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16th Sep 22	Discover Spanish Traditions	Liverpool	12	Borealis	S2225	£1,599°	£50
27th Sep 22	Cultural Icons of Italy	Dover	15	Bolette	T2224	£1,399°	£100
27th Sep 22	Landmarks of Greece & the Adriatic	Dover	28	Balmoral	L2222	£1,999	£100
12th Oct 22	Discovering Cultural Highlights of Spain & Portugal	Dover	9	Bolette	T2225	£799°	£50
17th Oct 22	Scenic Islands of the Azores	Liverpool	11	Borealis	S2227	£999.	£50
26th Oct 22	Vistas & Volcanoes of Azores & Madeira	Tilbury (London)	14	Bolette	T2227	£1,299	£100
17th Nov 22	Ancient Walls of the Med with Malta	Tilbury (London)	15	Bolette	T2229	£1,199	£100
24th Nov 22	Discover Portugal with Madeira	Liverpool	11	Borealis	S2230	£999.	£50
14th Dec 22	Festive Spanish City Break	Liverpool	8	Borealis	S2232	£599°	£50
22nd Dec 22	Christmas Celebrations in the Canaries	Liverpool	14	Borealis	S2233	£2,599	£100

For all the details on these sailings, please see our Travel Agent Centre at fredolsencruises.com/agent. To book, please call 0800 0355 144.





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Escape the winter blues and soak up the sun!



Cruise enthusiasts are still prioritising their holidays at sea despite the current increases in cost of living. research has revealed.

A SURVEY of 1,015 people by cruise specialist cruise.co.uk found that almost 70% have booked or will book a voyage this year.

Of this number, around three quarters will travel on their first-choice sailing, with the final quarter still cruising but opting for a lower-priced option than they would usually book.

Of the remaining survey respondents, 20% stated they will go on a non-cruise holiday this year, either in the UK or overseas. The final 10% have postponed their holiday plans until 2023 or beyond.

Nearly 20% of the overall respondents have at least one sailing lined up in both 2022 and 2023.

There is an even 50/50 split between cruisers either sailing from the UK or flying overseas to meet their ship, with little sign that the ongoing issues at airports have affected plans.

For those yet to book this year, the Mediterranean is the favourite destination, with the Caribbean second and Norwegian Fjords/North Scandinavia third. The growing popularity of river cruises continues, as sailing a European waterway is in fourth place.

Tony Andrews, deputy managing director of cruise.co.uk, said: "For those who are still able to get some time away, a cruise remains an incredibly attractive choice because there is so much variety out there, with options to suit a wide range of budgets. The fact cruise lines include meals and a host of other inclusive benefits in their booking price means a holiday at sea still represents great value-for-money.

"It's easy to see why the Med is such an attractive option. It offers guaranteed sun, a wealth of eye-catching destinations and is straightforward to budget for when travelling via a cruise ship."



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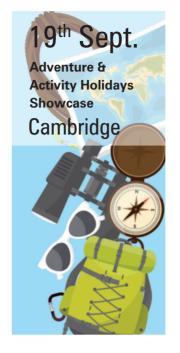


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G Adventures relaunches trips to Bhutan, **Australia and New Zealand**

THIS SEPTEMBER, following two years of restoration and a delayed launch, the Kingdom of Bhutan will reopen its Trans Bhutan Trail for the first time in 60 years.

The trail will be officially reopened in a formal ceremony in Bhutan on September 28, 2022 and on its launch partner G Adventures will be the first group adventure operator to take travellers along the Trans Bhutan Trail when its inaugural departure leaves on October 2, 2022.

Other long-awaited destinations returning to G Adventures' portfolio of more than 1,400 trips this September are Australia and New Zealand.

www.gadventures.com





VIVA Cruises to offer several Christmas cruises

VIVA CRUISES is offering several festive river cruises. iust in time for Christmas.

The river cruise specialist will be running these cruises on some of Europe's famous rivers throughout November and December - with prices starting from £550 per person.

There are seven different itineraries to choose from on board VIVA ONE, VIVA TIARA, VIVA MOMENTS and VIVA VOYAGE: either in Germany on the Rhine, Main and Moselle; in Austria on the Danube; or in France on the Rhône. www.viva-cruises.com

Lifts To becomes official CLIA partner

LIFTS TO has been confirmed as a new long-term associate partner of Cruise Lines International Association (CLIA) UK & Ireland.

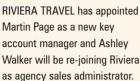
The agreement will enhance Lifts To's brand awareness, bringing them into CLIA's wider community of cruise lines, travel agents and stakeholders.

Lifts To specialises in passenger transfers from airports or city centres on a range of holidays, including to major ports across Europe. They operate in over 20 countries.

As part of the agreement, Lifts To will be a sponsor of the CLIA Cruise Forum and Winter Ball in December; the CLIA Conference Ireland, Dublin in November; and the all-new CLIA River Cruise Residential in September. www.cruising.org

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AMAWATERWAYS has appointed Katrina Latimer as business development

manager for Northern England, Scotland and Ireland.



Credits: AMAWATERWAYS, Riviera Travel, Holland America

ΗΩΙΙ ΔΝΙΩ AMERICA Line has announced

that Karen Farndell will lead the HAL UK team as director of sales & marketing for UK & Ireland.



British Airways to offer additional flight to Grenada

FROM OCTOBER 30, 2022, British Airways will operate an additional weekly flight from London Gatwick to Grenada every Sunday, bringing the number of total weekly flights to three.

The additional capacity will boost connectivity between the destinations and offer extra choice and flexibility to UK travellers. www.britishairways.com

Polar Pioneer heads to Antarctica and South Georgia Island

SECRET ATLAS' Polar Pioneer ship will take guests on two wildlife and photography cruises in winter 2023/24, this time taking in the Southern Hemisphere.

The first cruise is a 12-day Antarctica Cruise on January 1, 2024 'Antarctica Explorer - 12 Day Wildlife & Photography Small Group Expedition', followed by a 15day South Georgia Island itinerary on February 24, 2024, 'South Georgia Photo Tour - 15 Days of

Exploration'.

Prices start from \$10,995 per person sharing a triple cabin on the Antarctic cruise (January 1-12 2024) and from \$13,995 per person on the South Georgia island exploration itinerary (February 24 - March 9, 2024).

Secret Atlas is currently seeking agent partners and offers a commission scheme and training materials. www.secretatlastravel.com/agents





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SANDRA MURRAY

NORMANTON, YORKSHIRE

WELL, IT seems quiet now that the Yorkshire Travel Ball has been and gone. We raised £7,000, of which we gave £1,000 to Greek Welfare Cats and, over the past couple of years, we have had more than 300 cats spayed. We gave £1,000 to Starlight Barking, which does an amazing job rescuing dogs abroad from terrible places and getting them relocated to the UK. £1,000 was given to Trunks Up, £1,000 to Brooke, £1,000 for Animals Asia, rescuing bears from the bile farms, which Vietnam has now banned, £750 for the Soi Dog Foundation, £750 for Safe Haven For Donkeys which does amazing work, and, last but not least, £250 for Hull Greyhound Rescue and £250 for Hull Animal Welfare. I just want to say a huge thank you to everyone that supported the ball. I want to personally thank Classic Collection for their sponsorship of the band and the pre-dinner drinks, and to everyone that contributed to the raffle envelopes.

I am thinking about hosting a Santa-themed party on a Thursday in December! What do you think? Let me know at s.murray922@btinternet.com.

Well done to Nick Hughes on his new job at Princess as UK & Europe sales chief – he has been in the industry for a long time and has a lot to offer. Good luck to Derek Jones who is leaving Kuoni. There seems to be a few new positions being taken up, which is good for the industry.

I think now we just need the airports to fix up, considering many of them still seem to be having trouble with extremely long queues. I think a lot of customers will have learnt the lesson that it doesn't pay to be doing things themselves without a travel agent, because, as we have seen, they can't always get the help they need. That's why an agent is worth their weight in gold, and we don't shout about it enough.



Jet2.com and Jet2holidays announce 2023/24 winter sun programme

AIRPORT AND package operator Jet2.com and Jet2holidays has put its winter sun programme on sale for 2023/24, with 12 hotspots and 110 winter sun routes on sale.

The programme includes departures from Belfast International, Birmingham, Bristol, Edinburgh, East Midlands, Glasgow, Leeds Bradford, London Stansted, Manchester and Newcastle airports.

Six brand new routes are featured among departures to a choice of destinations across the Canary Islands, Spain, Majorca, Portugal, Turkey, Malta and Cyprus.

www.trade.jet2holidays.com

News Bites

- SAMOA'S SHORELINES have once again opened for international travel, with the two-year hiatus suspended to showcase the island's culture and environment.
- RAPA NUI (Easter Island) has also opened its doors to tourists, with the first flight arriving on August 4, 2022.
- NORWEGIAN CRUISE Line has taken delivery of its newest ship,
 Norwegian Prima, in Maghera, Venice.



VIKING SAIGON, Viking Cruises' newest ship, has begun its inaugural season in Southeast Asia. Purpose-built for the Mekong River, the 80-guest ship is sailing between Kampong Cham, Cambodia and Mỹ Tho, Vietnam as part of Viking's 15-day 'Magnificent Mekong' itinerary. Sailing dates are available through to March 2023. 40 outside staterooms await for sailors on board. www.viking.com

AGENT INCENTIVES

- IN CELEBRATION of its new agent support team, Inspiring Travel Company is launching a bonus for every new booking in August and September. Along with the Inspiring Travel voucher scheme that is already in place, agents will earn an additional £75 Love2shop voucher. www.inspiringtravel.co.uk/a
- WINDSTAR CRUISES is offering agents a £25 voucher of their choice on any Windstar bookings made by August 31, 2022. Register bookings by emailing megan.saunders@windstar cruises.com
- EARN A £20 incentive with every booking made to Saint Lucia's new Harbor Club, Curio Collection by Hilton. Along with the incentive, agents can win a five-night stay at the property when registering two or more bookings by September 15, 2022. Suzy Trott, founder of Harbor Club's retained trade sales agency, Silva Lining, comments: "We are delighted to bring this new incentive to agents. It demonstrates our continued commitment to the trade and provides a huge thank you to all agents that continue to support the Harbor Club. We invite all agents to start booking and earning now!" The £20 incentive runs until December 31, 2022. www.harborclubrewards.com
- . MAKE A booking with DriveAway by December 31, 2022 to be entered into a draw to win a £500 DriveAway voucher. Bookings must be made a minimum of seven days in advance, with the winner contacted in the first week of 2023. Contact Melanie Thom for agent logins at mthom@drive-away.com



SAR-EL TOURS & Conferences has announced its new online B2B booking platform for agents, Sar-El Online. The platform is offered exclusively to travel agents as a tool to book accommodations, transfers, attractions and more with prices, terms & conditions, and instant confirmations conveniently displayed upon booking. www.b2b-sarel.travelbooster.com



Three £50 Love2shop vouchers are available, each with a Kennedy Space Center gift and signed astronaut photo. Answer two space-based questions to be in with a chance of winning!

Find out more at www.travelbulletin.co.uk/ competitions

AGENT TRAINING

- VISIT ORLANDO, in association with its partners Walt Disney World Resort, Universal Orlando Resort and SeaWorld Parks & Entertainment, is returning to the UK in September for Orlando Live!, a series of innovative and interactive inperson training events held in Glasgow, Manchester and London. The events will host interactive games, unexpected takeaways and surprises.
 - "The UK remains our top overseas international market, with Orlando holidays currently high in demand," said Visit Orlando President and CEO Casandra Matei.
 - The event will take to Hampden Park in Glasgow on September 12, Manchester Cathedral on September 13, and One Marylebone in London on September 15. "Orlando Live! gives travel advisors the opportunity to learn more about our destination to maximize new business while enjoying a fun, interactive and memorable experience - just like a trip to Orlando," concluded Matej.
- AGENTS CAN become Galapagos experts with a new detailed guide and a host of resources that offer up all the trade needs to know. The resources balance pros and cons of a number of travel styles across the islands. www.galagents.com/blog/gal
 - apagos-cruise-and-islandhopping-guide-to-become-an -expert/
- LEARN ALL about Malta with the Malta Tourism Authority's training programme. Agents will be entered into a prize draw for a £50 Amazon voucher or Maltese gastronomy goodie bag every month upon completing the course. The programme showcases a choice of travel styles across the island, from city breaks in the UNESCO-listed capital of Valetta to adventurous excursions, eclectic music festivals, and LGBT+-friendly events and attractions across the island. www.maltatraining.com

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Regent Seven Seas Cruises' 2024-2025 voyage collection

REGENT SEVEN Seas Cruises has announced its new 2024-2025 Voyage Collection.

Guests can pre-register their interest from today, with reservations open for sale on August 24, 2022.

The 2024-2025 Voyage Collection sailings range from seven nights up to the 150-night 2025 World Cruise, 'Away in Wonder', and also features four Grand Voyages, each of which has access to dozens of ports across multiple weeks.

www.rssc.com

Ambassador Cruise Line's agent concession scheme is back

AMBASSADOR CRUISE Line has extended its agent concession scheme, which is now available on all 2022 sailings, and for sailings up to 15 nights on Ambience's 2023 season on cruises until March 31, 2023.

Agents will be able to step aboard Ambience and experience its facilities, cuisine and entertainment at a discounted price.

The scheme is available on all 2022 sailings, or

sailings aboard Ambience until March 31, 2023, for cruises from £40 per person per night based on twin inside guarantee grade departures. 15% off all Ambassador Drinks packages is included, along with 25% discount on port parking at London Tilbury.

Agents can book their spots aboard Ambience by contacting the trade support team at agentcruise@ambassadorcruiseline.com

Rosewood Schloss Fuschl to open late 2023

ROSEWOOD HOTELS & Resorts' Hotel Schloss Fuschl in Austria will reopen in late 2023.



Situated on the banks of Lake Fuschl, the property will mark Rosewood's second property in Austria following Rosewood Vienna's recent opening.

The full renovation will update the structure and grounds to feature 98 guestrooms, including 46 suites and six chalets.



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WIN A £20 M&S VOUCHER IN THE TOULLETION SUDOKU PRIZE PUZZLE

Fill in all the squares in the grid so that each row, column and each of the 3×3 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, September 1. Solution and new puzzle will appear in the next issue.

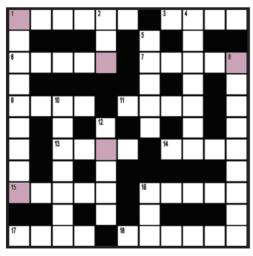
The winner for August 5 is Corin Germany from Ultimate Destinations (Norfolk).

August 5 Solution: A=1 B=6 C=8 D=9

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		7				9			
В				3				9	7
		5			2			1	
С	9	6				7			
				6				8	
	5	2			9	8		3	
D	7	9		1			4	5	6



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



Across

- 1 Flag carrier of Spain (6)
- 3 Havana is the capital (4)
- 6 Israel resort town on the Red Sea (5)
- 7 European city, sounds like a type of ham (5)
- 9 Part of a dollar (4)
- 11 English guitarist, ____ Clapton (4)
- 13 Month of the year (4)
- 14 Airline alliance (4)
- 15 Flows through Melbourne (5)
- 16 Capital of South Korea (5)
- 17 Home of the Terracotta Army (4)
- 18 Altrincham based operator specialising in city breaks (6)

Down

- 1 Irish singer making her acting debut in the new Fisherman's Friends movie (6,3)
- 2 Istanbul international airport code (3)
- 4 Netherlands city with a medieval centre and tree-lined canals (7)
- 5 Nickname for a London premier league football club (5)
- 8 This country recently topped the
- Commonwealth Games medal table (9)
- 10 Popular Spanish holiday isle (7)
- 12 Epic poem written by Homer (5)
- 16 Santander international airport code (3)

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IN THE HOTSEAT WITH...

Devon Liburd Nevis Tourism Authority

The newly-appointed CEO of Nevis Tourism Authority, Devon Liburd, talks about upcoming plans and the tourism authority's approach to working with agents.



We are continuing to work closely with

Clear Marketing as our UK representative, promoting the wonderful island to the UK trade. As our trade contact on the ground in the UK, Clear Marketing's on-the-road sales force allows us to keep in touch with the travel trade and conduct travel agent training, events and webinars.

Nevis continues to be the

headline sponsor for the Destination Caribbean events, which run throughout the year across the UK, promoting various locations in the Caribbean. Through Clear Marketing, the Nevis Tourism Authority also supports B2B tour operators on their efforts to

> promote Nevis to plenty of other agents in the UK.

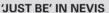
PROMOTING NEVIS TO THE UK

The Nevis Tourism Authority works closely with its

two agency partners in the UK Clear Marketing and Rooster PR, on trade activity and media relations. Nevis' key marketing pillars are wellness, luxury, romance, adventure, events and exceptional culinary experiences, which are a key focus for communication. Through a regular trade and press fam trip programme, both agents and media are regularly invited to the island to get a taste of island life and explore all that Nevis has to offer.

The NTA works with influencers to showcase the island and engage in brand partnerships. A notable partnership was our collaboration with Londonbased restaurant The Rum Kitchen to celebrate the Nevis Mango Festival. More recently, the NTA has been leveraging its partnership with Spice Girl Mel B, who has been named UK

Ambassador, to help showcase and draw visitors to our special island.



My favourite thing to do in Nevis is to simply 'just be'. Nevis provides the perfect atmosphere and backdrop to chill, relax and unwind. It is a place to reinvigorate your mind and spirit, a place to catch up with yourself, with life, and with your friends and

families. Even if you choose to

hike to the summit of Saddle Hill, which is one of my favourite things to do, there isn't the hustle and bustle which you might expect on such a trip. The moderate hike to Saddle Hill allows me to meditate and take in all of nature and the history of the surroundings. When you get to the top and

take in the view, you get a sense of personal satisfaction and inner peace like no other.

For all things Nevis, visit www.nevisisland.com







Virgin Holidays offers a seven-night

FOR THOSE wanting to immerse

themselves in all things concerning

LA's cultural scene, Virgin Holidays is

offering a city break holiday to West

Dreaming of Paris

Hollywood.

RIVIERA TRAVEL is offering a four-day city break to Paris.

The holiday includes a sightseeing tour of the city, during which guests will see L'Arc de Triomphe, the Eiffel Tower, Champs Élysées, River Seine, and the Louvre.

The trip will also include a detailed visit to Montmartre, where guests will have the opportunity to visit the area's cobbled streets and see such sights as the Moulin Rouge, Vincent Van Gogh's and Renoir's houses; the famous club of the Lapin Agile; and, the oldest vineyard in Paris. www.rivieratravel.co.uk

stay at Le Parc Suite Hotel, located just off of the world-famous Sunset Strip. Nestled in West Hollywood's Design District, Le Parc offers an urban retreat atmosphere with its rooftop pool, suite rooms and terrace dining overlooking the buzzing city. The hotel also features an expansive skydeck and rooftop tennis court for those who want to stay active.

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Virgin Holidays is offering a city break to LA's trendy West Hollywood region.

Known for its glamour and rock 'n' roll

history, guests will visit the walkable city's iconic spots such as the Viper Room and Whisky a Go Go for musical nostalgia, or stroll around the Design District for shopping, arts, and trendy dining experiences.

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This holiday is priced from £1,826 per person, departing on September 20, 2022, including return flights and accommodation. Car hire is available. www.visitwesthollywood.com

Gators, Ghosts and Goblins at Gatorland

GATORLAND WILL be holding its fourth annual 'Gators. Ghosts and Goblins' Halloween event on weekends between October 15 and 30, for those looking for a funfilled city break in Orlando. Multiple themed haunt zones, interactive characters, animal meet-and-greets, and the popular Children's Halloween Costume Parade, with treat bags for all the kids who participate, is included with park admission. www.gatorland.com





A cracking Christmas in Carlisle

CARLISLE IS set to become a Christmas destination for visitors with the launch of a new Christmas Market in the heart of the historic Cumbrian city.

Running between December 2 and 11, 2022, the market will be the first major Christmas event staged in the city since 2019 and the aim is to attract visitors from across the north and the wider UK.

The historic city centre will have over 40 Alpine-style chalets to create a winter wonderland for all visitors.

The market's backdrop will be scenic 17th-century Old Town Hall, with Alpine-style stalls featuring both local and visiting traders which will sell a range of delicious treats and festive favourites.

There will be seasonal treats ranging from traditional giant bratwurst to exotic ostrich, wild boar and crocodile burgers, and hot Gluhwein. The decorated chalets will also sell artisan craft products.

The Christmas Market (December 2 to 11) will open each day between 10am and 6pm with the following exceptions – 10am to 8pm on Thursdays (for late night shopping) and Sundays from 10am to 4pm.

Hoseasons is offering a seven-night stay at Demesne Farm Cottage in Carlisle for £175 per person.

www.hoseasons.co.uk





'The Royal Capitals of Scandinavia' with Just Go!

JUST GO! Holidays has put its 'The Royal Capitals of Scandinavia' on sale for 2023, which visits three Scandinavian capital cities in one holiday.

Available by air, this eight-day tour explores the three premier Royal capital cities of Scandinavia. Copenhagen, Oslo

and Stockholm are all known for their clean air, a plethora of parks, green spaces and architecture, including grand royal palaces.

The eight-day trip, departing July 19, 2023, is priced from £1,249 per person. www.justgoholidays.com/agents



Artsy fun in Valencia

MORE CULTURALLY-FOCUSED than Madrid and less crowded than Barcelona, Valencia is a mix of dramatic gothic, modern and strikingly futuristic architecture. Guests can amble in the old town, explore the vast parks, zip over to nearby beaches or visit a cafe for dishes made with ingredients from the farmland that encircles the city. Travellers can fly with easyJet and stay at Santos Las Arenas Balneario Resort from £216 per person, based on two people sharing. www.visitvalencia.com/en



See city sights with Citalia

CITALIA IS offering a Rome and Venice multi-centre holiday.

The seven-night break is perfect for history buffs and art lovers, starting in the Eternal City of Rome for Gladiatorial games, the Trevi Fountain, the Sistine Chapel and the Vatican City. Then, it's off to Venice for gondola rides, a visit to St Mark's Square, and more.

The eight-day trip is priced from £815 per person.

www.citalia.com

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All in this autumn in San Diego

SAN DIEGO is seeing a host of new events and attractions this autumn as tourism to America returns and rises.

Each Saturday night from
September 17 to October 29, 2022,
monsters take over the LEGOLAND
California Resort as part of the
'Brick-or-Treat' celebrations,
destined to go down a treat with
little ones. www.legoland.com

'Kids Free San Diego' returns this October, with a number of hotels, restaurants, attractions and museums offering complimentary admission to kids.

www.sandiego.org/promotions/kids -free

See the famed cities of Greece

PLANET HOLIDAYS is offering city break holidays to Athens or Thessaloniki.

A three-night break staying at the five-star Electra Hotel in Athens with return flights from Gatwick and transfers costs from £499 per person.

A three-night break staying at Thessaloniki's The Excelsior, also five-star, with flights from Gatwick and transfers costs from £599 per person.

www.planet-holidays.co.uk

To combine both cities with a
week away in the winter months,
prices start from £899 per person.

The 'Highlights of Eastern Europe' with Leger

LEGER IS offering a fascinating tour that showcases Eastern Europe's cities on its 14day 'Highlights of Eastern Europe' holiday.

Guests can discover iconic capitals such as Berlin, Budapest and Vienna, with other highlights including time to explore Warsaw and a visit to the Auschwitz-Birkenau Complex.

Included excursions are Möhne Dam, Berlin, Warsaw with sightseeing tour, Auschwitz-Birkenau Complex, Kraków with sightseeing tour, Budapest with sightseeing tour, Vienna, Prague with sightseeing tour

This 14-day holiday is priced from £1,689 per person, and this includes 13 nights' hotel with continental breakfast, 10 evening meals and convenient local joining points.

www.leger.co.uk/grandexplorer/tours/highlights-eastern-europe



European luxury with Meliá

MELIÁ OFFERS a choice of luxury accommodation options in some of Europe's classic cities, offering a taste of indulgence across the continent.

ME Barcelona, situated in the luxurious Passeig de Gràcia, is a new social and cultural centre, putting modern design at its



heart. The property encourages guests to explore Catalunya's culture, and offers two Mediterranean restaurants with healthy, unique and sustainable dishes created with local products. Rooms at the opulent property start from £250 a night.

In keeping with the Mediterranean theme, Villa Agrippina Gran Meliá sits on the doorstep of Rome's historic attractions, including St Peter's Square and The Vatican. The hotel's restaurants offer locally-sourced food and wine-pairing menus, along with a choice of cocktails. The property includes an outdoor pool surrounded by gardens and the Spa My Blend by Carrins, an oasis of wellness treatments. Rooms start from £192 per night. www.melia.com/en



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Conrad Los Angeles takes to The Grand

THE CONRAD Los Angeles celebrated its opening at The Grand LA on July 6, 2022.

The property, situated in the Frank Gehry-designed mix-used space in the city's downtown, features 305 chic rooms with floor-to-ceiling windows offering impressive views of the city. An expansive rooftop terrace and California-inspired cuisine is a perfect complement to the attractions on The Conrad's doorstep, including the Museum of Contemporary Art, The Broad, and Walt Disney Concert Hall. www.hilton.com

By hike, boat or bike in Geneva

GENEVA IS inviting travellers to explore the great outdoors in the city surrounded by nature.

Guests can explore the countryside by foot, bike, or water: sure to please any traveller in search for a natural adventure.

Geneva is an impressive city to explore by foot, with a stroll through one of the city's many parks, including the magical Parc de la Perle du Lac, or take in the stunning views of the lake and the Jet d'Eau with a walk through the Parc de l'Observatoire. The countryside villages and landscapes offer a choice of hiking routes, too.

By bike, cyclists can explore almost all of the paths around the city, with Geneva Tourism collating wonder-filled routes including the 'Rhone Route' or 'Cornavin -Mont-Salève'.

On the water, Lake Geneva is a playground for watersports lovers, from paddleboard renting to windsurfing



excursions. Classes and equipment rentals span the lake, with a choice of classes or self-guided adventures awaiting. www.geneve.com

Newmarket: New York and more

AUTUMN IS a spectacle along the East coast of America, with Newmarket Holidays spotlighting the attractions galore on the 'Washington, New York and Boston in the Fall' itinerary.

the coast, beginning with a two-night stay in the historic Williamsburg, and visits to Washington and Virginia's Blue Ridge Mountains.

The holiday follows the fall colours of



Historic Washington DC is next on the cards, before moving onward to New York, where guests have a day to take in the Big Apple.

Day six includes visits to Newport and Rhode Island, with day seven at leisure or an optional excursion to the trendy Cape Cod.

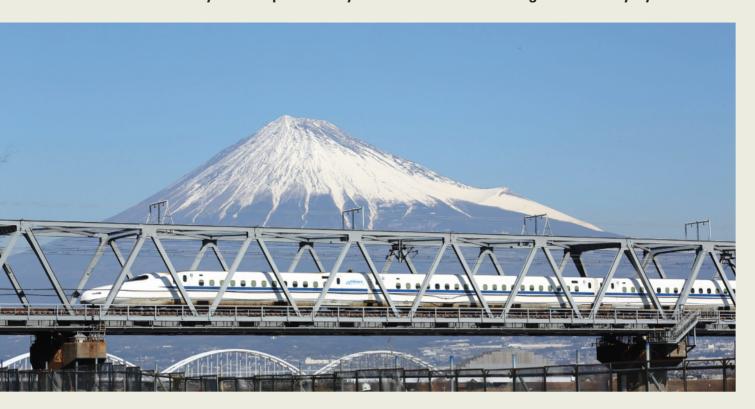
The tour draws to a close with a day in Boston.

The nine-day itinerary starts from £1,487 per person, including seven nights' room-only accommodation, return flights to Washington (returning from Boston), coach travel and transfers throughout, and the fully-escorted tour with a Newmarket tour manager.

www.newmarketholidays.co.uk

JAPAN BY RAIL

Wendy Wu's Japan holiday will take travellers through the country by bullet train.



CLIENTS CAN experience bullet trains and three of Japan's mainlands on an all-encompassing journey across the country with Wendy Wu's 'Japan by Rail' holiday.

Under the stars in Thailand

THE TOURISM Authority of Thailand (TAT), in collaboration with the National Astronomical Research Institute of Thailand (NARIT), has introduced the 'Amazing Dark Sky in Thailand' project with 12 stargazing locations or dark sky conservation areas across the five regions of Thailand.

The 'Amazing Dark Sky in Thailand' project has listed 12 locations up and down the country as part of the project, as well as a travel guide, which comes with recommended stargazing travel routes.

https://darksky.narit.or.th

Starting in Fukuoka, this tour makes use of Japan's world-class high-speed trains to access iconic locations such as Matsushima Bay, Mount Fuji and Tokyo.

Along the way, travellers will be able to delve into cultural experiences, from tea ceremonies and fan painting to temple touring.

Tour highlights include making Momiji manju (maple leaf buns) under the guidance of a skilled instructor, Miyajima's most famous confectionary for over a hundred years; and sake cup making, where the group will learn about the role of the masu sake cup in Japan's culture before stepping into the studio to make their very own cup with an original design, which they can then take home as a souvenir.

Wendy Wu's 'Japan by Rail' tour departs in October 2022, and March and October 2023. The price is from £9,090 per person, fully inclusive.

www.wendywutours.co.uk

See South Korea with InsideAsia

INSIDEASIA'S 'BEST of South Korea' trip combines Seoul and Busan. In between, the group will be hiking through the peaks of Korea's national park, staying the dynastic way at a wooden hanok guesthouse, seeing the open-air museum of the ancient Kingdom of Silla, and more. The holiday costs from £5,085 per person, with four-star accommodation.

www.insideasiatours.com





Ho Chi Minh to Hanoi with Intrepid

INTREPID TRAVEL showcases 'Classic Vietnam' on its 15-day itinerary, offering up all the essential experiences and a dose of class.

From south to north, Vietnam serves as a shining example of colourful characters, varied cuisine and diverse landscapes.

In Ho Chi Minh City, the mysteries of the Viet Minh is on showcase, before quests traverse the expansive lakes, natural marvels and buzzing boulevards of Hanoi.

Guests can immerse themselves in Vietnamese culture while engaging with locals at a Mekong Delta guesthouse, eating breakfast the local way in Hue.

The nation's ancient history is on show across historical temples, with the lively cities offering an immersive cultural adventure.

The package starts from £1,332 per person, including a selection of meals, regional transfers, accommodation and a choice of activities. Departures are available from September 2022 to July 2023. www.intrepid.co.uk

Culture, cuisine and adventure with COMO

AS THAILAND recently axed its pass registration scheme and mandatory US\$10,000 health insurance requirement, COMO Bangkok is open to all visitors once again.

Guests can enjoy a relaxing break from the comfort of the luxurious COMO suites or a COMO Shambhala Retreat, or push the boat out with an adventure away from home.

Beginning in the heart of bustling Bangkok at COMO Metropolitan, guests can explore the Amphawa Floating Markets or Grand Palace with a guide, before heading to Phuket's tranquil east coast.

Perched at the tip of Cape Yamu, COMO Point Yamu is an escape worthy of any bucket list. Guests are treated with a choice of adventurous excursions, including lagoon kayaking, marine diving or island snorkelling.

Back on land, the jungles of Phuket make



for guided hikes, with the COMO Shambhala Retreat offering a relaxing end to adventurous days.

Rooms at COMO Metropolitan Bangkok start from £88 per night, and from £138 at COMO Point Yamu.

www.comohotels.com/en

61 nights from Sydney to Tokyo

REGENT SEVEN Seas Cruises is showcasing myriad marvels on its 'Grand Asia Exploration', a 61-day adventure from the jewels of Japan to Southeast Asian shores, via the wilderness of Australia.

The cruise kicks off in Sydney, sailing through the Tasman sea to Brisbane, Whitsunday Island, Cairns, Alotau, Port Moresby, Thursday Island, and Darwin before crossing the Timor Sea to kick off the Southeastern adventure in Komodo, Indonesia.

A slate of Indonesian ports of call showcase all the nation has to offer, before Seven Seas Explorer ticks off Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam, China, Taiwan and Japan for the latter third of the cruise, a shining example of the diverse destinations on offer across the Far East.

All-inclusive fares on the 61-day voyage start from £36,109 per person, including 10 overnight stays in ports and an exclusive shoreside experience.

www.rssc.com



CAPE VERDE Experience has launched its new 68-page print brochure, featuring an extensive choice of holidays, with new hotels and island-hopping opportunities, along with the introduction of Maio to its programme.

Adding this untouched island, the tour operator now features a

Anguilla lifts pre-arrival testing

EFFECTIVE AS of August 8, 2022, there is no pre-arrival testing requirement for vaccinated guests arriving in Anguilla, in time for the winter sun season.

Evidence of vaccination status must still be presented to the airlines on check-in and on arrival.

Kenwood Travel offers seven nights at Carimar Beach Club on a room-only basis from £1,939 per person, departing on October 12, 2022, including flights with British Airways from Gatwick to Antigua and onward flights with Trans Anguilla Airways, plus private transfers.

www.kenwoodtravel.co.uk

total of eight of the 10 islands that make up the archipelago – Sal, Boa Vista, Fogo, Santo Antão, São Vicente, São Nicolau, Santiago and Maio.

Across the islands, small hotels, large

resorts and beach apartments are featured, providing mixed board accommodation from self-catering to all-inclusive.

For new holiday bookings made between now and August 31, 2022 Cape Verde Experience is offering one of the following extras: free pre-bookable flight seat add-on in both directions; free additional 5kg luggage allowance; a complimentary half-day island tour of Sal; a free upgrade from a standard room to a partial sea view room on Boa Vista island at Iberostar Club Boa Vista (up to 14 nights); or a free upgrade from a land view double room to a double seaside room Sal island at Hotel Morabeza (up to 14 nights).

For more information, visit www.capeverde.co.uk, or call 01489 866969.

Under the sun in Ras Al Khaimah

EMIRATES HOLIDAYS is offering a trip to the Ritz Carlton Ras Al Khaimah Al Wadi Desert from £3,165 per person for a five-night stay in a Al Rimal Pool Villa, half board and return flights with Emirates. This is valid for travel on selected days from March 1 to 31, 2023. The price based on flights from London Gatwick and two adults sharing.

www.emiratesholidaysagents.com



Audley Travel expands Mexico beach offering

AUDLEY TRAVEL, seeing a 26% rise in beach property bookings, has expanded its offering in Mexico with two new options.

LunArena Boutique Beach hotel is far from mass tourism, nestled in the picturesque fishing village of El Cuyo. Four rooms take advantage of the seaside settings, with sunset and sunrise views over the water. 10-day trips, with five nights at the property, start from £4,950 per person with transfers, accommodation and excursions.

Casa del Jaguar, redesigned in January, hosts Junior Suites, Family Suites and Master Suites, all situated in a relaxing and private beachside setting. 10 days, with five at the property, start from £6,600 per person.

Alex Bentley, head of product for Audley Travel, comments: "These new additions to the programme give more choice for travellers who want to relax somewhere new, away from the busier areas. The hotels are both excellent choices..."

www.audleytravel.com

Family feel and warm winter sun at Fairmont Maldives Sirru Fen Fushi

FAIRMONT MALDIVES Sirru Fen Fushi is blending winter sun and wellness for guests enjoying the season at the resort.

A series of new 'Reset Programs' has been introduced. Labelled 'The Secret Key to Happiness and Wellness', the packages include holistic therapies for the mind, body and soul, with carefully curated treatments connecting guests to the heritage of Maldives island culture. Each programme highlights indigenous practices and nutritional programmes, ideal for couples, families and friends.

To bridge the gap between tourism and wellness, the resort has introduced The Willow Stream Spa, encouraging guests to become one with nature, with nature-based treatments and experiences. www.fairmontmaldives.com

Elsewhere, the Mövenpick Resort Kurehivaru Maldives has launched a 'Go Fit



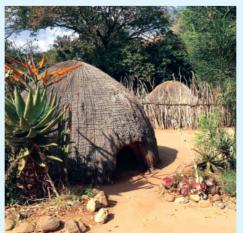
& Healthy Programme', a seven-night wellness retreat with daily fitness consultations, health meal plan, diverse exercise regiment and results-oriented spa treatments. www.movenpick.com

Search South Africa and Swaziland with **Mercury Holidays**

MERCURY HOLIDAYS' 'South Africa and Swaziland' itinerary is packed with a host of once-in-a-lifetime experiences, from searching for the Big Five to taking in the mountains and sweeping plains.

The 13-day tour kicks off in Johannesburg, setting off for the Kruger region and taking in the surrounding villages and the Karongwe Private Game Reserve before a 4x4 game drive.

Onto Kruger National Park, guests have



two days to take in the iconic setting.

Day six brings the adventure to Eswatini (formerly Swaziland), visiting Piggs Peak and the Matsamo Cultural Park.

A guided nature walk at Mlilwane Wildlife Sanctuary is a must-do, with extensive biodiversity on show. Two days in Hluhluwe, including a three-hour game drive, showcase the continent's wildlife and landscapes.

Day 10 offers a full day in Dundee, exploring the history of the Zulu wars. The tour draws to a close with a final stay in Drakensberg before returning to Johannesburg.

The tour starts from £2,499 per person, with select meals, three- and four-star accommodation, and flights. Winter departures throughout 2023 are available. www.mercuryholidays.co.uk

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Winter sun with Wyndham



WYNDHAM HOTELS & Resorts, the brand with over 89,000 hotels in 95 nations, and Palladium Hotel Group, the Spanish hotel company, has announced a partnership that will add more than 6,500 rooms to Wyndham's Registry Collection.

This will see the 14-hotel allinclusive TRS Hotels and Grand Palladium Hotels & Resorts join Wyndham's portfolio.

The first four properties to join the collection include Grand Palladium Colonial Resort & Spa, Grand

Palladium Kantenah Resort & Spa, Grand Palladium White Sand Resort & Spa and TRS Yucatan Hotel in Riviera Maya. The latter, a five-star luxury property, invites adults for private and personalised holidays - an indulgent choice for a winter sun break. Guests can enjoy butler service and 24-hour room service while getting a taste for a choice of global cuisines. Reservations for the first four properties can be made at www.wyndhamhotels.com/registrycollection

Take the heat in Larnaka

LARNAKA CONTINUES to be a hotspot for winter breaks in Cyprus. The Larnaka Tourism Board (LTB) has spotlighted a number of diverse activities and attractions awaiting this winter.

"Larnaka and its regions continue to attract holidaymakers year-round and winter months are no exception with good air links from the UK to Larnaka and a plethora of things to see and do. We look forward to seeing many more travel agents making use of our website and our quarterly newsletters for updates, plus additional new reasons to recommend Larnaka to their customers", comments Nana Asmeni Pavlou, an officer for LTB.

Walk this way with the city's choice of guided and self-guided walks, showcasing the palm-tree-lined Foinikoudes promenade, the old neighbourhoods, and choice of culture.

www.culturalwalk.virtuallarnakaregion.com

The Art Workshops neighbourhood, two streets in the old Turkish Cypriot district, hosts nine active artists with workshops, including sculpting, ceramics and painting. The streets and workshops are available in person and as a 360-degree virtual tour. www.virtuallarnakaregion.com/ArtWorkshops

With warm sea temperatures, diving is a year-round draw, with the Zenobia wreck dive site a favourite, and further choices introduced recently. www.larnakaregion.com/directory/product/zenobia-wreck

What's one thing you want to achieve this year?

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