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FROM 16TH MAY, UK TOURISTS who have had both doses of the coronavirus vaccine will not face any restrictions and other arrivals will be welcome provided that they can produce a negative test taken 48 hours before arrival.



Unlike other European countries, Italy is accepting antigen tests as well as PCR tests. In addition, travellers who have previously tested positive for Covid-19 will be exempt from any testing requirements if they present a certificate of prior Covid-19 infection upon arrival.



The new entry requirements will apply to all countries in the 'C list' which is part of Italy's classification system for countries concerning travel and coronavirus. The list includes the UK along with other countries including Norway, Switzerland, Iceland and Israel, and is the least restrictive classification.



We are delighted that Italy is once again ready and open for business. Our cities, coasts, countryside and major attractions are world-class and we have implemented robust protocols to keep our visitors safe.

www.italia.it

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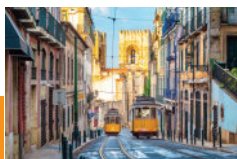
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New data from Expedia Group indicates traveller confidence is growing, and now is the time for agents to capture and drive demand.



The report highlights trends around global travel from Expedia Group's Q1 2020 data.

EXPEDIA GROUP Media Solutions, the advertising sales division of Expedia Group, released its first ever quarterly trend report.

The new Travel Recovery Trend Report features insights to help ensure the travel trade is best prepared to re-engage with travellers, as travel ramps up.

Key findings from the Travel Recovery Trend Report include:

Global vaccine rollouts spur the return of travel

After a turbulent year for the travel industry in 2020, the start of 2021 saw travel turn a corner with monthly search volumes showing strong growth throughout Q1. The increase in searches

and traveller demand is linked with growing momentum in the rollout of COVID-19 vaccines and loosening of travel restrictions.

Global search windows remain short

Continuing a trend seen throughout much of last year, the majority of global Q1 2021 searches fell within the 0 to 21 days search window, as uncertainty around global travel saw travellers opt for more opportunistic, short-term trips, often close to home. While this trend of domestic trips is still strengthening, longer search windows for international trips are beginning to emerge.

Making up for lost time with longer trips

Many travellers are making up for lost time this year by taking longer trips, planning to fully use holiday days and continuing to work remotely while travelling with "flexcations" – longer stays that include work and play. These longer trips are benefiting destination and accommodation providers. Quarter-over-quarter in Q1 2021, holiday rental demand increased and the global average length of stay for vacation rentals increased by 30%.

For the full report, including all trends, visit <https://info.advertising.expedia.com/travel-recovery-trend-report-download-2021-q1>

On the move with Intrepid's selection of active trips

INTREPID HAS expanded its UK product with a range of new action-packed trips exploring the UK's favourite and lesser-known rivers.

After a year of several lockdowns, these four new itineraries have been designed to help Brits get active and explore their own country by bike, by foot and by water.

Travellers will discover the scenery of Northumberland's River Tyne, the River Wye, River Thames and Devon's River Dart and River Teign. Highlights include wild swimming in the clear waters of Sharrah Pool in Dartmoor, stand-up paddle boarding down the Thames to Oxford, and cycling around the secluded Elan Valley in Wales. Accommodation ranges from glamping to



Intrepid's new active trips explore the UK's rivers, from source to sea.

historic inns and family-run guest houses.

These trips are best suited to travellers with a moderate level of fitness and confidence in the water, but no previous experience of the activities is necessary – they are ideal for those keen to try something new.

Zina Bencheikh, managing director EMEA of Intrepid Travel, said: "We have seen a big uplift in bookings for

our UK tours over the last three months, with many clients opting to stay closer to home this summer. These exciting new itineraries prove that you don't have to travel far to have an adventure. In true Intrepid style, these trips are about getting out into nature, being active and discovering spectacular parts of the UK."

www.intrepidtravel.com

Oceania Cruises unveils OceaniaNEXT enhancements

OCEANIA CRUISES has announced the first in a series of new product enhancements, rolling out across its luxury fleet, as part of its OceaniaNEXT programme.

With elevated dining experiences and service levels for guests, the enhancements will debut aboard Regatta, Insignia, Nautica, Riviera, and Sirena as each vessel returns to sailing.

Phase one of the transformation sees the line reveal thoughtfully crafted new dining experiences and reimaged menus to elevate its dining and service levels on board.

www.OceaniaCruises.com

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Holland America Line to restart cruising in August 2021

HOLLAND AMERICA Line has received approval to restart cruising from Piraeus, Athens in August, with four departures aboard Eurodam.

Departing on August 15 and August 29, the 'Idyllic Greek Isles' itinerary features Kotor, Montenegro, plus the Greek isles of Kékira (Corfu), Thíra (Santorini) and Mykonos. 'Ancient Wonders' departs on August 22 to explore Haifa, Israel, as well as Náfplion, Mykonos and Rhodes in Greece. Both options can be combined for a longer, back-to-back 14-day 'Collectors' Voyage'.

A seven-day 'Adriatic Allure' itinerary, departing September 5, will sail from Piraeus to Venice, Italy, with calls at Mykonos, Katakolon (Olympia) and Crete (Chania),



Holland America Line's Eurodam will sail through Santorini, Greece.

Greece, and Sarandë, Albania.

Fares for Eurodam's seven-day Greece cruises begin at a 'Have it All' premium package fare of £1,949 per person.

On board, Holland

America Line will offer dining and room service from all restaurants and speciality venues. Entertainment and live music events will be organised for guests.

www.hollandamerica.com

easyJet adds new COVID-19 travel insurance cover

EASYJET HAS announced a new travel insurance policy, which includes COVID-19 cover as standard.

The new partnership with insurance provider, Collinson Insurance, now offers customers various insurance options including dedicated COVID-19 travel cover.

The new travel insurance will cover customers who are diagnosed with COVID-19 ahead of a trip, as well as cover customers for any required medical care if diagnosed during their trip. Customers who are diagnosed and unable to return home are also covered for medical assistance.

www.easyJet.com



Discovering Benidorm with your Family

Benidorm is the perfect place for families, as it's both a friendly and a safe destination to enjoy a unique holiday.

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Levante and Poniente are two long sandy beaches, where parents can relax and enjoy the Mediterranean Sea whilst their children play and have fun in the calm, shallow and crystal clear waters.

Benidorm has 5 different theme parks which make the city a singular and incomparable destination. Families will be able to enjoy the shows and entertainment that these independent parks have to offer throughout the day.

The perfect combination of sea and mountain is here in Benidorm. What are you waiting for? Come and discover it with your family!

Discover more at: www.benidormlearning.com





AGENT INSIGHT

SANDRA MURRAY
NORMANTON, YORKSHIRE

HOW IS everyone coping? I hope there has been some improvements – things are certainly changing, albeit slowly!

I feel for all those that have been furloughed, made redundant and left jobs they love – I used to love it when tour operator sales people used to call into my shop, they were always full of information and could tell you how things were in the ‘real world’.

I caught up with Richard Hey the other day – I first met him way back in 2009 when he was at Bedsonline, and since then, I have seen him with various tour operator hats on, such as If Only..., LUX Resorts and Abercrombie & Kent. I was amazed at how well he used to learn about the new product and was always helpful; he didn’t want to leave the industry and luckily, a couple of opportunities came up, allowing him to stay and to help launch two amazing brands to the trade.

I have a few tour operator suggestions for agents looking for some holiday inspiration. First, Worldchoice Sports, who are independently owned, and provide ATOL-bonding sporting holidays, has over 20 years of experience. Check out their page on FB – Worldchoice Sports, and email enquiries or at info@worldchoice.com – I am sure you will be impressed. Second, ONEE.com specialise in the distribution of high-end, privately-owned luxury villas and private yacht charters. Its range of destinations currently spans Europe, the Caribbean, Mexico and even South Africa and Fiji. ONEE is trade only, and to get prices, agents need to visit ONEE.com to register and search the range of properties worldwide. Many of the properties are off market, meaning your customers can’t find them directly.

You can contact Richard on r.hey@worldchoicesports.com or Richard@onee.com. It is an opportunity for agents to try something a bit different and bring in new customers.



LONDON-BASED SPECIALIST tourism agency, Black Diamond, has been appointed as the trade representation agency for the UK & Ireland for Qatar National Tourism Council (QNTC). Black Diamond will communicate the destination's new tourism strategy as they target the Qatar National Vision 2030, positioning itself as a world-class tourism destination.

Jet2.com and Jet2CityBreaks expand Iceland programmes

AS IT joins the green list for travel, Jet2.com and Jet2CityBreaks has expanded its offerings of flights and package holidays to Iceland, bringing the start of scheduled services ahead to September 2, 2021.

The programme is timed perfectly for clients looking to experience the northern lights, with twice weekly services from September 2, 2021 from Manchester and Birmingham airports running until November 22, 2021.

Scheduled services from Manchester Airport will operate from February 10 until November 10, 2022. Flights from Birmingham will operate from the same date until April 25, 2022.

Expanding the schedule offers much more choice and flexibility, with three-night and longer breaks available over the February and October half-term and Easter holidays.



The new schedule is perfectly timed for northern lights sightings.

Belfast International, East Midlands, Leeds Bradford, Glasgow, Edinburgh, Newcastle and London Stansted Airport will operate 37 three- and four-night breaks to Iceland, with 15 trips taking place between September and November 2021 and a further 22 trips between February and April 2022.

www.jet2.com / www.jet2citybreaks.com



NATIONAL HOLIDAYS HAS received positive feedback from agents following its first week out on the road making in-store sales calls. During the first week, 55 agencies were visited. Agents in the North East and North West are being visited in line with National Holidays main pick-up points. Any agent keen to receive a sales call should contact claire.dutton@justgoholidays.com

AGENT TRAINING

JAMAICA TOURIST Board London is launching a new interactive weekly webinar, 'JAMAICA Virtual Vibes', to share destination updates, trivia and travel protocol information with agents. The webinars will take place every Wednesday at 3.30pm and last around 45-60 minutes. Agents can pre-register each week to attend the Zoom webinars through this form.

PACIFIC ASIA Travel Association (PATA) UK & Ireland is hosting virtual training experiences for agents, starting with the return of its online quiz and bingo nights. The interactive quizzes will consist of 20 questions over four presentations, all themed on the Asia Pacific region. There will be prizes up for grabs, from hotel stays to cases of wine. Travel agents can register for free here: <https://pata.org.uk/pata-events/>

TAIWAN TOURISM Bureau is offering a series of virtual seminars for agents. Set to take place every Tuesday this month and beyond, the tourism board aims to inform agents with destination knowledge, ensuring that they are fully equipped to send clients to Taiwan when travel opens up. Topics include 'Taiwan on 2 Wheels'; 'Explore Taiwan by Train'; 'Taste of Taiwan'; and, more. <https://taiwanlivewebinar.eventbrite.com>

AGENT INCENTIVES

- **WENDY WU** is offering agents the chance to earn a £20 Love2shop voucher for every booking made with the company this month. www.wendywutours.co.uk
- **THE PORTO Carras Grand Resort** is offering a four-night stay for two on a bed-and-breakfast basis. To redeem this reward, agents must book five holidays for five nights or more with any UK tour operator. Eligible bookings in the promotion must be made in 2021, with the complimentary stays including departure dates from June 1 to June 30, 2021; September 1 to October 31, 2021; and April 21 to May 30, 2022. Agents redeeming the offer will also get a free round of golf at the Porto Carras golf course (a three minute walk from Meliton hotel) and a free wine tasting session at Domaine Porto Carras. To redeem their stays, agents can email booking details to celine@skhospitality.gr
- **IF ONLY...** is offering agents the chance to win a trip to Atmosphere Kanifushi for themselves. A seven-night, all inclusive stay for two in a Water Villa, with pool and seaplane transfers is up for grabs. To enter, agents have to make as many bookings as possible with If Only... for Atmosphere Hotels & Resorts from now until October 31, 2021, and the top booker will scoop the star prize. Winners will be announced at the beginning of November 2021 on the If Only... Partners Facebook Page.



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Riviera Travel to launch new ocean ship in 2022

SET TO launch as part of the 2022 ocean cruising schedule, Riviera Travel has revealed the latest ship in its fleet: World Voyager.

World Voyager is a 190-guest-capacity ship that will offer three itineraries (France, Spain and Portugal; the British Isles; and Morocco, Madeira & the Canary Islands) throughout the 2022 season.

The ship's France, Spain and Portugal sailing, departing on September 19, 2022, will call at Guernsey, Belle Île and Basque Country, as well as several harbourside cities of Portugal. Excursions along the way include a private wine tasting tour of Route des Châteaux and cultural tours of San Sebastián, Santander, Porto and Lisbon.

The British Isles cruise will



The 190-capacity ship will set sail in March 2022.

sail from Portsmouth on September 9, 2022, heading to Scotland and Ireland, with port stops including Aberdeen, Inverness, the Orkney archipelago and Isle of Lewis & Harris, calling at Belfast and Dublin before a final stop in the Isles of Scilly.

On the Morocco, Madeira and Canary Islands route, World Voyager will run extensive tours of all three

destinations, with excursions set away from the main tourist destinations. This voyage will sail between March 24 and April 10, 2022.

Guests can enjoy one of World Voyager's 100 cabins from £2,999 per person for an 11-day voyage.

Explore the rest of the 2022 schedule at www.rivieratravel.co.uk

Exsus Travel enhances its travel expert team

LUXURY TAILOR-MADE tour specialist, Exsus Travel, has appointed a new senior account manager, Danielle Walker.

Upon her appointment, Danielle explained: "I have a huge passion for travel and have been lucky enough to have travelled to so many amazing destinations – and long to continue! I love to share my experience and knowledge, which gives me the drive to do the job that I love, working with so many fantastic agents."

Danielle brings 20 years of luxury operator experience to the role, which will enhance the

company's relationships with the trade.

Neil Sealy, head of trade sales at Exsus Travel, added: "We are absolutely delighted to be welcoming such incredible talent to our already fantastic and diverse team. As we emerge from the most difficult year the travel industry has seen, I am confident this addition to the team will enhance our ability to create the most extraordinary holidays around the world."

www.exsus.com

Visit Malta's travel agent call to action with new campaign

MALTA TOURISM Authority (MTA) has launched its new advertising campaign, 'Feel Free Again'. The campaign launched with the help of regional UK travel agents, calling clients and agents to action.

The 'Feel Free Again' campaign is designed to inspire travellers to make the most of their freedom to travel for leisure when the time is right, and visit Malta to experience all the island and its surroundings has to offer.

MTA has partnered with Advantage Travel Partnership members Sheffield Travel, Not Just Travel, and easyJet holidays for its digital advertising, which will run for six months across the UK.



Natalie Swinburne, trade marketing manager, UK & Ireland commented: "We're always looking for ways to support our trade partners, we plan to incorporate agents into our advertising plans throughout 2021."

Malta will welcome UK visitors from June 1, 2021, but it remains on the 'amber list'.

For more information, go to www.visitmalta.com



Rosewood Mexico City to open in 2024

THE ROSEWOOD Mexico City is expected to open its doors in 2024.

Positioned in the heart of the capital, Rosewood Mexico City is conveniently located within walking distance of renowned luxury shopping district, Avenida Presidente Masaryk, as well as cultural sites including Museo Soumaya and Museo Jumex.

Rosewood Mexico City will join the global brand's collection of properties across Mexico, from Los Cabos and Riviera Maya to San Miguel de Allende.

www.rosewoodhotels.com

SUDOKU

Win a £50 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, June 3. Solution and new puzzle will appear in the next issue.

The winner for May 7 is Judith Nixon from Premier Travel.

May 7 Solution: A=9 B=7 C=8 D=2

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

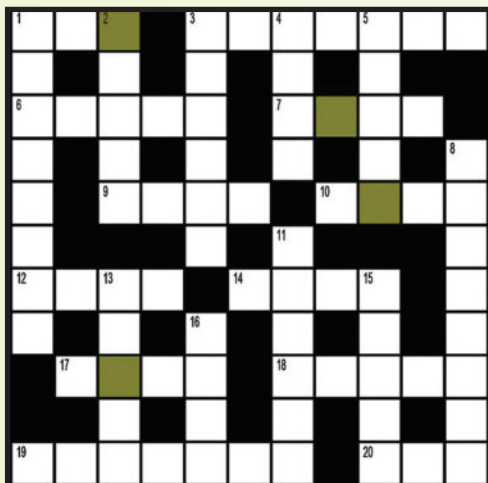


WHERE AM I?

This Australian wine region has more than 200 vineyards, most of which are boutique wineries. The main grapes grown here are Chardonnay, Verdelho, Sauvignon Blanc, Shiraz, Merlot and Chenin Blanc. The climate is similar to Bordeaux.

CROSSWORD

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



Across

- 1 Flag carrier of Portugal (3)
- 3 Hotel brand, part of Accor (7)
- 6 Actress and presenter, Kym (5)
- 7 Capital of Latvia (4)
- 9 Scenic island off the coast of Normandy where cars are prohibited (4)
- 10 European capital city (4)
- 12 Island in the Tyrrhenian Sea (4)
- 14 One of the Simpson cartoon characters (4)
- 17 Indonesia's capital city is located on this island (4)
- 18 The Burj Khalifa Tower is an iconic landmark in this city (5)
- 19 Apple dessert which originated in Vienna (7)
- 20 One of the former cinque ports, sounds alcoholic (3)

Down

- 1 Sir, who recently became the oldest man to top the UK album charts (3,5)
- 2 Romantic city break destination (5)
- 3 African desert (6)
- 4 Capital city of the Algarve (4)
- 5 The longest river in the Iberian peninsula (5)
- 8 National Park in California (8)
- 11 German composer of the Messiah (6)
- 13 Tony, former Labour Prime Minister (5)
- 15 Flows through Rome (5)
- 16 Currency of South Africa (4)

Solution:
 Across: 1 TAP 3 SOFTEL 6 MARSH 7 RIGA 9 SARK 10 OSLO 12 ELBA 14 BART 17 JAVA 18 DUBAI 19 STRUDEL 20 RYE.
 Down: 1 TOM JONES 2 PARIS 3 SAHARA 4 FARO 5 TAGUS 8 YOSEMITE 11 HANDEL 13 BLAIR 15 TIBER 16 RAND.
 Mystery Word: PISA Where am I? - Margaret River, Western Australia



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RED SEA READY

Visiting Saudi Arabia, Jordan and Egypt, MSC's seven-night Red Sea itinerary offers guests an opportunity to explore three ancient civilisations and three UNESCO World Heritage Sites.

MSC CRUISES has revealed details of its brand new itinerary in the Red Sea for the winter 2021/22 season.

These itineraries, calling at destinations in Saudi Arabia, Jordan and Egypt, promise culturally-rich destinations, a range of exotic beaches, and a chance for guests to explore the region's deep-rooted traditions that date back centuries.

Homeporting in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, MSC Magnifica will offer seven-night cruises, starting from November 13, 2021 through to the end of March 2022. From Jeddah, the ship will call Aqaba for Petra in Jordan, Safaga for Luxor in Egypt, then the other Saudi ports of AlWajh and Yanbu before returning back to Jeddah.

Located at the cross-roads of the three continents of the old world, Saudi Arabia is



A visit to the world-renowned Petra is part of the Red Sea itinerary.

rich in culture, traditions and heritage. With five UNESCO World Heritage Sites, including Historic Jeddah and Al-Hijr Archaeological Site in AlUla, both accessible to MSC Magnifica's guests.

This itinerary will see MSC Cruises return to Egypt, calling at the historic port of Safaga, from where guests will be able to reach Luxor – the world's largest open-air museum with world-renowned ancient Egyptian sites. Rounding out the

itinerary is Aqaba, Jordan. The port dates back to 4,000 B.C. and, from here, guests are able to reach Petra – the famous archaeological site and one of the new seven wonders of the world.

Sales are now open for all future guests. MSC Voyagers' Club members will benefit from an additional 5% discount exclusively for a period of 10 days, on top of their usual 5% discount.

www.msccruises.co.uk

'A Week in Oman' with Exodus Travels

EXODUS TRAVELS is offering a week-long holiday to Oman, where travellers will discover the Gulf state's rich cultural heritage.

Starting off in the capital, Muscat, guests visit the Grand Mosque, wander through the colourful Mutrah Souq and see the Omani capital and coastline through seafarers' eyes on a traditional Dhow cruise.

Travellers will be able to discover the varied landscape of the country on camping and 4WD trips through the Wahiba Sands. They will marvel at stunning views over the 'Grand Canyon of Arabia' from Jebel Shams, Oman's highest mountain; wade in the cooling, turquoise



waters of the desert oasis and uncover the historic forts, before witnessing the weekly live cattle auction in Nizwa.

The holiday is priced from £1,799 per person, based on a February 6, 2022 departure date.

www.exodus.co.uk

ELEGANT DUBAI

Elegant Resorts lives up to its name with this selection of luxury resorts in Dubai: family-favourite Atlantis The Palm, with thrills galore, and One&Only The Palm, a secluded beach retreat.



Image Credit: Elegant Resorts

ELEGANT RESORTS offers a selection of Dubai escapes. Between the choice of One&Only The Palm, the five-star retreat with a selection of bistro dining options, a marina, spa and private beach, and Atlantis The Palm, the five-star paradise with a waterpark, aquarium and a whole host of family-friendly facilities, clients can opt for anything from family adventures to laid-back escapes.

One&Only The Palm

Palm Island's most exclusive resort offers its guests a private beach and infinity pool. The rejuvenating Guerlain Spa offers purifying treatments and wellness-fuelled experiences.

If guests want a break from the kick-back luxury on offer at the resort, there's a host of activities to enjoy.

From £3,165 per person, clients can spend seven nights in a Palm Manor House Premier Room at One&Only The Palm, Dubai on a half-board basis. This price offers a 15% rate

reduction with economy flights, private transfers and lounge passes. The price is valid until December 17, 2021.

Atlantis The Palm

This family-friendly hub takes inspiration from its namesake, offering a water-themed adventure for adults and children alike. Home to Aquaventure, the world's largest waterpark, and The Lost Chambers, the UAE's largest aquarium, there's plenty of adventurous choices to keep clients busy.

With Elegant Resorts, guests can enjoy seven nights in an Imperial Club Room at Atlantis The Palm from £2,165 per person, including complimentary half board, a 40% rate reduction and complimentary in-resort PCR testing, saving up to £1,755 per person, with flights, private transfers and lounge passes.

www.elegantresorts.co.uk

Fun in the Middle Eastern sun at the St Regis Doha

PREMIER HOLIDAYS is offering a three-night stay at the St Regis in Doha, Qatar, for travellers who are seeking some sun in the winter months.

In the heart of West Bay and adjacent to Pearl Island, the hotel boasts a collection of restaurants and bars, the Remede Spa, a private beach and plenty of activities for the whole family.

Each guest boasts signature St Regis butler service together with views of the Arabian Gulf. Upgraded options include the grand deluxe rooms, which overlook Pearl Island or West Bay.



Image Credit: St Regis, Doha

St. Regis Doha presents a total of 10 restaurants that offer intentional cuisine, including English afternoon tea at Sarab Lounge and traditional St. Regis offerings at Astor Grill, to organic, artisanal cuisine and enhanced beverages at Vine Restaurant, and Caribbean steel band music and fresh seafood at Oyster Bay & Bar.

A three-night stay at St Regis Doha is priced from £875 per person, with Premier Holidays.

www.premierholidays.co.uk



Image Credit: Abu Dhabi Stock

DCT Abu Dhabi to launch three new cultural initiatives

THE DEPARTMENT of Culture and Tourism – Abu Dhabi (DCT Abu Dhabi) is set to launch a series of cultural and heritage-based initiatives.

Initiatives include the Abu Dhabi Register of Artisans, recognising local craftsmen and women and spotlighting them in training opportunities, events and other activities.

The House of Artisans, Al Hosn, has reopened its immersive exhibition showcasing the UAE's history of culture and crafts. The exhibition displays a range of emerging and classic Emirati artists and designers, and will soon offer visitors' workshops.

www.tcaabudhabi.ae

JORDAN DISCOVERY

Sleep under the stars, soak in the salty Dead Sea, kick back at the seaside town of Aqaba and get a glimpse of the The Treasury on Intrepid Travel's eight-day 'Jordan Discovery' offering.

Image Credit: Adobe Stock



IF CLIENTS are searching for an all-encompassing journey through Jordan, they need look no further than the 'Discover Jordan' offering from Intrepid Travel.

Departing on their round trip from Amman, guests can soak up the sweeping views from the Citadel or visit the Jordan Museum and get to know the city's biblical history. The group then dines together and acclimatises.

Journeying down the Desert Highway, the tour arrives in Wadi Rum; guests venture through the mountainous desert landscape in 4x4s or hike among the unique rock formations. A highlight of the tour is on the cards as the group spends a night under the stars at one of Wadi Rum's traditional Bedouin campsites.

Onto Aqaba, guests can get a great view of everything the seaside town has to offer with a visit to the 14th-century Ottoman Mamluk fort, head to the beach, or kick back poolside at the hotel.

With two days in Petra, guests immerse

themselves in one of the world's most astonishing ancient cities. The group will acquaint themselves with the locals and ancient surroundings.

On their second day in the city, guests can enjoy the expansive view from the Siq, explore the Roman amphitheatre and tombs, or climb up to the Monastery.

En route to Amman, the tour calls at Shobak's Crusader Castle, the photogenic Dana Biosphere Reserve and Madaba, home to a number of awe-inspiring Byzantine mosaics.

Drawing to a close with two days in Amman, guests can visit the nearby Roman town of Jerash, the shores of the Red Sea or get a taste of the capital's popular dining district.

Intrepid Travel offers this itinerary from £1,235 per person, based on the eight-day holiday, selected meals, accommodation and transport.

www.intrepidtravel.com

Land of the Phoenicians with Cox & Kings

COX & KINGS spotlights the hidden gems of Lebanon on its 'Lebanon: Land of the Phoenicians' tour.

Beginning in Beirut, guests check in to the five-star Gefinor Rotana Hotel for four nights.

During their time in the city, holidaymakers venture through the Qadisha Valley, visit Tyre, a Phoenician city that is home to a number of Roman remains, and explore the Jeita Grotto limestone caves.

En route to Zhale, the group calls at the ancient city of Anjar, Château Ksara winery and Roman temples in Baalbek, checking in to the five-star Grand Hotel Kadri.

Clients drive through the Chouf mountains, checking in to the five-star Gefinor Rotana upon arrival in Beirut for their final night.

The tour's final day is spent at guests' leisure.



Image Credit: Adobe Stock

This eight-day experience with Cox & Kings starts from £2,345 per person, including flights, accommodation, private transfers and guides, and entrance fees.

www.coxandkings.co.uk

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Visit Dubai highlights the history and heritage of Hatta

SITUATED IN the heart of the Al Hajar mountains, Hatta is a recreated traditional mountain village in Dubai – the perfect choice for your more active clients.

Located around 130km south-east of central Dubai, the mountain town of Hatta was once known for its historic fort and small desert farms, but now attracts a wide range of adventure enthusiasts too. Clients can enjoy activities such as trekking through mountain landscapes, mountain biking at Hatta Wadi Hub, and honey harvesting at the Hatta Honey Bee Garden.

www.visitdubai.com

ARABIAN NIGHTS

Ponant Cruises' 'Treasures of the Arabian Gulf' voyage takes guests to the heartland of the Middle East, with opportunities to soak in a contrasting blend of deserts and skyscrapers.



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PONANT INVITES guests on a nine-day cruise between the Gulf of Oman and the Persian Gulf, departing from Muscat.

Travellers will be welcomed aboard Le Jacques-Cartier and set off to discover the treasures of the desert of the Arabian Peninsula.

Fujairah lies in the Persian Gulf, and is home to a combination of mountains and fertile plains. From the city, it is possible to take an excursion into the surrounding mountains and visit many architectural sites, including Fujairah Fort, built in 1670, or Al Bidya Mosque, the oldest mosque in the United Arab Emirates.

Le Jacques-Cartier will then drop anchor in Khasab, home to the "fjords of Arabia", that your clients will be able to explore aboard a traditional boat, before setting sail for Doha, in Qatar. In this city, guests will discover a

museum that is home to treasures of Islamic art, as well as the Waqif souk, which is in the heart of the old town.

The group will then stop off at the nature reserve on the island of Sir Bani Yas, a veritable wildlife sanctuary.

The ship will then take guests towards Abu Dhabi, the booming capital of the United Arab Emirates. While there, guests will visit the new Louvre Abu Dhabi Museum and the Grand Mosque, one of the largest in the world.

Finally, guests will reach the futuristic city of Dubai, which will signal the end of the cruise.

There are a total of eight departure dates between February and December 2022, each cruising for nine days aboard Le Jacques-Cartier. Prices start from £3,200.

Find out more about the cruises at <https://uk.ponant.com>

See the 'Highlights of Lebanon' with Explore

YOUR CLIENTS looking to discover lesser-known parts of the Middle East may be interested in Explore's 'Highlights of Lebanon' holiday.

Over one week, travellers will learn all about Lebanon's fascinating history. There will be opportunities to stand in front of the vast Roman ruins at Baalbek, discover Crusader castles and Phoenician ruins, and see remnants of the Civil War on a walking tour in Beirut.

Highlights of the holiday include seeing the 1000-year-old Lebanon Cedar trees set high above the Qadisha Valley; uncovering the rich heritage and maritime histories of Byblos and Batroun on the Mediterranean coast; and, indulging in Lebanese cuisine, with the chance to savour red wine in the Bekaa Valley and feast on fresh hummus, labneh and falafel in the narrow streets of the souks.



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The eight-day 'Highlights of Lebanon' holiday is priced from £1,320 per person, based on a June 4, 2022 departure date.

www.explore.co.uk



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Two cities, one break

THE CONTRASTING cities of Tel Aviv and Jerusalem, merely an hour apart, are two cities that are worth combining if travellers want to make the most out of a holiday to Israel.

Famous for its religious and historical significance, Jerusalem is Israel's ancient capital – the Holy City. Within the confines of the Old City, Jerusalem features historical sites, including the Western Wall, the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, and the Tower of David.

By contrast, Tel Aviv, dubbed 'the city that never sleeps' is a cosmopolitan hub at the heart of Israel's nightlife, cultural and culinary scene, lined with beaches, boardwalks and boutiques. www.goisrael.com



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BE WELL WITH DUSIT

Dusit Thani has introduced a new wellness concept, delivering meaningful experiences focused on holistic well-being.

DUSIT INTERNATIONAL has responded to the increasingly health-conscious aspirations of global travellers by introducing its new group-wide wellness concept – ‘Devarana Wellness’.

The new wellness programme, which is inspired by traditional Thai healing wisdom and Buddhist wellness principles, aims to weave well-being elements throughout guests' entire stay experience at Dusit hotels and resorts worldwide.

The concept aims to enhance the physical and mental well-being of all of Dusit's guests by inviting them to take time to slow down, enjoy the chance to prioritise their health, and explore new wellness experiences beyond Dusit's traditional hotel spa offerings.

Devarana Wellness has been specially created to



Image Credit: Dusit Thani

Devarana Wellness is a response to the growth in wellness tourism.

deliver holistic wellness experiences via a methodology based on three key principles. These include ‘Pause’ (comprised of yoga, meditation, breathwork, Thai herbal medicine, and activities that enhance emotional resilience); ‘Focus’ (comprised of personalised food menus and fitness and movement activities for physical vitality); and, ‘Growth’ (comprised of workshops focused on sustainability,

community outreach programmes, and special retreats for families, couples, and business and leisure travellers).

These activities, and other ‘wellness micro-moments’ such as the offer of essential oils on arrival, the provision of beauty/grooming kits in guest bathrooms, and the screening of in-room video clips showing meditative sleep rituals, are now being rolled out at Dusit properties worldwide.

Escape the hustle and bustle on a trip to Lombok Island

AUDLEY TRAVEL is offering a holiday to The Legian Sire resort on Lombok island, Indonesia – a socially-distanced haven, away from any crowds.

Situated on the 3.8km Sire Beach, The Legian Sire offers 45 suites and 15 pool villas with views toward the Gili Islands.

The hotel's wellness offering will include an Apothecary Bar with locally inspired spa treatments using all-natural, organic ingredients, including Lombok volcanic clay. The Wellness Gardens will grow all the ingredients used at the property's restaurant.

The resort will offer two main pools, and visitors will also be able to enjoy surfing, snorkelling, diving, trekking and hiking. Away from the hotel, clients will be able to explore Lombok's mountain ranges and swim in the sea.

A 15-day itinerary costs from £4,490 per person (based on two sharing) and includes seven nights at The Legian Sire as well as time at Wapa Di Ume Sidemen and Belmond Jimbaran Puri.

www.audleytravel.com/indonesia

HEART AND SEOUL

Wendy Wu Tours offers a 13-day tour through one of the Far East's hidden gems in South Korea. With diverse spots in abundance, this tour is a guaranteed client-pleaser.



WITH A number of days at leisure in Seoul, in the metropolis of Busan, and amongst the culture of Gyeongju, Wendy Wu Tours' 'Scenic South Korea' offers just about everything clients could want from a South Korean escape.

Flying into Seoul, guests have a couple of days to acclimatise and soak up the city, from its skyscrapers to its ancient palaces. The group can visit the Gyeongbok Palace and National Folk Museum, ending the day with the sprawling views of the N Seoul tower.

A visit to the 16th-century Soswaewon Garden on day four gives the group a taste of rural South Korea, before moving onto Boseong on day five, visiting a green tea plantation and Seonamsa Temple in Suncheon.

En route to Busan, guests experience a cable car ride above Dolsan Island and Ondongdo Island to appreciate the surrounding landscapes.

Onto the more leisurely Busan, the tour soaks up the metropolis surrounding by

mountains and beaches, blending city life with rural escape for day seven.

Travellers then visit the 'museum without walls,' Gyeongju, which has a staggering number of temples, ruins and statues spanning centuries, and the 1,300-year-old Naksansa Temple on days eight and nine.

Mount Seorak awaits: one of the nation's most expansive national parks, protected with UNESCO Biosphere Reserve status. Guests enjoy hikes and a cable car ride through the panoramic landscapes.

Upon return by high-speed train to Seoul, the group witnesses a performance of 'Nanta,' which incorporates the traditional Samulnori rhythm.

Day 13 draws the tour to a close with a return flight home.

This tour, fully-inclusive of accommodation, flights, and meals, starts from £4,690 per person.

www.wendywutours.co.uk

Malaysia & Borneo with Riviera Travel

CLIENTS CAN experience the very best of Borneo and the marvels of Malaysia on Riviera Travel's 14-day 'Malaysia & Borneo' tour.

Highlights of the tour include the Sepilok Orangutan Rehabilitation Centre, the world's largest Orangutan facility and a bucket list spot for animal lovers.

The historic George Town, by cycle rickshaw, and a trip on the Penang Hill funicular railway are picture-perfect moments along the way.

Mari-Mari cultural village, near Kota Kinabalu, is an ideal spot to get a taste for the heritage of Borneo and immerse guests in the authentic culture of their destination.



Drawing to a close at the five-star Shangri-La resort, guests can kick back on the mile-long beach.

This expansive 14-day tour starts from £2,149 per person, including return flights, accommodation, and a selection of meals and visits. Clients can secure their place on the tour with a £200 per person deposit.

www.rivieratravel.co.uk

Accor Signs Vietnam Novotel & Mövenpick hotels

ACCOR HAS revealed the signing of three new Vietnamese properties: the 248-room Mövenpick Phan Thiet, the 250-room Novotel Phan Thiet, and the 209-room Mövenpick Ho Tram.

Mövenpick Phan Thiet will host two restaurants and wellness facilities at the NovaWorld Phan Thiet, a resort which will be home to a theme park, events stadium and shopping centre. The Novotel Phan Thiet will offer two restaurants and meeting facilities at the same resort. Mövenpick Ho Tram is a rural escape with all-day dining and wellness facilities at the Swiss-inspired mountain and beach resort, NovaWorld Ho Tram.

www.accor.com



CRUISE THE MEKONG

Newmarket Holidays offers a 18-day tour to discover Thailand, Cambodia and Vietnam, with a 10% discount on all bookings.



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DISCOVER A trio of South East Asian countries, capped off with a four-night cruise on the tranquil Mekong with Newmarket Holidays' 'Cruise the Mekong' trip.

This tour begins with the Thai capital, Bangkok, before guests journey into Cambodia, visiting the Khmer citadel of Angkor and capital Phnom Penh. A cruise on the Mekong will then bring them to, former South Vietnamese capital, Ho Chi Minh City.

Highlights include a guided tour of the floating markets and palaces of Bangkok, including the Grand Palace and Golden Buddha, followed by a scenic journey to the Cambodian border and French colonial Battambang.

The group will then cruise across Tonlé Sap – South East Asia's biggest lake. After that, travellers will stay for two full days in Siem Reap, including a full day in Angkor, for a city

tour of the Cambodian capital Phnom Penh, and a four-night cruise on the Mekong, with included excursions, activities and all meals.

Guests will also get an opportunity to visit Ho Chi Minh City, formerly Saigon. They can also see the infamous Chu Chi tunnel complex, once used by the Viet Cong.

Holidaymakers can save 10% on all holidays if booked before May 31, 2021. Tour prices start from £3,510 from London Heathrow for September 2022 to November 2022 departure dates. This price includes 15-day bed and breakfast accommodation, including four on the river cruise boat and two on the aircraft. It also includes outbound flight to Bangkok, returning from Ho Chi Minh city, via Singapore.

www.newmarketholidays.co.uk

'Discover Malaysia' with Inspiring Travel Company

INSPIRING TRAVEL Company is offering a peninsular Malaysia tour to take your guests across the country to discover sights, cultural highlights and diverse wildlife.

The tour begins in the capital city of Kuala Lumpur, where guests can enjoy a leisurely day shopping and enjoying hotel facilities. The second day takes travellers to the jungle of Taman Negara, while subsequent days include visits to the tea plantations of the Cameron Highlands and Penang. The tail end of the holiday includes a short stay in the cultural city of Georgetown, followed by a relaxing stay on the beach.

Itinerary highlights of the holiday include a visit to China Town and the Central Market; a guided night jungle walk, followed by a culinary-historical adventure to savour what Ipoh has to offer;



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and, learning all about tea and how it is produced in the region.

The 12-night 'Discover Malaysia' holiday starts from £2,728 per person.

www.inspiringtravelcompany.co.uk



Image Credit: Princess Cruises

Kyusu & Korea with Princess Cruises

PRINCESS CRUISES is offering a seven-day round trip to explore Kyushu, Japan, and Korea on October 4, 2022.

The tour includes a roundtrip from Tokyo (Yokohama), Japan. Calling in at the Nagasaki port, the cruise will traverse Jeju, South Korea and then Kagoshima, Japan, with a final stop at Omaezaki, Japan, before completing the tour.

While on board, guests can visit the Izumi Japanese Bath, partake in cooking demonstrations, dance classes, and join in on trivia contests.

The price starts from £884 per person, based on two people sharing an inside stateroom. www.princess.com

ESCAPE TO BALI

Escape and unwind in some of Asia's most exotic settings through this leisurely tour of Bali Island with Bamboo Travel.



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BAMBOO HOLIDAYS offers a selection of Far Eastern destinations, but for clients looking to see the best of Bali, the 15-day 'Escape to Bali' option could be ideal.

Kicking off in the former fishing village of Sanur, guests can experience a stay at a beach resort and explore the diverse range of local shops and restaurants at their leisure.

After kicking back in Sanur, the tour ventures on to the island's northern hills, for a cultured stay in the traditional village of Munduk.

In Munduk, the tour offers guests the chance to explore and live local lifestyles, and soak up the Balinese atmosphere at a hideaway resort.

An expansive and all-encompassing e-bike adventure is the best way to explore the surrounding rice terraces (one of the island's many iconic photo opportunities), before the

tour continues on to the artisanal town of Ubud, where the group explores the region's rich heritage.

The tour draws to a close with the group checking in to a luxurious beach resort, nestled within a quiet setting on the island's east coast, with the entire island available at guests' leisure, should they choose to explore it.

From £2,450 per person (based on a couple sharing), guests can enjoy the 12-night itinerary with Bamboo Travel. This price includes accommodation on a bed-and-breakfast basis (along with two lunches), a selection of activities across the island, entrance fees to a number of sightseeing spots, and a guide throughout.

www.bambootravel.co.uk

Indonesia prepares to re-open

AS INDONESIA begins its vaccination rollout across its 6,000 inhabited islands, it remains optimistic that tourism will be fully open by the end of 2021.

Ethos Travel's product manager and PATA UK & Ireland Far East spokesperson, Sam Collins, has explained that Indonesia will likely be a popular destination for many holidaymakers next year. "We've been focusing on new trips that allow travellers the luxury of space whilst retaining the unique Indonesian flavours that clients expect".

Ethos Travel is working with a number of Indonesian destinations, including Lifestyle Retreats in Bali. The operator is expected to bring a series of new and exclusive family packages for 2022 departures to the UK travel trade. Families of four will be able to spend 10 nights in a



Image Credit: Ethos Travel

luxury two-bedroom pool villa at Santa Umalas, with four nights at The Menjangan, West Bali National Park with all flights included, taxes, private transfers and breakfast from £5,570 for two adults and two children.

www.ethostravel.co.uk



Image Credit: Okinawa Tourism

Get a kick out of Okinawa with new karate website

THE OKINAWA Convention and Visitors' Bureau has launched a new specialised website to help travellers discover the sport of karate whilst visiting the prefecture.

The site features experiences to suit all skill levels and interests, and includes excursions and classes, as well as professional karate tours and camps. A six-hour tour includes visits to lesser-known spots where locals practice, as well as stops at museums and monuments of legendary karate masters.

Tour prices start from US\$108.

www.karate.ocvb.or.jp/

SPAIN & PORTUGAL



PINING FOR PORTUGAL

With the welcome news that Portugal is now a green list destination, the community of Vale do Lobo in the Algarve is the perfect choice for those seeking a self-contained haven.

FOLLOWING THE news that Portugal has been added to the UK's Global Travel Taskforce's green list, the resort of Vale do Lobo presents itself as a welcome break for sun-starved Brits.

Vale do Lobo, an oceanfront community resort in the Algarve, is a haven of stunning apartments and villas.

The area itself offers a range of outdoor activities for your more active clients, including golf, tennis, running, walking, cycling and a host of other active experiences.

Vale do Lobo offers year-round sunshine and a landscape consisting of native pine trees, a 2km golden sandy beach, and a



Vale do Lobo features a beachfront location.

neighbouring nature reserve.

Pedro Reimão, executive board member at Vale do Lobo, comments: "We are excited to welcome UK guests back to our resort from May 17... the COVID-19 pandemic has inspired many to look at Portugal and Vale do Lobo as a safe haven as it offers private self-catered accommodation and wide-

open spaces."

Love Holidays is offering a seven-night stay at Vale do Lobo Resort from £747 per person, including return flights from London Stansted on July 1, based on two adults sharing a one-bedroom apartment with a balcony.

www.loveholidays.com /
www.valedolobo.com

Experience the sun-soaked Canaries with Olympic Holidays

LOCATED JUST 500 metres away from the Playa de las Cucharas beach, the adults-only Club Siroco makes for the perfect sun-soaked getaway.

The three-star property is around 600 metres away from the centre of Costa Teguisse where a wide selection of bars, restaurants and shops are on offer for your clients to enjoy.

There is a varied apartment choice at Club Siroco, and each abode comes complete with several modern amenities for guests' convenience.

The hotel itself boasts a buffet restaurant located by the pool, two bars, two swimming pools, plenty of sporting facilities, as well as beauty treatments and hairdressing services on request.

Olympic Holidays is offering seven nights at Club Siroco, Costa Teguisse, Lanzarote from £445 per person, based on two people travelling. The package includes seven nights' bed-and-breakfast accommodation in a Standard Apartment with flights from Edinburgh airport. Departures are available on January 13, 2022.

www.olympicholidays.com

ALL IN FOR ALGARVE

As clients look towards Portugal for summer holidays, CV Villas has curated a selection of stunning villas, offering options for both groups and families.

Image Credit: Adina Stock



CV VILLAS has shared a list of its top properties in Portugal that still have availability for a booking this summer.

Villa Panoramica

Villa Panoramica is the ideal destination for a relaxing retreat for a group of friends or families with older children. This spacious property is designed for outdoor living, featuring large terraces and floor-to-ceiling glass doors throughout. Guests can make the most of the outdoor facilities, complete with a private pool and built-in-barbecue.

Prices starts from £1,099 per person, including villa and return flights (based on six people travelling).

Villa Casa Jacaranda

With a prime position in the grounds of the famous Penina Golf Course, and a private tennis court in its own gardens, Villas Casa Jacaranda is a top choice for a sporting holiday. Within the one-hectare grounds is a barbecue area, a private tennis court, and a

swimming pool, which can be fenced off for safety and which boasts a poolside shower and changing room.

Prices start from £785 per person, including villa and return flights (based on 12 people travelling).

Beach Cottage

With direct access to a beach, this family villa is in the heart of the Algarve. Beach Cottage enjoys a peaceful sense of seclusion, though shops and restaurants in old-world Ferragudo village are a walkable 1km away; and golf, tennis and water sports are all within a 4km drive. The recently refurbished villa enjoys ocean views and boasts a shaded terrace, as well as a portable barbecue, and steps lead down to a swimming pool.

Prices start from £918 per person, including villa and return flights (based on six people travelling).

www.cvvillas.com

Modern art and architecture at Es Baluard

FOR YOUR art and design loving clients, Es Baluard, the contemporary art museum in Palma, is worth a visit.

The museum is a modern marvel of architecture made of concrete and glass juxtaposed against the ancient city walls and bastions dominating the seafront of the Mallorcan capital.

Besides a simply designed building with characteristic diaphanous lines, which is home to over 700 works, the museum offers also an equally attractive outdoor space, ideal for an evening stroll along the ancient ramparts and feature a cluster of outdoor contemporary art pieces. The Mirador (or the 'Viewpoint') also offers views of the La Seu



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cathedral, the Bay of Palma and the Puig de Sant Pere neighbourhood.

Bidroom offers a three-night stay at the characterful Palau Sa Font from £376 per couple (based on a July 2021 check-in).

For more information, visit www.bidroom.com

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Madeira Islands to offer free PCR test

MADEIRA ISLANDS is offering free PCR tests to all visitors who are arriving or leaving the island.

One free PCR test per visitor is offered, to be taken on arrival or departure, with results given in 24 hours.

There are also discounts on offer for any further tests required, with PCR tests from €90 and antigen tests from €18.

Curfew hours in Madeira have now been reduced and are from 11pm until 5am. Restaurants will be open for dinner until 10pm.

Further information on Madeira's updates can be found here: <https://madeirasafetodiscover.com/informations/>

FUN IN FUNCHAL

Jet2CityBreaks launches a series of winter 2021/22 and summer 2022 breaks to Funchal (Madeira), with a choice of three- to five-star accommodation and flights from nine UK bases.



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OFFERING GUESTS an escape to a city drenched in culture and history, with a bustling shopping, dining and nightlife district, Jet2CityBreaks has released a series of breaks to Funchal (Madeira) throughout the winter 2021/22 and summer 2022 seasons.

Flights to Funchal throughout winter 2021/22 and summer 2022 include weekly Monday services from Birmingham, Bristol, East Midlands, Edinburgh, Glasgow, and Newcastle, weekly Sunday services from Leeds Bradford, and twice-weekly services on Monday and Friday from London Stansted and Manchester.

A range of three- to five-star hotels are available with Jet2CityBreaks, giving clients plenty of choice when booking a winter or summer escape to Madeira's largest city.

Atlantida Apartments

In the heart of the city, amongst cobbled

streets and cosy restaurants, the four-star Atlantida Apartments offers modern and luxurious independence, with kitchenettes and living areas alongside optional balconies.

Castanheiro Boutique Hotel

This four-star resort is a more laid-back choice, with pool-view rooms and sea views of the Atlantic Ocean offering a bustle-free experience. With the Funchal Marina on their doorsteps, guests can enjoy the more quiet quarters of the city during their stay, or take a short stroll to soak in the city's vibrant life.

A three-night city break to Antaltida Apartments starts from £259 per person, based on a December 2021 departure and a couple sharing. The same departure is available to Castanheiro Boutique Hotel from £315 per person.

www.jet2holidays.com

Drift down the Douro with Scenic and Emerald Cruises

THE SCENIC Group, which includes Scenic Luxury Cruises & Tours and Emerald Cruises, has confirmed the return of its Douro river cruise programme from July 30, 2021. Both cruise lines will resume planned schedules, with round-trips from Porto.

Across 2021 Douro cruises, Emerald cruisers can save up to £700 per person and redeem unlimited free drinks on board. Scenic passengers can save up to £700 per person.

Emerald Cruises offers an eight-day 'Secrets of the Douro' itinerary, including a Port Wine cocktail-making lesson and dinner at the Quinta da Pachecha wine estate, from £1,945 per person based on a October 2021 departure.

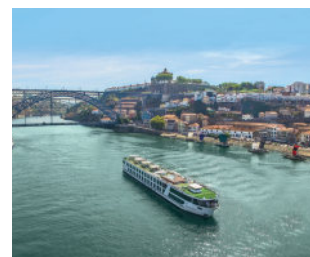


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Scenic offers a slightly longer 11-day 'Unforgettable Douro' river cruise, with a gourmet focus, whisking guests to wine tastings at Quinta da Aveleda and an authentic home-cooked lunch in Freixo de Espada à Cinta. This itinerary starts from £3,475 per person.

www.emeraldcrucises.co.uk /

www.scenic.co.uk

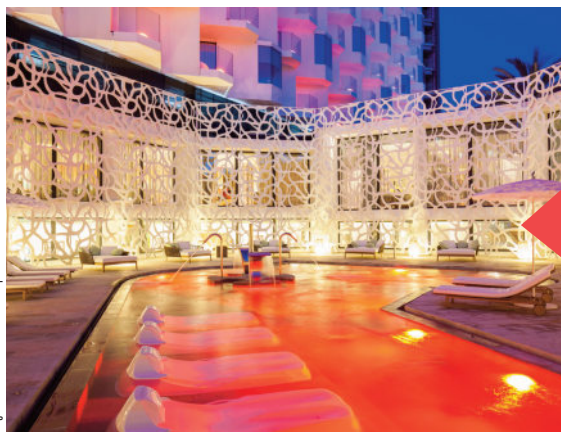


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Hurrah for Hard Rock – Ibiza Resort reopens for guests

PALLADIUM HOTEL Group has continued its summer season with the re-opening of Hard Rock Hotel Ibiza, after opening the Grand Palladium Palace Ibiza Resort & Spa on April 30, 2021.

Hard Rock Hotel Ibiza reopened on May 20, 2021, with an on-demand Covid testing service for guests, allowing guests to kick back, enjoy the resort's two pools, spa, and facilities, and remain Covid-secure.

The hotel is celebrating its reopening with a 15% discount on selected bookings and a first child free offer for summer 2021 breaks.

www.hardrockhotels.com/ibiza

Marriott International showcases its Portuguese offerings

WITH PORTUGAL now on the green list of destinations, Marriott International's hotels across Portugal offer a mix of family fun, adventure holidays or city breaks.

Pine Cliffs Hotel, a Luxury Collection Resort, Algarve: The cliff-top retreat located in Albufeira, Southern Portugal, has guest-rooms with private balconies and views of the Algarve's red cliffs and Atlantic Ocean. It includes a nine-hole golf course, tennis club, revitalising spa, eight swimming pools, and fine-dining options. Prices start from £235 per room, per night.

Moxy Lisbon City: Having opened this April, the hotel consists of 136 rooms, offering stylish accommodation at an affordable



The Moxy Lisbon City is located in the heart of the city.

price. Interiors blend Portuguese traditions with modern-day street art, and the rooftop features a 15-metre pool. Prices start from £62 per room, per night.

W Algarve: Located on the Algarve coast, the 134-guestroom

property has direct access to three beaches and has sea views from each room. The 23 suites include duplex apartments with private plunge pools. Prices start from £200 per room, per night.

www.marriott.com

Beeline for Barcelona with Tours By Locals

TOURBYLOCALS IS offering its 'Barcelona Highlights Half Day Chauffeured Tour', for those who want to delve into the heart of Catalonia.

Guests will enjoy views from Montjuïc Hill, the Roman walls of the city, the two most important churches of the city – the gothic cathedral and Sagrada Familia, where guests will skip lines. They will also see Passeig de Gràcia, where the famous Gaudí's buildings Casa Batlló and Casa Milà are located.

The four-hour tour is priced from approximately £697, for a group of four.

www.tourbylocals.com

What's your favourite movie quote?



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