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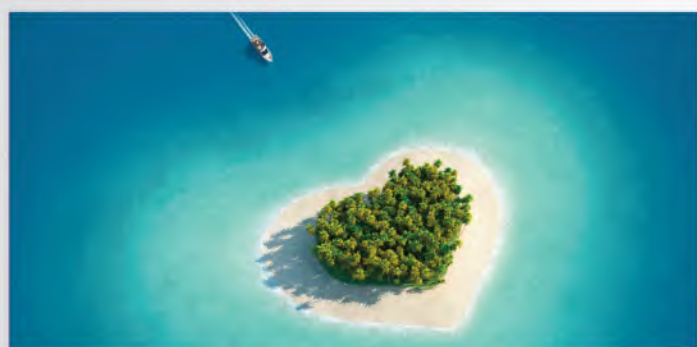
# INVITES YOU TO A WEDDINGS & HONEYMOONS SHOWCASE

AGENT NETWORKING EVENING

**Monday 8th September 2025**  
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## TIMINGS

5:45PM - Registration  
6:10PM - Travel Bulletin Welcome  
6:15PM - Client Presentations  
7:30PM - Hot Dinner  
8:30PM - Client Presentations  
9:15PM - 9:30PM - Product Quiz & Prizes



Travel Bulletin is delighted to invite you to this informative and fun event, enabling you to learn more about the Weddings & Honeymoons industry from leading suppliers. The evening will involve networking and presentations along with a delicious hot dinner, drinks, exciting entertainment and a free prize draw with prizes galore!

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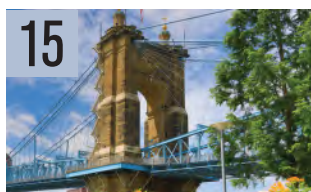
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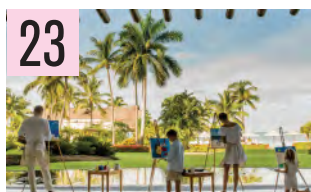
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Multi-generational escapes continue to rise in popularity.

# WHERE'S HOT THIS SUMMER

RateHawk has revealed the most popular destinations booked by UK agents this summer.

SUMMER IS well and truly upon us, and B2B online booking system RateHawk has outlined the top destinations Brits are heading to for the season.

The top 10 outbound destinations that will be welcoming Brits this year are the US, Spain, Italy, Greece, France, the UAE, Türkiye, Portugal, Switzerland and Saudi Arabia, with average stays sitting at four nights.

As global trends, set-jetting and the news cycle play a vital role in determining where travellers spend their holidays, a couple of locations have gain traction this year and grown in popularity. Switzerland has witnessed a 72% year-on-year increase in bookings, with holidaymakers setting their eyes on lakeside cities such as Montreux and Interlaken ahead of the festival season. Canada as also shown a 56% increase in bookings, following the

developing turbulence in the US travel scene.

Theme parks remain a major draw for UK families, especially in the US and France, with Visit USA reporting a 3.5% increase in UK visitors heading to Orlando this year.

Japan and Thailand lead as the UK-favourite destinations in Asia as visitor numbers continue to rise. In 2024, Japan registered an annual record of 36.8 million international visitors.

Both destinations have increased their airlift capacity to meet the demand, with British Airways increasing its direct services to Japan and Norse Atlantic airways launching new routes between London and Bangkok later this year. Interest in Thailand has also seen a sharp rise this year due to the popularity of TV smash hit 'The White Lotus' which was filmed in Koh Samui.

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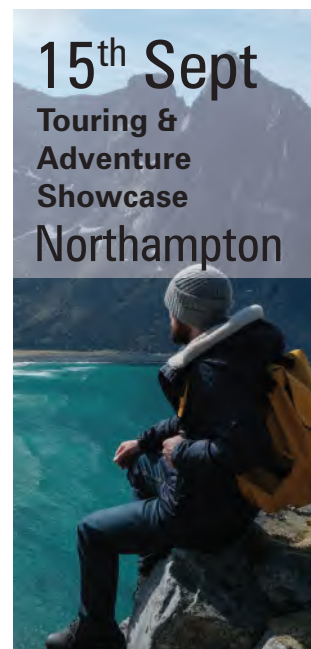
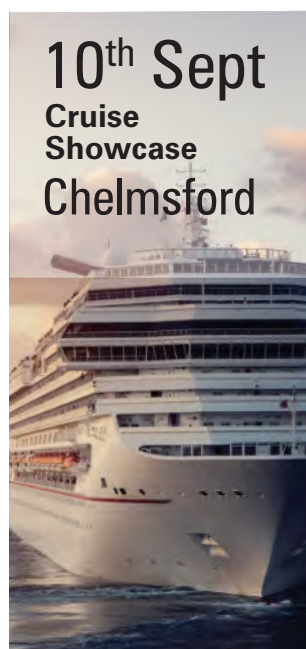
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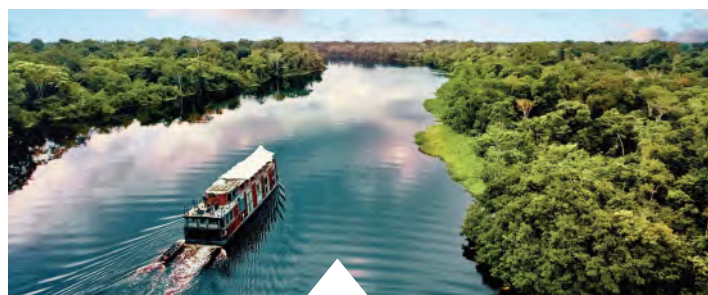
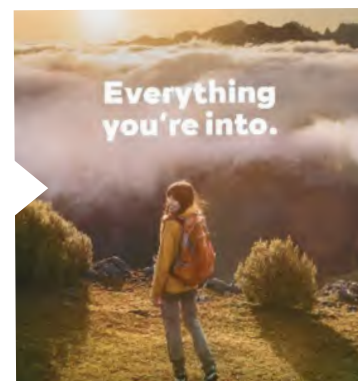


## Discover 'everything you're into' in Madeira

THE MADEIRA Promotion Bureau is positioning the archipelago as a complete and versatile destination in its new campaign titled 'Madeira. Everything You're Into'.

Rolling out first on social media channels, the promotion will then earn a spot on the radio, with a broader multi-channel rollout to follow.

The campaign emphasises the island's diversity in both its visitors and the destination itself, from towering mountains eager to be explored to the calming beaches. The messaging speaks to travellers who are searching for an all-in-one destination, where they can find exactly what they're looking for while also discovering something new.



### Uniworld's ultimate bucket list is here

EMBARK ON an ultimate bucket list tour with Uniworld's new collection featuring a series of longer long-haul land, river and rail journeys.

The four new 'Ultimate Bucket List' itineraries take guests through Southeast Asia, India and South America on

tours ranging from 18 to 21 days. Each itinerary combines immersive land experiences with high-end river cruises. Prices lead in from £7,639 per person for the 20-day 'Ultimate Bucket List Adventure of Southeast Asia' from Ho Chi Minh City to Hanoi.

### Norse makes Manchester debut with city's first Bangkok service

FROM NOVEMBER 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025, Norse Atlantic will operate a flight a week to the Thai capital from Manchester Airport, marking the city's first-ever direct connection to Bangkok.

Norse Atlantic's CEO Bjørn Tore Larsen said the route "has been waiting to happen, and we're proud to be the ones making it a reality. Connecting the two cities is a natural next step for Norse as we continue to disrupt and expand in the long-haul space."

Return fares start from £259 on the weekly service. Manchester Airport's managing director, Chris Woodroffe, added, "Here at Manchester Airport, we're proud to connect the North to the world. Bangkok is one of the most exciting destinations on the planet – and is rightly one of the most popular."

## Royalton to debut adults-only brand

ROYALTON RESORTS is getting ready to debut its brand-new adults-only brand in Barbados for summer 2026.

Royalton Vessence will reimagine the all-inclusive experience, catering for adults looking for a luxurious escape under the sun.

The first property to bring the vision to life is the Royalton Vessence Barbados, An Autograph Collection All-Inclusive Resort –

Adults Only which will debut next summer. The resort was first introduced as Royalton CHIC Barbados.

Jordi Pelfort, president of Blue Diamond Resorts, said, "This brand was created to bring each destination to life through every experience at the resort. From the artwork on the walls to the music that plays after sunset, it's all about living the culture without ever having to leave the hotel."



## G Adventures celebrates biggest-ever Canada launch

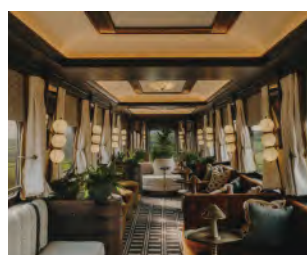
NINE NEW itineraries are joining G Adventures' portfolio across six of Canada's provinces. Covering Classic, Active and Marine travel styles, the new trips will take travellers from the fishing villages of the East Coast to the fjords of Québec.

Bruce Poon Tip, G Adventures' founder, said, "Demand for Canada is booming and our agents and travellers have been asking for more ways to explore this incredible destination. And, when they ask, we listen! These trips are about so much more than seeing Canada – they're about diving in with both feet, and really experiencing the destination."

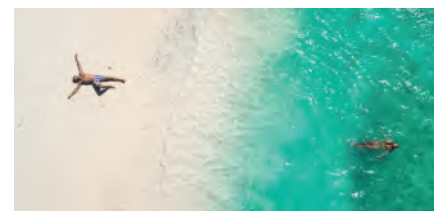
## Luxury locomotive makes British history

THE BRITANNIC Explorer, A Belmond Train, has made history after setting off on its maiden journey last week.

The luxury sleeper train – the first of its kind in England and Wales – departed from London Victoria and took guests on a three-night journey through the nation's most dramatic landscapes, including Cornwall, the Lake



District and into the heartlands of Wales. Prices lead in from £11,000 based on a double cabin and includes all excursions.



## Sandals offers autumnal deals

UCLH IS hosting a series of autumnal offers on all-inclusive holidays to the Caribbean this October.

Standout offers including butler-level accommodation in Jamaica for seven nights leading in from £2,099 per person, while guests can also spend a week at Sandals Royal Curaçao in a Luxury Level room from £2,649 per person.

All offers include roundtrip flights from London airports, or from a selection of regional UK airports when staying at Sandals Royal Curaçao.



## Celestyal launches 2027/2028 sailings

CELESTYAL has unveiled its 2027/2028 programme, marking its earliest launch to date.

Nine itineraries are available year-round with 182 departures from March 2027 to March 2028. The summer season will be spent in Greece and the Mediterranean, while the guests will spend the winter months in the warmth of the Arabian Gulf. Itineraries will range from three to 14 nights aboard the *Celestyal Discovery* and *Celestyal Journey*.

## FLIGHT BITES

STARTING FROM January 13th, 2026, Air France will offer three flights per week to Punta Cana via Paris Charles de Gaulle.



PEGASUS AIRLINES will continue to expand its network this summer with the addition of two routes from London Stansted to Turkish cities Gaziantep and Kayseri. Both services will take to the skies once a week.







## Explore more possibilities

There is so much to be grateful for this July! First and foremost, a huge thank you to all the agents who attended the Travel Bulletin City Breaks Show in Chester. Your enthusiasm and support truly inspire us. We are also over the moon to be voted a finalist once again in the Star LGBTQ+ Friendly Destination category. This recognition highlights Malta's ongoing commitment to being a welcoming and inclusive destination for all.

Malta proudly holds the title of the number one LGBTQ+ friendly destination, thanks to its progressive laws, vibrant LGBTQ+ community, and warm, open-hearted locals. Your clients can enjoy a perfect blend of stunning Mediterranean beaches, lively nightlife, and rich cultural heritage. July is an ideal time to visit, with glorious sunshine and a buzzing atmosphere. Events like Malta Pride and EuroPride add to the island's vibrant spirit, making it a must-visit for LGBTQ+ travellers seeking both relaxation and celebration. Malta truly is a destination where everyone can feel at home.

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With Anna Nash, Explora Journeys' president, declaring that agents "are at the heart of our growth strategy," the luxury ocean brand has released a suite of social media resources exclusively for agents. Collaborating with Rallio, a social media management platform, Explora Journeys has enabled access to brand-approved social media content to schedule and share across agents' platforms.

## Spring Hotels makes Spanish history

MARKED AS the largest hotel acquisition in Spain's history, Spring Hotels has acquired the Mare Nostrum Resort for €430 million in the heart of Tenerife. The bold move, which has doubled the group's portfolio, includes three hotels with over 1,000 rooms and a variety of food venues including the Hard Rock Cafe and Palapa Beach Club.

The new hotels include the five-star Sir Anthony boutique property; the four-star

Cleopatra Palace; and the four-star family-friendly Arona Mediterranean Palace.

Miguel Villarroya, CEO of Spring Hotel, said, "For us, this is more than a hotel expansion, it's a proud repositioning of this iconic resort into local hands [...] it's a bold commitment to quality, a wider product range, and to Tenerife itself. This operation reflects the group's strength and sustained growth over the past decade."

## Flights between UK and US reach record numbers

CIRIUM DATA is projecting flights across the Atlantic to reach record highs this month, with 4,674 flights departing the UK to the USA.

Across the month, a flight to the USA will depart every 9.4 minutes on average. 4,674 flights represent the largest ever monthly flight roster from the UK to the USA, exceeding July 2019's levels by 1.5% – 21% up over the last decade.

10 airlines in total will fly direct to the USA from airports across the UK this month. JetBlue recently launched a new route across the pond from Edinburgh, while BA has begun a daily Pittsburgh service for the first time since 2019 on one of its most popular routes from London Heathrow.



## Variety Cruises unveils new website

VARIETY CRUISES has launched its brand-new website to make it easier than ever before to book a sailing. Every itinerary now includes an 'Ideal For' section and 'Journey Highlights' to help holidaymakers find their perfect cruise with ease.

## AGENT INCENTIVES

- **AHEAD OF** its 130<sup>th</sup> anniversary next year, HX is beginning the celebrations early: each trio of eligible agent bookings confirmed by October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025 includes a free sailing (with a plus one) for the agent themselves. New FIT HX voyage bookings, due to depart in 2025, 2026 or 2027 qualify for entry, with 65 cabins up for grabs.
- **AFTER UNVEILING** High Fliers on July 4<sup>th</sup> last year, the next chapter of Jetset's incentive programme has now been unveiled, rewarding agents for all package bookings with credits for over 80 High Street retailers.
- **AS JUST Go!** Holidays commits to "pack the value" with its new brand promise, agents can win a branded suitcase when booking before July 15<sup>th</sup>. The new strapline, 'You pack the suitcase, we pack the value', hopes to establish the brand "as a great value operator with lots included and promote the convenience of booking with us as much is organised during the trips," according to Claire Dutton, trade sales manager. Tying in with the new messaging is the chance to win a 28-inch suitcase. Any agents confirming bookings by July 15<sup>th</sup> (and sending references to agentcomps@justgoholiday.com by July 16<sup>th</sup>) will be in with a chance.
- **TO CELEBRATE** Wyndham Alltra Punta Cana's waterpark opening, agents earn double reward points on every booking logged for the resort this month. Double rewards apply on all seven-night bookings. Agents need 35 Playa Points to secure a free night stay at select Wyndham, Jewel and Seadust properties. Points can also be converted into cash.

# AGENT BULLETIN



**AHEAD OF IPW, Brand USA wrapped up its 10th MegaFAM in Philadelphia! Almost 100 agents from across the UK and Europe joined the destination marketing organisation and its partners for the fam, which included Aer Lingus, American Airlines, Iberia and British Airways.**

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## COMPETITION

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## AGENT TRAINING

- **NYC TOURISM + Conventions** has bolstered its NYC Travel Trade Academy with a luxury module and committed to updating its B2B NYC Luxury Guide regularly. President and CEO of New York City Tourism + Conventions, Julie Coker, iterated that the board is "focused on fostering strong trade relationships," and also unveiled a dedicated Luxury Hub for HNWI travel sellers.
- **RIVIERA EXPLORER** has been bolstered with dedicated modules around solo and group travel, plus a 'Why Riviera?' module to clarify exactly why the company's values and offering align with current consumer demands. Vicky Billing, director of trade and partnerships, hopes the expansion of the learning platform "underlines [the operator's] unwavering commitment to support agents and trade partners..."
- **MONACO EXPERT**, the Monaco Government Tourist & Convention Authority's agent training platform, has welcomed a new module centred around 'Incredible Itineraries'. The module covers the varying travel styles on offer across Monaco alongside existing sections around the destination's hotels and experiences.
- **THE ST. Kitts Tourism Authority's** revamped agent training platform, launched in May, sees agents rewarded with a £50 Love2shop voucher with every booking to the destination. Additional benefits on the platform include a refresh to the St. Kitts Yourway (SKY) initiative for travel agents, which offers exclusive rates and discounts until December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025, for stays from August onwards. Marsha T. Henderson, Minister of Tourism, said the continuation of SKY and revamp of the overall platform "reinforc[es] our commitment to strong partnerships with travel agents."



## CroisiEurope kick-starts Christmas

CHRISTMAS HAS come early for CroisiEurope as the cruise line has launched a new four-day Christmas market cruise along the waterways of Belgium.

Guests will visit the markets in Bruges and Ghent, as well as enjoy guided tours of the cities with seasonal tastings throughout.

Prices lead in from £987 per person for departures from December 2<sup>nd</sup> this year.



**NEWMARKET HOLIDAYS** is releasing a new rock 'n' roll tour through the US for 2026. The nine-day 'Motown, Rock 'n' Roll & Niagara Falls' tour begins in Toronto before heading south into Detroit to experience the city's Motown legacy and on to Cleveland to experience the iconic Rock & Roll Hall of Fame. Prices lead in from £2,147 per person.

## easyJet connects Leeds to Barcelona

EASYJET IS adding more travel options within Yorkshire with a new direct route from Leeds Bradford Airport to Barcelona, starting October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

The route will operate twice a week, with flights on Wednesdays and Saturdays. The flights will fly directly to Josep Tarradellas Barcelona-El Prat Airport.

The airline commits itself to the improvement of connectivity for

passengers hailing from the North, as this addition follows after easyJet's Palma, Paris, and Malaga expansions.

The terminal upgrade at Leeds Bradford will provide travellers with easier accessibility due to faster security, more seating, improved lounges, and more diverse food choices.

Return flights are now available starting from £50.

## MOVERS & SHAKERS



**FRED. OLSEN TRAVEL** has appointed Julie Berry as its new managing

director where she will bring over 25 years of experience to the role.



**ANTHONY MCINTYRE** will further expand G Adventures' sales team in

his new role of global purpose specialist.



**EMERGING TRAVEL** Group has announced Astrid Kastberg will

join RateHawk as the new managing director.

## Ambassador launches 2027/2028 season

FEATURING NO-FLY cruises, 75 itineraries, themed voyages and a tighter focus on adults-only sailings, Ambassador's 2027/2028 season is already making waves. The programme offers an abundance of tweaks and changes to Ambassador's previous seasons on the sea, including 10 new ports for sailors to explore over the season's run to 41 countries on 75 itineraries. To mark the launch, Ambassador is offering a series of early booking incentives for guests who book by September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Buy One, Get One Half Price is available on all sailings within the season, and guests can enjoy 50% off the per-day price with the Premium Drinks Package – the Expedition Package.



## Malaysia repositions tourism

TOURISM MALAYSIA has unveiled a new collection of promotional videos as part of its flagship Visit Malaysia 2026 campaign. The initiative seeks to position Malaysia as a premier global destination, recognised for its cultural richness, natural beauty, and warm hospitality.



## 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 24th. Solution and new puzzle will appear next week.

**June 27th Solution: A=3 B=8 C=4 D=7**

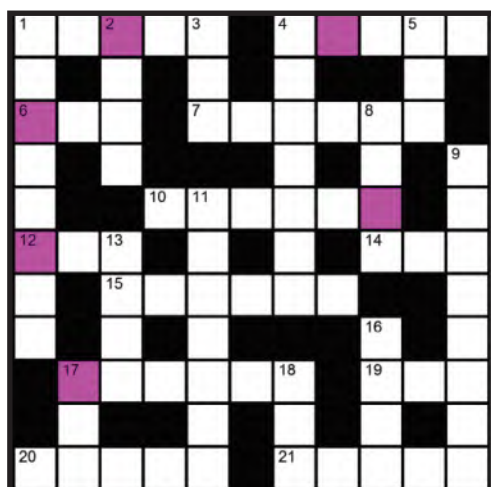
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BORDERING AFRICA's largest lake, this city is Uganda's commercial heart where a lively city blends with its natural surroundings.

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



## Across

- 1 Family owned company specialising in holidays to Africa and South Asia, \_\_\_\_ (5)
- 2 Luxury Travel (5)
- 4 Accommodation afloat (5)
- 6 Durban, King Shaka international airport code (3)
- 7 Scandinavian country (6)
- 10 Morocco resort popular for beaches and souks (6)
- 12 Istanbul international airport code (3)
- 14 Cricketing term (3)
- 15 Capital of Zimbabwe (6)
- 17 Hindu festival of lights (6)
- 19 Country initially, found in the capital of Zambia (3)
- 20 Surname of a celebrity cook whose first name is the same as 2 Down (5)
- 21 St Albans based operator, \_\_\_\_ Plus (5)

## Down

- 1 Britain's smallest city (2,6)
- 2 Cunard ship named for the Queen consort of George V (4)
- 3 One of the Dodecanese islands (3)
- 4 Somerset gorge, sounds cheesy (7)
- 5 Hotel brand, Premier \_\_\_\_ (3)
- 8 Currency of 11 Down (4)
- 9 Country popular for safaris in the Chobe National Park (8)
- 11 England's Young Lions recently beat this country to retain their U21 European Championship title (7)
- 13 Star Alliance member, \_\_\_\_ Airways (4)
- 16 Bovine associated with Birmingham (4)
- 17 River sounds like a letter of the alphabet (3)
- 18 Broadcasting company celebrating their 70th anniversary this year (3)

CROSSWORD

Mystery Word: MADRID

Across: 1 SOMAK, 4 CABIN, 6 DUR, 7 SWEDEN, 10 AGADIR, 12 IST, 14 OUT, 15 HARARE, 17 DIWALI, 19 USA, 20 BERRY, 21 VILLA. Down: 1 ST DAVIDS, 2 MARY, 3 KOS, 4 CHEDDAR, 5 INN, 8 EURO, 9 BOTSWANA, 11 GERMANY, 13 THAI, 16 BULL, 17 DEE, 18 ITV.



## The heart of Australian culture

WITH OVER 40 exclusive experiences in its portfolio, Cultural Attractions of Australia celebrates the country's diverse historical influences, and executive officer Annabel Sullivan spoke to *Travel Bulletin* about the importance of sharing these



stories once travellers return home.

"Recent data from Arival stated that more attractions are offering behind the scenes experiences allowing travellers to take advantage of being in that place at that time. Having a guided experience allows guests to hear more stories unfold and to maximise their Australian holiday."

"We believe we have global appeal for travellers looking 'for more'; those high-value travellers who are seeking value for money, but who are willing to pay a bit more to get a really incredible experience. We like to use the line 'behind-the-scenes experiences for curious travellers' at Cultural Attractions of Australia. It's all about the holiday bragging factor!"

To read the full interview, head on over to the *Travel Bulletin* website:  
<https://travelbulletin.co.uk>



**EXPLORE WORLDWIDE'S 'Great Asia Getaway' sale ended last month with a huge uptick in visitors keen to travel to the continent – with one in five bookings coming through agent partners. Compared to the same period as last year, agent sales to Asia were up 108%, with online agent sales also up 99%.**

## Riviera Explorer shows off new enhancements

A SERIES of enhancements are coming to the Riviera Explorer e-learning platform to equip agents with the key tool and knowledge they need to sell the operator's evolving products to their clients.

Now live, the updates include a new module featuring a brand video designed to reinforce Riviera's USPs; an enhanced module focused on selling solo; dedicated modules for group bookings; a new section

highlighting mobility level classification; and improved internal insights.

Vicky Billing, director of trade and partnerships UK and Ireland, said the operator will continue to invest into the platform as it "underlines our unwavering commitment to support agents and trade partners by providing them with information, tips and advice that is consistently updated and enhanced."

## Audley unveils luxury land and sea trio

THREE NEW itineraries join Audley's land and cruise programme, featuring voyages with luxury cruise line Seabourn.

Travellers will still have the option to create their own 'hybrid trip' with new bespoke experiences joining the existing offering. Guests can take in everything from coastal Alaska and Canada to southeast Asia in a luxurious setting both on land and the sea.

The new itineraries include the 24-day 'Southeast Asia by train and luxury Seabourn cruise'; the 15-day 'Coastal Alaska & Canada with luxury Seabourn cruise'; and the 14-day 'Croatia's cities & coast with luxury Seabourn cruise'.



## SunExpress brings Antalya to the Midlands

A NEW service will operate out of East Midlands Airport in 2026, allowing travellers from the region to fly direct to Antalya for the first time with SunExpress. The service will operate three times per week, offering more departure dates for UK travellers.



**JUNGFRAU**  
TOP OF EUROPE



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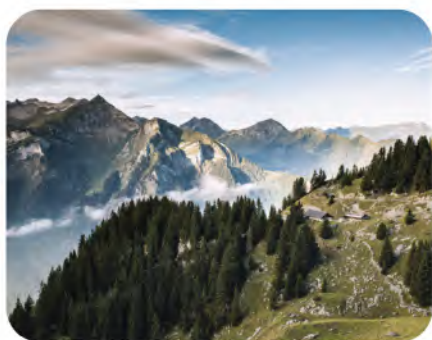
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# *Jungfrau Railways*



## **Schynige Platte** **Top of Swiss Tradition**

Travel by historic cogwheel train to 1,967 m for stunning views of the Eiger, Mönch, Jungfrau and Lakes Thun and Brienz. Stroll the Flower and Panorama Trail and enjoy the new Skywalk – a glass platform offering wide vistas over Lake Thun and alpine peaks.



## **Jungfrauoch** **Top of Europe**

Ride the cogwheel train and Eiger Express to Europe's highest station at 3,454 m. Marvel at the Aletsch Glacier from Eismeer station, then explore the Ice Palace and enjoy breathtaking views from the Sphinx Deck and Glacier Plateau – across the Alps to the Black Forest.



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# Choose the tour that gives you more

We're only halfway through and what a year it's already been! In January we had our biggest peaks to date, a fitting start to our Year of More. Since then we've dialled up support, training and fam trips for our travel agent partners, and made booking easier than ever on a brand-new website. It's been my absolute pleasure to share these opportunities with you, and I'd like to thank you for your continued loyalty and support. If you haven't already, don't forget to sign up to our new incentives scheme, for guaranteed rewards and more every time you book.



**Shane Lewis-Riley**  
Director of Trade Distribution

## The tour that offers more



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## Dusit makes all-inclusive debut in the Maldives

DUSIT HOTELS & Resorts is set to mark a major milestone at the end of the month with the soft opening of dusitD2 Feydhoo Maldives – the group's first all-inclusive lifestyle resort and second Dusit-branded property in the country.



Located on a natural island just seven minutes by speedboat from Velana International Airport, the resort is set to open its doors for a soft launch on July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

Gilles Cretallaz, chief operating officer for Dusit International, said, "dusitD2 Feydhoo Maldives brings a bold new energy to the Maldives while staying true to Dusit's signature Thai-inspired gracious hospitality.

Thoughtfully designed for the young and the young at heart, this vibrant, all-inclusive resort is more than just a place to stay; it's a lifestyle destination offering exceptional marine experiences, curated adventures, and effortless escapes in a stunning setting."

To celebrate the launch, Dusit is offering complimentary round-trip speedboat transfers, all-inclusive dining and instant villa upgrades as part of an Exclusive Opening Offer.



**CORSICAN PLACES' 2026 holidays are now on sale, giving travellers more time to secure their preferred accommodation and flights. The programme is formed of a wide selection of accommodation types, including villas, apartments, boutique properties and larger luxury resorts across the French island.**

## Radiance on the Danube

RIVIERA RADIANCE has completed her first itinerary on the Danube after setting sail on her maiden voyage on June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

Vicky Billing, director of trade & partnerships UK & Ireland, said the new vessel is "truly transformational for us at Riviera Travel. Following the launch of the *MS Riviera Rose* earlier this year, we are incredibly proud of these two state-of-the-art additions to our fleet, as they highlight our

ongoing commitment to innovating and enhancing our offering."

The new state-of-the-art river ship can carry 178 passengers and boasts the largest suites across any Riviera vessel.

During the rest of the year, *Riviera Radiance* will operate across nine itineraries on the Danube, while sister ship *Riviera Rose* will offer two itineraries across Portugal and Spain.

## The Dragon Trip offers 20% off this July

THE DRAGOIN Trip is starting off summer on a strong note with its July deals on a wide selection of Asian itineraries where travellers can earn up to 20% off.

Some of the operator's best-selling tours included in the promotion are the 12-day South Korea tour priced from £1,383; the 20-day Vietnam to Cambodia Group Tour from £1,047; the 22-day Shanghai Loop from £1,239; and the nine-day Hong Kong to Chengdu Group Tour from £559.

As well as enjoying the discounted fares, travellers will only have to pay a 10% deposit.



## Villa Dubrovnik reopens after two years

VILLA DUBROVNIK has reopened its doors following a multi-million euro transformation. The 56-key hotel has been closed to guests since October 2023, but after undergoing a complete re-imagining, its reopening is highly anticipated.





# IN THE HOT SEAT WITH...

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The Cincy Region is where America's North meets its South—Maija Zummo, Visit Cincy's senior manager of international & domestic communications, spells out Cincy to showcase exactly what makes the destination stand out.

## C is for Chili: the Cincy Region's culinary scene

Cincinnati is most famous for two meat dishes. One of them is Cincinnati-style Chili. Unlike typical Texas chili, its more like a bolognese that we serve over spaghetti topped with a ton of cheddar cheese—you can also eat it on a hot dog! It was invented by Greek immigrants who first started serving it out of

a burlesque theatre, and now there are more than 200 chili parlours across Cincinnati serving it. It's a must-try.

The other iconic meat dish is Goetta, a pork and oat sausage invent by our large German immigrant population. At Findlay Market, the oldest public market in Ohio, there is a butcher whose family has been making Goetta since 1852. Select places do great vegan and vegetarian alternatives.

Aside from those, we have some of the best ranked new restaurants in America according to USA Today and the New York Times: Wild Weed and Aperture. They are super cool restaurants but also super affordable.



## I is for Icons of Ohio

Cincinnati's iconic structure, our Eiffel Tower if you will, is the Roebling Suspension Bridge. It's a bright blue prototype of the Brooklyn Bridge, and was the longest bridge in the world when it opened in 1856.

Our wider region's architecture is also incredible. We have an area called Over-the-Rhine, which is a National Historic District and home to over 320 acres of gorgeous Italianate architecture.

## N is for New!

There is so much new stuff to get excited about in and around Cincy. We have just launched Cincitucky Trails, which is an interactive map that has started connecting all of the bike and hike trails in the Cincinnati area—the nation's largest urban trail network.

Recently, we welcomed a new Moxy in Cincinnati's Downtown and two more bourbon distilleries joined our Kentucky

Bourbon Trail. One of those, Wenzel Whiskey, lets you blend and bottle your own bourbon. It is not all just bourbon, we've also collated the Cincy Region Ale Trail, where visitors can collect stamps on a passport to collect swag!

## C is for Connectivity

We are *so* connected! We have the direct British Airways flight to CVG from Heathrow, which is going into its third year. CVG is around 15 minutes from the downtown area. Aside from direct

flights, we are within a four-hour drive of Chicago, Detroit, Nashville, St. Louis, Pittsburgh and a host of other cities. Inter-city we are the heart of Amtrak's Cardinal line.

The city itself is super walkable and we have the free streetcar, too.



## Y is for Year-Round Events

Where to start?! We are huge on festivals: Goettafest, Oktoberfest, Taste of Cincinnati... our team does a great job of updating the rolling year-round calendar at [www.visitcincy.com/events/](http://www.visitcincy.com/events/)



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# WHISKY ON ICEBERG

The once 'dry' dock where the *Titanic* was built is now a history-making distillery.



OVER 110 years after the *Titanic* left its slipways, and over two decades since it ceased operation for good, Belfast's Thompson Dock was reimagined into the Titanic Distillers.

If its role in Belfast's iconic shipbuilding history and the iconic tale of the *Titanic* didn't make the attraction historic enough, the distillery is also the

first in the city since the Prohibition—almost 90 years.

Beyond the traditional taste-and-tour model of competing whiskey distillers, the brewery's founders made concerted efforts to maintain the dock's original Pumphouse, available to view on tours, and its history long before distilling embodies how shipbuilding, the *Titanic*, whiskey and great tipples are all entwined in Northern Ireland's history.

Given that whiskey must sit in oak for at least three years to be legally certified, guests won't officially get a taste of true *Titanic* whiskey until around December next year at the earliest.

Until then, the band plays on, and agents can secure admission for those on a city break or road trip around the Emerald Isle via TUI Musement.

The attraction provider blends tours of the distillery with a trip to the Giant's Causeway from £65 departing from Dublin, including calls at some iconic castles along the way and return transport.

Guided tours include a 67-step descent into the Thompson Dock itself, a behind-the-scenes look into the ongoing distilling process, and a tasting of the vodka and gin the distillery has already begun to produce.

## Space-age summer at Kennedy

KENNEDY SPACE Center Visitor Complex's exclusive after-hours party, Kennedy Under the Stars, returns at the end of August.

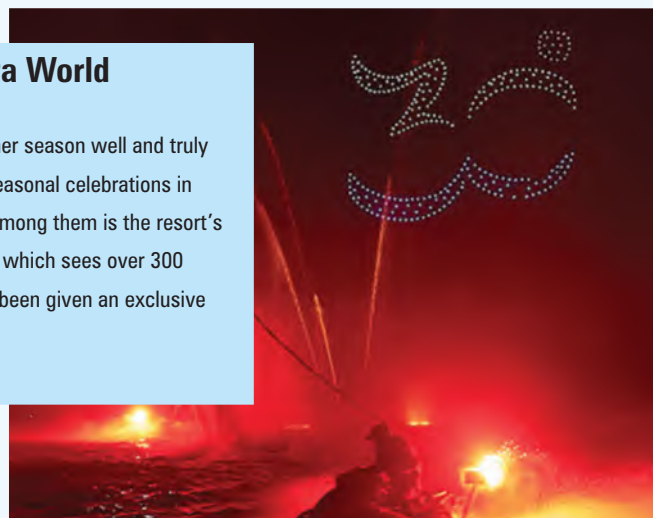
On the 30<sup>th</sup>, the visitor complex is embedding some Y2K nostalgia into attractions with a techno dance party, video DJ, and Cosmic Glow mini golf.

Tickets for the after-hours event lead in from £48 per person.

Until August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025, an 'Admission + Meal' bundle sees a US\$10 discount on regular daytime admission when purchasing a US\$20 meal voucher for the onsite cafés.

## 30 years of PortAventura World

WITH PORTAVENTURA World's summer season well and truly underway, the resort has confirmed seasonal celebrations in honour of its 30th anniversary. Chief among them is the resort's iconic nighttime show, *FiestAventura*, which sees over 300 drones take to the sky. The show has been given an exclusive anniversary makeover this year.







## Houston, we have a day out

WHILST KENNEDY continues to attract visitors as an add-on to Floridian theme park adventures, Space Center Houston had an equally important role in America's space race success, and spawned one of the most iconic catchphrases of all time.

In 2025, however, Houston has swapped 'a problem' for an immersive adventure through the Apollo Mission Control Centre, a walk-through replica space shuttle and the chance to meet an astronaut. Adult admission starts from £22.



## Across the Atlantic Park

THIS SUMMER will see Virginia Beach boost its multi-generational offering with a new attraction. Blending a surf lagoon, catering to all levels of ability from first-time wavebreakers to seasoned surfers, and The Dome, a live music and entertainment venue developed by local icon Pharrell Williams, Atlantic Park strives to balance the energy of a theme park with coastal culture.

## Cracking theme, Gromit!

BLACKPOOL'S ICONIC Pleasure Beach Resort has announced an upgrade to Wallace & Gromit's Thrill-O-Matic attraction after the Aardman duo returned to screens last year in *Wallace & Gromit: Venegance Most Fowl*.

Five new additions will be made to the ride, inspired by the film which recently started streaming on Netflix.

The ride's original iteration sees guests travel past scenes from Wallace & Gromit's classic shorts and films, including *A Grand Day Out*, *The Wrong Trousers*, *A Close Shave*, *A Matter of Loaf and Death* and *The Curse of the Were Rabbit*.

*Venegance Most Fowl*-inspired additions will come in the form of the film's villains, Norbot and the returning Feathers McGraw.

CEO Amanda Thompson says the revamp of the ride "reaffirms our commitment to attracting families back to the resort for what we hope will be *A Grand Day Out*."



The park has also announced the addition of Aviktas, a first-of-its-kind in the UK ride. The pendulum ride will swing guests as high as 138 feet.

Admission starts from £25 in the 2025 season; the revamped Thrill-O-Matic will open later this summer.

## Canada Strong! Pass eases access

DESTINATION CANADA is ensuring that guests are aware that Canada stands strong in 2025.

The Canada Strong pass, available until September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025, hopes to streamline access to, and spotlight, the attractions that encapsulate the rugged Canadian spirit.

Minister of Canadian Identity and Culture, Steven Guilbeault, said the pass "aims to make it even easier for families to choose Canada—to discover the beauty of our country, connect with nature, and enjoy our

culture all summer long. Whether it's visiting a national park they always wanted to see, exploring a museum, or booking a camping trip, families can create lasting memories together.

"This Pass is about celebrating a strong, united Canada."

Whilst the initiative doesn't require a physical ticket, booking, or pass, guests can enjoy a suite of benefits.

Throughout the period, all national historic sites, national parks and national marine conservation areas have waived admission fees. Overnight guests can enjoy 25% off camping fees at the same location.

National museums offer free admission for those under 17 and 50% off those between 18 and 24.

17-and-under also gets free VIA Rail travel, with the 18-to-24s earning 25% off fares.





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## ESCAPE TO THE EMIRATES

Kids go free this summer in Abu Dhabi, with an abundance of adventures waiting to be had.



AS THE school summer holidays loom closer by the day, family-orientated destinations and breaks are in high demand, and Experience Abu Dhabi is putting kids firmly in the driving seat this summer season by offering a 'Kids Go Free' promotion for families looking for an unforgettable escape.

### Family is the heart of this Maldivian resort

INDULGE IN a summer escape to the Maldives where families can come together to create treasured memories. At the InterContinental Maldives Maamunagau Resort, luxury and serenity is blended with an avid sense of adventure, perfect for little explorers to discover one of the most picturesque destinations in the world.

Planet Trekkers is the on-site programme where explorers aged four to 12 can learn more about the destination through games, crafts and mini expeditions. Teenagers can also let loose and make new friends at one of the resorts Teen Offerings, including private classes and group outings.

Free hotel stays, meals and entry into a wide range of attractions and activities across the city are available. Families can get up close and personal with the animals in Al Ain Zoo, explore hands-on exhibits within the Children's Museum in the Louvre Abu Dhabi, and immerse themselves with the wonders under the waves at the National Aquarium Abu Dhabi.

The promotion follows new research conducted in the UK which highlights a major shift in the dynamics of a family holiday and the reliance on children to help in the planning stages. Half of the parents surveyed stated they let their

child help to choose the destination, with 94% of children wanting to spend their holiday embarking on grand adventures they are unable to at home.

One such excitement is the chance to experience the thrills and spills of Yas Island where, until September 30<sup>th</sup>, one child can go free per one adult. Families of four will only pay for two when staying at any of the participating hotels, as well as enjoy free dining.

What's more, kids can play for free at any of Yas Island's electrifying theme parks – Ferrari World, Warner Bros. World, SeaWorld Yas Island, and the newly-opened Yas Waterworld.

### Hassel-free travel this summer

WHILE THE stress of a long-haul flight can seem daunting with young children, Air Transat has made it a mission to make the journey as stress-free for families as possible. Adjacent standard seating aboard the plane is assigned for free to children between the ages of two and 13 with their parents/guardians on the same booking; and complimentary headphones and activity books are available for Kid's Club members during the flight.







## Muilt-gen travel through the Fjords

LUXURY TAILOR-made specialist Up Norway offers a selection of family programmes stretching across the country, from the fjords to the heart of the cities.

For a more enriching summer experience, families can choose to explore the snow-capped peaks while staying in a cozy cabin in the Lyngen Alps, or embark on a road trip inland adventure from the fjords to rural villages. From June to August, families who travel to Norway can also enjoy the phenomenon of the midnight sun.



## Wyndham's waterpark opens for summer

WYNDHAM ALLTRA Punta Cana's new waterpark is officially open for business just in time for the summer season. Splash Island Waterpark will offer guests four high-adrenaline waterslides not for the faint of heart, including a hydrotube-kamikaze, a four-lane multitrack slide and a 91 metre crazy river. A lazy river is available for those wanting to sit back and watch their families enjoy the thrills.

## Sun, sea and football awaits in Dubrovnik

JUST BEYOND the sleepy village of Orašac sits an idyllic luxury beachfront property ready to entertain every member of the family.

The Sun Gardens Dubrovnik provides a picturesque base for families looking for a relaxing break this summer. While the parents can soak up the sun and rejuvenate in the spa, the younger members of the family have access to a number of facilities, including the Marko Polo Kids Club.

For the more active children and teens who wish to try their hand at different activities, they have the choice of a variety of sports in the extensive Sports Academy, including the Football Academy, Tennis Academy, Squash, Swimming Academy and the Watersports Academy, as well as the Campioni Soccer Academy which runs through the summer season.

Inspiring Travel is offering a seven-night stay at the resort this summer for either an



August 18<sup>th</sup> or 25<sup>th</sup> departure from £3,699 per family based on two adults and one child.

The package includes one free Football Academy place and return flights and transfers. Bookings must be made by August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

## Small kids, big savings

RUNNING THROUGH the summer until August 22<sup>nd</sup>, VisitPITTSBURGH has launched its annual KidsBURGH promotion, featuring a free official KidsBURGH 2025 Passport as well as a wide range of discounts across some of the city's most iconic attractions.

Some of the attractions featured within the promotion include the Pittsburgh Zoo & Aquarium (10% off in the gift shop); Kennywood (45% off on tickets and passes); Sandcastle (40% off tickets and

passes); Idlewild (40% off tickets and passes); Liberty Magic (15% off tickets); the Children's Museum of Pittsburgh (20% off merchandise); Gateway Clipper (10% off tickets); Moonshot Museum (\$2 off admission); and the Carnegie Science Center (\$2 off admission).

VistPITTSBURGH president & CEO Jerad Bachar, said, "We're thrilled to welcome families back to Pittsburgh this summer to discover why our city is one of the top family destinations in the country.

"From world-class museums and thrilling attractions to outdoor adventures and family-friendly dining, we're grateful to partner with so many area businesses to make summer travel more accessible and memorable for visitors of all ages."

Families can download the free digital pass on the VisitPITTSBURGH website via text message or email.





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## SELECTIONS FROM SOIL AND SEA

### FINCA FRESH

Follow your taste buds to the famously fertile fincas, the plantations of Gran Canaria, and their mouthwatering ingredients: tomatoes, bananas, tropical fruits, potatoes and the distinctive island wine – a combination of the unique island climate and rich volcanic soil. Where better to sample this fare than

on the farmsteads themselves, tended by local families who have sent their food to Spain/worldwide for generations? Gran Canaria is the only place in Europe to grow coffee. Find it at Finca La Laja in Agaete, and try delicious Gran Canarian honey at Arehucas distillery.

### TROPICAL TAVERNA TABLES

Tavernas scattered around the island offer reasonably priced homemade dishes with local ingredients. As you move inland, the coastal seafood and fish dishes make way for the island's famous meat recipes: papas arrugadas with mojo sauce, gofio escaladado, potaje stew – to enjoy with local wine. Sample them at La Vega Cave restaurant.



### GOURMET GC

Gran Canaria is now part of the Tasting Spain network, inspiring young, talented chefs to create contemporary dishes with local ingredients and traditional recipes. Gourmet Gran Canaria's luxury offerings include two Michelin-starred restaurants, La Aquarela in Patalavaca and Los Guayres at the Cordial Mogán Playa hotel.

### THE MAGIC OF THE MARKET

Follow the locals to the farmers' market, Mercado del Puerto, Las Palmas. It's where all the young, cool revellers flock to.





## New activities land at Velas Resorts

WITH ACTIVITIES available for every age group, Velas Resorts is inviting families to explore a series of new experience across its properties in Mexico.

Over at Grand Velas Riviera Nayarit, Summerland offers a hotbed of activities including foam parties, archery sessions, ziplining and picnics with well-loved characters. Elsewhere in the resort, the kids' club and daily activities programme will keep the whole family entertained with nightly performances, movies on the beach and sandcastle competitions.

At Grand Velas Los Cabos, Mermaid Birthday Parties, movie nights under the stars, 'Sing and Shine' karaoke nights and more await families. New for this year is the

Family Art Workshop, Mocktails with Colours class and a Treasure Hunt adventure with surprises for all.

The adrenaline returns at Grand Velas Riviera Maya with trampolines, ziplining, mini golf, eco tours and rock climbing available for everyone to try their hand and either learn a new skill or bring out the family competitiveness.



## Oliver's Travels elevates multi-gen getaways

AS MULTI-GENERATIONAL travel continues to grow in popularity, Oliver's Travels is determined to meet that demand. Reporting a 24% increase in searches combining 'ideal for kids' and 'wheelchair access' over the last three months, the holiday rental specialist provides a host of villas suitable to fit the whole family comfortably. Some of the villas include the luxurious 12-guest Deluxe Veri in Mallorca from £37,867 for seven nights; and the tranquil 10-guest Villa Kaktus in Kalkan, Türkiye priced from £2,546 for a seven-night stay.

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