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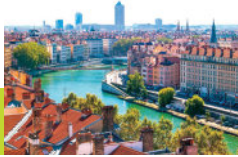
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Spain knocks the UK from the most booked destination – according to a new study by Travel Counsellors.



Spain has now topped the UK staycation from its top spot, taking 29% of bookings.

THE RELAXATION of Covid-19 travel restrictions from July 19 has clearly made an immediate impact on Britons' summer plans, as many have swapped the UK for traditional European destinations for their summer holidays.

Spain has now topped the UK staycation from its top spot with 29% of bookings, the UK holds on to 12% of bookings, while Greece remains at 8% of all summer holiday bookings made by Travel Counsellors.

For bookings further down the line, USA, Spain and the Maldives are very popular for winter 2021/22; while Greece, USA and Spain are ahead of the charge for summer 2022.

The release of this insight from Travel Counsellors coincides with the publication of the company's consumer survey report of 1,000 customer responses in June 2021. The survey highlights the appetite to travel, even in the current climate, with over 40% citing the fact they 'just want to get away' as the main reason for booking a holiday. Booking with a trusted advisor is still very important in these uncertain times, with 60% of consumers saying that 'booking with someone you can trust' is the most important factor when considering travel plans. Whilst some 22% are planning to travel in the autumn, clear guidelines are

also needed, with 61% of respondents saying they require more clarification on individual country requirements to boost confidence.

Kirsten Hughes, UK managing director at Travel Counsellors, says: "We welcome today's announcement, which removes the quarantine requirements for fully vaccinated travellers returning from an amber list country. This is a positive step in the right direction for both the travel industry and consumers looking to get a much-needed break away. We have been waiting for this clarity, which will certainly give Britons more confidence in booking..."

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Fall for France with Emerald Cruises' new offers

EMERALD CRUISES is offering guests a complimentary €150 credit per cabin to spend on board on additional holiday treats, with all 2022 France river cruise bookings made throughout July.

Additionally, guests can save up to £1,400 per couple, while enjoying access to a selection of drinks all day long whilst on board, courtesy of a Free Premium Drinks Package. Those choosing to pay for their cruise 12 months prior to departure will also save an extra 10% on selected balcony suites.

Emerald Cruises' eight-day 'Sensations of Lyon & Provence' river cruise will journey to France's gastronomic centre – the city of Lyon. Situated at the

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Emerald Cruises' France offering ranges from Lyon and Provence to Nice.

coming together of two rivers, Lyon is a hub of French culture and the perfect place to begin the cruise. Guests will explore the artistry of the city's famous silk production, indulge in regional delicacies at eateries, or choose to take

in the ancient cathedrals and Roman-age heritage spots on a guided cycling tour. Prices for the eight-day river cruise start from £1,895 per person, departing on October 29, 2022.

www.emeraldcruiises.com

AmaWaterways to launch Colombia river cruises

AMAWATERWAYS HAS announced a partnership with Metropolitan Touring to introduce a new river cruise experience in Colombia.

Becoming the first luxury river cruise line to sail the Magdalena River in December 2023, guests will be immersed in unique experiences on shore as well as on board a new custom-built, all-suite, eco-friendly river cruise ship.

Guests will be able to choose between two, seven-night itineraries with pre- and post-cruise land programmes exploring the Magdalena River and delving into Colombia's culture and natural heritage. Cruisers will enjoy the local nature, wildlife, culture, as well as activities such as kayaking, hiking and birdwatching.

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Winners will be notified by 16th Aug. Value of winning marketing packages are £1,000 including 20% VAT. The winners will need to agree to PR activity and will need to invoice The JG Travel Group for the marketing fund and provide proof of activity agreed.

Tenerife Tourism Corporation signs up to CLIA

THE TENERIFE Tourism Corporation is now an associate partner of Cruise Lines International Association (CLIA) UK & Ireland.

The partnership will enhance Tenerife's brand awareness across the region, bringing them into CLIA's wider community of cruise lines, travel agents and associate partners.

Tenerife will now be represented at several CLIA trade events, as well as gaining brand exposure on the industry body's website and a spot in its yearbook.

The membership forms part of the island's new marketing strategy.

Andy Harmer, CLIA UK & Ireland managing director,



Image Credit: Adobe Stock

The agreement will expand on Tenerife's brand awareness.

said: "We're delighted to welcome the Tenerife Tourism Corporation to the CLIA family. The island is a firm favourite with cruisers and we're all counting down to seeing ships visit this beautiful destination again."

Tenerife is visited by

multiple cruise lines every year, with the tourism corporation seeking to highlight the host of attractions and activities visitors can experience during their visit.

www.cruising.org

Siyam World, Maldives to open on October 28

G ADVENTURES is offering 25% off destinations away from the tourist crowds. The sale, which runs until July 31, 2021, includes over 90 of G Adventures' tours.

Travellers will be able to pick from G Adventures' local and active experiences in Spain, Italy, Greece and the United States, including the new collection of active European tours.

All bookings are subject to the updated 'Book with Confidence' policy, which lets customers cancel and rebook their tours up to 14 days before departure.

www.gadventures.com

Shearings adds 144 new festive breaks for Christmas

WITH LAST year's Christmas spent in lockdown, Shearings is offering a collection of 144 festive season UK holidays for this year.

Many popular destinations in the north and south are featured, including St. Ives, Torquay, Eastbourne, Blackpool, Whitby, Scarborough, Llandudno, Isle of Wight, Great Yarmouth as well as holidays in the Lake District, Yorkshire and Scotland.

Seasonal touches on these holidays include festive drinks, mince pies, traditional turkey Christmas dinner, cream teas and a five-course dinner and a drinks reception on New Year's Eve. Self-drive holidays are also available with all the Christmas or New Year touches. All hotels featured in the self-drive collection are pet friendly.



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The five-day 'Turkey & Tinsel' holiday to Torquay is set to depart on November 22, 2021. Guests will be staying at the Torbay Hotel situated on the seafront, with excursions to Exeter and Teignmouth with an optional excursion to Plymouth. Prices start from £299 per person.

'Christmas in Llandudno' is a five-day break that is set to take place from December 23-27, 2021. Travellers will be staying at either the seafront County Hotel or Marine Hotel. This holiday includes a Christmas Eve excursion to Snowdonia and Betws-y-Coed, and Christmas Day is spent around Llandudno with a traditional turkey dinner and all the trimmings, followed the next day by a Boxing Day excursion to Anglesey. Prices start from £489 per person.

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AGENT INSIGHT

SANDRA MURRAY NORMANTON, YORKSHIRE

THE TRAVEL industry is showing an unusual mix of signs: getting better, but also not – you don't know who or what to believe!

A lot of you will know Amanda Leggett, from her agent calls and wealth of different travel hats. Like most of you, she did start as a retail travel agent for many years, before moving onto roles with If Only, Getabed and Great Rail Journeys. Similar to many reps, she has had to find work during this Covid period, and for the past 15 months she has worked in the food industry as a merchandiser, visiting supermarkets across the West Yorkshire region. She was also part of the census team during March/April at the same time and worked at her local academy as an exam invigilator – she had four jobs all at the same time with four different phones. That's what I call keen! After all that, I am pleased that she has managed to get herself back in the industry that she adores. She is now working for UK Rail Breaks with David Glover, who she has known for a long time. UK Rail Breaks is just starting, so she is pleased to be joining at the beginning and thinks they have great potential with the trade, especially now with the international travel restrictions looking to be relaxed.

David had been working with a few consortiums such as TTNG, Hays and Travel Counsellors. UK Rail Breaks' main priorities are price parity and generous commission levels. Of course, they are based in the UK: more specifically, in Newcastle Upon Tyne. If you want any further information, feel free to visit their website at www.ukrailbreaks.com and if you have any questions, just email sales@ukrailbreaks.com.

I would also just like to mention that the annual Yorkshire Travel Ball will be on Thursday, September 23, 2021. Having missed last year, I really want this to go ahead so that I have a chance at helping the animal charities – and I think we will all need a good Yorkshire-style celebration by then! It will be at the Village Hotel (junc 28 M62) South Leeds.

Email me for more information at s.murray922@btinternet.com

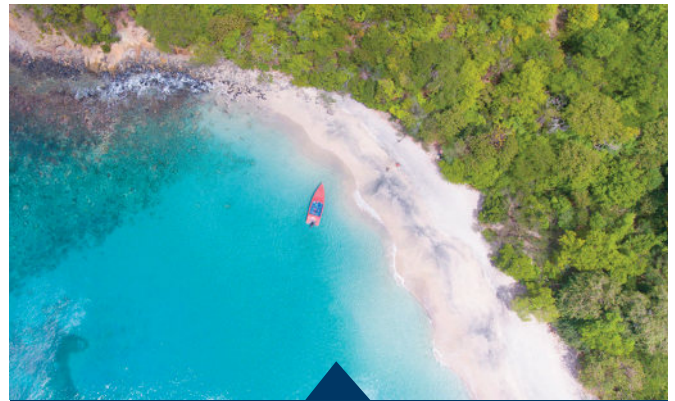


Image Credit: Grenada Tourism Authority

VIRGIN ATLANTIC and British Airways have restarted UK to Grenada services, with two weekly flights to the destination, which recently joined the UK's green list. Barry Collymore, GTA's chairman, said: "We're delighted that British Airways and Virgin Atlantic are restarting their services... we'd like to thank them for their continued commitment to our islands." www.puregrenada.com

RSSC's 'Ultimate Alaska' experience extension

OFFERING ITS cruisers the chance to extend their holiday, Regent Seven Seas Cruises has launched its latest offer, 'Ultimate Alaska', a free, three-night land programme.

The pre- or post-cruise land programme showcases some of Vancouver's well known spots. Guests will have the chance to explore the historic neighbourhood of Gastown, home to the Capilano Suspension Bridge above the trees, take a trip to Granville Island and the harbour-front Stanley Park, and enjoy a hike on Grouse Mountain.

Spanning four days and three nights, Vancouver Adventures is free on 17 seven-night itineraries cruising between Vancouver and Seward, Alaska, between May and September 2022. Also included in the offer is a 13-night sailing from San Francisco to Vancouver and a 12-night voyage from Vancouver to Los Angeles. All included cruises are on board the Seven Seas Mariner.



Image Credit: Regent Seven Seas Cruises

The company is offering a 10% reduced deposit, until August 31, 2021.

Additionally, 'Ultimate Alaska' includes 10% reduced deposits, and applies to new reservations made before August 31, 2021.

www.RSSC.com



TRAVEL AGENTS are invited to join representatives from **If Only** and the **Seychelles Tourist Office** on **Wednesday August 4 at 10:30am** for a training webinar to enhance their knowledge around the destination. All attendees will be entered into a draw to win a luxury Seychelles gift set from **The White Company**. Agents can find out more on the **If Only Partners Facebook Page**.

AGENT TRAINING

CRUISE LINES International Association (CLIA) has announced its trade 'summer school' series will return across July and August. The hour-long virtual classroom comprises a mix of four cruise lines, destinations and associated suppliers per session, who will each provide a 15-minute product update or training brief to agents. **CLIA** member travel agents can attend the summer school free of charge via www.cruising.org.

THE SAINT Lucia Tourism Authority (SLTA) is launching its latest drive to support the trade with two summer initiatives in readiness for further easing of travel restrictions. Each hour-long episode on YouTube features an insiders' guide to some of the unique aspects of the island that have made it a popular destination for many. Hosted live by the sales team in Saint Lucia with market representatives on hand to answer questions and provide specific information, the roadshows are an interactive way to update and inform agents

<https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/su/MwbOqnJ/summerseries>



AGENT INCENTIVES

- **THE JG Travel Group** has launched a trade-exclusive competition to help agents grow their holidays, tours and short breaks by coach with the group's **Just Go!** Holidays and **National Holidays** brands. Two agents will win £1,000 to spend on marketing the operator's product to their local markets. To enter, agents need to come up with a simple five-point plan of fresh and innovative marketing ideas on how they would see a return on their £1,000 investment. Plans must be emailed to clairedutton@justgoholidays.com by July 31, and winners will be notified by August 6.
- **TITAN TRAVEL** has doubled its river cruise booking incentive from £10 to £20 for each new booking throughout July and August. The 'double bubble' summer incentive campaign has been launched as part of the celebrations for the new chartered river cruise ship, **MS River Discovery II**, which is set to sail its inaugural sailing for Titan in April 2022. Throughout the campaign, agents will be able to claim a £20 lifestyle voucher for each new river cruise booking made between now and August 31, 2021. Vouchers can be claimed by emailing agentincentives@titantravel.co.uk with the booking details. All incentives must be claimed by the end of the calendar month during which the booking was made.
- **THE SOCO Hotel** is offering one lucky agent the chance to win a five-night, all-inclusive stay for two people in Barbados. This new incentive aims to support late summer bookings to the hotel and will provide the winning agent with the opportunity to test drive this boutique, adults-only product first-hand. To be in with a chance of winning, agents need to make a late summer booking, for travel during the months of August and September, to **The SoCo Hotel, Barbados**. Agents can enter by emailing a valid booking reference to suzy@silvalining.org, quoting their full name, ABTA number and company name. Bookings can be made via **DNATA, Travelpack** and **Holidays Please** and the incentive closes at 11.59pm on August 30, 2021. www.agents.travelpack.co.uk.

travelbulletin COMPETITIONS

Win a three-night stay for two people on an all-inclusive basis at the **Be Live Experience la Niña in Tenerife**, with **Be Live Hotels'** competition.

For all competitions visit <http://www.travelbulletin.co.uk/competitions>

Mediterranean Showcase

TRAVEL BULLETIN'S first in-person event back kicked off at the Mercure Box Hill Burford Bridge Hotel in Dorking on Monday, July 12, with a Mediterranean themed Showcase. A number of local agents were given a warm welcome back, watching presentations from our headline line sponsor the Italian National Tourist Board as well as the Israel Government Tourist Office, Virgin Voyages, Visit Malta and Constantinou Bros. Hotels.



Want to get in on the [#TBShowcases](#) action? Our next event will be the Luxury Holidays Showcase, at the Harbour Hotel in Bristol on Tuesday, August 03. To confirm your place, or find out when we will be hosting our next event near you, contact events@travelbulletin.co.uk

SUDOKU

Win a £20 M&S voucher in the **travelbulletin** Su Doku prize puzzle A

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 29. Solution and new puzzle will appear in the next issue

The winner for July 2 is Gemma Eckersley from Hays Travel.

July 2 solution: A=4 B=1 C=8 D=7

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	3			8			4	
B	7	8	9		5	4		
		1	7		8	9		
C		4	9			8	1	7
	4			5			7	
	1	8			2			
D		6		9			5	



WHERE AM I?

Over the years, this city has been known as Sinhala, Qali and Gimhathiththa, before the arrival of the Portuguese in the 16th Century. The famous fort is a World Heritage Site and the largest surviving fortress in Asia built by Europeans.

CROSSWORD

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

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Across

- 1 Flag carrier of the Netherlands (3)
- 3 Picturesque French city and lake, sometimes called the Venice of the Alps (6)
- 6 Month of the year, in short (3)
- 7 Beautiful island in the Bay of Naples (5)
- 8 Ferries depart Guernsey for this nearby island (4)
- 9 Mountains in Australia which create a coloured haze (4)
- 12 Book in advance for this discounted ticket (4)
- 13 Switzerland's administrative capital (4)
- 15 English airport (5)
- 16 Millennium Wheel, known as the London ____ (3)
- 17 Capital of the Bahamas (6)
- 18 First name of former English No 1 tennis player, turned Wimbledon commentator (3)

Down

- 1 TV presenter of Escape to the Farm and Coastal Britain (4,6)
- 2 Popular Spanish holiday isle (7)
- 3 Countdown's new presenter ____ Robinson (4)
- 4 First name of the First Minister of Scotland (6)
- 5 Alabama city named for one in England (10)
- 10 The China-Nepal border runs across the summit of this mountain (7)
- 11 Celebrating 70 years, this Beano character is now pictured on a set of Royal Mail stamps (6)
- 14 South American country (4)

Mystery Word: KENYA Where am I? - Galle, Sri Lanka

Solution: Across: 1 KLM, 3 ANNECY, 6 JAN, 7 CAPRI, 8 HERM, 9 BLUE, 12 APEX, 13 BERN, 15 LUTON, 16 EYE, 17 MASSAU, 18 TIM. Down: 1 KATE HUMBLE, 2 MAJORCA, 3 ANNE, 4 NICOLA, 5 BIRMINGHAM, 10 EVEREST, 11 DENNIS, 14 PERU.

Industry insight by...



As the popularity of staycations doesn't seem to be slowing down, Matthew Herbert, sales and yield director at The JG Travel Group, offers travel agents a host of tips on selling domestic holidays to their clients.

I DON'T know about you, but I'm delighted by the news that overseas travel is to become a little easier, with quarantine on return from amber countries to be removed for those who are double vaccinated and children under 18. Whilst this is a very positive step forward and will give international travel the boost it so very needs, many customers have already taken the decision to holiday in the UK this year.

Before the pandemic, it could be argued that many people booked their UK breaks or holidays independently and didn't perhaps think of using a travel agent. However, the last year has shown us just how quickly things change – local restrictions can be put in place, or new testing procedures added and traffic light systems introduced. Providing knowledgeable advice, expertise and support for holiday bookings has never been more important, and this includes when making domestic sales.

I have been so impressed over the last year by travel companies pivoting, adapting and doing all they can to

ensure agents have product to sell. From new UK programmes created in a matter of weeks, to round-the-UK cruising and additional product choices added – we as an industry should be so proud of ourselves and all that we have achieved.

There has been a lot written about how holidays in the UK are sold out this summer, due to the sheer popularity of staycations. As a group tour operator, specialising in UK breaks we, like so many other companies in our sector, have worked tirelessly to ensure that we are continually adding additional capacity and new products to meet the ongoing increase in demand. The UK has so much to offer and so many experiences available, many

of which customers may simply not be aware of.

As an agent, there are some key tactics which can be used to ensure you are doing everything possible to maximise domestic sales.

Firstly, consider all the events that are going on that could provide customers with a reason to travel. Many operators offer packages that focus on experiences – through The JG Travel Group brands we offer everything from seeing Andre Rieu live in concert to taking the family on a polar express train at Christmas. There is a big variety of experiences and excursions on offer. If customers really want to enjoy a special experience and live a little further away from it, booking an organised package can be a great, value

for money solution.

Agents always need to think ahead – Many people missed out on being with their families and loved ones last Christmas and are looking to make up for it this year. Christmas may seem a long way off, but some products have already sold out or are close to selling out, so turn your attention to festive breaks now.

Remember to upskill your staff if you run a travel business – if agents are unfamiliar with selling holidays in the UK then it is important to ensure they have all the right product and geographical knowledge. Ensure that they definitely do know the top 10 attractions in the UK, the top London shows currently open or where the best beaches are in the UK.

And finally, if you're not doing it already, shout about the UK – on social, in windows, in mailers or in whatever way you can. Customers' plans are changing all the time and you might catch their attention and inspire them to book. After all, we all need something to look forward to, right?

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The UK has so much to offer and so many experiences available, many of which customers may simply not be aware of

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www.justgoholidays.com

UK & THE CHANNEL ISLANDS



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STAYCATION NATION

Titan Travel is once again offering its UK Short Breaks holiday programme, making it easier than ever to plan a domestic break for clients.

TITAN TRAVEL has restarted its UK Short Breaks, with over 60 tours departing from now to October this year.

Andy Squirrell, managing director, Titan Travel, comments, "We're incredibly excited to be able to take customers away again on a Titan holiday to destinations all over the UK. Our first UK tours have all departed successfully and we're pleased to be receiving such lovely feedback from our customers who have already returned home..."

Titan's ongoing £49 per person Flexi-Deposit provides customers with more control and flexibility over their holiday, with unlimited booking amendments available until final payment at no extra cost. This is available on the majority of new bookings made by March 31, 2022.



Image Credit: Adobe Stock

Titan is offering its ongoing £49 per person Flexi-Deposit for UK breaks.

One example of a trip is Titan's five-day 'Solo – North Wales Short Break' from £1,039 per person. The tour includes four nights hotel accommodation, eight meals and three excursions, including a visit to Snowdon Mountain Railway and

Penrhyn Castle. The price also includes Titan's door-to-door travel service, services of a Titan tour manager and travel in destination by coach. Based on August 8, 2022, departures.

www.titantravel.co.uk

Leger Holidays to offer more UK holidays with Luxuria

LEGER HOLIDAYS has added to its Luxuria Signature Collection with six new UK tours, all with Leger's Luxuria special touches, including luxury coach travel and hotels.

Destinations featured include Windsor and Cambridge, the Cotswolds, Warwickshire, the Isle of Wight, Chester, Shrewsbury, Lincoln and Nottingham.

The new holidays have availability to book for this summer and through to the end of October.

All five-day tours include four nights hotel with English breakfast, evening meals, evening entertainment and daily activities. Travel is by Luxuria coach with local joining points. Prices of the new tours start at £469 per person and are securable with deposits from £50 per person.

An example of a tour on offer is Lincoln and Nottingham at Warner Thoresby Hall. The hotel offers many original features and a range of activities, from fencing to falconry, and live music every evening. Five days is priced from £579 per person.

www.leger.co.uk

SPIRIT OF SCOTLAND

With many of Wendy Wu Tours' Far East offerings slightly out of reach for the time being, the operator is bringing its tours closer to home with 'The Spirit of Scotland'.



WITH BUCKET list trips with Wendy Wu Tours open for bookings through 2023, guests looking for a similarly mammoth escape closer to home this year need look no further than 'The Spirit of Scotland'.

Collated with all the highland highlights in mind, 'The Spirit of Scotland' is an 11-day rural adventure, with explorations by train aboard the Jacobite Steam Train, by sea on a cruise on Loch Ness and by foot through historic castles and scenic landscapes.

Edinburgh's historic charm and hilltop castle is first on the agenda, with an orientation walk on the Royal Mile and a visit to the Holyrood Distillery on day two.

Visit the Royal Yacht Britannia, the Queen's former residence-at-sea, and the Falkirk Wheel on day four.

After a tour of Stirling Castle on day five, drive to Inverness for a three-night stay that includes a visit to Loch Ness and a ride on the Jacobite Steam Train.

Onward to Oban, the tour calls at the idyllic

Isle of Mull, home to picture-perfect colourful houses and diverse wildlife.

A tour of Oban on day nine showcases the town's hidden history, including its key role in World War II. A seafront walk brings guests to St Columba's Cathedral, and a cruise on Loch Lomond tops off the penultimate day.

A final day in Glasgow offers up plenty, with impressive architecture at Hill House and the Lighthouse often a highlight for visitors. A final day in Glasgow sees guests depart or enjoy onward arrangements or extensions.

The break, including 10 nights in four-star accommodation, all experiences, tours and entrance fees, all meals, and all transportation, starts from £2,490 per person, with a single supplement of £570.

The tour can be secured with a £99 per person deposit, with the final balance due six weeks before departure. One free date change is included as standard.

www.wendywutours.co.uk

ToursByLocals expands ahead of staycation summer

TO MEET rising demand for staycations and breaks closer to home, ToursByLocals has unveiled a selection of new UK tours.

Private tours offer the protection of maintaining a 'bubble' for cautious clients but still maintain a sense of adventure and experience.

The 'Private Luxury Game of Thrones' tour, Belfast, spotlights many of the historic sites used as filming locations for the TV show, with an eight-hour tour starting from £380 for up to four guests.

Venture to the capital on a private half-day walking tour exploring London's history from the Romans to the modern day, with the four-hour tour starting from £300 for up to six people.

Agents can access 24/7 customer support, full access to individual guides during trip planning and no-risk refunds and cancellations.



With each booking made, agents earn 5% commission, rising to 10% after £5,498 worth of sales each calendar year.

www.toursbylocals.com



'Escape the Everyday' with Experience Oxfordshire

EXPERIENCE OXFORDSHIRE has launched a new campaign, encouraging visitors to 'Escape the Everyday' with a number of user-friendly itineraries.

Local tourism businesses have helped collate the trips, offering a chance to get a taste for Oxford's heritage and entertainment. The virtual itineraries include hotels, walking tours and cultural excursions.

"We have some wonderful tourism partners involved... we are delighted to showcase the wonderful products we have across Oxfordshire," said Hayley Beer-Gamage, chief executive of Experience Oxfordshire.

www.experienceoxfordshire.org

JERSEY'S TOP TIPS

With domestic breaks proving to be incredibly popular for Britons, Visit Jersey has rounded up some key tips for agents looking to sell an island break this summer.



Image Credit: Visit Jersey

WITH JERSEY'S border open and the demand for domestic holidays continuing to soar, Visit Jersey rounds up its top selling tips to aid agents in booking an escape to Jersey for the coming months.

Common Travel Area

On April 26, Jersey reintroduced its 'Safer Travel Policy', allowing the Channel Island to re-open its borders and welcome back British holidaymakers from the UK and other Crown Dependencies in a phased manner. As part of the Common Travel Area, travellers do not need to complete the UK Government Travel Declaration to enter the island and furthermore, the island is a short flight or ferry trip away.

An all-year round destination

The island's busy events schedule and temperate climate makes it an appealing holiday spot at any time of year. For example,

Skipton Big Ideas, an installation exhibition in the St. Helier Town Church, featuring sculpture, light, augmented reality, sound and interactive installations, is a great reason to take a short autumn break to Jersey in October.

Explore on two wheels

With a network of cycle routes that run beside the coast and along quiet country lanes, clients can hire a bicycle and explore all that Jersey has to offer on two wheels. Travellers can visit Komoot for popular cycling routes to plan an adventure across the island, stopping off for scenic picnics along the way. EVieBike offers 140 dockless electric bikes located across the island, where travellers can download the app, sign up and scan the QR code behind the bike seat before setting off to explore the island for £19 a day.

For more tips and inspiration, visit www.jersey.com

Tiqets launches discounts for UK attractions

ONLINE TICKETING platform, Tiqets, has launched a 15% discount on 10 must-see UK attractions across the summer months.

The list includes two new London attractions: Buckingham Palace Gardens – opening to the public to browse freely for the first time from now, and Terrible Thames – a unique, family-friendly boat tour, which will be launching on July 19.

The new boat tours, Terrible Thames, comes from the makers of the well-loved Horrible Histories performances and books. The tours will set off from Tower Bridge Quay and will continue throughout the summer. The ticket price for one adult (16+) and one child (4-15) comes to £30.60 – a saving of over £5.00 using discount code SPARK2021.



Image Credit: Tiqets

The 15% discount code, SPARK2021, can be used up until September 30, 2021.

Visit the travel agent platform at www.tiqets.com/ticketagent/?lang_code=en



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To Belfast with BA

BRITISH AIRWAYS is launching four new domestic routes from Belfast this summer, supporting tourism links between Northern Ireland and the rest of the UK.

Over the next few months, the airline will start to operate 18 flights a week between George Best Belfast City Airport and Exeter, Glasgow, Leeds Bradford and Newquay airports. The new routes will run alongside existing British Airways services between Belfast and London City and London Heathrow airports.

Return fares from Belfast to these new destinations start from £48 each way. www.britishairways.com

HOLIDAY AT HOME

Exodus Travels has launched a new collection of guided walking and cycling holidays in the UK, with an additional six guided group tours.



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COVERING THE Lake District, Bath, Bristol, North Wales, and the Scottish Highlands, Exodus Travels' new small-group tours will uncover hidden gems within some of the UK's well-known regions.

The following are a selection of some of the new group tours on offer:

Walk St Cuthbert's Way

This new walking tour follows St Cuthbert's Way, which runs from Melrose Abbey in the Scottish Borders to the Holy Island of Lindisfarne off the coast of Northumberland. Walkers are rewarded with a fascinating mix of landscapes, from valleys and hills to winding rivers and farmland.

Exodus Travels' seven-night Walk St Cuthbert's Way trip starts from £1,549 per person.

Great West Way and Cotswolds Ride

This group trip follows the Kennet and Avon Canal, built over 200 years ago to provide

safe and efficient travel between London and Bath. The journey takes in the famous Great West Way cycle route, where guests will discover ancient routes, and roam through idyllic countryside, and quaint villages. The five-night holiday starts from £1,299 per person.

Walking the Snowdonia Slate Trail

Offering a new perspective on Snowdonia National Park, this week-long walking holiday combines famous peaks and hidden paths that can be found along the Snowdonia Slate Trail. Travellers will discover a lost world of Celtic forests, hidden waterfalls, deep river gorges and abandoned quarries on this 133km circular walking route, which delves into the unique slate heritage of North Wales. The price for the seven-night Walking the Snowdonia Slate Trail trip starts from £1,349 per person.

www.exodustravels.com/kr/united-kingdom-holidays

Discover a whole new (underwater) world in Plymouth

THE UK'S largest Aquarium, the National Marine Aquarium in Plymouth, is planning a host of summer activities for families to enjoy.

Guests will be able to discover sharks, stingrays and octopuses in the underwater world and learn how we all play a part in conserving it.

Activities planned for this summer include; 'Beach Fun with Ocean Rangers'; exploring local wildlife in rock pools; helping the rangers to keep the local beaches clean; and, lots of beach games.

Ocean Snorkel Safaris is aimed at those wanting to take the first steps into snorkelling, where guests will learn how to use snorkel equipment, cover basic snorkel techniques and explore everything the ocean has to offer.



Image Credit: Adobe Stock

Pricing for the general Aquarium is £19.50 (adults) and £9.75 (children), with concessions available. All day tickets are valid for 12-months, with unlimited entrance for a full year.

Prices for the Ocean Snorkel Safaris is £17.99 per person.

www.national-aquarium.co.uk

Cwmcarn Forest Drive reopens

WITH THE summer holiday period among us, visitors will have a chance to explore all seven miles of the new-look Forest Drive by vehicle, following the completion of major restoration and improvement works undertaken in partnership by Natural Resources Wales (NRW) and Caerphilly County Borough Council.

Several new, all-ability trails have been created along the Forest Drive with access for all, along with many new picnic seating areas for leisurely lunches.

The admission costs for the drive starts from £8 for a car, £4 for a motorbike, £15 for a minibus and £30 for a coach.

www.cwmcarnforest.co.uk



JET TO JERSEY

Inntravel has introduced a walking break to Jersey – a self-guided holiday that offers a slow, immersive form of travel for those not wanting to venture too far from home.



Image Credit: Inntravel

INNTRAVEL'S NEW walking break in Jersey offers the chance to enjoy a holiday with all the hallmarks of a European jaunt.

Situated around 14 miles from the French coastline, Inntravel's new self-guided, short walking break in Jersey will allow guests to fall in love with the abundant coastal scenery as well as the island's local produce and World War II history.

Inntravel's focus is on a slow, immersive form of travel, where travellers will be able to enjoy local food and discover the local culture.

Over four days of walking, guests will follow paths scented with gorse-flowers by St Aubin's Bay, visit the rocky headland of La Corbière, with its iconic lighthouse, and keep an eye out for red-billed choughs by Sorel

Point – rare birds reintroduced to the area in recent years.

There will be plenty of time to discover the island's history too. Travellers will venture on trails leading to Battery Lothringen – a coastal artillery battery which is one of the best preserved in Western Europe, which reveals the island's occupation by Germany in WWII, and through the capital St Helier, where Charles II was proclaimed King of England in 1649.

During the break, guests will stay at a country-house-style hotel, set just above the picturesque harbour village of St Aubin. Prices starts from £595 per person, based on two sharing, available from August 23 to October 31, 2021.

www.inntravel.co.uk

The Fellow House opens in Cambridge

THE FELLOW House has opened its doors in the heart of Cambridge.

The new, apartment-style hotel is the first Curio Collection by Hilton in the city of Cambridge.

Situated a stone's throw from River Cam and Jesus Green, the property is ideal for both long and short stays and provides access to everything the historic city has to offer.

The hotel offers a total of 131 rooms, including 123 studio apartments, all featuring fully equipped kitchens.

The signature restaurant, The Folio Bar & Kitchen, serves plant-based dishes made from locally sourced ingredients, and guests can also enjoy both a coffee and wine bar. The hotel offers a swimming pool, gym, sauna,

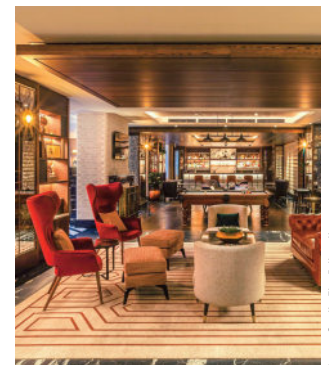


Image Credit: The Fellow House

steam room and bicycles to hire. Room prices start from £170 per night for two people staying in a Kipling King room, on a bed-and-breakfast basis.

www.thefellowshousecambridge.com
uriocollection.com



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Hike and bike with Intrepid

INTREPID OFFERS a chance escape the city and head into the wild on its four-day, 'Northumberland: Hike, Bike & Kayak' itinerary.

Guests can travel to the sources of the North and South Tyne, and explore the points in which the rivers meet. Travellers will explore Kielder Forest, England's largest manmade woodland and home to the famous Dark Skies Observatory, by foot and by bike. They will also head into Northumberland National Park, before paying a visit to Sycamore Gap. From Alston, guests will cycle downhill through the Tyne Gap Valley, stopping off for a swim and a pub lunch. Prices start from £851 per person.
www.intrepid.com

SPAIN AND ITS ISLANDS



ESCAPE TO EXTREMADURA

Venture away from the hustle and bustle of Spain's hotspots with a trip to the lesser-known Extremadura with Sunvil.

FOR THOSE looking to take a holiday to Spain that is away from the hordes found in the busy resorts and the crowds of tourists on beaches, a visit to Extremadura is a chance to explore one of country's least-known regions.

A remote and historic area that borders Portugal, Extremadura was home to many 16th century conquistadors. Travellers can explore mountains, forests, lakes, nature reserves, rolling hills and dehesas – wild, forested meadowland, where black pigs are bred and the famous Jamon Ibérico Puro Bellota (ham from pigs which roam freely and feast on acorns) – is produced.

One example of a holiday is a two week, two-centre trip exploring the historical and artistic sites of Llerena,



Sunvil offers one to three week breaks to Extremadura.

in the south of the province of Badajoz, and the surrounding areas of Zafra and Merida, before exploring the wilds of the Monfragüe National Park. Clients will be able to stay just a short distance away from the monumental towns of Cáceres, Plasencia and Trujillo, which feature fascinating preserved historical settlements.

Departing September 10, a 14-night, bed-and-breakfast stay costs from £1,210 per person, (two sharing), including seven nights at the Hospederia Mirador de Llerena and seven nights at the Hospederia Parque de Monfragüe, return flights from London Heathrow and car hire.

www.sunvil.co.uk

Cook's Club offers fun in the Mallorcan sun

FOR YOUR clients looking to get away to Mallorca, Cook's Club Palma Beach is a short walk from the palm-lined, white sand bay of Playa de Palma and 15 minutes by bus from Palma de Mallorca.

The 318 rooms, with either pool or city views, have been refurbished in an industrial, modern style, with free WiFi throughout.

The Captain Cook bar and large adjoining pool are at the very heart of Cook's Club Palma Beach, where guests can listen to the resident DJ while drinking from a selection of cocktails.

Cantina serves a range of cuisines prepared fresh at live cooking stations, including pizza and pasta, a range of different curries, creative salads, and Spanish tapas.

Cook's Club recommends joining a walking tour of the spectacular Sierra de Tramuntana, or to discover the Mallorcan surfer scene, or head to Playa de Palma in C'an Pastilla.

A one-night stay at the Cook's Club Palma Beach starts from £95.

www.cooksclub.com

WINE UP

Highly reputed for its good climate and natural landscapes, Majorca is also distinguished in the world of winemaking which has helped to shape its culture and traditions over time.



Image Credit: Adriano Stock

MAJORCA TOURISM is highlighting the region's variety of vineyards and events, for agents looking to plan a trip for their wine-loving clients.

Majorca's location and climate make it an ideal place for wine production, with more than 70 wineries, 500 brands of wine and two Denominations of Origin.

Binissalem Designation of Origin

In central Majorca, 140 hectares of Binissalem vineyards overlook the Sierra de Tramuntana mountain range. Ripened over five municipalities with a background in traditional winemaking, the DO was founded in 1990. There are currently 13 wineries that share this classification amongst red, white, rosé, and sparkling wines. Visitors can learn about the winemaking process and discover the villages that preserve its valuable architectural and cultural heritage at this local winery.

Geographical Indications of Majorca

Vino de la Tierra de Majorca is made entirely from grapes produced in Majorca and bottled in the production area, such as the red varieties Callet or Manto Negro or the white varieties Prensal or Macabeo. The GI Vino de la Tierra Serra de Tramuntana-Costa Nord is produced with the Malvasía grape in Andratx and Pollença, the most rural areas of the island, which grows on terraces by the sea.

Wine Days Majorca

Wine lovers should not miss the annual Wine Days Majorca festival, organised by the Binissalem Designation of Origin, which takes place in May each year. With such festivities, the island aims to promote itself as a wine tourism destination and raise awareness of its strong roots in wine culture.

www.infomallorca.net

Rosewood Villa Magna to reopen in Madrid

ROSEWOOD VILLA Magna will welcome guests in Madrid this autumn, marking the arrival of the Rosewood Hotels & Resorts brand in Spain.

Rosewood Villa Magna will reopen under the Rosewood flag, following an extensive renovation.

Located in the heart of Paseo de la Castellana, close to Madrid's Golden Mile shopping district and is within 10 minutes walk of Santiago Bernabéu Stadium.

The hotel has a total of 154 rooms, featuring marble bathrooms and views onto Serrano Street or Castellana Avenue. All rooms have laptop safes with in-built chargers, and some feature rain showers.

Food options include the Restaurante Villa Magna, which offers traditional cuisine with a modern twist, and the Tse Yang Restaurant, which offers Cantonese dishes. There is also a Magnum Bar and the Lounge, which serves cocktails, champagne and tapas.



Image Credit: Rosewood Hotels

For those looking to relax, the hotel offers its Rosewood Spa, which includes a Turkish-style hammam and a wet area.

www.rosewoodhotels.com



Image Credit: Canary Islands

The Canary Islands: A top sports destination

THE NATURAL conditions of the Canary Islands make the archipelago a paradise for sports and professional training, as promoted by the Canary Islands Tourism Board.

The region offers sunny days, trade winds, several hours of daylight, as well as the opportunity to continue training at high level accommodation.

The islands have 1,500km of coastline washed by volcanic waters rich in nutrients and suitable for thalassotherapy, perfect for helping athletes with a quick recovery.

www.hellocanaryislands.com

ROCK N' ROLLIN'

Hard Rock Hotel has opened the doors to its 161 contemporary rooms and suites in the Golden Triangle of Art in Madrid.



Image Credit: Hard Rock Hotels

ADDING TO a European collection that began with the Hard Rock Ibiza in 2014, Hard Rock Hotels has opened its newest continental property, the Hard Rock Hotel Madrid.

The property is situated in the Spanish capital's Golden Triangle of Art, a metropolitan hub where the contemporary resort's design hardly looks out of place.

On the hotel's doorstep, guests can explore the Reina Sofia National Museum or Prado National Museum, or visit the nearby historic art-nouveau train station (Atocha), the Royal Botanical Garden and the neighbourhoods of Lavapies and Emabajadores, all within a short walking distance.

161 rooms are available for guests to enjoy, including a selection of views from the lights of Madrid or the property's lush garden.

Event spaces include garden and rooftop venues.

"Hard Rock Hotels has always felt very in tune with the vibrancy and spirit of Spain. It is one of the reasons we introduced the brand

to Europe..." said Dale Hipsh, senior vice president of Hotels, Hard Rock International. "As our first Spanish metropolitan hotel, Hard Rock Hotel Madrid brings a distinctly different personality to our beach resorts. Our guests will discover art, music, history, culinary excellence and culture at their fingertips – all brought together through Hard Rock's curated and entertainment-infused hospitality".

Maria Font Trabocchi, lifestyle consultant and international restaurateur, has collated a gastronomic offering with a distinctly Spanish feel, available at Hard Rock's signature Sessions restaurant, as well as the hotel's rooftop bar and terrace.

An outdoor pool and BodyRock fitness centre await guests looking to take a break from the pace of the city.

Rooms at Hard Rock Hotel Madrid start from approximately £108 per night.

www.hardrockhotels.com/madrid

Amàre Beach Hotel kickstarts the summer

AFTER RECENTLY re-opening for its first full season, Amàre Beach Hotel, Ibiza, is hosting a photography exhibition and Michelin-starred pop-up restaurant.

In celebration of the summer, the hotel has welcomed Spanish photographer Jordi Gómez to host its very first Amàre Art Series. The photographer, who has worked with Vogue and Elle, has displayed a selection of glamorous and glossy photos across the hotel's common space.

At the Hayaca Terrace, guests will get a taste for a Latin American menu, created by Michelin-starred chef Mauricio Giovanini, along with creative cocktails designed by Diego Cabrera.

Amàre offers breakfast until lunchtime, round-the-clock cocktails and a 24-hour gym on-site.

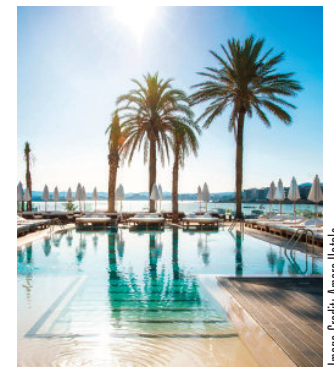


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Rooms start from £170 a night, including breakfast and a free cancellation up to 72 hours before arrival.

www.amarehotels.com

PLATGES DE MALLORCA

#MallorcaSafeTourism

Majorca's COVID-19 safety precautions and new app

WITH THE Balearic Islands joining the UK's green list, the Majorca Tourism Foundation has spotlighted the island's COVID-19 safety precautions and unveiled a new app to help guests' holiday run as smoothly as possible.

The island's most vulnerable locals have been vaccinated, and all adults aged 16 and over are eligible for the vaccine. Safety measures are being constantly developed and monitored across the island.

'Majorca Beaches' is the new app, offering information on the island's beaches' capacity and facilities in English.

www.infomallorca.net

BALEARICS' BEST

As the Balearics joins the green list, Lotus highlights a couple of hotspot hotels from around the islands.



Image Credit: Palladium Hotels

AS BRITS prepare for a Balearic getaway, Lotus showcases hotel options for both the luxury-focused traveller, as well as those looking to kickback and relax.

Best for luxury – BLESS Hotel Ibiza

First opening its doors in 2019, BLESS Hotel Ibiza is part of the contemporary luxury hotel brand, BLESS Collection Hotels.

The hotel offers a range of food options, including Martin Berasategui's haute cuisine, and Mediterranean options.

Those looking to pamper themselves can visit the Magness Soul Ful Spa, or visit Rossano Ferreti's beauty salon.

The hotel also presents a programme of entertainment drawing on Ibiza's cultural agenda – from art and culture to fashion and gastronomy.

A seven-night stay, including breakfast, at BLESS Hotel Ibiza is from £480 per night in July.

Best for relaxation – Palladium Hotel Menorca

The new Palladium Hotel Menorca opened in May 2021 and is the second hotel outside of Ibiza for the Balearic-island based Palladium Hotel Group. Overlooking Arenal d'en Castell Bay, it is about 20 minutes from Menorca's capital Mahón and the airport. The property is 650m from Arenal d'en Castell, one of the island's largest beaches.

Palladium Hotel Menorca offers guests the opportunity to try traditional dishes from the Balearic Islands as well as international cuisine at its Sa Barca restaurant, specialising in showcooking. The property also features three swimming pools, with one especially designed for children, a kids club for children and a gym.

Jet2Holidays offers three nights' from £448 per person (half-board), including a stay at the four-star Palladium Hotel Menorca and return flights from London Stansted (based on a September 27 departure for two adults sharing).

New English website launched to promote Camino Inglés route

A NEW website has now been launched to promote the route of the Camino Inglés in northwestern Spain.

Also known as the English Way to Santiago, Camino Inglés was the route pilgrims from Britain and Ireland would follow in the Middle Ages, who would travel by sea to the ports of either Ferrol or A Coruña in Galicia and from there continue on foot to the holy city of Santiago.

Despite being lesser-known than the busier Camino Francés (the French Way), the route keeps rising in popularity; it currently ranks among the five most popular Camino routes for modern pilgrims, who are drawn to it by its more authentic atmosphere and the fact that it is the only Camino route whose starting point is next to the sea, which it follows for many miles.



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In addition, Camino Inglés is officially linked with a number of pilgrimage trails in England and Ireland, allowing more and more travellers to begin their spiritual journey 'at home', well before they arrive in Spain.

www.caminoingles.gal/en/



Image Credit: Adobe Stock

Explore sun-kissed Cádiz and the surrounding area

VISITORS LOOKING for a blend of history, nature and relaxation need look no further than Cádiz, in southwestern Spain.

Travellers to the city can explore relics of the Phoenicians and Moors, or kick back in a chiringuito (beach-side bar) tucking into delicious seafood tapas. Excursions to the neighbouring Doñana National Park offer swooping wetland landscapes in an internationally important area for wildlife such as the endangered Iberian lynx and birdlife.

Love Holidays offers a seven-night holiday staying at the four-star Senator Cádiz Spa Hotel with return flights from London Stansted to Seville for £467 per person, on August 19, 2021. www.loveholidays.com



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BRICKS AND BEASTS

LEGOLAND Windsor has welcomed a brand new land, LEGO Mythica: World of Mythical Creatures, featuring landmark attractions and immersive theming.

OPENING IN time for the May half-term this year, and sure to draw plenty of crowds throughout the peak summer period, LEGOLAND Windsor has unveiled its latest addition, LEGO Mythica: World of Magical Creatures.

The resort's single biggest investment in its 25-year history, the land's flagship attraction is the 'Flight of the Sky Lion' flying theatre ride, with a moving row of seats guiding guests through an immersive 4K film, with a number of 4D effects, from the mist of the ocean to the smell of a LEGO lava dragon's burp.

Along with the landmark attraction, mini thrill-seekers can brave the 13-metre 'Fire and Ice Freefall' drop tower ride. The 'Hydra's Challenge' water ride will test the guests' steering and bravery as they get soaked by a 481,000 LEGO brick model of



The land features the UK's first 'flying theatre' attraction.

the Hydra sea creature.

'Creature Creation' gives the whole family a chance to design their own mythical creatures out of LEGO bricks. 'Lava Dragon Play' offers a meet-and-greet experience, bringing children face-to-face with the mythical creatures that serve as the land's inspiration. 'The Hungry Troll' restaurant offers a classic menu of fish and chips.

To enhance their

experience, guests can download the LEGOLAND app, which features the LEGO Mythica Augmented Reality Experience, enabling guests to scan LEGO models in the land and watch them come to life.

Day tickets to the LEGOLAND Windsor Resort start from £29 per person, with children under 90cm admitted for free.

www.legoland.co.uk

Experience Europa-Park without a test or proof of vaccination

AS EUROPA-PARK, Germany, prepares to give its guests a thrill-filled summer break, it has announced that riders and thrill-seekers will be admitted without showing proof of vaccination or a negative test result.

Upon their arrival, Europa-Park's facilities and attractions will be available for guests to experience.

Water-rollercoasters 'Poseidon' and 'Atlantica SuperSplash' blend screaming and soaking, proving to be a hit during the summer.

'Svalgurok', the park's labyrinth of waterslides, and 'Snorri Strand', the outdoor mini-beach, offer the chance to soak or sit back.

The park's new VR centre, 'YULLBE', showcase the best of the cutting-edge technology, transporting guests to strange worlds and far-away lands, or to the depths of the sea in the 'Snorri Snorkling VR' experience.

More traditional thrills are available on the wooden 'Timburcoaster' or 'Blue Fire', reserved for the bravest of riders.

Tickets start from approximately £48 per adult and £41 for children.

www.europapark.de

DINO-SOARING

Universal Resort Orlando offers pre-historic thrills on the 'Velocicoaster': a 70-mph chase through Jurassic World's velociraptor paddock.



Image Credit: NBCUniversal

JOINING THE 'Jurassic Park River Adventure' at Universal's Islands of Adventure, the 'Velocicoaster', themed after the Jurassic World franchise, has opened for the bravest of thrill-seekers visiting the park.

Catapulting its riders 155 feet in the air at speeds of up to 70 mph, the ride's pre-show and queue line build up to an adventure through a Velociraptor enclosure.

With performances from the film's cast (Chris Pratt and Bryce Dallas Howard), the coaster is more than just thrills, offering a truly cinematic experience.

Universal's Islands of Adventure is the second-gate park at the Universal Orlando Resort, and is home to a selection of attractions and lands. 'The Wizarding World of Harry Potter' includes the 'Harry Potter and the Forbidden Journey' dark ride attraction and 'Hagrids Magical Creatures Motorbike Adventure' rollercoaster. Children can enjoy the 'Camp Jurassic' interactive play area in the Jurassic Park section, or 'Seuss Landing',

home to rides based on 'Cat in the Hat' and 'One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish'.

Next door, at the Universal Studios Orlando park, a 'Springfield' area based on 'The Simpsons' offers a simulator ride, Moe's Tavern restaurant and Kwik-E-Mart gift shop. A 'Despicable Me' themed area, including 'Minion Mayhem', is always a hit with younger guests. Parents are sure to enjoy the nostalgic 'E.T. Adventure' and 'Revenge of the Mummy', based on some classic films.

Universal's Endless Summer Resort – Dockside Inn and Suites offers rooms from approximately £64 per night. More premium options include Loews Sapphire Falls Resort, which includes a water-taxi service straight to the parks, from approximately £130 per night.

Tickets to Universal Studios Resort, including entry to both parks, start from approximately £119 for adults and £115 for children.

www.universalorlando.com

Walt Disney World's 'After Hours Boo Bash' this Halloween

THE MAGIC Kingdom Park, at Walt Disney World Resort, Florida, is hosting a Halloween-themed extravaganza this autumn. 'Disney After Hours Boo Bash' will see the park open late on select nights from August 10 to October 31, 2021, with extra hours to soak up the spooky from 9pm to 12am.

Swapping the fantastical for the frightening, 'Mickey's Happy Halloween Cavalcade', 'Disney Villains Halloween Cavalcade' and 'Jack's Nightmare Cavalcade' will see parades of Disney characters dressed for the occasion.

Snacks such as ice cream, popcorn and beverages will be included in admission.

Attractions including the Haunted Mansion, Seven Dwarfs Mine Train and Peter Pan's Flight will be open throughout the event, promising shorter wait times.



Image Credit: Pamela Craig Alderfer

Tickets are on sale now, starting from approximately £93 per person for August/September and from £114 per person for October. Halloween tickets start from approximately £143 per person.

www.disneyworld.co.uk



Image Credit: Blackpool Pleasure Beach

Nickelodeon Land at Blackpool Pleasure Beach

HOME TO a number of attractions themed on SpongeBob SquarePants, Backyardigans and Rugrats, Nickelodeon Land at Blackpool Pleasure Beach offers fun for the entire family.

To cool off on a hot summer's day, the 'Rugrats Lost River' log flume and 'Dora's World Voyage' rapids are always a hit. Thrill-seekers can experience the 35mph whirlwind of the 'Nickelodeon Streak' rollercoaster. Little ones can meet their favourite characters, with the Paw Patrol and SpongeBob often proving the most popular.

www.blackpoolpleasurebeach.com

Efteling extends '1001 Nights' theme with Sindbad the Sailor

EFTELING, THE fairy tale theme park in the south of Holland will start renovating a number of attractions in the park's adventurous area of Reizenrijk this autumn.

This will be the first phase of a development plan for this whole area.

The attractions, Adventure Maze and Monsieur Cannibale, will be adapted to become Archipel and Sirocco, respectively. Both rides will be themed to fit Sindbad the Sailor, originating from the 1001 Arabian Nights.

"...this winter, the attractions Adventure



Image Credit: Efteling

At the end of 2021, two new Sindbad elements will be available.

Maze and Monsieur Cannibale spinning cauldrons will be adapted to the Oriental theme of Sindbad the Sailor. At a later stage, the existing

Panorama Restaurant will also be adapted to this theme. This way, this area will be optimised when, in a few years' time, guests will walk towards the

attractions in the new expanded eastern area." said Fons Jurgens, CEO, Efteling.

Sindbad the Sailor has been in the theme park since 1998. The indoor roller coaster Vogel Rok is based upon the adventure of Sinbad and the Bird Roc from 1001 Arabian Nights.

Opposite Vogel Rok, from the end of 2021 onwards, two new elements from Sindbad's sea voyages will be created by the theme park, with more details coming soon.

For additional information, visit www.efteling.com

What 3 things would you take to a deserted island?



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MONDAY 26TH JULY AT 2PM

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TIMINGS

2PM: Webinar Welcome from your Travel Bulletin Host

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