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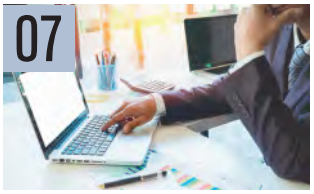
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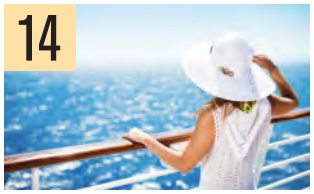
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Far-flung adventures and hidden gems await.



CRUISING
Everything you need to know from the riverbanks to the high seas.



STAR AWARDS
The shiniest night in the travel trade calendar returned better than ever!

HIGH-END ADVENTURE TOPS THE CHARTS

Virtuoso has launched its 2027 Luxe Report, highlighting the destinations and trends its clientele are seeking for the upcoming year.

JAPAN HAS overtaken Greece as the most requested international destination among UK and Irish luxury travellers, according to Virtuoso's 2027 Luxe Report.

The survey of more than 3,100 Virtuoso travel advisers worldwide highlighted how 79% of UK and Ireland respondents expect leisure travel demand to increase in 2027. Meanwhile, 76% of those surveyed anticipate clients will spend more per trip, underlining the continued appetite for high-quality, experience-led holidays.

However, value remains firmly on the agenda. Virtuoso's "Fancy-flation" trend highlights how travellers are increasingly choosing destinations where their budgets deliver greater quality, with Vietnam, Thailand, Mexico and Costa Rica benefiting. Rather than compromising on luxury, clients are switching locations to maintain premium accommodation, private guides and exclusive experiences.

Multi-generational travel leads the report's trends for 2027, with families increasingly seeking personalised, high-end adventures together. Expedition cruising is also gaining popularity, with Antarctica topping both adventure destinations and cruise itineraries. Meanwhile, solo travel continues to evolve, led by wellness-focused escapes and growing demand for women-only journeys.

Beyond Japan, Italy, Greece and France feature among the leading international destinations, while Tokyo claims the top city position, ahead of Paris and Kyoto. Europe's capitals are regaining momentum, with London climbing to fourth place. The Maldives retains its position as the leading honeymoon destination for the fourth consecutive year, with Italy and Greece following close behind.

The report also identifies a shift in travel motivations, with milestone celebrations reclaiming the top spot, ahead of wellness and escaping bad weather. Access is another key factor, as improved air connections and new luxury accommodation make destinations easier to reach and sell.

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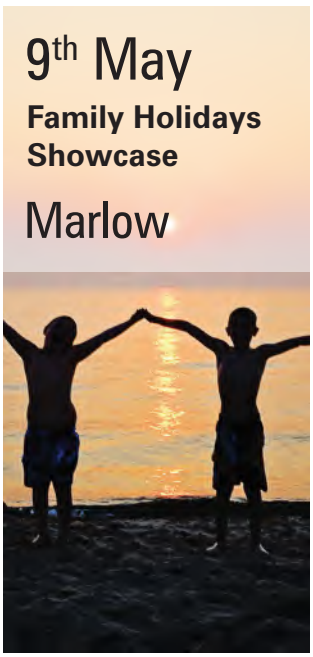
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Travelsphere's 'Great Autumn Sale'

TRAVELSPHERE HAS launched its 'Great Autumn Sale' with savings on almost 100 itineraries. The offer is valid on new bookings made by November 30th, 2026, for trips departing in 2027.

Highlights include the eight-day 'Albania Discovered', with savings of £250 per person, and the 'Grand Tour of Italy', a 15-day trip with prices leading in at £3,249 per person.

The 17-day 'Epic Wonders of the National Parks', has savings of £800 per person on offer, and 'Discover New Zealand', a 22-day itinerary, is offering discounts of £1,150 per person.

All tours include return flights, overseas transfers, accommodation, select meals, a holiday director, and specialist local guides.





A new women-only Norwegian retreat

UP NORWAY has launched a transformative seven-day women-only winter retreat, focusing on outdoor skills and personal empowerment under the guidance of the first Norwegian woman to summit Mount Everest.

The Arctic Women: Braver by Nature programme runs from March 8th-14th, 2027, intentionally commencing on International Women's Day. Limited to 12 guests, the itinerary features fire-building, fishing, and cold plunging. Prices lead in from £4,550 per person.

easyJet holidays CEO hails partnerships as key to success

EASYJET HOLIDAYS has reaffirmed its commitment to its trade partners at its annual industry event in London, with CEO Gary Wilson thanking partners for their continued collaboration and reflected on the resilience of the travel industry during a challenging year.

He praised partners for continuing to adapt and work collaboratively, while remaining focused on delivering brilliant holidays at unbeatable pieces and supporting easyJet holidays through its busiest summer season to date. Looking ahead, Gary reaffirmed the operator's commitment to its partners, highlighting strong collaboration as central to delivering great holidays for customers. The event welcomed more than 300 destination management companies, tourist boards and hoteliers.

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Black Friday deals Down Under

TRAVVIA HAS announced its Black Friday sale, with deals across Australia and New Zealand, featuring 20% off the daily rate on all campervans and motorhomes

The sale is now live, with opportunities for agents to lock in summer travels before bookings close on December 2nd.

Offers include 20% off the daily rate on New Zealand bookings for travel between November 4th, 2026, and March 25th, 2027.

To redeem these, agents should use code 'TABLACKFRIDAYNZ20', which is applicable to all campervans and motorhomes.

For more deals Down Under, travel agents should use code 'TABLACKFRIDAYAU20' to get 20% off the daily rate for trips between the same dates, also applicable to all campervans and motorhomes at all pick up and drop off points across Australia



AAT KINGS has unveiled a lucrative Black Friday promotion, offering UK agents the chance to secure client savings of up to £1,017 per person on select tours.
The operator is featuring 15 different guided holidays within the offer, spanning seven to 21 days across Australia and New Zealand. Lead-in prices start from £2,188 per person for the 10-day Tasmania Wonders itinerary, representing a substantial saving of £547 per person. All featured packages cover accommodation, coach travel, meals, and the expertise of a Travel Director.



Save up to £1,000 with Wendy Wu Tours

WENDY WU Tours has launched its highly-anticipated Black Friday campaign, offering travel agents the opportunity to pass on savings of up to £1,000 per person for selected 2027 and 2028 worldwide departures.

The touring specialist is driving long-haul sales across its extensive portfolio, including Asia, Latin America, and Central Asia. Key discounted itineraries include the 21-day 'Japan by Rail' package, leading in at £9,890per person with a £1,000 per person saving, and the 16-day 'Wonders of Indonesia', from £4,390 per person, which saves clients £700 per person. These fully inclusive packages cover return flights, accommodation, meals, destination transfers, and expert-led sightseeing.

Sun Siyam Resorts' Black Friday and Cyber Monday sale

SUN SIYAM Resorts has unveiled its Black Friday and Cyber Monday sale, offering agents up to 50% off alongside value-added perks across its entire Maldives and Sri Lanka portfolio.

Agents can book discounted packages across the brand's Lifestyle, Luxury, and Privé Collections for stays until October 31st, 2027.



Standout offers include up to 50% off at Siyam World, plus complimentary shared seaplane transfers and $200 resort credit on select stays.

Birmingham Airport Update

Update from Tobias Morter

Birmingham Airport Business & Travel Trade Executive



Welcome to November's edition of our travel trade update.

Ryanair expands
More choice from Birmingham Airport this winter as Ryanair adds its ninth based aircraft at BHX, introducing five new routes, increased frequencies, and even more opportunities to explore Europe and beyond.

Discover Toronto
A trip to Canada is about to get a little easier for travellers across the Midlands. From June 2027, Air Transat will fly direct between Birmingham and Toronto Pearson International, opening up a new non-stop link to Canada's largest city.

Islamabad returns
Pakistan International Airlines reconnects the Midlands with Pakistan this December, launching direct flights to Islamabad and bringing friends, families, and communities closer together.

More to explore
Discover more from BHX, with new routes and frequencies including Cairo, Agadir, Copenhagen, Warsaw, Marrakech, and Tirana. More destinations, greater choice, and exciting opportunities to explore from BHX.

Your trade hub
The BHX Travel Trade Hub is now live, bringing travel agents the latest news, exclusive offers, events, training, and inspiration from Birmingham Airport, all in one convenient place.

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Contiki launches huge transformation with 'Go Wander'

THE BOLD new chapter encompasses expanded product offerings and a new pricing structure, marking the first stage of multi-year transformation for the youth travel pioneer

Toni Ambler, Chief Customer Officer at Contiki, said, "GO WANDER is a reinvention of Contiki, inspired by the pioneering spirit that's been part of our story from the start and reimagined for a new generation of young travellers."





AIR TRANSAT has revealed its summer 2027 flight programme, headlined by a new non-stop route connecting Birmingham to Toronto. The new service between Birmingham (BHX) and Toronto (YYZ) will operate twice weekly on Tuesdays and Fridays from June 22nd to October 22nd, 2027. This addition significantly expands the airline's UK footprint.

Railbookers announces 2027 fam trips

RAILBOOKERS IS inviting agents to experience its rail holidays first-hand on a range of small-group fam trips across 10 itineraries through 2027.

Agents will explore top-selling Railbookers destinations and routes, whilst expanding their knowledge and confidence to sell and recommend the products to clients.

Applications are now open for agents to join one of the fam trips, including options in Switzerland, Italy, Canada, Japan, and the UK.

Once selected, agents can secure their spot by paying a £375.50 participation fee, including all rail and hotel accommodations, activities and select meals. Air fare is not included.

Jim Marini, SVP of Strategic Partnerships, emphasised how travel agents are essential partners in helping their clients discover the possibilities of a rail holiday.

MOVERS & SHAKERS



CV VILLAS has hired Grace Clay, who joins as a Business Development Executive. Grace will focus on supporting travel partners across the UK and Ireland, ensuring agents have the knowledge, tools and confidence to showcase and sell CV Villas' portfolio.

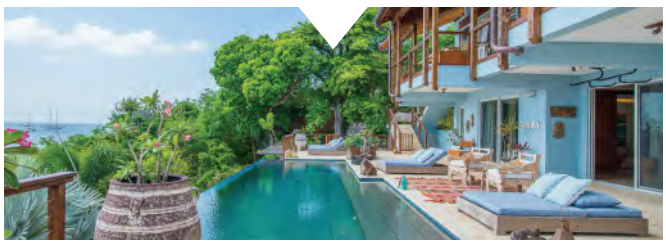


THE HONG KONG Tourism Board is expanding its UK trade team with the appointment of Lydia Gibbs. This follows momentum for the UK market, with arrivals up 13.1% in the first half of 2026. HKTB's strategy aims to increase the value and length of every visit.

CV Villas brings collection to British Virgin Islands

CV VILLAS has announced it will bring a collection of nine villas to the British Virgin Islands, allowing families and groups the chance to experience the BVI's Virgin Gorda from the privacy of their own accommodation.

The first collection is located in Virgin Gorda, with the company aiming to introduce more properties on Tortola. Speaking about the new additions, Christina Todd, Head of Product at CV Villas, said, "With Virgin Gorda's exceptional natural beauty and Tortola's diverse range of experiences, the new collection gives both travel agents and guests even greater choice when planning a Caribbean escape."





Beaches' Elf on the Shelf fun is back!

BEACHES RESORTS has announced the return of its festive 'The Elf on the Shelf' programme across its Caribbean properties. The family-friendly holiday experience runs from November 27th to December 25th at the Beaches Turks & Caicos and Beaches Negril in Jamaica.

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AGENT BULLETIN

AGENT INCENTIVES

- AS PART of its Black Friday sale, Intrepid Travel is offering agents the chance to earn £20 per booking on all trips booked during the month of November for departures spanning until the end of December 2027. This comes as the specialist operator announced over 80 new trips, including 50 new destinations, in response to rising demand for lesser-known places, closer-to-home travel, and experiences designed around different ages, interests, and travel styles.

- ROYALTON HOTELS & Resorts is giving UK and Irish travel agents even more reason to sell the West Indies this November as Royalton Antigua joins its triple rewards line-up. The brand has also launched a new 'Top Booker' prize, offering the agent that logs the most bookings an additional cash bonus. Running until November 30th, the refreshed booking incentive lets agents earn triple cash bonuses of up to £60 per room.

- Travelsphere has launched a new festive booking incentive, giving agents the chance to win a £500 Christmas shopping voucher for every new booking made before November 30th. The incentive is valid across all of Travelsphere's European and worldwide programme, including the recently relaunched Page & Moy Collection, the Royal Geographical Society Collection, and Times Wine tours. Agents can secure multiple prize draw entries by selling standout itineraries such as the eight-day Amalfi Coast, Pompeii & Capri tour. Other highlights include the 12-day Livingstone's Africa adventure; the eight-day A Taste of Italy's Veneto tour; and the 12-day Vancouver Island: Wild Bears & Pacific Shores tour. Every booking counts as an additional entry, with the winner drawn at random on December 1st.



THE ST. Kitts Tourism Authority wrapped up its successful five-city roadshow across the UK that took place last month, engaging with almost 100 travel agents through a series of hands-on training workshops, receptions and dining events in York, Leeds, Nottingham, Birmingham and London. Each event combined a destination update with an immersive Kittitian-inspired experience.

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AGENT TRAINING

- RIVIERA TRAVEL has officially launched Riv Rewards, an exclusive new travel agent loyalty programme designed to maximise trade partnerships by offering lucrative points, milestone incentives, and VIP experiences for every qualifying booking. Available via the dedicated Riviera Explorer trade platform, agents who achieve Passionista training status can begin earning one Riv Point for every £1 of eligible commissionable revenue on qualifying bookings. The comprehensive programme features four escalating tiers—Blue, Silver, Gold, and Platinum—that unlock increasingly impressive benefits such as fam trips, personal travel discounts, a £250 marketing support package, and even free European River Cruises for two.

- GRENADA TOURISM Authority (GTA) has announced it is emphasising its commitment to the UK travel trade following the success of its first Grenada Exchange. The exchange came with two engaging initiatives for UK travel professionals: Grenada Marketplace, taking place on the island this November, and 'Meet Me in Grenada', a familiarisation offer for UK agents and tour operators travelling before the end of the year. Marketplace is set to go ahead in Grenada, with around 50 trade partners in attendance. The week will bring together networking sessions and industry discussions, pre-scheduled business meetings, hotel inspections, and destination immersion activities, before concluding with a closing ceremony and farewell dinner. Whilst it is an invitation-only event, UK trade partners interested in attending are encouraged to contact the GTA, and further invitations may be extended subject to availability. 'Meet Me in Grenada' is tailored to UK agents wanting to experience the island, who already sell or promote the destination.

Image Credits: St. Kitts Tourism Authority

Typically Holidays paints the real picture

TYPICALLY HOLIDAYS has hosted a series of agent events to highlight its 'Paint the Real Italy' holidays which will operate in September 2027.

The events will be continuing over the coming months and are focussing on painting evenings with individual travel agencies throughout the country





VISIT QATAR has announced the 'Stopover Your Way' campaign, allowing UK visitors two nights' free stay when passing through the destination. Developed in partnership with Qatar Airways and Visit Qatar, the promotion encourages travellers to turn their journey into an opportunity to discover all that Qatar has to offer. Available for new bookings made between November 16th, 2026, and February 16th, 2027, travellers can enjoy two free nights at select four-star accommodation in Doha. Additional nights and upgraded rooms are available for an extra cost.

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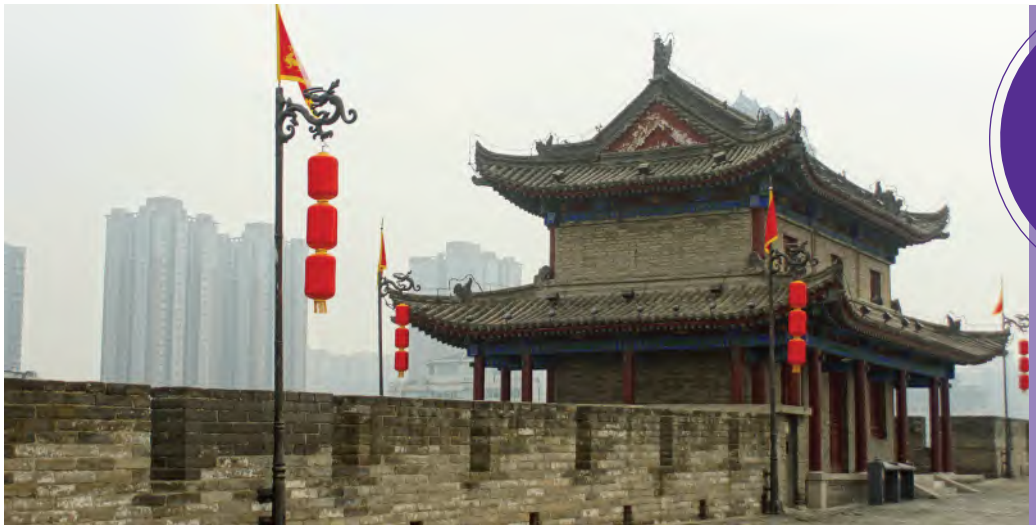
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Fill in all the squares in the grid so that each row, column and each of the 3 x 3 squares contains the digits 1-9. Once you have completed the puzzle, simply identify the numbers that relate to the letters, A, B, C and D then e-mail the solution, 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, November 26th. Solution and new puzzle will appear next week.

October 30th Solution: A=7 B=3 C=5 D=1

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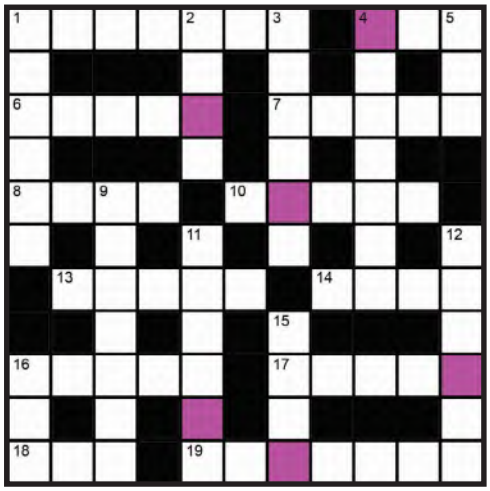


WHERE AM I?

KNOWN AS one of the most historically important cities in China, this destination used to be the Imperial capital for multiple dynasties, and is more commonly known as the home of the Terracotta Army.

CROSSWORD

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



Across

1 Star River Cruise Line winner at Travel Bulletin's 2026 Awards event (7)
4 Melbourne is the capital of this state, in short (3)
6 One of the New England states of America (5)
7 East African country (5)
8 Travel and tourism company devoted to mature customers (4)
10 The opposite of a Halloween trick (5)
13 Doha is the capital (5)
14 After a 28 year walk, Karl Bushby recently returned home here (4)
16 Swiss Mount (5)
17 Car rental company owned by Enterprise Holdings (5)
18 Newport is the capital of this popular holiday destination, initially (3)
19 Shade of red featured in the name of a Virgin cruise ship (7)

Down

1 Comedian/presenter and joint Faithful winner of Celebrity Traitors 2026 (6)
2 Cornwall Project and major tourist attraction (4)
3 Capital of Turkey (6)
4 South Pacific island nation once known as the New Hebrides (7)
5 Code for Sicily's main Catania Airport (3)
9 Scotland's second city (7)
11 Far North Queensland city, known as the Gateway to the Great Barrier Reef (6)
12 Louisa May, author of Little Women (6)
15 Computer language and the world's most populous island (4)
16 Edinburgh international airport code (3)

Mystery Word: VERONA

Across: 1 RIVIERA, 4 VIC, 6 MAINE, 7 KENYA, 8 SAGA, 10 TREAT, 13 QATAR, 14 HULL, 16 EIGER, 17 ALAMO, 18 IOW, 19 SCARLET.

Down: 1 ROMESH, 2 EDEN, 3 ANKARA, 4 VANUATU, 5 CTA, 9 GLASGOW, 11 CAIRNS, 12 ALCOTT, 15 JAVA, 16 EDI.

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AGENT INSIGHT

KAREN AND TONY GREEN

PERSONAL TRAVEL CONSULTANTS

WHEN WE started out in travel, luxury meant gold taps, a marble lobby and the biggest suite in the brochure. After more than 40 years each in the industry, we've learned it's something quite different.

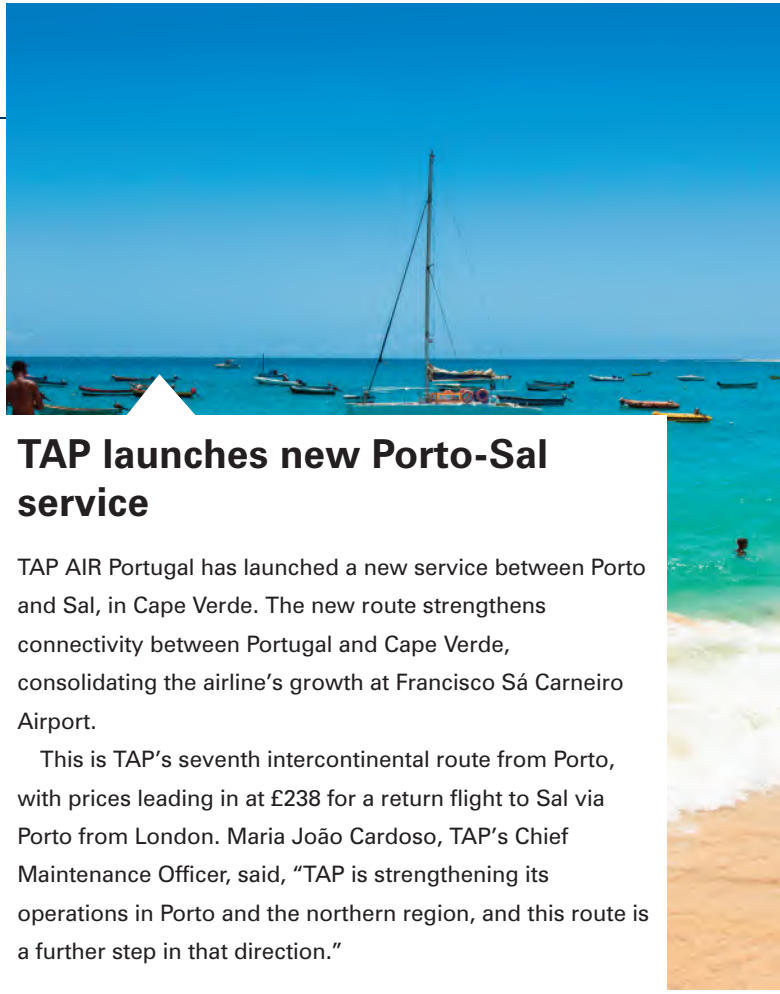
Many of our customers are a lot like us. They've done the hard work: the school-holiday prices and the kids' clubs. Now the children have flown the nest, and for the first time in years the holiday is about them. They've become more discerning, and they're ready to indulge themselves.

What they're after isn't necessarily more. It's better. Fewer crowds, more space and a more personal touch, on land or at sea. Take cruising, for example. Smaller luxury ships often win them over, which is why we rate cruise lines like Silversea so highly. The luxury is in the service and the attention to detail, not the size of the ship.

We've stayed in some impressive hotels around the world, but scroll through our phones and you won't find many photos of lobbies, bathrooms or king-size beds. Instead, you'll find the helicopter flight we took over Niagara Falls, the whales we watched surfacing off Juneau, and the star-filled night sky above our safari lodge in South Africa.

That's the biggest change we've seen in luxury customers, and it's driven a huge surge in experience-led holidays. A well-planned trip delivers those moments one after another. We've become huge fans ourselves, with four tours booked up to 2028! Our customers expect us to know the right hotel, the right room and the best time to go, but what they really want is the moment they couldn't find on their own, and honest, first-hand advice on how to get there.

Our tip to fellow agents: don't just ask about star ratings, ask what they want to remember. We aren't selling five-star rooms, we're selling moments.



TAP launches new Porto-Sal service

TAP AIR Portugal has launched a new service between Porto and Sal, in Cape Verde. The new route strengthens connectivity between Portugal and Cape Verde, consolidating the airline's growth at Francisco Sá Carneiro Airport.

This is TAP's seventh intercontinental route from Porto, with prices leading in at £238 for a return flight to Sal via Porto from London. Maria João Cardoso, TAP's Chief Maintenance Officer, said, "TAP is strengthening its operations in Porto and the northern region, and this route is a further step in that direction."

News Bites

- TOURISM SOLOMONS has launched a bold global brand refresh, "Hapi Isles – Real, Rare, Raw," designed to highlight the destination's unique blend of authentic culture, adventure, and conservation.
- A TRUE celebration of everything Dalmatia was had at the Hurlingham Club last month as the Croatian National Tourist Board brought a traditional Marenda to London in a special event.



RADISSON HOTEL Group has announced that Radisson Safari Hotel Hoedspruit has become Africa's first Verified Net Zero hotel. This marks a significant milestone in the transition towards more sustainable hospitality on the continent, demonstrating how an existing safari hotel can reduce its environmental impact through changes.

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THAI IN THE SPOTLIGHT

ONYX Hospitality has highlighted its growing portfolio in Thailand ahead of its 60th anniversary.



ONYX HOSPITALITY Group took to the WTM stage last week to showcase its diverse Thai portfolio, with new accommodation experiences, the evolution of its Amari brand, and plans for an extended-stay development among the highlights as it celebrates its diamond anniversary year.

The group's offering spans popular beach destinations, including Pattaya, Hua Hin, Phuket and Koh Samui, as well as city hotspots like Bangkok, giving UK operators opportunities to create multi-centre itineraries combining city stays with coastal escapes.

One of the portfolio highlights is OZO Chaweng Samui, which offers contemporary accommodation directly on Koh Samui's popular Chaweng Beach. Featuring stylish rooms, a swimming pool and a choice of dining options, the property is well suited for couples, families and solo travellers looking for a lively island location close to shopping outlets, restaurants and entertainment for all.

Meanwhile, ONYX is continuing to evolve its flagship Amari brand, bringing together contemporary design, distinctive dining, meaningful local connections, and world-famous Thai-inspired service. The portfolio includes beachfront properties such as Amari Pattaya, Amari Hua Hin and Amari Phuket, alongside city options including Amari Bangkok and Amari Don Muang Airport Bangkok.

Looking further ahead, the group is planning Shama North Pattaya, currently anticipated to open in 2028/2029.

A step back into ancient history

UNCOVER THE cultural treasures of Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos with ITC's 15-day 'Discover Indochina' itinerary. Guests will have the chance to cruise up the mighty Mekong to the mysterious Pak Ou Caves; embark on a street food tour in Hanoi before exploring its Old Quarter on a Cyclo tour; discover the charming ancient town of Hoi An; and marvel at the ancient wonders of the Angkor Wat temples.

Prices lead in from £9,945 per person, including accommodation throughout, international and domestic flights, and the services of an English-speaking tour guide.

Newmarket reports strong growth for Asian portfolio

THE OPERATOR has reported a 170% year-on-year growth in trade bookings across its Asia portfolio. The data, which was helped by the launch of the operator's 2029 programme, covers tours across Central Asia, East Asia, and Southeast Asia, reflecting huge demand across the industry for bookings made well in advance. The trend also follows Newmarket's recent India Mega FAM trip, which took more than 40 agents on four itineraries across the country



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Harilela to make Singapore debut

HARILELA HOTELS has set its sights on Singapore as the third home for its The Hari hotel brand, complementing its existing properties in London and Hong Kong.

The Holiday Inn Singapore Orchard City Centre will transform into a luxury 326-bed hotel in Spring 2027.

Intrepid introduces new collection

INTREPID TRAVEL has added over 80 new trips for 2027 designed around different ages, interests, and travel styles, following the growing demand for lesser-known destinations and closer-to-home travel experiences.

The new collection of trips covers more than 50 new destinations, offering travellers new experiences while helping local communities along the way.

One of the new options is the 14-day 'Hidden Gems of Thailand' itinerary, showing guests a new side of the country away from the popular tourist trails. Some of the highlights include a visit to Thailand's highest peak in Doi Inthanon National Park; the chance to uncover lesser-known chapters of the country's history in the 1,500-year-old Si Thep Historical Park; and the bespoke



opportunity to go beyond Chiang Mai's tourism hub to the rural mountain villages.

Overall, guests will spend two weeks on an adventure-fuelled trek through the iconic landscapes, with stops also in Khun Yuam, Baan Huay Pu Keng, Khao Kho, Bangkok, and Koh Ngai Island. Prices lead in from around £2,233, including resort and hotel accommodation, all activities, all transport, and 16 meals.



G Adventures: China is the one to watch



THE ADVENTURE specialist has put a different spin on a traditional destinations-to-watch list, choosing instead to shine the spotlight on different locations that are set to capture travellers' interest next year, and the better ways in which to experience them. The list includes places that have risen in popularity, destinations that have become more accessible, and locations that have a reason to celebrate in 2027, all wrapped up in a G Adventures twist.

Topping the list is China, with the operator encouraging guests to go beyond the Great Wall and seek out the more remote locations. UK traveller numbers are up 67% year-on-year, and the new visa-free entry policy for Brits means China is opening up fresh ways to explore.

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Newmarket HOLIDAYS

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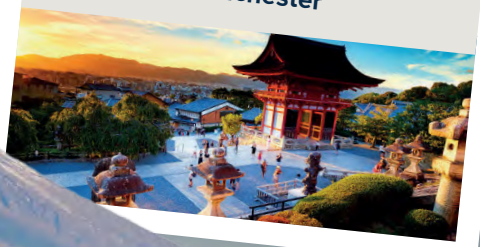
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CRUISE INTO BLACK FRIDAY

MSC Cruises is offering up to 30% off this Black Friday period.





CHASE THE winter blues away with MSC Cruises' Black Friday sale offering up to 30% off select sailings to sun-soaked shores.

From the sunny shores of the Caribbean and Mediterranean to the Canary Islands and Northern Europe, MSC's Black Friday sale covers more than 1,000 deals across both cruise-only and fly-cruise packages, as well as discounts for the MSC Yacht Club for those looking for a more premium experience at sea.

Guests can enjoy up to 30% off per person for Inside, Ocean View, Balcony and Suite cabins, and up to 20% off MSC Yacht Club cabins when booking before December 8th, 2026.

Antonio Paradiso, Vice President of International Sales, said, "Black Friday is often all about the rush to buy more, but we want to give Brits something different to look forward to, the chance to escape, explore somewhere new and make lasting memories at sea. With savings of up to 30% across 25 ships, we're making it even easier for travellers to plan their next adventure."

CLIA opens Expedition Showcase applications

APPLICATIONS FOR the 2027 Expedition Showcase are now open, which will once again take place in Longyearbyen, Svalbard, from July 2nd to 6th, 2027. Host ship visits will take place aboard vessels from 66 Expeditions, AE Expeditions, HX Expeditions, Polar Latitudes Expeditions, Ponant, Quark Expeditions, and Swan Hellenic.

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AmaWaterways unveils new ships and expanded experiences for 2028

AMAWATERWAYS IS looking ahead to 2028, with the unveiling of an exciting expansion of its award-winning river cruise portfolio.

The full 2028 programme is now open for reservations, featuring four new ships across Europe and Africa, alongside new itineraries and expanded land experiences designed to give guests even more opportunities to explore the destinations they visit.

2028 will see the debut of *AmaMaria* on the Rhine and *AmaGaia* on Portugal's Douro River, as well as an additional new ship joining the Douro fleet.

The river cruise line is also expanding its presence in Africa with a new ship on the Chobe River, joining the *Zambezi Queen*.

Beyond these new additions, the 2028 collection is set to offer a broad choice of river cruise destinations, including Colombia, Egypt, Africa and Vietnam, alongside the line's European portfolio.

Catherine Powell, CEO of AmaWaterways, said, "We're always looking ahead and thinking about how we can continue to evolve the AmaWaterways experience and bring our guests closer to the destinations they visit.

"Our 2028 journey reflects that vision, with new ways to explore, discover and connect, both on board and on shore."





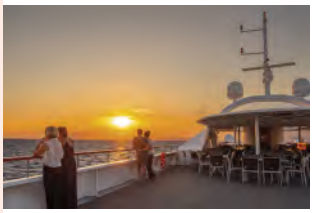
More time and deeper exploration with Azamara

AZAMARA CRUISES has unveiled 85 new cruises in 81 countries across its four ships. Set to start in October 2028, the sailings feature 210 ports of call, 94 overnight stays, and more than 200 late-night departures.

The season offers travellers more chances to explore destinations beyond traditional sightseeing hours, and experience destinations at a more leisurely pace.

The highly anticipated return of *Azamara Onward* to Africa and the Indian Ocean is headlining the season, with itineraries spanning South Africa, East Africa and West Africa.

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New festive sailings with CroisiEurope

CROISIEUROPE HAS unveiled 29 festive cruises to celebrate its 50th year on the water.

Travellers are invited to celebrate Christmas in style, with an extensive collection of festive voyages spanning nine European rivers and waterways, from the Rhine, Danube and Seine, to the Elbe, Vltava and Guadalquivir.

Savings of up to £475 per person on selected festive cruises between three and eight days, departing from late November through to late December 2026, are available.



Uniworld's new ships and itineraries

UNIWORLD BOUTIQUE River Cruises has announced its 2028 programme with the launch of three new Super Ships and eight itineraries.

Guests will be introduced to lesser-explored destinations along the Danube and Rhine, as well as enjoying extended journeys spanning multiple rivers and countries, with new ways to experience Germany and France during the holiday season.



Princess heads Down Under

PRINCESS CRUISES has unveiled its 2028/2029 Australia and New Zealand season, alongside the launch of its 2029 Grand World Odyssey. The collection offers four experiences spanning across bucket-list destinations in the South Pacific. Marking the longest world cruise ever offered round-trip from Australia, the 2029 Grand World Odyssey will connect 61 destinations over 129 nights. The Australia and New Zealand programme will offer 90 departures across 70 unique itineraries.



New options in South America

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC-Lindblad Expeditions has announced the final collection of voyages in its 2028/2029 deployment programme, including new itineraries in Costa Rica and Panama, as well as the return of some beloved destinations in the Galapagos and the Amazon. The programme will offer extended journeys, giving guests more opportunities to explore some of the world's most remote destinations.

Big savings up for grabs with Celebrity Cruises

SAVINGS OF up to £1,000 per stateroom are up for grabs as Celebrity Cruises launches its Black Friday sale.

The offers are applicable for eligible bookings made before December 1st, 2026, and coincide with the brand's existing offer of 75% off second guest fares and any applicable air offers. Cruises must depart between November 2026 and April 2029.

Guests can save up to £1,000 per stateroom for Retreat rooms when sailing for six nights or longer. Balcony room savings lead in from £400 per room for six nights or longer.

The sale spans across a wide variety of itineraries, including seven nights in St. Thomas and St. Maarten aboard *Celebrity Xcel* in December 2026, sailing round-trip from Miami on the ultimate Caribbean getaway.

Other itineraries featured in the sale include 10 nights in the Southern Caribbean aboard *Celebrity Ascent* in January 2027, sailing from Fort Lauderdale; 11 nights in Greece sailing round-trip from Athens aboard *Celebrity Infinity* in March 2027; and four nights in Key West and the Bahamas aboard *Celebrity Reflection* in May 2027.



Cunard unveils historic programme

THE LUXURY cruise line has unveiled a new programme of 93 voyages sailing between October 2028 and May 2029, featuring *Queen Mary 2*'s landmark 500th Transatlantic Crossing

The world's only ocean liner will sail a 21-night round trip voyage from New York.

Other highlights of the unveiling include a roundtrip World Voyage on board *Queen Elizabeth* and an unforgettable South America Discovery voyage on board *Queen Anne*, featuring Rio de Janeiro during Carnival. Spanning 104 destinations across 49 countries, the new programme features opportunities to visit 64 UNESCO World Heritage Sites, with guests spending an average of 12 hours in port and 18 overnight port calls, as well as 18 late-evening departures.



Queen Mary 2 is set to make her historical sailing in Liverpool, offering Caribbean voyages from Southampton and New York, a 14-night Norway and Northern Lights itinerary, and a 14-night Western Mediterranean voyage to coincide with UK Easter school holidays.

The 500th Transatlantic crossing marks the first time since 2015 that guests have been able to depart Liverpool on a Cunard Transatlantic Crossing, marking a significant moment for Cunard and its spiritual home.

Guests booking the programme before December 30th, 2026 can take advantage of a 10% Early Booking Saving.

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YOUR 2026 SHINING STARS!

The glitziest night of the year returned to honour the very best the travel industry has to offer.

THE TRAVEL industry's finest came together on October 27th for a star-studded celebration as *Travel Bulletin* hosted its prestigious Star Awards 2026 ceremony.

Held in the stunning Sheraton Grand London Park Lane, agents, suppliers and industry friends toasted the outstanding achievements of the travel trade, with 32 deserving winners recognised for their hard work and dedication, as voted for by our readers. This year's event saw an exciting new chapter for the Star Awards, with an upgraded look, fresh award categories and a brand-new venue, creating a memorable setting for our annual Starry Night celebration.

Guests were treated to an evening of wining and dining before the celebrations continued into the night with live music, singing and dancing, and of course the coveted awards!

A huge thank you goes out to everybody who joined us for our special evening and supported the awards, whether near or far. A special thank you goes to our sponsors: Jetset, Newmarket Holidays, Grecotel, Expedia TAAP, and Gran Canaria; we couldn't do this without your support. Congratulations to all our finalists; it was wonderful to see all your hard work recognised and celebrated by the trade.

Over the next few pages, hear more from our 2026 Star Awards Winners, and raise a glass to another fantastic year in travel!

~ Jeanette, Simon, Tim, Sarah, Holly, Melissa, Oliver, Leah & Molly



Read what a few of our sponsors have to say ...

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Expedia TAAP

Expedia TAAP (Expedia Travel Agent Affiliate Program) is proud to be a sponsor of Travel Bulletin's Star Awards. We offer travel agents access to the Expedia Group's wide breadth of travel inventory, rates and availabilities. The ready-to-use web-based booking platform combines accommodations, flights, car rentals and activities enabling agencies to earn competitive commission on bookings. Expedia TAAP helps travel agents fulfil bookings for their clients with impressive rates and last-minute availabilities. These include access to a world class booking platform with flexible self-service agent tools designed to provide travellers a seamless booking experience. Agents can also earn rewards for eligible property bookings which they can then redeem for gift cards from places that they love.

Gran Canaria

Gran Canaria is proud to return as a Travel Bulletin Star Awards sponsor. We celebrate British Tourism on the island, which is experiencing a truly positive trend, and is constantly increasing its UK market share on the island, with no seasonality and both, numbers and expenditure are growing. British customers are loyal to our destination, prefer staying in 4* and 5* hotels on the sandy beach resorts in the south of Gran Canaria such as Meloneras, Amadores or Puerto MogÃin, and also, show increasing interest in the capital city Las Palmas de Gran Canaria, enjoying beach, nature, local culture and gastronomy.

Jetset

Jetset is delighted to once again be sponsoring the Travel Bulletin Star Awards. It is a truly special event that celebrates the very best in travel and one Team Jetset, love being part of. At Jetset, we value our trade friends, love building relationships and bringing the industry Recent events have underlined to the public the value of booking with a respected travel agent. This will have been rammed home to those who booked with one and even those who didn't… This really is an agent's time to SHINE! together, and the similarities with Travel Bulletin are clear for everyone to see.

Newmarket Holidays

Newmarket Holidays has always been proud to play its part in such a diverse industry. Having been named the Escorted Tour Operator of the Year in 2024, we recognise the importance of celebrating not only our own achievements but the successes of our trusted partners and other travel companies. That's why we're pleased to sponsor Travel Bulletin's Star Awards.







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"Just wanted to say a HUGE thank you for putting on such a wonderful event last night. We had so much fun, the food was great and the entertainment was amazing. We thoroughly enjoyed it and even better we brought home the award we didn't think we would. We will see you all soon!"

TTC TOUR BRANDS
POLLY POULTON

"Sadly, no awards, but I have to say it was one of the best awards evenings I've attended! It was really fun, engaging and unpretentious.
The food was also genuinely the best I've ever had at an awards event! Honestly, a great evening that everyone seemed to really enjoy. Definitely something worth considering for next year!"

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From all of us at Wendy Wu Tours, thank you for being part of our journey and helping make this achievement possible!



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STAR HOMEWORKING GROUP - SMALL

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"We're incredibly proud to be named 'Star Homeworking Group – Large' at the Travel Bulletin Star Awards 2026, and even more so knowing this recognition comes from our valued supplier partners who nominated and voted for us. For us, winning again is a fantastic reflection of the passion, professionalism and care our Travel Counsellors show every day, as well as the strong relationships that we're proud to have across the travel industry. A huge thank you to everyone who voted for us – your support means a great deal to us."

- Matt Harding, Managing Director of Franchise Sales

STAR TRAVEL AGENCY GROUP - NORTH

OLIVE LOUNGE TRAVEL



"We just wanted to give a huge and heartfelt thank you to all the agents, suppliers and industry partners who nominated and voted for Olive Lounge Travel. We are truly honoured and incredibly grateful for your support. Winning this award means so much to us and is a wonderful recognition of the hard work and passion behind our business. Your votes also help strengthen consumer confidence, reassuring travellers that they are choosing an agency recognised and trusted by its industry peers!"

- Gillian Polyhos, Managing Director & Founder

STAR TRAVEL AGENCY GROUP - MIDLANDS/WALES

FRED. OLSEN TRAVEL



"We're absolutely delighted to have won this Star Award and would like to say a huge thank you to all of our trade partners who took the time to vote for us. Recognition like this means so much because it reflects the support, trust and confidence people have in our teams and what we do. We're incredibly proud of the passion and dedication our Retail colleagues bring every day, helping create memorable holiday experiences for our customers. Thank you for your support and for being part of our journey."

- Julie Berry, Managing Director

STAR TRAVEL AGENCY GROUP - SOUTH

PREMIER TRAVEL



"Winning at this year's Star Awards means so much to everyone at Premier Travel. It represents the passion, dedication and hard work of our team, as well as the strong partnerships we've built across the travel industry. We're incredibly proud to be recognised by our fellow travel professionals, and a huge thank you to everyone who took the time to nominate and vote for us. Your support makes this achievement even more special and inspires us to keep raising the bar, working together and delivering exceptional experiences for our customers."

- Steve Cox, Director

STAR AGENCY TRAVEL GROUP - NATIONWIDE

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... and more from our attendees!

FUSION HOLIDAYS
LESLEY CLEMENTS

"Wow, what a fabulous night. Thank you again for inviting me, such a privilege to attend and catch up with so many friends.
Loved everything, meal, entertainment and the venue.
See you at a future event."

TRAVELSPHERE
JASON KEMP

"Thoroughly enjoyed the evening – deffo one of the more relaxed and fun awards nights in our Trade calendar.
Loved the new venue too."

EUROSTAR
CARA STANDEN

"I always enjoy your awards nights but I must say I preferred last nights to any other: Loved the venue, food was beautiful and the staff were fantastic, I am pleased you didn't change the host as I think Chrissy is hilarious, the awards also looked really smart. I have no criticsm at all and I look forward to next year's already!"



We're so honoured that you've backed us as the Star Adventure & Activity Company at the Travel Bulletin Star Awards 2026. On behalf of everyone at G Adventures: sincerely, thank you — for voting for us, for trusting us with your customers, and for believing in the power of travel to change people's lives. Your support really does mean the world.

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"Thank you to our valued trade partners for voting Jet2holidays the Star Mainstream Operator at this year's Travel Bulletin Star Awards. We truly appreciate your continued support and recognition."

- Emma Broad, Sales Partner

STAR LUXURY OPERATOR
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"A huge, heartfelt thank you to every agent who nominated and voted for us in the Luxury Tour Operator category at this year's Star Awards! Winning this award is an incredible honour and it means the world to our entire team. We are endlessly grateful for your continued trust, partnership, and dedication to sharing our unforgettable travel experiences with your clients. This achievement wouldn't be possible without your constant support, thank you for being such amazing partners, and we look forward to achieving even more together in the year ahead!"

- Carly McNaught, Marketing Manager

STAR MAINSTREAM TOURING OPERATOR
NEWMARKET HOLIDAYS



STAR PREMIUM TOURING COMPANY
WENDY WU TOURS



"A heartfelt thank you to every travel agent who voted for Wendy Wu Tours as Best Premium Touring Company at the Star Awards! We are absolutely delighted to receive this recognition from our valued travel trade partners. Your support, enthusiasm and confidence in our tours mean the world to us. This award celebrates the partnership we share and your dedication to helping customers discover extraordinary destinations. Thank you for recommending us, championing our holidays and being such an important part of our journey."

- Gary King, Head of Trade Sales

STAR ADVENTURE OPERATOR
G ADVENTURES



"Winning Star Adventure Operator means the world to everyone at G Adventures.
Our agent community is at the very heart of everything we do and this recognition is a true testament to that. We are so grateful to every single agent who took the time to nominate and vote for us.
Thank you so much for your continued trust and support in helping us change lives through travel - we couldn't do it without you!"

- Stu Darnley, National Sales Manager

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STAR TOURING & ADVENTURE DESTINATION
JAPAN



"Japan is honoured to receive the Star Touring & Adventure Destination Award at the Travel Bulletin Star Awards 2026, celebrating our second win after first receiving the title in 2024. We are deeply grateful to the tour operators and cruise companies and travel agents who continue to create inspiring Japan products and promote them so passionately. Thank you for your enthusiasm and support. We look forward to working together to inspire even more travellers to discover Japan."

- Ayami Fujise, Director

STAR WINTER SUN DESTINATION
BARBADOS



"Thank you so much to all the agents who voted for Barbados in the Travel Bulletin Star Awards.
Your support and enthusiasm for our beautiful island mean so much to us. We are incredibly grateful to have you championing Barbados and helping to inspire more travellers to discover everything that makes the island so special.
Your votes are a wonderful reflection of the passion and dedication you bring to showcasing Barbados."

- Elan Mottley Harris, Director UK

STAR LGBTQ+ FRIENDLY DESTINATION
GRAN CANARIA



"Gran Canaria Tourism would like to extend its heartfelt thanks to all the travel agents who voted for Gran Canaria at the prestigious Travel Bulletin Star Awards 2026 and continue to support our destination. The UK market is hugely important to Gran Canaria and we are proud to work alongside travel professionals who inspire their clients to discover our island's extraordinary diversity, year-round sunshine and unique experiences. Thank you to Travel Bulletin for a wonderful evening and for bringing the travel industry together!"

- Katerina Bomshtein, Destination Manager

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STAR DESTINATION FOR FAMILIES
GREECE



STAR WEDDINGS & HONEYMOONS DESTINATION
CYPRUS



A huge thank you to every agent who nominated and voted for Cyprus.
Winning Star Weddings & Honeymoons Destination means a great deal to our London team.
We love getting out to meet agents, delivering training sessions and sharing everything that makes Cyprus such a special place, so to receive this recognition from the agents we work with is truly rewarding.Thank you for your support, we couldn't do it without you."

- Meeta Tailor, Sales & Marketing Officer

STAR RAIL PROVIDER
EUROSTAR



"We were incredibly happy to be winners of the Star Rail Provider award 2026. We are extremely proud of being the most sustainable method of transport between the UK and Europe and are so pleased that Travel Bulletin agents are on this journey with us. Big thanks to everyone, who voted for us and has supported us this year. We look forward to working with you and sharing updates with you in the coming months"

- Cara Standen, Sales Manager - B2B Groups and Charters

STAR BED BANK
EXPEDIA TAAP



"We were honoured to collect the Star Bed Bank Award, this is totally unexpected and everyone at Expedia TAAP is delighted to have won this award. A huge thank you to all of our partners that voted for us, we do really appreciate the time you took to vote for us on this occasion. Expedia TAAP continues to support our partners with 7 dedicated sales team members and a dedicated sales support team to help you grow your business with us."

- Adam Mountford-Reeves, County Lead UK & IE, Discover The World, Market Representative to Expedia TAAP

STAR HOLIDAY ESSENTIALS COMPANY
HOLIDAY EXTRAS



"WOW! BEST ESSENTIALS COMPANY 2026! From the bottom of our hearts, THANK YOU! We're genuinely overwhelmed and incredibly grateful to everyone who took the time to vote for Holiday Extras. Over 40 years ago, our journey began because travel agents needed a trusted partner to book for airport hotels for their customers. Since then, you've helped shape everything we've become. Thank you for sharing our passion for Less Hassle. More Holiday."

- Lindsey Garvey-Jones, National Retail Manager

STAR WORLDWIDE ATTRACTION
PORTAVENTURA WORLD



"I am honoured to collect the Star Worldwide Attraction Award for the 2nd year running!
A big thank you must go out to all our valued Travel Agent Partners for once again taking the time to vote, as this wouldn't be possible without you.
Your support, trust and collaborations means the world to us!
Thank you for being part of the PortAventura World Journey!"

- Zoe Holt, Sales Manager UK & Ireland

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STAR LUXURY HOTEL BRAND
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"Winning a Star Luxury Hotel Brand Award is a tremendous honour for all of us at Grecotel. We are incredibly grateful to every travel agent who took the time to nominate and vote for us. Your continued trust, support and partnership mean so much, and this recognition makes the achievement even more special. At Grecotel, we are passionate about celebrating Greek hospitality and delivering unforgettable moments for our guests. Thank you for being part of our journey and for helping us shine."

- Rosie Richardson, Sales & Marketing Coordinator

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- Amanda Docherty, Head of Trade



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STAR AIRLINE
EMIRATES



"We would like to express our gratitude towards our valued travel trade partners for their continued support and confidence. At Emirates, we are committed to delivering an exceptional travel experience, from our world-class products and award-winning inflight entertainment to the warm hospitality and personalised service our customers have come to expect. Our travel trade partnerships play an integral role in helping our customers to 'Fly Better' with Emirates."

- Jon Sheppard, Head of Sales UK

STAR UK AIRPORT
MANCHESTER AIRPORT



"From all of us at Manchester Airport, we want to say a huge thank you to all the wonderful agents who voted us Star UK Airport!

Our dedicated trade team have been working hard to collaborate with our travel trade partners, listening to what you really need from us and turning these ideas into incredible opportunities. We couldn't do it without you, so this award is greatly appreciated and means so much - thank you!"

- Emily Lockwood, Travel Trade Manager



STAR EMERGING BRAND

EXOTICCA

"As a relative newcomer to the trade in the UK, the team at Exoticca are genuinely delighted to have received this recognition from travel agents. Trade sales is the fastest growing area of our business, clearly demonstrating the value of travel agents, and your support means the world to us!
To all the agents who nominated and voted for us, and all the agents who entrust us with your customers' bookings, we'd like to say a huge thank you! We are genuinely grateful."
- Neil Sealy, Managing Director UK & Ireland



STAR PR & REPRESENTATION COMPANY

FOUR AGENCY

"Four Agency Worldwide is delighted to have been voted Star PR and Representation Agency at the Travel Bulletin Awards. This recognition means so much because it comes from the travel agents and frontline sellers who experience our support throughout the year. Their trust, feedback and partnership shape everything we do, and we're grateful they took the time to vote for us. We're proud to work alongside such a dedicated travel community, helping our clients connect with the people who bring their stories and experiences to life. Thank you to everyone who voted, and to our brilliant partners and team for making this achievement possible."
- Adam Traynor, Account Director



STAR SALES TEAM

VIRGIN VOYAGES

"Ahoy First Mates! Winning Star Sales Team still feels a little unreal, and it's all down to you. Thank you for voting for us and for the support you give our team every single day. Your belief in Virgin Voyages means the world to us, as do the friendships we've built with so many of you. We love what we do because of the people we do it with.
We share this award with every First Mate who has put Virgin Voyages in front of a client and made a lifelong Sailor. Thank you. With love from Virgin Voyages."
- Gemma Wilks, Business Development Executive



STAR AGENT-FRIENDLY TRAINING HUB

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