologne, Cochem, Koblenz, Rudesheim, Speyer and Strasbourg, before drawing to a close in Basel.

The 163-guest vessel is launching in spring 2022, and hosts 72 spacious deluxe cabins and 10 Amadeus suites. The stylish Panorama Restaurant offers a taste of local cuisine.

Cruises start from £1,686 per person when booked before February 28, 2022.

www.amadeus-rivercruises.co.uk

CLIA confirms 2022 conference details

CRUISING ASSOCIATION CLIA UK & Ireland will unite once again for its annual cruising conference.

The event, which will take place from May 20-22, 2022 in Southampton, will mark the 14th annual iteration of the event.

On the first day of the conference, attendees will step aboard MSC Virtuosa and mingle at a subsequent trade fair, with the second day comprising a visit aboard P&O Cruises' Iona and an evening gala dinner. The third and final day will be held aboard Royal

Caribbean's Anthem of the Seas.

Andy Harmer, CLIA UK & Ireland managing director, said: "With the positive cruise momentum continuing, we're delighted to be able to offer the trade the opportunity to gain the insight and knowledge that will help further support their sales. We have three fabulous ships available to visit, which will further inspire and inform delegates."

More information will be announced in the coming months, at www.cruising.org

Nevis Sun Tours streamlines St. Kitts and Nevis booking process

TOUR OPERATOR and destination management company Nevis Sun Tours is on a mission to make it easier for agents to sell and book Caribbean holidays to St. Kitts and Nevis.

The operator has crafted all-inclusive holiday packages, comprising prearranged airport transfers, multiple hotel choices, dining and activities on both islands with necessary transport.

These options allow visitors to combine the two distinctly varied Caribbean islands on one trip – with options spanning one-day tours to multi-week trips.

Greg Phillip, the former CEO of Nevis Tourism Authority and team leader at Nevis Sun Tours, said: "It is an excellent feeling to deliver



Image Credit: Nevis Sun Tours

travel industry innovation in service to travelers, travel advisors and other travel professionals. Our local hotel partners make it possible for us to deliver on our promise to serve travellers and travel professionals by making it easier to sell and book Caribbean vacations to St. Kitts and Nevis."

www.nevissuntours.com



Jersey removes arrival testing and isolation requirements

AS OF February 7, 2022, all guests visiting Jersey will no longer have to adhere to testing, isolation, or vaccination requirements upon arriving on the island.

The pre-departure travel form has also been scrapped, streamlining departure processes for guests.

Over 20 UK departure points are available, with ferry and air transfers available to bring guests to the island.

www.jersey.com



AGENT INSIGHT

SANDRA MURRAY
NORMANTON, YORKSHIRE

WITH NEWS about parties from 2020 circling, it's hard to get on and deal with moving forward. Hopefully the country can get back on its feet.

It looks as if travel is in an upward surge – more people are definitely looking ahead to holidays. Agents should be blitzing their windows with fantastic bargains, trying to attract those all-important customers again.

It's great that people who are fully vaccinated don't have to be tested on return – get the new updates in your window to let people know. Lots of people are so fed up of hearing all the changing restrictions so they've stopped watching the news – pass the information on and encourage them to book!

Those of you that have staff back in your shops, let people know! Put balloons or nice displays in the window to encourage people to come in, have a tea or coffee and get the holiday atmosphere going! People have been let down for a long time, they need to get the holiday spirit back.

Put July 21, 2022 in your diaries – the Yorkshire Travel Ball is back to its summer spot and the same venue (The Village Hotel, South Leeds, on Junction 28 of the M62) with the group Groovething entertaining once again! Planning is going well and I will be chasing operators next week. Let me know if you're interested in attending at s.murray922@btinternet.com.

Stay positive! We're all ready to encourage everyone to keep a positive mindset and get booking their holidays. Make your shops happy places to visit and stay safe.

Two quotes to end on:

'Never live in the past but always learn from it' and 'We make a living by what we get, we make a life by what we give.'

Sandy can be reached directly for queries or comments via email at s.murray922@btinternet.com



Image Credit: Uganda Tourism Board

THE UGANDA Tourism Board has refreshed its destination brand with a new identity: 'Explore Uganda: The Pearl of Africa'. The rebranding aims to increase both tourism rates and the competitiveness of the continent's tourism sector. The brand will spotlight the nation's offerings and biodiverse wildlife and landscapes awaiting guests. www.utb.go.ug

Latin Routes reports spike in Costa Rican demand

LATIN AMERICA package operator Latin Routes has reported a surge in agent bookings and enquiries to Costa Rica after the nation relaxed travel rules for vaccinated holidaymakers.

The regional specialist reported an uplift of 120% on Costa Rica enquiries against the figures from 2020. The destination remains one of the most popular on the continent, with its expansive biodiversity a constant draw for travellers.

With pent-up demand growing throughout the pandemic, and flight availability remaining a challenge, Latin Routes has encouraged agent partners to look ahead beyond the summer 2022 season and secure better rates and availability for later on in the year, 2023, and beyond.



Image Credit: Adobe Stock

The brand has seen an 120% uplift in enquiries and bookings, based on January 2022 figures.

Jess Dennison, head of trade relations, explained: "It's beyond exciting that this peak season is proving so buoyant for Latin America. We advise our agents on how to maximise their sales and are urging them to look for alternative dates from November 2022. We want to make sure we are giving the utmost support to our trade partners."

www.latinroutes.co.uk

AGENT INCENTIVES

- TO MARK Titan Travels' return to river cruising, with its first voyage in two years departing on April 2, 2022, the operator is doubling agent incentives on 'Springtime' cruise bookings. Titan Travels' return to river cruising will also see the inauguration of its exclusively chartered river vessel, River Discovery II. Any new bookings made by February 28, 2022 for cruises departing in April and May 2022 will automatically include a £20 lifestyle voucher. *Explore the season's offerings, including new ships and voyages, at www.titantravel.co.uk*
- EARN £20 FOR every booking made to The Harbor Club, Curio Collection by Hilton. As part of the property's first ever agent incentive, the St Lucia hotel is offering £20 for every booking of seven nights or more made throughout 2022. Agents can register at Harbor Club's rewards portal to be in with a chance of winning a five-night stay for themselves when registering two or more valid bookings by September 15, 2022. www.harborclubrewards.com
- AGENTS WHO make package bookings between now and February 28, 2022 with Canadian Affair will earn up to £100 in Love2shop vouchers. Bookings up to £5,000 include a £50 voucher and over £7,500 earn a £100 voucher. Customers will also benefit from staggered savings starting at £50 per person off holidays up to £5,000 and £100 per person off packages over £7,500. www.canadianaffair.com

AGENT TRAINING

WITH OMAN'S new training programme, agents can gain expert knowledge on all the country has to offer.

Those who complete the short course will be in with a chance to win a trip for two to Oman, including return flights with Oman Air and accommodation for eight nights in four- and five-star hotels. The runner up prize will be a Neals Yard Frankincense Collection.

www.omanambassadors.com

COMPLETE THE UK travel agent training programme from the Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex to earn free admission to the space coast attraction. Agents can learn all about the history of the US space programme, including the revolutionary launches from Kennedy Space Center, and gain insight into what draws thousands of visitors to the attraction every year.

www.travelbulletin.co.uk/travelgym

VISIT ORLANDO has launched a new multi-language online training platform for the trade. The Orlando Travel Academy offers quick and easy access to sales planning resources, including digital brochures, maps, itineraries and on-demand training. Graduates can take advantage of a host of offers, ranging from 50% off select theme park tickets to 40% off room rates.

www.orlandotravelacademy.com

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Industry insight by...



**NOT JUST™
TRAVEL**

As 2022 kicks off, Steve Witt, co-founder of Not Just Travel, talks about the diversity of customer bookings, as well as the company's new green-focused initiative.

WHAT A start to the year it has been! Far from people having the January blues, everyone was raring to book their next holiday escape. Our Travel Consultants celebrated the biggest ever day on record for the most passengers ever booked in single day.

In fact, 'Blue Monday' was a record day for us in terms of passenger booking numbers, including every year before the pandemic started. The average booking value was £5,000 and so people are spending more.

Customers are also making faster decisions to buy their holiday now, as summer availability is beginning to get limited.

It shows that people really have an appetite to travel, they appreciate that they need to book early as availability will be limited and they are using travel agencies like ours to book – they know it gives them peace of mind.

Our Covid-19 Travel Insurance continues to be a hugely popular addition to customers' holiday packages

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as it gives them added confidence that no matter what happens, they will be well looked after.

Over 50% of our bookings will be departing in the summer season this year. The most popular destinations booked recently have been short-haul, with the Canary Islands, Turkey and Greece leading the way. Long-haul saw Florida, Barbados and the Maldives generate the most bookings, with many bookings for holidays as varied as cruises, skiing and Lapland for Christmas.

Another popular feature that customers are loving is our Climate Heroes programme with Mossy Earth, where for an addition of just £5 per person per

booking, our customers are helping the environment. Last month, our initiative helped to plant thousands of native trees in Scotland, which will, over time, help to sequester thousands of tonnes of carbon dioxide and bring the landscape back to a wilder state. Of those trees planted, several thousand are Eurasian Aspen. Eurasian Aspen is a keystone species in Scotland, as it supports a diverse range of species and is a favourite food among herbivores such as deer and beavers. Customers don't mind adding on a few pounds to each booking to contribute to this. They love seeing their holidays doing good and making a real impact to change the world for the better.

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, February 24. Solution and new puzzle will appear in the next issue.

**The winner for January 28 is
Kiaa-leigh from Hays Travel.**

January 28 Solution: A=1 B=2 C=8 D=7

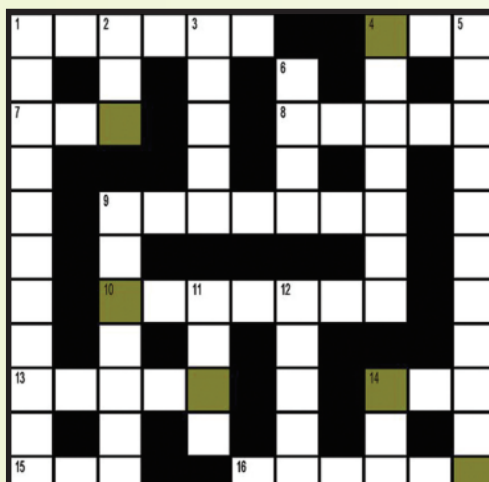
A			2	3		7	8	1	
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	2				6	9	3		
	7		4	9		1			
D		8	9	5		2	6		

WHERE AM I?

I am climbing a steep Andean mountainside, leaving behind the turbulence of the Urubamba River. My intention is to visit a sacred Incan city, five square miles of architectural splendor the likes of which are found nowhere else on the planet. Which city am I visiting?

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

CROSSWORD



Across

- 1 Hotel brand, part of Wyndham (6)
- 4 Prague based airline, initially (3)
- 7 Frankfurt international airport code (3)
- 8 Sixties dance craze (5)
- 9 One of the quieter Spanish costas (7)
- 10 Maseru is the capital of this landlocked country (7)
- 13 Costa Blanca resort city and gateway to the Balearic Islands (5)
- 14 Something freezing in Venice! (3)
- 15 Larnaca international airport code (3)
- 16 Independent tour operator based in Bromley (6)

Down

- 1 He recently won his 21st grand slam at the Australian Open (6,5)
- 2 National flag carrier of Lebanon, initially (3)
- 3 Cruise ship, Disney ____ (5)
- 4 Illinois city, sounds like a cue for a musical (7)
- 5 Popular Staffordshire theme park (5,6)
- 6 Airline alliance (4)
- 9 State capital of Georgia (7)
- 11 Flows through Perth, WA (4)
- 12 Ginza is a popular up-market shopping district in this capital city (5)
- 14 Douglas is the capital, initially (3)

Mystery Word: CALAIS

Down: 1 RAFAEL NADAL, 2 MEA, 3 DREAM, 4 CHICAGO, 5 ALTON TOWERS, 6 STAR, 9 ATLANTA, 11 SWAN, 12 TOKYO, 14 IOM.

Across: 1 RAMADA, 4 CSA, 7 FRA, 8 TWIST, 9 ALMERIA, 10 LESOTHO, 13 DENIA, 14 ICE, 15 LCA, 16 COSMOS.

GREECE & CYPRUS

Image Credit: Adobe Stock



GNTO UK's new tourism director, Eleni Skarveli, talks to *Travel Bulletin* about the tourism board's plans for 2022, new developments to come, and how the travel trade remains integral to all future plans.

GNTO's strategy in 2022

Considering the long lasting effects of the pandemic, 2021 was a good year for Greece and that is exactly what we want to build up upon for 2022. Greece was considered a safe destination throughout the pandemic, with visitors feeling confident to travel there. So, keeping that momentum, for this year we will focus on extending the season by further introducing new destinations and experiences not only for the summer months but throughout the year.

Greece has a very diverse tourism portfolio that focuses on multiple travel experiences varying from soft adventure and sailing to luxury, gastronomy and wellness and those are some of the core tourism sectors that we are going to focus on 2022. Especially when it comes to luxury, we are not just looking to promote the Greek five-star hotels and villas but also the authentic lifestyle, the personalised services, and the unique and exclusive experiences that you can brag about to your friends once you return home from your holiday!

Agent engagement

Like every year, the GNTO office in London will run joint marketing campaigns with various trade partners to boost not only the early bookings but also the last minute requests and further prolonging the season. This year, flights to Greece start in April and will run up to November. Through collaborations and synergies with our trade partners we will try to introduce new and maybe not so well known destinations to UK holidaymakers and also give a variety of options for travel agents to work with.

We will also engage with agents through a series of workshops, roadshows and webinars spanning across the country, focusing on specific tourism themes so we can also tap into the more niche markets. We already receive a lot of information requests for excursion proposals and fun outdoor family activities.

Finally, knowing that nowadays many travellers are really looking into more sustainable and responsible ways to travel, we are working on a sustainability project that will help

educate travel agents on all the destinations and experiences in Greece that can attract the sustainable traveller. There are plenty of green actions and options that are currently happening in Greece that are not known to the broad public.

Coming soon...

A new development to our efforts to extend the season is the arrival of the first cruise ship in the port of Thessaloniki. Cruise ships' passengers will have the option for a speed check-in to and from the airport of Thessaloniki in order not to waste valuable time strolling around the city.

Thessaloniki does indeed have a lot to offer to those who are visiting also for a long weekend as a city break. Besides being a city with a vast cultural and gastronomic tradition, it is also the ideal hub for various day trips to Halkidiki, Lake Kerkini, Vergina, giving the opportunity for visitors to explore the lush, northern part of Greece, which is often overlooked by many guests looking for fresh experiences.

ALL NEW AT ATHENA

Constantinou Bros Hotels has announced a slate of new additions at the Athena Beach Hotel and Athena Royal Beach Hotel, expanding offerings at the two Cyprus properties.

Image Credit: Constantinou Bros Hotel



HOTEL BRAND Constantinou Bros Hotels, which offers a variety of properties across Cyprus, has expanded its offerings at two of its Cyprus properties. Athena Beach Hotel and Athena Royal Beach Hotel, two four-star Superior properties, have welcomed new upgrades.

Constantinou Bros Athena Beach Hotel

This four-star family- and adult-friendly property saw a full renovation last winter, with a host of upgrades including new Superior swim-up pool rooms and a new floor of Superior suites. The hotel also introduced new children's facilities and an adult-only zone to cater for its scope of guests.

All public areas, including a number of bars and restaurants, were refurbished with premium additions.

The adult-exclusive zone features an adults-only pool and a new cocktail bar, along with a Zephyr restaurant for breakfast and dinner.

Children's facilities include new Oasis Splash waterslides, landing pools, splash pads and spray toys, guaranteed to ensure an active experience for the younger guests.

More interconnected family spaces have been added, along with an all-new 'Get Together' experience for larger families and groups.

Constantinou Bros Athena Royal Beach Hotel

This adult-only alternative also invited a full renovation this winter, reopening to guests this coming March.

A new 'St Andrews' rooftop cocktail bar offers a stylish space with panoramic sea views of Paphos and beyond.

Olive Tree is the hotel's new, à la carte restaurant, hosting an expanded menu with light meals and dinner options.

www.cbh-cyprus.com

The Greek Villas spotlights five hidden gems for 2022

WITH FURTHER demand for holidays to Greece for summer 2022, The Greek Villas has spotlighted five lesser-known destinations.

Tinos, one of bigger members of the Cyclades, is home to Villa Martin, where six bedrooms are complemented by a spa area and heated pool, among other facilities.

Sifnos, an idyllic Greek classic, is home to Villa Dali, with 14-guest capacity and an outdoor gym area, pool and fire pit.

Skiathos is an up-and-coming hotspot, with Villa Earth sleeping up to 12 guests and a private chef guaranteeing a taste of the Med.

Amorgos is an unspoiled haven, with Villa Chelsea hosting five bedrooms, an outdoor pergola and a swimming pool.



Image Credit: The Greek Villas

Andros' Villa Breeze can sleep up to 10 guests and offers a private beach among the area's serene landscapes.

www.thegreekvillas.com

Image Credit: Aldemar Resorts



In with the new at Aldemar Resorts

ALDEMAR RESORTS has spotlighted new resort renovations for 2022. The five-star beach resort, Knossos Royal, located in Anissaras on the outskirts of Hersonissos, is adding 44 pool rooms, eight family suites, and two more swimming pools.

On Greece's mainland, the Western Peloponnese near ancient Olympia, the two five-star hotel resorts, Olympian Village and Royal Olympian will be further enhanced in 2022, as 85 rooms are being renovated at the Royal Olympian.

www.aldemar-resorts.gr



Image Credit: Elounda Peninsula

Experience the Elounda

PERCHED ON the water's edge, Elounda Peninsula All-Suite hotel is perfect for both honeymooners looking for the ultimate island getaway, and families.

The seaside hotel offers a selection of premium accommodation, including private suites, villas and residences. Guests can enjoy being in total privacy with direct access to private jetties and the hotel's very own beach, the only hotel in Europe offering this.

Family accommodation in a Peninsula Collection suite room with a private heated pool is from £640 per night for a family of four.

www.eloundapeninsula.com

PLANET HOLIDAYS OFFERS MORE

The operator is expanding its Greece and Cyprus options.

LUXURY, AITO specialist Planet Holidays is furthering its accommodation options across Cyprus and the Greek islands.

Cyprus

The operator is offering options on Cyprus' Western Coast, in Coral Bay. These range from two to six bedrooms with pools. There is also the new Amanti in Ayia Napa, which will open mid May 2022. The five-star luxury retreat is part of the Kanika Hotel Group and has been designed for adults. The hotel boast four signature restaurants, two bars with a menu of signature drinks, a wellness spa, an infinity pool and a MadeForTwo range of signature amenities, facilities and services. The lead in price for two adults on half board in a deluxe room is £1,205.43 per person, inclusive of return flights from Gatwick to

Larnaka and transfers in resort, departing June 15, 2022.

Greece

Planet Holidays will be featuring Mr and Mrs White boutique hotels on the islands of Santorini and Mykonos, as well as lesser-known Paros and Tinos. All are five-star boutique properties, which the operator is confident will do well this year. The lead in price for seven nights departing Gatwick to Mykonos on June 15, with accommodation on a bed-and-breakfast basis from £1,157 per person.

The operator is also offering options in Zante, Rhodes, Crete, Corfu, Parga and Skiathos.

www.planet-holidays.co.uk

Nobu Hospitality to make Greece debut this spring

NOBU HOSPITALITY has announced its first hotel and restaurant in Greece – the Nobu Hotel and Restaurant Santorini, scheduled to open in spring 2022.

Situated on the island's northeast coast, the boutique hotel houses a signature Nobu Restaurant, full-service spa, fitness facility, dual-level infinity pool, and five luxurious pool villas, and offers panoramic views of both the Caldera and Aegean Sea from its unique cliff-top location in Imerovigli.

Just a 10-minute drive to the charming coastal town of Oia and 20 minutes from Santorini (Thira) International Airport, the hotel is well-positioned along the famed Oia-Fira hiking trail that runs between Oia and Fira, Santorini's cosmopolitan capital.



Image Credit: Nobu Hotels

Trevor Horwell, chief executive officer, Nobu Hospitality, comments, "We are very excited to be coming to Santorini and to work with the local community on this exciting project..."

www.nobuhotels.com



Image Credit: Planet Holidays

Ionian & Aegean launches new brochure

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IONIAN & AEGEAN Island Holidays has commemorated its 20th anniversary with a new brochure, marking its biggest ever selection of holidays.

The brochure combines family villas for self-catering breaks, family-run accommodations, five-star boutique hotels and a whole host more.

Along with the most popular of Ionian & Aegean Island Holidays' offerings, there's new additions for the 2022 collection, including an expanded Southern Kefalonian programme with several new villas, three new builds in Assos and new additions in Paxos, Lefkada, Corfu and Skiathos.

Package options combine the choice of accommodation with flights from London Heathrow, Gatwick, Stansted, Bristol, Birmingham and Manchester.

To download the digital brochure, visit www.ionianislandholidays.com/order-brochure.php

New Year, new website for Larnaka Tourism Board

LARNAKA TOURISM Board enters 2022 with a new 'face' following a complete revamp of the website.

The new website features new sections and updated information, including map links for each attraction.

Sights and activities are now split into new categories of 'Enjoy', 'Explore' and 'Experience'.

There is also the addition of virtual tours and interactive features, for agents wanting to see attractions in advance.

www.larnakaregion.com

Olympic Holidays adds Pelion to portfolio

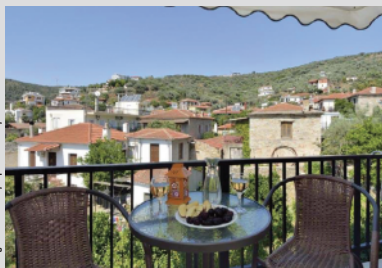
OLYMPIC HOLIDAYS has added the Pelion peninsula to its portfolio.

Tucked away in the Pagasetic Gulf in eastern Greece, the destination is characterised by mountain vistas and beaches.

Hotel Katia is a family run hotel near to the village square of Afissos and a short distance to Lagoudi beach. Hotel Katia offers a great base to explore the local area, including villages and Mount Pelion.

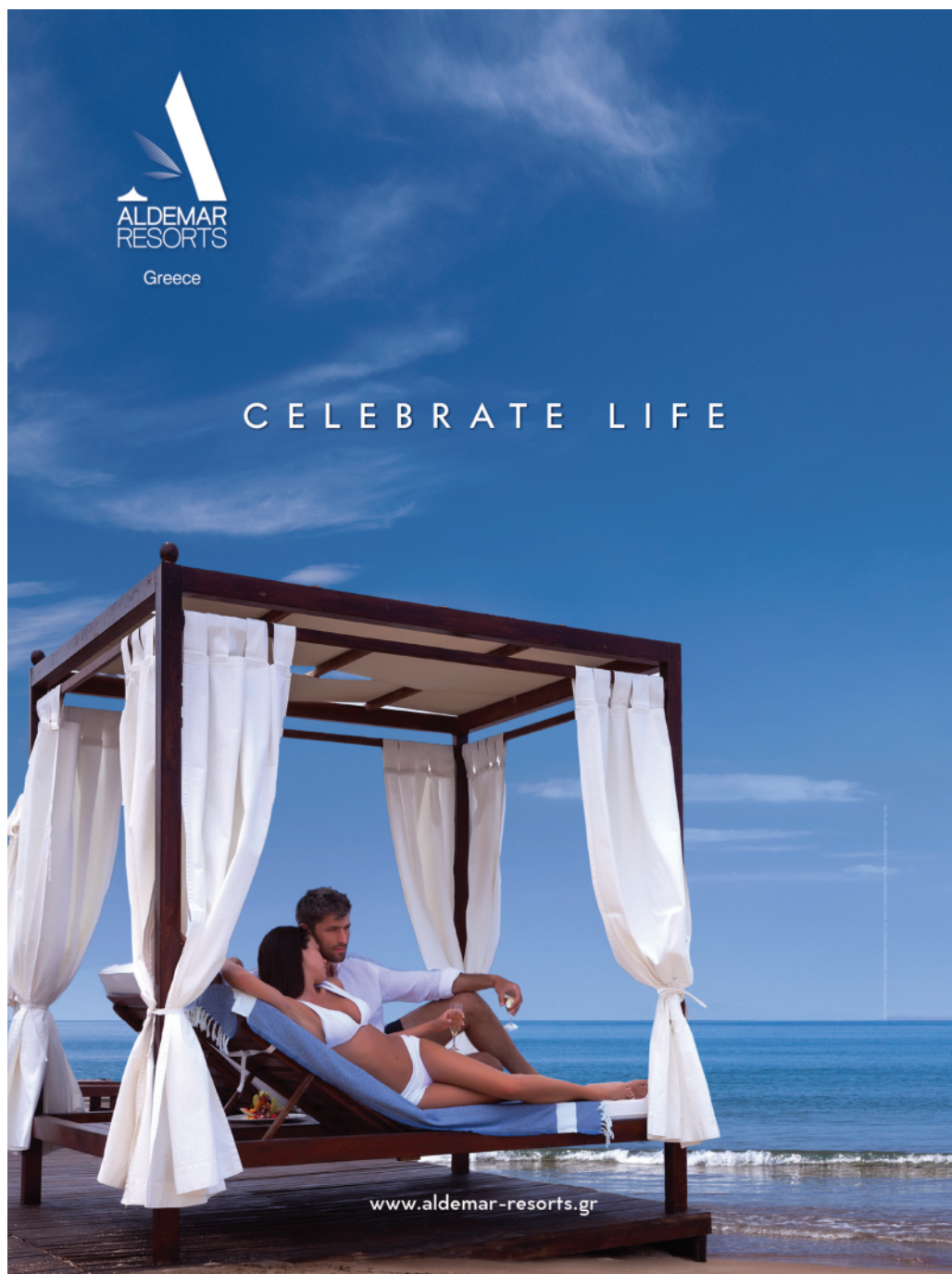
Olympic Holidays offer seven nights, from £354 per person, staying on a bed-and-

Image Credit: Olympic Holidays



breakfast basis, including flights from London Gatwick, travelling May 2022.

www.olympicholidays.com



www.aldemar-resorts.gr

Marriott International to debut W Costa Navarino

MARRIOTT INTERNATIONAL is set to debut the W Hotels Worldwide brand in Greece, as it lines up to open the W Costa Navarino this summer.

W Costa Navarino marks the latest addition to the expanding W Escapes portfolio in Europe, with sister locations in Spain, Switzerland and Portugal.

The property is situated on the Navarino Waterfront, an integrated resort on the Costa Navarino. The beachfront hotel will host 246 stylish rooms, suites and villas, inspired by local decor and the region's classic residential design. Select room categories will host private pools overlooking the Bay of Navarino and Ionian Sea.



Image Credit: Marriott International

The property will open its 246 keys in summer 2022.

"We are thrilled to build on our fantastic relationship with TEMES S.A. to open W Costa Navarino, strengthening Marriott International's presence in this Mediterranean paradise," said Candice D'Cruz, vice president of

luxury brands, EMEA at Marriott International. "Joining our portfolio of coveted W Escapes around the world, W Costa Navarino will add a distinct take on modern luxury to Navarino Waterfront. We look forward to welcoming free-spirited

travelers to this new luxury playground."

Five dining options will be on offer across the property, including a destination beach club overlooking the waterfront, a 'Culinary Square' home to deli food market-style outlets, a sunset bar and the signature W Living Room.

Neighbouring venues will offer even more choice for guests, including Navarino Agora, an open market place with retail, dining and experience offerings.

The hotel joins two other Marriott International properties in the region – the Westin Resort Costa Navarino and The Romanos.

www.whotels.com/escapes

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ELEVATED LUXURY

Regent Cruises' voyages feature 'Upgrade Your Horizon' offerings, with two suite category upgrades and reduced deposits.

REGENT SEVEN Seas Cruises has launched its latest offer, 'Upgrade Your Horizon', giving guests the chance to enjoy a two-category suite upgrade up to a Penthouse suite, when booking by February 28, 2022.

The upgrade offers even more spacious suites to prospective cruisers, as well as additional luxurious

perks, such as one-night pre-cruise hotel stays when upgrading to a Concierge suite, or a personal butler when opting for a Penthouse suite.

'Upgrade Your Horizon' is applicable to over 280 voyages through April 2024, cruising the seas of Africa, Alaska, Asia, Australasia, the Caribbean, the Mediterranean, Northern

Europe, South America and a host more.

UK cruisers will also benefit from a reduced deposit, securing their cruises for 10% of the final price.

World Cruises, Grand Voyages and sailings aboard Seven Seas Grandeur aren't included in the offer.

www.rssc.com

Go wild with &Beyond

CONSERVATION-LED luxury travel company &Beyond has launched a selection of WILDchild Eco-guide Challenge small group journeys, specially designed for nature-loving teens and their parents.

In keeping with &Beyond's mantra of 'Care of Land, Wildlife and People', each of these guided journeys is designed to inspire young minds to make a difference to our planet.

With each journey focusing on a single destination, the 'WILDchild Eco-guide Challenge' in South Africa offers four nights at &Beyond Phinda Private Game Reserve, which boasts a staggering variety of habitats and is renowned for its conservation and community initiatives.

This itinerary is available between October 18 and 22, 2022, as well as between March 6 and 10, 2023.

Prices start from approximately £3,528 per person and include accommodation at &Beyond Phinda Vlei Lodge.

For the full list of destination options, visit www.andbeyond.com

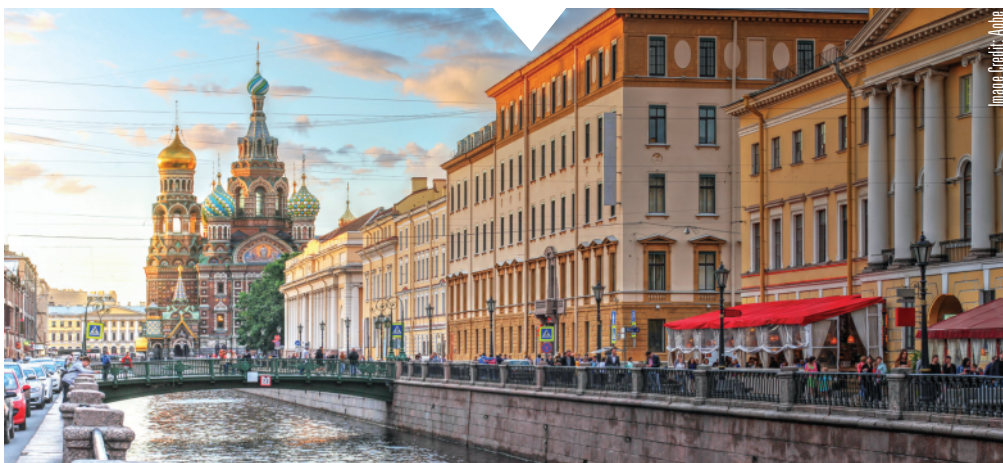


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'The Sights of St Petersburg' is an itinerary featured in the upgrade.

MAGICAL MALDIVES

Heritage Aarah Ocean Suites has expanded with several new indulgent accommodation options which are now available to book.



AITKEN SPENCE Hotels has focused its all-inclusive luxury efforts on two new accommodation concepts: the All-Inclusive Premium Adults-Only Ocean Suites and Ocean Residence options at the Heritage Aarah resort.

Ocean Suite and Ocean Residence guests enjoy the all-inclusive experience that the Heritage Aarah resort is known for from the moment they arrive, with a welcome bottle of champagne on arrival, twice-daily mini-bar replenishing, fully stocked in-suite wine cellars, and unlimited choice from the ice cream, candy and cocktails cart that roams the resort.

Six on-site restaurants and three resort bars guarantee varied choice of culinary and cocktail delights during guests' stay.

Along with getting a taste for the tipples on

offer, those staying in one of the Ocean Suites or the grand Ocean Residence have exclusive use of the BAANI contemporary dining and wine pairing space. The adults-only UDARAS Infinity Pool and Bar vows to offer soul-fuelling stillness and requires no reservation for Suite and Residence category guests.

Guests lucky enough to stay three nights or more in either of the premium room categories will be entitled to additional luxury experiences, such as complimentary medi spa treatments, sunset cruises, and watersport excursions.

Ocean Suite stays start from approximately £1,067 per night, with more exclusive Ocean Residence stays on offer from approximately £5,275 a night.

www.heritagehotels.com/aarah

Caribbean cool with Sandals Resorts

SANDALS RESORTS is offering guests a luxury, all-inclusive Christmas in the Caribbean.

Jamaica from £2,099 per

person: A seven-night stay for two people at Sandals Ochi Beach Resort staying in a Great House Luxury room starts from £2,099 per person. The price includes Luxury Included (all-inclusive) accommodation, return economy class flights with Virgin Atlantic from London Heathrow, resort transfers and more. This price is based on a December 21, 2022 departure.

Antigua from £2,499 per

person: A seven-night stay for two people at Sandals Grande Antigua staying in a Caribbean Premium room starts from £2,499 per person. The price includes Luxury



Included (all-inclusive) accommodation, return economy class flights with Virgin Atlantic from London Heathrow, resort transfers and more. This price is based on a December 20, 2022 departure.

For more deals, visit www.sandals.co.uk



Star Clippers debuts Amalfi Coast package in 2023

TALL-SHIP SAILING company Star Clippers has confirmed details of a new package, incorporating their seven-night Amalfi Coast sailings with a premium experience at the Rome Ryder Cup in September 2023.

The cruise blends the seven-night sailing, calling in Amalfi, Sicily, Sorrento and Plonza, with on-course Champions' Pavilion tickets for day one of the tournament and a three-night pre-cruise stay in Rome at the Marcella Royale Hotel.

The package is available from £4,989 per person.

www.starclippers.co.uk

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SOLSTICE AT SEA

Celebrity Cruises' Millennium and Solstice will set sail across Asia to offer luxury on the continent's various waterways throughout 2023.

CELEBRITY SOLSTICE will join Celebrity Millennium, as the two ships set sail for Celebrity Cruises' 2023-2024 Asia schedule.

The itineraries will blend expansive cityscapes, idyllic beaches, bustling nightlife and the history the continent is famed for.

Taking to the seas from September 2023, Celebrity Millennium will tick off some of the must-do Far Eastern destinations, including Japan, China, Malaysia, Thailand and the Spice Route. The ship's 12-night itineraries have been reimagined, calling at classic ports in Lombok and Kuala Lumpur, while pushing the boundaries to new ports of call in Benoa, Bali and Mumbai. Brand-first ports of call are also on the itinerary for the first time, such as Celukan Bawang and Hambantota.



Image Credit: Celebrity Cruises

Two Celebrity Cruises will explore the Far East in 2023-2024.

Celebrity Solstice will join Millennium in November 2023, stationed to sail a 12-night Southeast Asia voyage to Vietnam and Thailand, departing from Hong Kong and Singapore. "In 2023 we are returning to some of the most treasured destinations within Asia," said Lisa Lutoff-Perlo, president and

CEO of Celebrity Cruises.

"These epic Asia itineraries allow guests to explore some of the world's oldest civilisations and be transformed by the richness of their cultures."

All cruises include Wi-Fi, drinks and tips.

www.celebritycruises.com

Go solo and save on Wendy Wu Tours' South Korea option

WENDY WU Tours is offering a host of breaks with no single supplement, allowing solo travellers to adventure cross-continent and save up to £1,090.

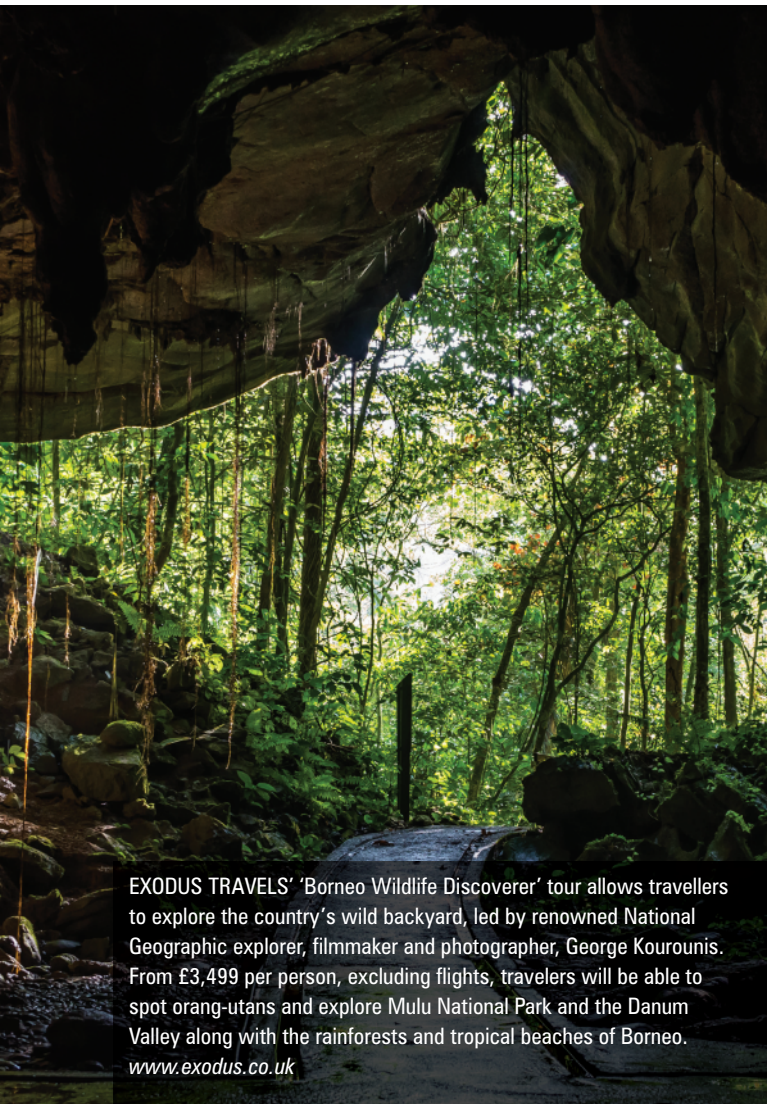
Among the included tours is the 'Scenic South Korea' package, a 13-day group tour.

The fully-inclusive touring option begins in Seoul, with time to take in the South Korea capital before travelling to the Soswaewon Garden and Seonamsa Temple en route to Busan. From Busan, guests can explore Gyeongju, visit the Naksansa Temple and Mount Seorak before returning to Seoul for two days at leisure to close out the adventure.

The tour, with departure dates spanning 2022 and 2023, starts from £4,940 per person, including meals, 11 nights' accommodation, and flights and transfers.

Agents can also explore the other options, including 'Wonder of China' (saving up to £600 per person) and 'Japan Uncovered' (saving up to £1,790 per person) as part of the no solo supplement offer.

www.wendywutours.co.uk



EXODUS TRAVELS' 'Borneo Wildlife Discoverer' tour allows travellers to explore the country's wild backyard, led by renowned National Geographic explorer, filmmaker and photographer, George Kourounis. From £3,499 per person, excluding flights, travelers will be able to spot orang-utans and explore Mulu National Park and the Danum Valley along with the rainforests and tropical beaches of Borneo.
www.exodus.co.uk

Taste your way through Japan

INSIDEASIA IS offering its 'Gastronomic Adventure', for those wanting to sample the many food options of Japan.

Travellers will be able to enjoy a full-day private guided tours of Tokyo and Kyoto; learn to make soba noodles and sushi with two, hands-on cooking classes; sample local cuisine on a night food tour of Hida Furukawa; spend the night at a temple lodging on Mount Koya; and, eat traditional shojin ryori Buddhist cuisine.

There will also be an opportunity to contrast the food cultures of Tokyo and Osaka on two evening street-food tours.

The price, based on a mix of four- and five-star accommodation, starts from £4,680 per person.

www.insideasiatours.com



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In your opinion, what is the most overrated food?



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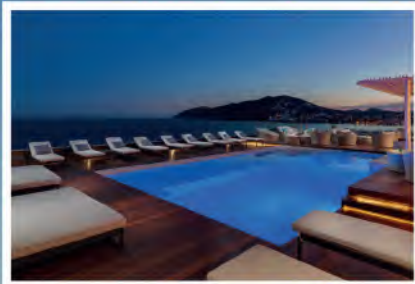
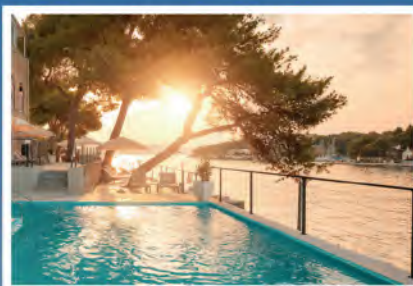
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