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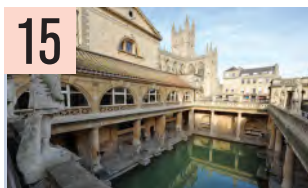
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AUTUMN PEAKS

Virtuoso's data exhibits that the autumnal months have been out-booking its summer counterparts.

VIRTUOSO HAS revealed the travel trends and insights that shape luxury travel in its 38th annual Travel Week. The data shows when people are booking, where they're booking from, and what holidays they long for.

Autumn 2026 bookings are up 26% and sales are up by 69%. September leads with a 55% increase in bookings with October following close behind.

Europe shows the shift clearly, with year-to-date sales at Virtuoso's preferred European hotels up 79%. September will be a strong contender to out-sell August this year.

Furthermore, luxury travellers yearn to 'city-max' by stringing destinations together into a longer, multi-city itinerary. One-in-two of these trips cross an international border. France and Italy is the most common pairing, followed by Italy and Switzerland. Italy has appeared in two-fifths of every multi-city

route, with anchoring corridors such as Florence and Rome. The 'citymaxxing' itineraries rely on private aviation, and the age-bracket for these journeys is skewing towards a younger generation. Advisors report millennials leading private jet requests, running 6% of the global average.

Travellers are not just booking later in the year, but also further into the future. Global future leisure sales are up 50%, with advisors reporting an uptick for ultra-luxe travel, such as private members' club rooms or hotels-within-hotels.

Wellness has become a priority within an itinerary, with wellness-segmented hotels outpacing others. The category now spans sleep optimisation, metabolic health and mental-health retreats.

In Virtuoso's July survey, clients are prioritising bucket-list trips, with 42% booking further ahead to secure preferred options for their "holiday of a lifetime".

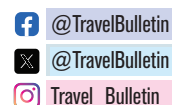
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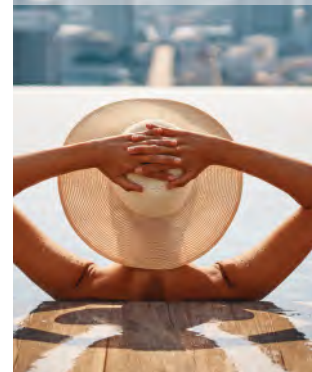
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Premium trips with Intrepid

INTREPID TRAVEL has expanded its premium range with 50 new experiences have been added to its Premium portfolio, such as the launch of three new trips in Costa Rica, Greenland and Norway.

Led by Intrepid's most experienced local leaders, Premium is the company's most comfortable travel style, offering handpicked feature stays, exceptional

included experiences, and enhanced service throughout the trip. This launch comes amid growing demand for elevated, hassle-free travel.

The new eight-day 'Premium Costa Rica: Tortuguero and the Caribbean Coast' features a stay at Tortuga Lodge, with visits to a permaculture farm and a cooking experience. Prices lead in from £4,155.



Audley Travel's new Caribbean destinations

AUDLEY TRAVEL has expanded its Caribbean programme with the addition of the idyllic islands of Dominica and the British Virgin Islands, giving agents more options to sell to their clients.

Dominica offers the chance to explore the rainforest,

rugged cliffs and jungle setting while the British Virgin Islands deliver white sand beaches and elevated private island stays.

A 14-day tailor-made 'Wild Caribbean' itinerary, with stays in Barbados, Dominica and St Lucia, leads in from £14,445 per person.

A new expansive European sailing collection

ATLAS OCEAN Voyages has unveiled its most expansive Europe collection to date, with 37 Epicurean and Cultural expeditions for 2028.

Sailing from April through September 2028, this robust season spans the Mediterranean and Northern Europe, marking the brand's highly anticipated return to Egypt and Turkey while expanding its immersive Baltic presence. Key logistical highlights include a Monaco Grand Prix voyage departing April 21st, a 12-night D-Day Anniversary sailing to Normandy on May 30th, and the strategic introduction of Lavrion, Greece, as a new embarkation port for seamless Athens access.

In total, the itineraries debut 12 new ports of call, including Beaulieu-sur-Mer, France, and Svolvær, Norway, alongside 26 overnight stays.

Tie the Knot for free in Jamaica

TO CELEBRATE the reopenings of Sandals South Coast, Sandals Montego Bay and Sandals Caribbean Cay, the brand is offering a special free wedding deal.

The 'Sweetheart' wedding package has been elevated with a selection of exciting new enhancements for guests staying at the three newly refreshed resorts during 2027.

For couples to qualify, their travel agent needs to book a minimum of five nights'

accommodation in either a club or butler level suite at Sandals Montego Bay, Sandals Caribbean Cay, or Sandals South Coast in Jamaica, for travel between January 2nd through to December 20th, 2027.

Bookings must be made before December 31st, 2026 and travel agents should use the promo-code 'J3FREEWEDDING' at the time of booking to qualify for the offer.



BELIZE TOURISM Board has announced the return of the same-day service that connects major European cities with Philip Goldson International Airport via Montreal-Trudeau International Airport with Air Canada.

The flight opens the door to seamless, same-day travel between Belize and European hotspots.

The route will return on December 6th, 2026.



Azamara's AzAmazing evenings

AZAMARA CRUISES has unveiled its collection of 36 new AzAmazing Evenings for 2027. Launched in 2011 exclusively for passengers of Azamara, AzAmazing Evenings are one-of-a-kind, complimentary events that celebrate the people, traditions, music, and artistry of destinations around the world.

Azamara will offer 121 total AzAmazing Evenings throughout 2027, including 101 immersive shoreside events and 20 onboard cultural activations that inspire guests to forge deeper connections with the places they visit. Every cruise of nine nights or longer features an AzAmazing Evening ashore.

Chilly experiences for an Arctic Winter

REGENT HOLIDAYS has launched its Arctic Winter brochure for 2026 and 2027, which features the company's offerings in Northern Europe with new properties and packages.

Regent's Faroe Islands programme is a standout feature of the brochure, with six dedicated pages to the Danish archipelago.



The five-day 'Torshavn Winter Short Break' adventure includes a number of unique excursions and leads in from £1,495.



Intimate Polar exploration

SECRET ATLAS has introduced the 36-guest Explorer Yacht *Aureum*.

Operating in partnership with Antaply Expeditions for the 2027/28 and 2028/29 seasons, the newly upgraded *Aureum* will host the inaugural Antarctica By Air and South Georgia In Depth micro-cruise programmes.

A featured itinerary is the 'South Georgia in Depth', priced from £15,995 per person.

MOVERS & SHAKERS



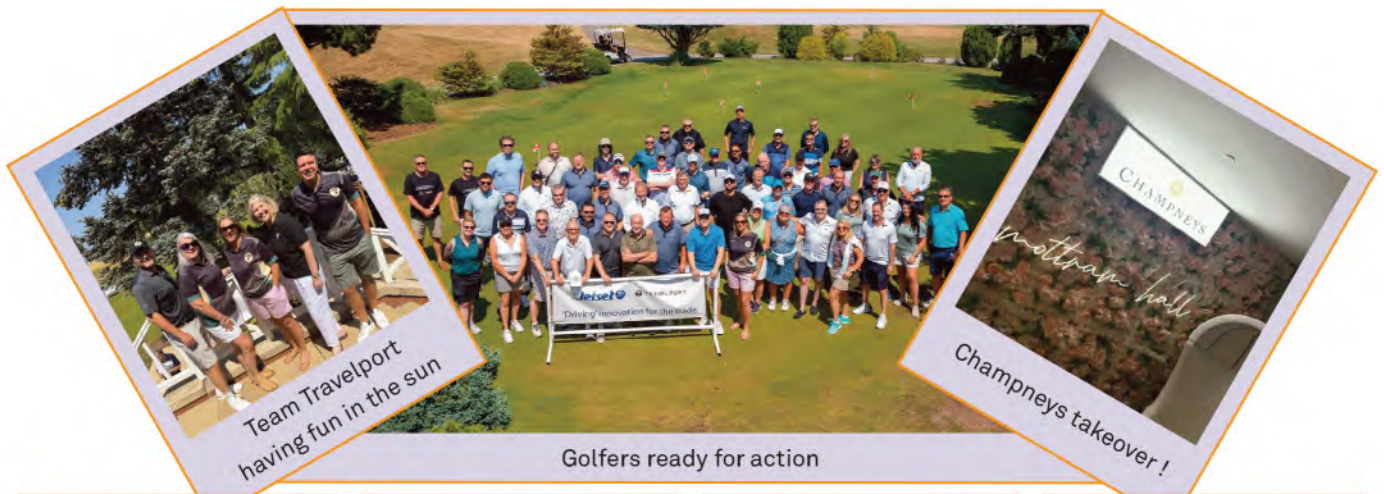
SUSAN HINEY has been appointed as the Senior Regional Sales Director for the Meetings & Incentives division of Velas Resorts in the United States. She will take on sales leadership for the Northeast region and deepen the company's relationships.



GARY BATES has been promoted to Head of Trade Partnerships of ITC, which reflects the importance placed on strengthening relationships across the travel trade as the brand refines its product to the utmost level.



Golf and Spa Day 2026 - Champneys Mottram Hall



Golfers ready for action



Go faster buggies !



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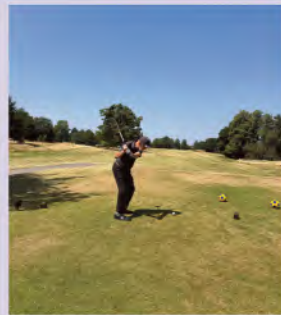
Ben taking the Jetset changing room too serious ...



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Hard day in the spa



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The magnificent sales ladies of Jetset

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AGENT INCENTIVES

- **AGENTS BOOKING** attraction tickets through DoSomethingDifferent.com this summer can win prizes for themselves and their customers, with two incentives on offer. The 'Wish Upon a Booking' incentive gives agents a never-before-seen opportunity to win a prize of their choosing up to the value of £200. Running from August 10th to September 30th, DSD also has a Slam, Dunk and Save incentive. For every Orlando Magic basketball ticket booked, agents will earn a £10 voucher, and customers will receive a free Fan Pack worth \$25 delivered to their seat at the game.
- **Specialist Holidays Group** is rewarding travel agents this summer with a packed programme of incentives, competitions and rewards across American Holidays, Citalia and Sovereign Luxury Travel. Running throughout August, the campaign gives agents the chance to earn rewards of up to £100 per booking, win family days out to LEGOLAND or Drayton Manor, and take part in exclusive competitions designed to support agents and their families during the busy summer booking season. Alongside the giveaway, SHG's Agent Rewards programme gives agents the chance to earn up to £100 per booking on land-based holidays and up to £200 on cruise bookings.
- **ROYALTON HOTELS & Resorts** is offering double cash rewards of up to £40 on every booked room confirmed and logged before August 31st 2026, for the Royalton Grenada, an Autograph Collection all-inclusive resort. Bookings must be a minimum of seven nights but there is no cap on the number of multi-room bookings an individual agent can log.

AGENT BULLETIN



SINCE RIVER disruption began in July, Riviera Travel has enhanced support for agent partners through a new **Travel Updates Hub**, which is updated twice daily with the latest operational information and sailing updates. A special incident task force has also been set up to monitor river conditions, coordinate contingency plans, and ensure agents receive timely updates for their customers.

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AGENT TRAINING

- **VISIT FLORIDA** Keys & Key West has launched its reimagined Key Lime Academy training tool for UK and Ireland agents. The platform explores the sub-tropical archipelago's five regions: Key Largo, Isamorada, Marathon, the Lower Keys, and Key West. Through the training module, travel professionals can learn about the character of each distinct district and glean the knowledge and confidence they need to match the right client with the right Florida Keys experience. Designed to support travel professionals wherever they are, the Key Lime Academy gives agents and operators access to a range of practical selling tools. These include useful destination insights, client talking points, itinerary inspiration, planning tips, and sales support.
- **UPSKILL IN** selling Australia with the Aussie Specialist Program, designed to help you attract more clients and sell higher value holidays. The Program has enabled agents to sell 35% higher value bookings to Australia, with 62% of leisure travellers returning to the destination within five years, making it easier for a double sale. The Program is easy to complete, with one 90-minute introduction session. Once qualified, the programme offers several ways to continue your learning, from self-paced learning resources to instructor-led face-to-face sessions and short product training videos.
- **JOIN THE** Rocky Mountaineer team to learn more about the inspiring rail journeys through the picturesque scenery of the Rocky Mountains and America Southwest. Learn more about how you can become an Expert and gain access to discounted agent rates.



INDUSTRY *insight by...*



PATA UK & Ireland spokesperson, John Parker, highlights why business is booming for the Pacific Asia region, and what is in store for the year ahead.

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Destinations across Pacific Asia are once again seeing strong demand from UK travellers.

THIS YEAR'S Thailand Travel Mart+ (TTM+) took place in the coastal province of Chon Buri under the theme "Healing is the New Luxury." After a

challenging few months for the travel industry, it felt like an especially timely message. Increasingly, travellers are seeking holidays that offer more than sunshine alone – they want opportunities to recharge, reconnect and return home feeling better than when they left.

The lifting of Middle East travel restrictions is bringing renewed confidence to the market. With airline networks returning to normal and travel planning becoming more straightforward, destinations across Pacific Asia are once again seeing strong demand from UK travellers. Hotels throughout Thailand, Malaysia and Indonesia are responding with exceptional tactical offers, added-value packages and attractive pricing, creating excellent opportunities for those still planning holidays during the remainder of 2026.

Once the summer holidays and major sporting events are behind us, we expect September and October to become particularly strong booking periods. Travellers willing to explore during the region's green season can often enjoy quieter destinations, lush landscapes and excellent value, without compromising on the quality of the experience.

What is particularly encouraging is

how the region continues to evolve. Demand is no longer driven solely by iconic destinations; travellers are increasingly looking for authentic experiences, stronger connections with local culture and better value for money. Thailand continues to appeal through its unique combination of world-class hospitality, wellness, cuisine and culture, while Vietnam is attracting growing interest for its authenticity and affordability. Japan also remains exceptionally popular, supported by improved air connectivity and year-round appeal.

Perhaps the most exciting development is how hotels and destinations are enriching the visitor experience. Across the region, accommodation providers are expanding their programmes of locally led excursions that connect guests more closely with the destination.

As confidence continues to return, Pacific Asia is entering the next phase of its recovery with a compelling proposition: exceptional value, stronger connectivity and a richer, more meaningful travel experience than ever before. For UK travellers looking ahead to 2026 and beyond, there has rarely been a better time to rediscover the region.

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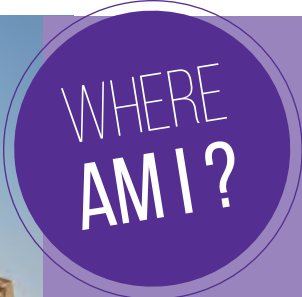
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competition@travelbulletin.co.uk
Closing date for entries is Thursday, September 3rd.
Solution and new puzzle will appear next week.

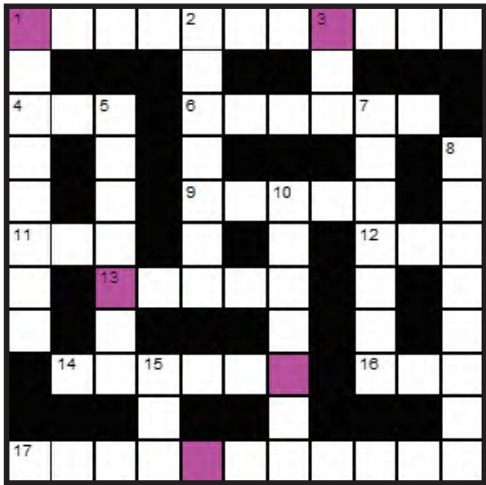
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LOCATED IN southeast Sicily, the UNESCO World Heritage Site is famed for its baroque architecture, most notably its 18th-century cathedral. The city itself is located 35 minutes from the historic Syracuse.

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

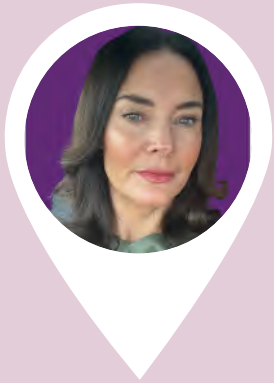


- Across**
- 1 English city and cruise hub (11)
 - 4 Miami international airport code (3)
 - 6 Popular Greek holiday isle (6)
 - 9 A BIG one is sold on the streets (5)
 - 11 Dublin international airport code (3)
 - 12 Stratford-on-Avon based theatre company, initially, specialising in the works of the bard (3)
 - 13 Cricket tournament between England and Australia (5)
 - 14 Capital of Taiwan (6)
 - 16 Flows through the city of Chester (3)
 - 17 Royal regalia displayed in the Tower of London (5,6)

- Down**
- 1 He's gone from singing Space Man to the title role in Jesus Christ Superstar (3,5)
 - 2 Stena Line operate from here to the Hook of Holland (7)
 - 3 One of the 32 capsules on the London Eye (3)
 - 5 Montgomery is the state capital (7)
 - 7 Company specialising in cruises and tours, sounds like a shade of green (7)
 - 8 There may be a monster hiding in this Scottish water (4,4)
 - 10 Famous Chapel with a ceiling painted by Michelangelo (7)
 - 15 Red Funnel operate to this popular holiday destination, initially (3)

CROSSWORD

Across: 1 SOUTHAMPTON, 4 MIA, 6 RHODES, 9 ISSUE, 11 DUB, 12 RSC, 13 ASHES, 14 TAIPEI, 16 DEE, 17 CROWN JEWELS.
Down: 1 SAM RYDER, 2 HARWICH, 3 POD, 5 ALABAMA, 7 EMERALD, 8 LOCH NESS, 10 SISTINE, 15 IOW.
Mystery Word: SPAIN



AGENT INSIGHT

DI VICTORY

HAYS TRAVEL

THE FAR East has never been more desirable. Japan, in particular, continues to capture travellers' imaginations, but my recent educational visit reinforced that our role as travel professionals is no longer simply helping clients see the highlights. It is about helping them experience destinations in a way that is authentic, respectful and sustainable.

Japan is a perfect example of how travel is evolving. While first time visitors naturally want to see Tokyo, Kyoto and Osaka, I discovered that some of the most rewarding experiences happened away from the obvious hotspots.

The trip also highlighted the impact of overtourism, reinforcing why we have a responsibility to encourage clients to explore differently. Working with destination specialists such as InsideJapan allowed me to discover quieter neighbourhoods, lesser visited regions and cultural encounters that created a more authentic connection with Japan.

Perhaps my biggest takeaway was that the Far East rewards preparation. Cultural understanding is just as important as choosing the right hotel. From onsen etiquette and dining customs to respecting local communities and traditions, these details can transform a holiday from simply visiting a country to truly experiencing it.

As demand for the Far East continues to grow, our influence as travel professionals has never been greater. We have the opportunity to shape not only where clients travel, but how and when they experience a destination, encouraging journeys beyond the obvious. Ultimately, that is where travel expertise has its greatest impact, not simply in creating memorable holidays, but in protecting the destinations we all love to sell.

Princess officially opens 2028 Alaska season

PRINCESS CRUISES has opened sales for its expanded 2028 Alaska season, featuring 185 departures across 14 itineraries. Guests will be able to embark on immersive cruise-tours and enjoy exclusive Princess Wilderness Lodge stays near some of the state's most celebrated national parks. Jim Berra, chief commercial officer, said, "Alaska is one of the world's most awe-inspiring destinations, and Princess has spent nearly 60 years helping guests experience it in a way few others can. Our 2028 season brings together glacier-filled voyages, unforgettable wildlife and cultural experiences."

News Bites

- CLIA HAS announced details for its 2027 RiverView Conference, which will celebrate the event's 15th anniversary with a two-night sailing through three of the Danube's capitals.
- TWO PREMIER Mexican resorts, Hard Rock Hotel Cancun and Hard Rock Hotel Vallarta, will undergo property-wide transformations beginning this summer to significantly improve guest experience ahead of their reopening in December.



NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC-Lindblad Expeditions has announced its highly-anticipated 2028/2029 deployment schedule, revealing a new season of voyages that will take guests deeper into the Fjords, farther into the South Pacific, and provide more time in the polar ice regions. Destinations include Antarctica, the Arctic, Alaska, Europe, and the South Pacific.

WHEN ATHENS CALLS

An interview with TTC Tour Brands Travel Director, Janita Nurmi, explores her story.



JANITA NURMI, TTC Tour Brands Travel Director, explores in an interview with *Travel Bulletin* her personal and professional connection to the Mediterranean.

Through your work, how have you developed your knowledge and passion for the Mediterranean Islands, and what makes it special to

MSC World Asia takes the Med in style

MSC CRUISES' is offering a world of sophisticated shopping aboard the cruise line's latest flagship, *MSC World Asia*, which is set to debut in December through Mediterranean itineraries.

Throughout their voyage to some of the Mediterranean's most iconic destinations, guests can also enjoy exclusive retail events and limited-time pop-up experiences, with select boutiques unveiling exclusive collections and special items only available onboard.

Prices lead in from £599 for seven-nights on *MSC World Asia*, calling at ports such as Valletta, Genoa, and Civitavecchia.

share with guests?

"I worked summer seasons on the island of Rhodes in my early 20s, and permanently moved from my home country to Athens 15 years ago. Ever since then I have just been more and more enchanted by the different characters and atmospheres of the Greek islands, and in general I've been learning continuously. Greece has such incredible depth—from its ancient history and mythology to its traditions, food and contemporary culture—and there's always something new to discover, let alone the hundreds of islands there are to

visit!

The islands, in particular, have always felt like home to me. They're where I feel most at peace, and being able to share the places that made me fall in love with Greece is something very special. One of the nicest compliments I receive is when guests tell me at the end of the tour that they completely understand why I chose to build my life here—and that they hope to return themselves."

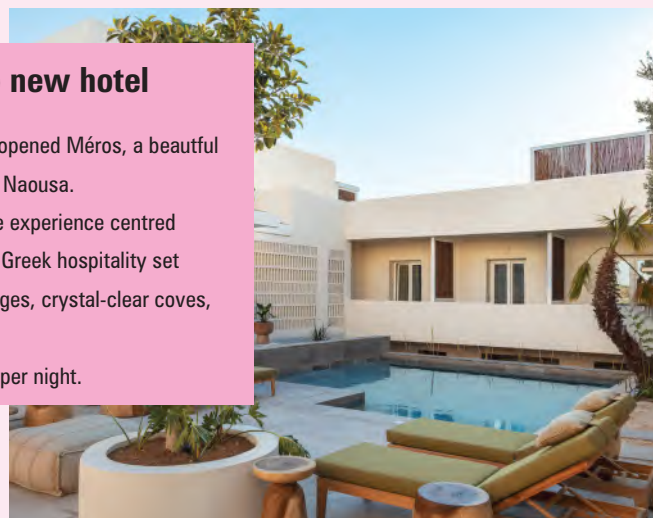
Read the rest of this interview with Janita Nurmi on our website:
<https://www.travelbulletin.co.uk>

Paros opens the door to new hotel

SANTIKOS COLLECTION has officially opened Méros, a beautiful 26-room boutique hotel in the heart of Naousa.

Méros delivers an intimate boutique experience centred around thoughtful design and genuine Greek hospitality set against the island's whitewashed villages, crystal-clear coves, and laid-back atmosphere.

Rooms at Méros lead in from €220 per night.





Formentera's latest hotel

SABATICA FORMENTERA, Autograph Collection has opened in Formentera, which introduces Marriott Bonvoy's one-of-a-kind hotels to the Balearic island.

The hotel features 34 rooms, including 27 studios and seven suites. Furthermore, it offers a thoughtfully curated collection of culinary, wellness and leisure experiences that encourage guests to slow down, reconnect with nature, and discover the island's authentic character.

Prices lead in from £486 per person with standard rates.



Uncover Ancient Greece

NEWMARKET HOLIDAYS is offering travellers a tour of Greece's finest heritage sites, from Athens to the idyllic Aegean Islands. Guests will begin with a tour of Athens, followed by a cruise through the Corinth Canal and the chance to explore Mycenae and Olympia before boarding a four-day Celestyal cruise to Mykonos, Kusadasi, Rhodes and Heraklion.

Prices lead in from £2,703.

Nolan inspires others to experience their 'Odyssey'

WITH THE *Odyssey* becoming Christopher Nolan's top grossing film, its influence has become unparalleled with travellers.

Explore Worldwide has reported a 29% rise in Greece bookings as Nolan's blockbuster drives a new wave of 'set-jetting' tourism.

Over the past four weeks, bookings to Greece have risen by nearly a third (29%) year-on-year, suggesting that travellers are increasingly seeking out the destinations that inspired the ancient tale.

Interest in Explore's historical tours across Sicily and Greece has increased by 7% year-on-year overall, while bookings for historical tours in Sicily alone have risen by 20%, highlighting growing demand for culturally rich travel experiences inspired by the ancient Mediterranean world.

Explore Worldwide's 'Peloponnese Explorer' adventure offers an opportunity



to dive deeper into the history and landscapes of the Peloponnese, including a visit to Pylos, a destination with a particularly strong connection to the ancient world and the story of Odysseus.

SPL offers the best of the Med

SPL VILLAS offers a range of handpicked properties across some of the Mediterranean's most sought-after islands, such as Sicily, Mallorca, Menorca, and the Greek Islands.

Perfect for a family villa-cation, SPL specialises in combining a family atmosphere with the ease of a private booking. With hand-picked villas, included flights, and the tiny details ironed out, SPL offer families exactly what they came for when it comes to a Mediterranean holiday

— a pool, some loungers, and time to kick back and relax.

Bianca Beach is a villa in Noto, Sicily that is perfect for the whole family. With flights included from London Gatwick, families can kick their feet up the moment they take off. The villa is steps away from the beach and is close to Noto old town. It is a property with seven en-suite bedrooms, perfect for family privacy.

The bedrooms are air-conditioned, and can sleep up to 14 guests. Spread over two levels, it offers spacious indoor and outdoor living areas, a private swimming pool, garden, furnished veranda, barbecue, and laundry facilities. The property has a parking space, which is perfect for a rental car to explore the UNESCO-listed area.

A seven-night stay at Bianca Beach with SPL Villas leads in from £1,647 per person based on a family of four, or £6,589 in total.





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HELSINKI KEEPS IT COOL

New research from TravelSupermarket reveals where Helsinki stands in city break rankings.



HELSINKI IS the fastest-rising coolcation city break destination, with its shares of city break searches up 265% year-on-year.

TravelSupermarket looked specifically at city break destinations that stay mild through the summer months and ranked them by how much their share of city break searches has grown year-on-year.

Romantically roam in Rome

JET2 IS offering a romantic Rome getaway like no-other.

A long weekend in Rome, with a luxurious three-night stay at the NH Collection Roma Fori Imperiali, provides couples with the perfect base in which to explore the city.

Within a walking distance from the Trevi Fountain, the Pantheon, and the must-see Colosseum, this package city break is perfect for those who want to brush up on their history.

Prices lead in from £2,340 for a Superior Double Room, with return flights from Birmingham.

The Nordic capitals pull travellers when it comes to coolcation city breaks, as Stockholm ranked third with search shares up 102% and Copenhagen sits comfortably fourth with 63%.

Surprisingly, second-place is held by Paris, with city break searches up 127%. This shows that a cooler holiday can be only a stones throw away from the UK, with temperatures averaging 21C in the French capital.

The coolcation city break champions all lead in with a temperature range from 16C to 18C, a stark contrast to the heatwave the UK has been experiencing in recent summers.

Chris Webber, Head of Holidays and Deals at TravelSupermarket, commented, "We looked specifically at the city break destinations that stay comfortable through the summer, because that's increasingly what people are asking about [...] Helsinki and Stockholm wouldn't traditionally be the first names on a British summer shortlist, so growth on that scale is worth paying attention to It's a useful reminder that a cooler city break doesn't have to mean the far north, and that some of these destinations are places people already know well."

Tis' the season to sail

AMBASSADOR CRUISE Line is offering a range of short no-fly sailings, ranging from two-to-six-nights, to European destinations for a magical city break holiday.

'Dutch Festive Getaway' is a two-night escape to Amsterdam, where guests can enjoy the picturesque city and indulge in the festive magic of Amsterdam in December. Prices lead in from £404 per person.





Synchronise your body

THE MAJESTIC Spa, Cannes, has expanded its range of offerings for those seeking a healing weekend.

The 'Total Health Training' programme is a method that realigns and corrects posture through an osteopathic session prior to the workout. The unique sequence combines the precision of Pilates, the power of strength training, and the corrective expertise of physiotherapy. An 80-minute session at The Majestic Spa leads in from €200.



Christmas in Latvia

NEWMARKET HOLIDAYS is offering the perfect long-weekend stay in December to Riga, Latvia.

Riga's Christmas Markets are considered some of Europe's most picturesque markets.

Included in the tour is an optional Gauja National Park excursion, which is an alpine refuge.

A four-day itinerary leads in from £657 per person.

Stay in the sky of Barcelona

HOTEL ARTS Barcelona offers guests the chance to stay overnight in a suite that provides a new vantage point of the city, including an unbeatable view of the newly completed Towers of Sagrada Família.

Recently redesigned in 2025 by internationally acclaimed architecture and design studio Meyer Davis, with architecture by GCA Architects, Hotel Arts Barcelona's 432 guestrooms and suites have been transformed into a contemporary reflection of the city itself: vibrant, artistic and deeply connected to Barcelona's unique interplay of nature, light and architecture.

Hotel Arts Barcelona features 22 Skyline Suites, alongside six additional Skyline Suites within The Club category, all sharing the same generous layout and extraordinary vistas. From one corner, guests enjoy views encompassing the Sagrada Família, Poblenou and the sea;



from the other, views of the Sagrada Família, Montjuïc and the Mediterranean horizon.

For a stay in Hotel Arts Barcelona's Skyline Suites, prices lead in from £855 per night.

Escape to a UNESCO city

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Step into the heart of Roman Britain at Bath's very own Roman Baths. The site is one of the most well-preserved ancient sites in Northern Europe. Learn about Roman engineering, explore the sacred spring, and take part in interactive exhibits.

Take the 'Spa' in Bath Spa literally with a stay at Thermae Bath Spa, the only spa in

the UK where bathing in mineral-rich waters is possible. The rooftop pool offers a sweeping panoramic view of Bath's skyline.

The Holburne museum exhibits the art and history of the city. For literary enthusiasts, Mary Shelley's House of Frankenstein brings the author's gothic creations to life in an interactive exhibition. Step into the world of Jane Austen at The Jane Austen Centre, celebrating the author's time in Bath and the impact the city had on her novels. Interactive exhibits, guided tours, and engaging storytelling bring Austen's era to life.

Bath Abbey is a highlight of the city's skyline, and is renowned for its fan-vaulted ceilings, tall stained windows and intricate stonework.

Bath is a perfect UK city break staycation for those seeking something relaxing, but mentally stimulating.



FOR YOUR PHUKET LIST

Radisson Hotel Group has announced the opening of its latest property in Thailand.



RADISSON HOTEL Group has announced the opening of Radisson Resort Layan Phuket, a resort nestled between the pristine shores of Layan Beach and the protected landscapes of Sirinat National Park. The coast is one of Phuket's most peaceful destinations.

The contemporary 300-room resort strengthens Radisson Hotel Group's

growing presence in Thailand, combining modern tropical design, diverse lifestyle experiences and authentic Thai hospitality with effortless access to the island's beaches, nature and vibrant lifestyle attractions.

The accommodation experience offers guestrooms and suites for all types of visitors, from solo travellers and couples to multi-generational groups.

Dining experiences celebrate both local flavours and international favourites across three distinctive venues. The Taste Restaurant showcases authentic Southeast Asian

cuisine, bringing together aromatic herbs, bold spices and comforting regional dishes in a vibrant all-day dining setting.

The resort is tailored around wellbeing and relaxation. It offers a range of facilities for both active and restorative experiences. The Malai Spa provides a peaceful space inspired by traditional Thai wellness, with signature massages and aromatherapy. Three outdoor swimming pools surrounded by tropical gardens provide dedicated spaces for families, leisure travellers and those simply looking to relax beneath the Phuket sunshine.

Sample Hong Kong historic delicacies

REGENT HONG Kong has unveiled a new chapter of cultural experiences, with its new 'Cinematic Taste of Hong Kong' experience which explores iconic Hong Kong dishes from the silver screen.

'A Cinematic Taste of Hong Kong' pays tribute to the quiet poetry of Hong Kong cinema, where food is often the unspoken language of longing and restraint.

Curated by Executive Chef Calvin Choi and The Lobby Lounge Head Chef Raymon Ip, the menu reimagines cinematic moments through a culinary lens.

The Hari comes to Singapore

HARILELA HOTELS has set its sights on Singapore to be the third home for its acclaimed hotel brand: The Hari.

The spring 2027 opening will see The Hari Singapore hold 326 luxury rooms, with a rooftop pool, executive lounge, dining and wellness experiences, and the brand's signature revolving rota of artwork.





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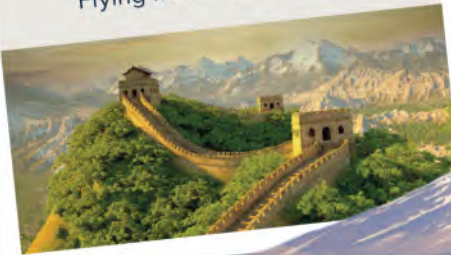
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A new Southeast Asia offering by Wendy Wu

WENDY WU has unveiled its brand-new Southeast Asia brochure, collating pre-existing iconic itineraries, alongside a new range of unique tours.

'Treasures of Thailand & Phuket Beach' is one of the newest additions to Wendy Wu's catalogue. It explores the very best of Thailand, from glistening temples to bustling markets, along with the River Kwai and the legendary 'Death Railway'. The 13-day group tour leads in from £3,590 per person.

The 'Ultimate Indonesia' tour joins the company's offerings, as visitors can journey through Indonesia's most captivating islands from Sumatra to Bali. This tour includes a rail journey from Yogyakarta to Mojokerto. Prices for this 23-day tour leads in from £5,590 per person.

The brochure also includes returning favourites, such as 'Angkor to the Bay',

which offers partners to fly free as guests can discover the majesty of Angkor's temples and the scenic wonders of Cambodia. Prices lead in from £4,190 per person.

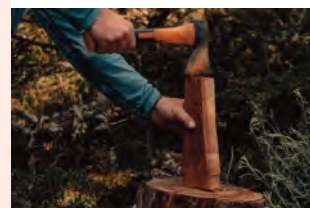
The 26-day 'Grand Mekong Odyssey' leads in from £6,300 per person with half-price single supplements available. The tour offers a seven-night cruise along the Mekong as well as a two-night cruise in Halong Bay.



Malaysia Airlines expands network

MALAYSIA AIRLINES has officially charted a stronger course into China with the launch of new direct services from Kuala Lumpur to Shenzhen and Changsha.

Kuala Lumpur is a popular airport that boasts connectivity from the UK to other locations. These new direct flights open the doors to British travel into China. The new additions strengthen China's connectivity, with gateways such as Xiamen, Guangzhou, Shanghai, Beijing, Taipei and Chengdu.



Connect with Japan's nature

HANZ OUTDOOR Resort in Kawaguchiko, Japan, is offering the perfect escape to relax and unwind.

This season, the resort is offering a refreshing summer cocktail, the Green Apple Splash, that will perfectly compliment the outdoor activities guests can experience, such as wood-chopping. Prices lead in from £179 per night.



Canopy debuts in the southeast

CANOPY BANGKOK Sukhumvit opened its doors to the world on August 1st, 2026. The high-end boutique hotel brand brings together thoughtful design, varied food and drink offerings, and social spaces shaped by its local area.

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And that's not all on the prize front: this year our suppliers excelled themselves with some truly unforgettable giveaways, including seven nights all-inclusive at the RIU Palace Mexico; five nights for two at the brand-new Secrets Mirabel Cancun Resort & Spa; five nights all-inclusive at Suites & Villas by Dunas, Gran Canaria; three nights all-inclusive at Adaaran Select Meedhupparu, and so much more.

Over the next few pages you'll see some snaps from the special event, words from our partners and agents in attendance, and some of the latest headlines to come fresh from the stands.

Team Travel Bulletin





“What a great event, we had a constant flow of engaged agents and an afternoon filled with lots interesting conversations.”

TRAVELLERS CONTINUE to flock across the pond as destinations across the continent continue to offer new experiences for all, including celebrations, trade support and new accommodations.

Ottawa is celebrating the 200th anniversary of its founding as Bytown throughout 2026, with festivals, Indigenous-led initiatives and community events, including a major downtown celebration on September 26th.

Visit Florida Keys & Key West has launched its new Key Lime Academy for UK and Irish travel professionals, alongside Keys Season, running until October 31st, with offers across



accommodation, attractions, dining and activities. Miami is also welcoming a wave of new and reopened hotels, including Delano Miami Beach and Virgin Hotels Miami.

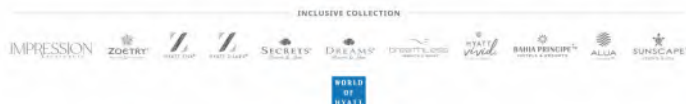
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Jane Walsh*Personal Travel Consultant*

"Thank you for a super day of networking and training!

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It's a full on day but not often you get this opportunity!"

Sacha Barbato*Travel Counsellor*

"What an amazing day - thank you!

Beautiful venue, great suppliers (really useful connections made on the day), lots of prizes, and very generous food and drinks!

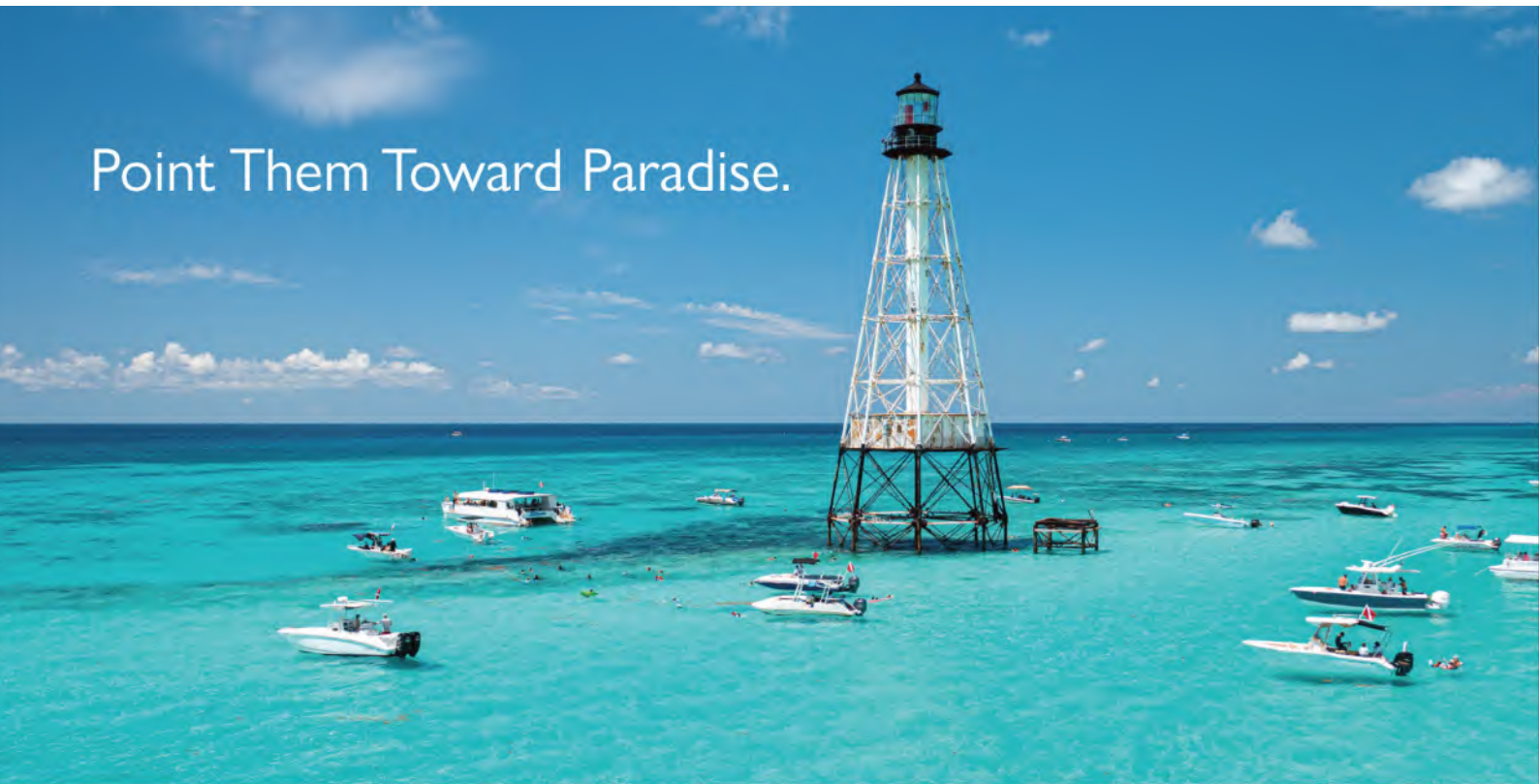
I am glad I made the journey down from Norfolk for the day."

Daryl Green*Travel Counsellor*

"Thank you for a fantastic afternoon. It was a really enjoyable event and I found it both informative and well organised.

Please would you pass on my thanks to all of the suppliers who attended, as well as the team, for putting together such a great event. Everyone did a wonderful job, and the venue, food and overall organisation were excellent.

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Dom Carrick
Premier Holidays

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Jet2holidays continues to expand its programme, with new sunshine destinations in Egypt and Tunisia, including Hurghada, Sharm El Sheikh, Hammamet, Sousse and Mahdia, alongside its extensive Greek offering.

Creta Palace has also introduced a brand-new Aqua Park, featuring water slides, splash zones and a zero-entry family pool, providing a new family-focused attraction in Crete.

SPL Villas is offering ATOL-protected

"villacations" across the Mediterranean and Florida, with new destinations including Lisbon and Gran Canaria for 2027, alongside options such as private chefs and boat charters.

Gibraltar is celebrating the removal of its land border with Spain, creating opportunities for two- and three-centre holidays, while Louis Hotels is inviting agents to join its October Holi-Cational in Cyprus and offering complimentary nights for qualifying bookings.



Tracey Poggio Visit Gibraltar

"I didn't think the TB team could outperform last year's Around the World, but they absolutely did. The highly engaged agents who turned out in huge numbers made it a hugely productive event. I've had such great feedback."



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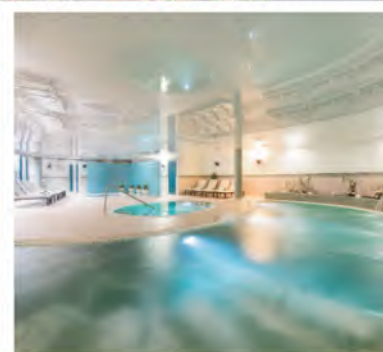
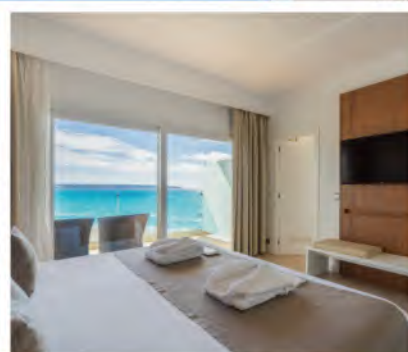
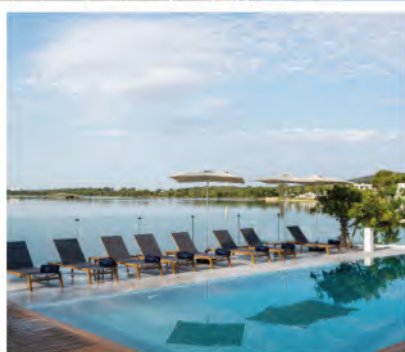
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Rich Smith*Travel Counsellor*

"A huge thank you to the wonderful TB team for another fantastic event.

As always, it was brilliantly organised, great suppliers and to catch up with everyone, and the weather couldn't have been kinder!

I had a wonderful rest of the summer and am already looking forward to marking the 2027 event in my calendar!"

Emma Bolton*Travel Counsellor*

"It was another great event and such a fabulous venue.

The food, drinks, suppliers and everything else was just lovely. Thank you very much."

Smita Mamtora*Sleek Travels*

"Thank you so much to the entire Travel Bulletin team for organising such a fantastic event. It was a real pleasure to attend such a beautiful setting.

The day was incredibly well organised and I came away with valuable knowledge, fresh inspiration and, most importantly, some amazing new industry connections. It was wonderful to spend time with so many suppliers and fellow travel professionals, and I have already started following up with several people I met."



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AFTER A turbulent first half of the year, the Middle East is continuing to evolve its tourist offering.

The ancient desert destination of AIUla in Saudia Arabia combines heritage, nature, adventure and wellness, with highlights including Hegra, the Old Town, oasis and striking Maraya. New experiences are adding further reasons to visit, with the 'From Old Town to Oasis: A Heritage Discovery Experience' heritage walk taking small groups between AIUla's historic rooftops and palm-filled oasis, accompanied by a Rawi guide sharing stories of local traditions and daily life.

Hotel development is also strengthening the region's appeal, with Orascom Hotels Management

boasting a vast planned project pipeline including a luxury boutique hotel on Egypt's Nile-side Amoun Island, alongside developments in Oman and Morocco. Together, these developments underline the Middle East's growing range of immersive and luxury travel experiences for all traveller demographics.



A big thank you from us to you

THAT IS a wrap on our Around the World with Travel Bulletin bash for the year!

We wanted to extended a big thank you to all who attended, from our lovely agents to the wonderful supplier partners, we couldn't hold events like this without you!

We hope to see you again next year for an event that I'm sure will be even bigger and better than this one.

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TRAIN & GAIN DAYS 2026

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Tuesday 8th September - Crowne Plaza Solihull by IHG, Solihull

Inspired with the needs of the busy home based agent in mind, this event will run between 9:30am - 3pm. Involving in-depth presentations from leading industry suppliers, this day-time training opportunity will offer additional time for Q&A sessions and informal networking.

SUPPLIER PARTNERS



TIMINGS

9.30am Agent registration, coffee and pastries	9.30am - 10.15am Marketplace networking	10.15am - 11.15am Presentations from 3 leading suppliers	11.15am - 12noon Marketplace networking	12noon - 1pm Presentations from 3 leading suppliers
	1pm Lunch	1.45pm - 2.45pm Presentations from 3 leading suppliers	2.45pm - 3pm Free Prize Draw	

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To confirm your place at this amazing event, email your name, company, and contact details by **Thursday 3rd September 2026** to events@travelbulletin.co.uk or telephone:

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This event is by invitation only and will be booked on a first come first served basis.