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THE BOUNCEBACK

AllClear's new research suggests that over-50s are driving the early bounceback in overseas travel.



59% of over-50s intend to have two or three overseas breaks this year.

ALLCLEAR HAS carried out research with over 50s British travellers, finding that this market segment is raring to go on holidays again due to a combination of more free time and greater spending power.

The data represents the first in-depth analysis of over-50s' holiday plans after UK's Covid-19 travel restrictions ended.

The national study of more than 2,700 people revealed that, compared to life before Covid-19 lockdowns and restrictions, 38% of over-50s plan to travel more this year than they did in 2019, with just 15% saying they would travel less.

The majority of respondents were planning multiple holidays this year. While 11% of over-50s planned one overseas holiday in 2022, 59% intended to have two or three overseas breaks, and a further 20% wanted four or more holidays.

The pent-up demand to travel after two years of restrictions points to an early peak for overseas travel this spring. Overall, 21% of over 50s planned an overseas holiday this March, with 22% heading overseas in April and 31% in May. After a quieter summer period, which is common for the older travel market, holidays for the over-50s look set to hit an annual

peak in September, with 32% planning a holiday abroad.

Powering this appetite for overseas travel is a willingness to spend significant amounts of money for a safe and high quality holiday experience. Nationally, 61% plan to spend more than £3,000 on overseas travel this year, with 12% of over-50s happy to spend more than £10,000 this year.

Chris Rolland, CEO of AllClear Insurance, said: "Our latest research is the most comprehensive annual study of the over 50s market... the over 50s are itching to make up for lost time and this year they are planning multiple holidays..."

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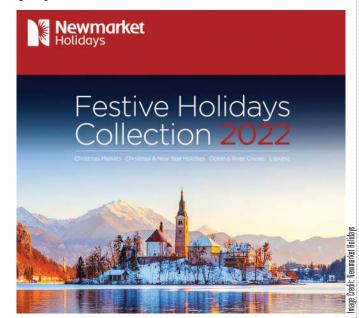


Newmarket Holidays publishes 'Festive' brochure

NEWMARKET HOLIDAYS has released a new 'Festive' brochure to help agents reconnect their clients with travel around the world for Christmas 2022.

The new brochure will include a total of seven brand new tours, with highlights including: 'Christmas in Niagara and Toronto', 'Christmas Spirit in the Canadian Rockies', 'New Year in Verona and Lake Garda' and 'New Year on Safari'.

Commenting on the new brochure launch, Newmarket Holidays' head of trade sales, Richard Forde, said: "Following the removal of restrictions, we know our customers are eager to make up for lost time, particularly when it comes to the festive season. We took this into



consideration when collating and expanding our Festive brochure for the year. The new escorted tours, which have been added to our seasonal programme, offer plenty of experiences for creating memories of a lifetime."

Newmarket Holidays' Festive 2022 brochure can be ordered from Tradegate now.

www.newmarketholidays.co.uk

MOVER S and HAKERS



WILLIAMSON
has been
appointed vice
president of
Princess Cruises
UK and Europe,
effective from

late June 2022. Williamson will report to Princess Cruises' senior vice president Stuart



RIVIERA TRAVEL has appointed Jessica Payne as business development executive. Jessica will

manage trade accounts across the UK, and will be looking to develop agents who want to start selling river cruise and touring holidays. She will report to Tom Morgan, head of agency sales UK & Ireland.



INTREPID TRAVEL has appointed Morwenna Francis as head of marketing EMEA. Based in

the company's Brixton office, she will lead Intrepid's B2B and B2C marketing strategy in the EMEA region, reporting to managing director EMEA Zina Bencheikh.



APT HAS announced the appointment of Brad Bennetts, who will take over as the luxury travel brand's new

head of sales & business development. Bennetts will be responsible for identifying and developing growth opportunities and driving sales.

Leger Holidays recommences its 'Live Events' range

LEGER HOLIDAYS has resumed its 'Live Events' range, including its 'European Motorsport Breaks' collection.

Leger Holidays has opened bookings for weekend breaks to the 2023 Belgian, Italian, Spanish and Monaco Grand Prix, along with '24 Hours of Le Mans'.

Bookings have now opened for the 2023 season

and limited availability remains for the 2022 Formula One Grand Prix in Monaco and Italy.

2023 motorsport
packages all include entry
tickets (with the option to
upgrade), hotel
accommodation with
breakfast, coach transfers to
the race circuits. Select
packages include optional
excursions. The Monaco

Grand Prix, Belgian Grand Prix and '24 Hours of Le Mans' packages are offered with coach travel from the UK while other packages have included flights or guests' choice of travel arrangements, with optional airport transfers.

Packages start from £489 per person.

www.leger.co.uk



Corendon Airlines launches inaugural UK flights

CORENDON AIRLINES has launched its inaugural summer 2022 flights from London Gatwick, Manchester, Glasgow, Birmingham, and Newcastle International airports.

Corendon Airlines has expanded its number of flights to Turkey for summer 2022. The airline now offers flights to Antalya, Dalaman, Bodrum, Crete and Rhodes throughout summer 2022 and is planning to expand in the leisure market by increasing the number of destinations and frequency in 2023.

www.corendonairlines.com





I'VE ALWAYS loved the UK and exploring its many miles of coastline, rugged mountain ranges and beautiful national parks.

Once we started to see an increase in the number of UK holidaymakers flying abroad again, I wasn't sure if the huge increase in domestic tourism would diminish, and clients' habits would return to previous fly-and-flop itineraries.

What I am experiencing is a huge boom in both long- and short-haul journeys abroad, alongside an increased appetite to holiday and explore here at

I'm finding more and more of my clients don't just want to stay in a cottage for a week; they want to do self-drives around Cornwall or the NC500 in Scotland. They want to stay in remote hotels or quirky accommodation in the middle of nowhere and experience dark and moody skies.

I've been busy arranging an increasing number of trips where clients get to enjoy and experience something different from their day-to-day, alongside their accommodation of choice, with activities such as painting, yoga, Pilates and walking/hiking proving really popular.

I've also experienced an uplift in enquiries for more sustainable and experiential itineraries including rail adventures, reducing one's carbon footprint while relaxing and enjoying the journey and beautiful scenery through the window rather than being behind the wheel. With train travel taking in some of the most glorious spots our country has to offer, it is not a surprise that such options are becoming ever more popular.

So, I see huge opportunities to be able to offer clients all their exploratory needs, be it in Madagascar or Mallaig, Newquay or Nepal. Get to know your clients and their interests and you will not only be able to understand them better and match their experiences to their passions, but it will also be a lot more fun for you and a significant commercial opportunity as well. For more on the UK & Ireland, turn to page 19.



AMR COLLECTION has confirmed the signing of Secrets St. Lucia Resort & Spa—the brand's second St. Lucia property. Currently operating as St. James's Club Morgan Bay, the adults-only resort hosts 342 rooms and will adopt the 'Unlimited-Luxury' concept, comprising five bars and lounges, five dining choices, 24-hour room and concierge services, pool and beach services, and more. www.amrcollection.com

Feel free with Delphina's 'Liberi' honeymoon highlight

SARDINIA, LONG a favourite destination for honeymoons and anniversaries, is welcoming further matrimonial choices, as Delphina unveils 'Liberi'.

The tailor-made choices available with the collection expands the brand's three five-star properties across Sicily: Hotel Capo d'Orso Thalasso & Spa (Palau), Resort Valle dell'Erica Thalasso & Spa (Santa Teresa Gallura), and Hotel Marinedda Thalasso & Spa (Isola Rossa).

"We propose a new way to celebrate the feelings of two lovers: to make them feel 'Liberi', free. Free to choose between different ways to experience the journey, free from formalisms, but maintaining the highest quality, because each couple is different and special," explained Elena Muntoni, Delphina's brand manager.



The choices for wedding and honeymoons across Sardinia have been enhanced with Delphina Hotels' new 'Liberi' options.

Couples will experience a tailor-made holiday, with a full calendar of activities, including a panoramic helicopter flight from the airport to the hotel, private boat tours, exclusive land excursion guides and sunset dinners and aperitifs.

www.delphinahotels.co.uk/sardinia/sposi-anniversari.html

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WIN A place aboard the ultra-luxury Scenic Eclipse this June by making a booking for sailings aboard the ship by May 15, 2022. Agents will be automatically entered into the prize draw for a place on a five-night all-inclusive voyage from Lisbon. www.scenic.co.uk

AGENT INCENTIVES

 MERCURY HOLIDAYS has released new 'Worldwide Holidays' and 'Escorted Tours' brochures, compiling a choice of international breaks and touring options. Along with the brochure, an incentive of £20 in Love2shop vouchers is available with short- and long-haul bookings, as well as escorted tour and river cruise bookings. Agents must book by April 30, 2022 to redeem the incentive, and submit relevant information to the Mercury Holidays or Sunspot Tours websites.

www.mercuryholidays.co.uk/agents/login / www.sunspottours.com/travel-agents/incentives/claims

- LOUIS HOTELS has committed to the UK travel trade with a new incentive programme, which gives agents free nights for every booking made and double reward nights for the new Asterion Suites & Spa. The incentive applies to bookings of five nights or more to Louis Hotels in Cyprus and Greece. Agents can redeem the incentive until the end of October 2022, with stays until October 31, 2022 valid to redeem rewards against. www.louishotelspro.com/active-incentive-programs/
- EARN A Wendy Wu Tour for free as part of the 'Wu Breakaways' incentive scheme. Every booking for 'Escorted', 'Private', and 'Tailormade' tours includes one point per passenger, which can then be redeemed for a free spot on a Wendy Wu tour of agents' choice. Triple points are available on the Europe, Middle East or Latin America tours, and double points on Southeast Asia tours, until April 30, 2022. www.wendywutours.co.uk
- AGENTS CAN win a set of luggage for themselves and a one-to-one consultation for their guests sailing aboard MSC Virtuosa from Southampton. To offer advice and support to their cruisers, MSC Cruises has assembled the 'Holiday Preps' team, on-hand to eliminate the stress and help passengers pack smart. Agents can visit the MSC Cruises Agent Facebook page or the MSC website for details on how to book the service and enter the draw for the set of luggage and a packing consultation for guests. www.msccruises.co.uk

AGENT TRAINING

THE DEPARTMENT of Culture and Tourism - Abu Dhabi (DCT Abu Dhabi) has launched a new incentive scheme for agents. Lasting until December 31, 2022, and hosted via the Abu Dhabi Specialist Programme platform, the initiative offers exclusive prizes and rewards. Agents are eligible after completing four training modules on the 'Abu Dhabi Specialist' e-learning programme, after which they are granted 'Specialist' status. www.abudhabispecialist.com

TAKE THE Malta Tourism Authority's Malta Training
Programme to be entered into a draw to win a £50 Amazon
voucher or Maltese gastronomy goody bag monthly. The
more courses taken, the more entries. Modules cover an
introduction to Malta, scuba diving, family activities,
LGBT+ travel, under-30s travel, and city breaks. Upon
completion, agents are entered into the monthly prize draw.

www.malta-training.com



PRINCESS CRUISES' dedicated travel agent website onesourcecruises.com hosts a world of information for travel agents, to make Princess Cruises easy to do business with. Key features include brand new 10-15 minute training modules, the POLAR ONLINE booking system, a live 'Ask Isaac' webchat for queries, and events, competitions and incentives throughout.

www.book.princess.com/BookingSystem/login.page

travelbulletin COMPETITIONS

Win a five-night stay for four people

in a two-bedroom garden apartment at the Borgo di Colleoli Resort in Tuscany.

For all competitions visit https://www.travelbulletin.co.uk/competitions

TRAVEL BULLETIN teamed up with YouTravel to celebrate its 15th anniversary – we spoke to the suppliers who joined us on the road to hear all about their plans for 2022 and more. Hear more from these suppliers at www.travelbulletin.co.uk

CYPRUS' DEPUTY Ministry of Tourism was excited to be on the road again, meeting with the UK travel trade.

Costa Casellis, a sales and marketing officer, explained: "We're very eager to meet the agents. We're promoting all year long, showcasing Cyprus as much more than a beach holiday. Highlighting the mountains, the nature (for hiking, with our new trails for example), and the local community, with workshops in villages."

Meeta Tailor added: "One of our main campaigns, 'Heartland of Legends', is set to promote the cultural heritage of Cyprus, based on the concept that almost every single place, mountain, monument, river, rock and tree has a magical story."

"Roadshows really help us to engage with the agents. We're looking to do some fam trips later on this year, and until then we're keen to find out exactly what clients are looking for from Cyprus."



ORASCOM

ORASCOM HOTELS Management is a 8,000guestroom development and management firm.

The cluster director of and marketing for Oman and the sales UAE, Chintan Shanbhogue, praised the UK market: "Being back on the road is fantastic, the response has been great. The UK market is very important to us."

On the new 'The Cove' resort in Ras Al Khaimah, Shanbhogue continued: "Being right next to Dubai, with the UK market being so well-versed in Dubai, is very exciting. We've got the adventure, nature, and beach angles and unique differences."

Head of sales for Egypt, Shady Rimon, added: "It's fantastic to be back. The UK market is full of potential for Egypt starting with Sharm El-Sheikh and spreading to all our properties.

"El Gouna, our flagship development, is home to a local community along with the tourists and all the facilities they require. It's a very safe, care-free, and authentic environment."



MS HOTELES is a six-hotel family company, with properties

across Spain. Anabel Acosta, the contracting director for MS



Hoteles, said: "We're receiving many visitors from the UK, its the biggest market for us. We've done refurbishments in our MS Aguamarina, on El Bajondillo beach. It's a four-star hotel with 130 rooms, and has all the facilities a larger resort might have, but with the familiarity of a family resort.

"With Covid-19, people wanted a more secluded experience, and we've noticed our studios and apartments are in high demand. People always feel safe at any of our hotels."

"We're open to all agent markets, and are keen to connect via networking we're open to any kind of break, with connections to golf courses and cities, and all the facilities to offer family breaks specifically."

THE FIRST Collection is a group comprised of fourstar Dubai hotels and restaurants. Stasya Rakhmanova, cluster director of leisure

sales, spoke on travel to Dubai and the group's plans: "For our company, we're really excited to announce the opening of a new hotel — The First Collection Business Bay. It will

open in June, just two months time. We hope it'll be as successful as The First Collection at Jumeirah Village Circle, which we opened in September, with 490 rooms and have been running at around 90% occupancy since then.

"In July, we'll open our own beach club on the Palm. All our hotels will have free access to over 700 sunbeds and three restaurants, which will enable us to offer flexible meal plans for the first time."

ZEUS INTERNATIONAL is a hotel management firm with 22 hotels and 3,500 rooms on offer.

Despina Palamarizi, the director of tour operating and contracting, took to the roadshow with new updates and a message of positivity. "It's nice to be back - despite ongoing worries, I believe we're on our way back to normality."

"A new property in Halkidiki will bring 179 rooms to market, with plenty of privacy, activities, and sports facilities

"We're continuing to engage with the trade and looking ahead to next year when two new properties will join our portfolio."

VIK HOTELS is a six hotel-strong brand, spanning the Canary Islands, Spain, vikhotels.com Malaga, and the Dominican Republic. Caroline Paatzsch, the brand's contracting director, explained: "We're always updating our hotels. Our immediate plan is to recover from the pandemic and get back to the UK market. Our

landing page for agents offers an exclusive discount and commission, and we're looking to build strength in repeat customers."

"Luckily, the UK was one of the most consistent markets." We have a really good agreement with YouTravel for our hotel in Malaga. This is the first time we're back in the UK, and we're going to be more present in the market."

Win a £20 M&S voucher in the

travelbulletin Sudoku prize puzzle

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, May 12. Solution and new puzzle will appear in the next issue.

The winner for April 8 is Laurie Mathieson from Cruise.co.uk.

April 8 Solution: A=8 B=6 C=9 D=4

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	2		7	4				9	
D	5		6	7				8	4



CROSSWORD

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

Across

- P&O cruise ship (9)
- First name of the Chancellor of the 5 Exchequer (5)
- Muscat international airport code (3)
- Jet2 offer holidays to this Rhodes hot spot (4)
- Currency of Aruba (6)
- Conakry is the capital (6)
- Somerset town and wellbeing destination since Roman times (4)
- Month of the year, in short (3)
- One of the colours in the flag of 11 Across (5)
- 16 Popular island in the Canaries (9)

Down

- City hosting the Commonwealth Games this summer (10)
- Capital of Samoa (4)
- She recently married Brooklyn Beckham (6)
- English Heritage tourist attraction on Salisbury plain (10)
- Rod Stewart classic, sounds nautical (7)
- The Turner Contemporary gallery is located in this Kent resort (7)
- 10 Capital of Germany (6)
- 13 Home of the Taj Mahal (4)

Mystery Word: SIENA

Down: 1 BIRMINGHAM, 2 APIR, 3 NICOLA, 4 STONEHENGE, 6 SAILING, 7 MARGATE, 10 BERLIN, 13 AGRA.





HOPPING IN THE HEAT IN MALTA

Olympic Holidays is launching a new island hopping experience in Malta and Gozo.

IN THE middle of the Mediterranean, Olympic Holidays is offering an island hopping experience in the warm and welcoming islands of Malta and Gozo.

In Malta, history lovers can trace 7,000 years of human activity and explore fascinating cultural museums and palaces. The island is abundant in natural wonders, from the Blue Grotto caverns to the Blue Lagoon on the tiny island of Comino, hilltop villages and chic fishing harbours.

Malta's sister island, Gozo, offers a haven of tranquillity with the crystal clear waters being an attractive feature. Gozo is an island surrounded by myths and mystery, where the shrine of Ta Pinu Church is seen by many as a modern day miracle.



Visitors will have the chance to visit Malta's iconic Blue Lagoon.

The six-night island hopping itinerary will include three nights in Malta, staying at the Solana Hotel & Spa, and three nights in Gozo, at the Quaint Boutique Hotel Xewkija, from £679 per person for departures in summer 2022 from Manchester or £719 per person from Gatwick. The

island hop is available between May and October.

Accommodation is based on a mix of self-catering and bed-and-breakfast basis, with all ferries and private car transfers between the ferry port and hotel included.

www.olympicholidays.com/t wo-island-hops/malta-gozo

Go for Gozo with ToursByLocals' island tour

WITH TOURSBYLOCALS' 'Intrepid Gozo' tour, your clients will have the opportunity to explore the beautiful island of Gozo with a born-and-bred local, Joseph. Guests will relish a day of diving, sightseeing, adventure, sampling traditional food with a local who knows the island like the back of his hand. Compared to the slightly buzzier Malta, Gozo is sleepier and more traditional, full of serene natural beauty. A must visit is Gozo's prized UNESCO monument, Ggantija Temples, a megalithic temple complex from the Neolithic age. Curious visitors can stroll through the Citadel and beaches that are renowned for their pristine waters. A visit to a local bakery, Mekren, is a great introduction to Maltese delicacies.

ToursbyLocals offers the ninehour 'Intrepid Gozo – Best Seller Full Day Tour', starting and ending in mainland Malta, from £423 per couple.

The tour includes guiding services and private transportation. Extra costs include food and personal expenses.

www.toursbylocals.com

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WALKING ON GOZO

Exodus Travels is offering a self-guided walking trip through the rugged island of Gozo.



EXODUS TRAVELS' 'Walking on Gozo – Calypso's Isle' holiday will see guests traversing the island for a nature-focused break.

Blessed with a rugged landscape and spectacular coastline, visitors will travel through stunning towns in the temperate climate of the unspoilt Mediterranean island, that features a range of baroque architecture, gardens and churches.

One particular highlight comes on day four, where visitors will hike to the cliffs near Sannat, which are the highest and most dramatic cliffs on Gozo. The route takes travellers past breathtaking views towards Comino, Malta, and down through tamarisk trees to the Xlendi Bay. Then, the group will

travel through the terraced fields, bright with poppies and fields of gladioli cultivated in rows like provencial lavender.

The base of the tour is the five-star Hotel Ta'Cenc, so that visitors can return to a private rocky cove, swimming pools, as well as tranquil gardens.

Exodus Travels' eight-day self-guided 'Walking on Gozo – Calypso's Isle' break is priced from £1,349 per person and includes all flights, accommodation, buffet breakfasts, seven dinners, airport transfers, maps and route notes.

There are multiple departure dates in 2022.

www.exodus.co.uk

Malta Tourism Authority hosts its first agent academy

THE MALTA Tourism Authority (MTA) has hosted its first academy for agents, with 30 travel agent partners from the UK and Ireland attending a three day on-island event, packed with activities designed to focus on themes including gastronomy, adventure, history and luxury.

During the trip, which took place April 1 to 4, 2022, and was based at the five-star hotel Malta Marriott Hotel & Spa, St. Julian's, the travel agents had the chance to enjoy experiences and attend workshops on each theme.

Natalie Swinburne, trade marketing manager, UK & Ireland, said: "We were delighted to host our first academy for agents, which showcased some of the Mediterranean archipelago's key selling points and new product offerings. The importance of the



e Credit: MTA

trade has continued to strengthen, and the mega fam was a great opportunity to educate agents..."

Agents can keep up to date on Malta's trade information via www.facebook.com/VisitMaltaTrade



Spend three nights at the Grand Hotel Excelsion

CLIENTS CAN spend three nights on a bed-and-breakfast basis at the fivestar Grand Hotel Excelsior in Valetta, Malta, with Charitable Travel.

Situated close to Valletta's 16th century bastions, the Grand Hotel Excelsior is ideally set along the water's edge. Boasting unique harbour views, well-appointed rooms, and facilities, including a private marina, the price is based on two adults sharing and includes return flights from Manchester (alternative departures are available), and a £69 donation to a charity of choice.

This is based on June 17 to 20, 2022. Travel dates and must be booked by April 30.

Book at www.charitable.travel or by calling 020 3092 1288

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Do Malta with ease as restrictions are lifted

MALTA'S DEPUTY Prime Minister and Minister for Health, Chris Fearne, confirmed earlier this month that the Covid-19 exit roadmap will continue, meaning guests must complete a passenger locator form and show proof of vaccination upon arrival to avoid all further restrictions.

Vaccine certificates are no longer required for standing outdoor events and seated indoor events.

Johann Buttigieg, CEO of the Malta Tourism Authority, said of the news: "The Malta Tourism Authority welcomes this announcement... this is great news for the industry and we look forward to welcoming everybody."

www.visitmalta.com

WHAT'S NEW IN **MALTA?**

Visit Malta has spotlighted a choice of new offerings across the island, from silver screen debuts to firework festivals.



THE MEDITERRANEAN archipelago of Malta is welcoming a choice of new developments and events throughout 2022 and beyond.

80th anniversary of the George Cross Medal

Marking the 80th anniversary of the Maltese people earning the George Cross Medal following the struggle against attacks during World War II, the anniversary will be a draw for intrigue. The Lascaris War Rooms, an underground labyrinth of tunnels and chambers which formerly housed the war headquarters, is open to visitors keen to explore the role of Malta in the war. Adult tickets start from approximately £11, £5 for children.

Malta on the silver screen

With a host of Hollywood blockbusters choosing Malta for their backdrops, guests can see the archipelago's role in Jurassic World: Dominion, amongst others, and explore the city's classic film locales.

Fine dining made affordable

After opening in October 2021, the Neolitik Kitchen & Lounge is a deluxe-dining favourite on the island, with dishes inspired by Malta's notable historic periods, especially the Neolithic. The restaurant awaits guests in Victoria, Gozo, with a choice of affordable options allowing guests to indulge in the fine dining experience.

Malta International Fireworks Festival

Last-minute Maltese escapes will be able to witness the explosive International Fireworks Festival, held in Valletta's Grand Harbour. Celebrating in true Maltese style, the event's final day will take place on April 30, 2022.

2022 calendar of music and more

Annie Mac's 'Lost & Found' festival takes to St Paul's Bay from June 1-4, 2022, with tickets from £149 per person. The BBC Concert Orchestra will also take to the island this summer.

Live like a royal at the Xara Palace Relais & Châteaux

NESTLED AWAY in the medieval fortified city of Mdina, the ancient capital of Malta, the Xara Palace Relais & Châteaux is a unique 17th-century palace, perched on centuries-old bastions surrounded by baroque architecture.

The palatial accommodation has recently refurbished each of its 17 rooms and suites, integrating luxurious Parisian fabrics, antique furniture and paintings, underfloor heatings and new beds.

Living like a royal spans much more than the rooms, with guests able to indulge in the Michelin-star restaurant 'de Mondion', while kicking back in the unhurried pace of life at the property.

Xara Palace spotlights its offerings for honeymoons, weddings, cultural stays and exclusive getaways, with a choice of customisable breaks available across room categories and stays.

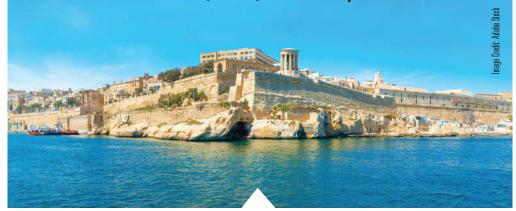


Rooms at the Xara Palace Relais & Châteaux start from approximately £197 per night per room.

Find more information at www.xarapalace.com.mt **MALTA & GOZO APRIL 22 2022** travelbulletin.co.uk

HISTORIC MALTA

Malta's history is in clear focus on Just You's eight-day tour, with departures from April 2022 to November 2023. Guests will visit Valletta, Gozo, and the city of Mdina.



UNCOVERING THE historic past of Malta is top of the agenda for Just You's 'Historical Malta - Palaces, Folklore & WWII' itinerary.

A pre-booked private chauffeur brings guests to the airport, with a transfer to the St Paul's Bay hotel upon arrival. A walking tour on the first day and welcome dinner awaits, with visitors getting to know their fellow travellers.

A tour of Valletta on day two ticks off the 16th and 17th-century history of the city, the Upper Barraka Gardens, Grand Harbour and the city's fortifications.

In St Paul's Bay, a second day at leisure awaits before a short crossing to Gozo, with visits to the shrine of Ta'Pinu, set on the edge of the ridge in open country side, along with Admiral's Rock, the Fontana Cottage Crafts Village, and the city of Victoria.

The first stop on day three is the Valley of Zurrieg, and exploration of the picturesque Blue Grotto. Onto the fishing village of Marsaxlokk, guests enjoy free time at the local market in the quaint village. The afternoon offers a unique opportunity to visit the Diar II-Bneit Estate.

A historical tour by vintage bus takes the group through the picturesque town of Naxxar, the Buskett Gardens, and Malta's ancient capital, Mdina. The final stop is Mosta, home to one of the largest unsupported dome roofs in the world.

Another leisurely day in St Paul's Bay offers respite from the adventure on day six and

Transfers and a return flight to the UK await on day eight.

This eight-day tour starts from £1,249 per person, including all breakfasts, a choice of flights, a private chauffeur service, seven nights in a four-star hotel, welcome and farewell dinners, a Just You tour manager, overseas transfers, and return flights from London.

www.justyou.co.uk

Air Malta unveils summer 2022 flight schedule

LAUNCHING WITH approximately 1.3 million seats on sale and the resumption of operations to London Gatwick and Madrid airports, Air Malta's summer 2022 flight schedule guarantees a wealth of choices for guests.

The seven-month schedule. which began operation on March 27 and carries on through the season to October 29, 2022, sees the airline operate 125 weekly services to 18 key airports in 10 countries.

Air Malta is reinstating its daily service to London Gatwick, with Heathrow the most-served route in the capital with 15 weekly schedule flights. Munich (12), Rome (10) and Paris (nine) allow for transfers to further destinations or combined breaks.

Executive chairman David G Curmi said: "This ambitious flight schedule demonstrates our strong belief that travel and tourism will bounce back this summer.



"We are effectively doubling our operational capacity over this past winter."

www.airmalta.com



Do St Paul's in style with Saga

A RELAXING stay in historic Malta awaits at the four-star Salinio Resort. An ideal base for archipelago adventures, guests are set away from the resorts of Sliema and St Julian's, while still having the chance to explore the area's many attractions.

Saga offers a seven-night escape from £629 per person, including all meals and optional travel insurance, based on two passengers sharing. Excursions including a half-day introductory tour and half-day Valletta city tour are available.

www.travel.saga.co.uk

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SEASON OF SPOOKS AT UNIVERSAL

Tickets are now on sale for Halloween Horror Nights at Universal Orlando.

UNIVERSAL ORLANDO Resort has put its 'Halloween Horror Nights' tickets on sale.

From September 2 through to October 31, Halloween Horror Nights 2022 will boast 10 new, movie-quality haunted houses inspired by cinematic greats to pop culture, and five scare zones filled with hordes of creatures lunging from the shadows, and two live shows that will showcase compelling performances.

Food and beverages will inspired by the event's haunts. Guests will also be able to shop the latest merchandise at highly themed retail locations, and enjoy Universal Studios Florida's most exciting rides.

Additional details about Halloween Horror Nights at



Halloween Horror Nights will feature 10 new haunted houses.

Universal Orlando Resort and Universal Studios Hollywood will be revealed

Single night tickets are from \$73.99 per person. Guests can also save up to \$200 (based on a sevennight stay) with a special

vacation holiday package that includes one-night admission to the event and accommodation at a Universal hotel located just minutes from the attraction.

www.universalorlando.com/ halloween

Peppa Pig Theme Park opens its doors in Florida

THE WORLD'S first Peppa Pig Theme Park has opened at LEGOLAND Florida Resort.

The new theme park will feature six rides, Daddy Pigs Roller Coaster, Peppa Pig's Balloon Ride, Grandad Dog's Pirate Boat Ride, Grampy Rabbit's Dinosaur Adventure, Mr Bull's High Striker and Peppa's Pedal Bike Tour and George's Tricycle Trail.

Guests can meet Peppa and her friends or find their way through the maze at George's Fort, climb into the Treehouse and join Peppa for 'high tea' or explore the nature trail with Madam Gazelle.

The park will open as a Certified Autism Centre along with enhanced ride and play accessibility.



A one day Peppa Pig Theme Park and LEGOLAND Florida ticket starts from £99 per person.

www.DoSomethingDifferent.com

AWAY WITH THE FAIRIES

Efteling is celebrating its 70th anniversary with a pop-up fairytale theme.



EFTELING HAS opened a new, temporary, fairytale on the Speelweide.

For 26 weeks, the Mad Hatter and the March Hare, who organised the mad birthday tea party, will welcome Efteling visitors as guests of honour to celebrate the park's 70th birthday.

For the first time, Efteling visitors will actively participate as guests of honour in a fairytale scene. The fairytale can be experienced from now until October 3.

The party takes place continuously on the Speelweide in the amusement park.

Through the rabbit hole

Visitors can venture down a rabbit hole into

the March Hare's vegetable garden, where there are activities throughout the day and cheerful music is always playing. The Mad Hatter and the March Hare invite their guests of honour to the mad tea party table, laid with teacups, cakes and party hats.

Around the party table and in a number of wondrous scenes reminiscent of the famous children's book, guests can take pictures, as well as join and leave at any time. There will be a souvenir stand and a welcoming area with snacks and drinks in the vegetable garden.

www.efteling.com/en

Gardaland Resorts opens its new season

GARDALAND, THE theme park in Verona, has officially opened for its new season, marking the beginning of the 238 days that await visitors of all ages.

New offerings include Jumanji® - The Adventure, the first Jumanji-themed attraction in the world.

Jumanji® The Adventure is a ride based on the popular series of films, and is located in the centre of the park.

There will be 12 scenic and immersive settings inspired by the most iconic scenes of the well-known Jumanji film series.

Also now available as a new experience at the 4D cinema is the showing of Aquaman™: The 4D Experience®. While waiting for the second film in the saga to arrive in cinemas in December 2022.

LEGOLAND® Water Park Gardaland will reopen on May 14, where visitors can again enjoy the first LEGOLAND Water Park in



Europe, on the colourful slides and among millions of LEGO® bricks.

Ticket prices start from €49.

www.gardaland.it/en



Kennedy Space Center to launch new attraction

KENNEDY SPACE Center is due to launch its 'Gateway: The Deep Space Launch Complex' over the coming weeks, an all-new attraction.

Visitors will be able to learn about the future of collaborative space exploration, with the 50,000 square foot attraction showcasing NASA and commercial spaceflight hardware with immersive displays as well as a "journey" through space.

Deep Space Launch Complex is currently under construction in the shadow of the Rocket Garden

Daily admission tickets start from \$57 for adults and \$47 for children, while multi-day admission is from \$82 per adult and \$67 per child. www.kennedyspacecenter.com/landing-pages/gateway

NEW THRILLS & SPILLS WITH SEAWORLD ORLANDO

SeaWorld Orlando has big plans for this year and is unveiling a host of new thrilling rides and attractions for visitors to enjoy.



Uncharted chills on the Ice Breaker rollercoaster

The all-new Ice Breaker coaster at SeaWorld Orlando features four airtime filled launches, both backwards and forwards, culminating in a reverse launch into the steepest beyond vertical drop in Florida - a 93 feet tall spike with 100-degree angle.

The thrills continue as riders fly over a near vertical top hat manoeuvre into a series of exciting twists, turns, and airtime hills.

New heights on Busch Gardens' Iron Gwazi coaster

At Busch Gardens, Tampa, the newly launched Iron Gwazi rollercoaster is North America's tallest hybrid coaster and the fastest and steepest hybrid coaster in

The new ride will take thrills to new heights, plunging riders from a 206-foottall peak into a 91-degree drop and reaching top speeds of 76 miles per hour.

The journey will include a dozen airtime moments, including three inversions, as it races along more than 4,075 feet of purple steel track.







Dive into the fun over at Aquatica

In Aquatica, guests can dive into the fun of Reef Plunge – a new water slide. Guests will slide through translucent cut-outs and rings, and twist and turn though over 330 feet of fiberglass, zooming past an array of marine life in the new dynamic habitat. Commerson's dolphins, leopard sharks, sardines and a variety of other cold-water fish will call Reef Plunge home. Aquatica, SeaWorld's thrilling waterpark, boasts more waterslides than any other waterpark in Orlando.

Reef Plunge joins Riptide Race, and is Florida's first-ever and only dueling racer. Riptide Race is an adrenaline-pumping waterslide race that pits teams against each other in a splash to the finish line. Guests of all ages will challenging their friends and family members to see which team feels the rush of victory!

One of the best value tickets agents can recommend to their clients visiting SeaWorld Parks in Florida is the 3-Park SeaWorld, Aquatica and Busch Gardens Ticket. The 3-Park Ticket includes a free park and is the same price as the 2-Park Ticket and offers

WORLD OF WONDER

Six Flags Magic Mountain's 20th coaster, 'WONDER WOMAN Flight of Courage', is set to debut this summer, cementing the park with a record number of rollercoasters.

SUMMER 2022 will see Six Flags Magic Mountain, the Southern California theme park, welcome its 20th rollercoaster meaning the park takes the top spot for most rollercoasters at a single park.

Themed after the classic DC Comics superheroine, 'WONDER WOMAN Flight of Courage' will debut as the tallest and longest single-rail rollercoaster in the world.

Guests will soar 13 stories high at speeds up to 58 miles per hour.

Situated in the park's 'DC Universe' area, which will welcome a new restaurant and bar experience as part of the opening, those brave enough will enter the queue inspired by Wonder Woman's home of Themyscira before boarding.

One-day tickets to Six Flags Magic

Return coach travel



Mountain start from approximately £50 per person.

www.sixflags.com/magicmountain

Early bird catches the worm at Gatorland

GATORLAND, THE 'Alligator Capital of the World', is home to a host of animals beyond gators and crocodiles, including one of the largest bird rookeries in Florida.



The theme park has collated a special photographer and birdwatcher's pass, with entry three hours before the general public. Tickets are available for May 8, 13 and 21, 2022, from US\$25 per person.

www.gatorland.com



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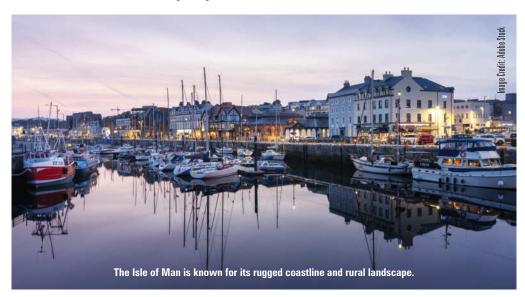


Attraction entry ticket



FULL STEAM AHEAD

Discover the Isle of Man by rail with Newmarket Holiday's fiveday trip to the island nation.



NEWMARKET HOLIDAYS is offering five-day trip to the 'Jewel of the Irish Sea', on its 'Historic Railways of the Isle of Man' trip.

Travellers will enjoy a slew of relaxed train journeys through the island nation.

Tour highlights include a journey on the narrow-gauge Isle of Man Steam Railway; a ride on the Manx Electric Railway to the historic Derby Castle Station; a trip on the Snaefell Mountain Railway; and a visit to the timeless resort of Port Erin.

Travellers will also have the ability to enjoy

views across the 'Seven Kingdoms' from Snaefell summit station on clear days, as well as exploration of historic Laxey, home to the world's largest working waterwheel.

Newmarket Holidays is offering its 'Reconnect. Reimagine. Rediscover' sale, which runs until May 3, 2022, meaning clients can save up to 10% off tour prices.

A June 12, 2022, departure date is priced from £617 per person.

www.newmarketholidays.co.uk

Tiqets highlights green-focused tours

IN CELEBRATION of Earth Day on April 22, and a push towards more sustainable breaks, Tiqets is highlighting some of its green offerings.

One of the tours on offer is 'Hiking Hadrians Wall', where your clients will be able to walk this atmospheric Roman monument, which snakes its way for 84 miles over the rough, sheep-strewn countryside. Guests can either focus on the Wall itself or stop along the way to visit some of the many historic sites around.

Tiqet's website offers a section to download maps with recommended routes to follow.

In further support of sustainability, visitors have the option to cycle the whole route. In fact, Hadrian's Cycleway extends from coast-to-coast and is part of the National Cycle Network.



Agents can earn 8-12% commission on each ticket sold.

www.tiqets.com/en/hadrians-wall-tickets-I154918/

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NUTS FOR NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

Visit Nottinghamshire has released an all-encompassing visitor guide.

VISIT NOTTINGHAMSHIRE. the official tourism board for the region, has launched its new ultimate visitor guide.

The guide, which features a range of previously unseen photography and feature articles, showcases the very best of what Nottingham and Nottinghamshire have to offer.

The new visitor guide includes editorial features about the famous son of Nottingham - Robin Hood, local heroes and pioneers that gave the region its legendary reputation, eco-tourism ideas and good practice, how to



walk in the footsteps of kings, queens and noblemen, where to experience the best culture

and creativity, historic vs new experiences as well as top things to do and places to see in North Nottinghamshire and Sherwood Forest.

It also includes a comprehensive directory of annual events, things to do, shopping destinations, accommodation options as well as drinking and dining, meaning visitors can plan their next staycation and locals can discover hidden gems on their doorstep.

Agents can request, view and download the guide online at www.visitnottinghamshire.co.uk/plana-visit/request-a-visitor-guide

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TO THE SKIES

The Red Arrows will take to the skies of Blackpool for both days of the annual air show, taking place for the first time since 2019 on August 13 and 14, 2022.



THE WORLD-FAMOUS Red Arrows display team will return to Blackpool this year for the annual air show.

Along with the aerial programme, there's a host of stalls, attractions and food stands

taking space in the Air Show Village on the Tower Festival Headland.

The complimentary event is set to take place on August 13 and 14, 2022. www.visitblackpool.com

Brunch Bridgertonstyle at The Culloden Estate & Spa

GUESTS CAN enjoy an afternoon fit for a Duchess with Hastings Hotels, Northern Ireland.

The Culloden Estate, in Holywood, near Belfast, has opened its gates for a Bridgertoninspired afternoon tea, with a menu of finely cut sandwiches, cream teas, fresh scones, pastries,



Afternoon tea gift cards are available at Culloden Estate and Spa from £35 per person.

www.hastingshotels.com



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Excursions: Sissinghurst Castle Garden, Rochester



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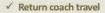
Single supplement £60

THE PEAK DISTRICT. **CHATSWORTH HOUSE** & CRICH TRAMWAY VILLAGE

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Hotel: 4 nights at the Palace Hotel & Spa, Buxton with dinner & breakfast (all meals buffet style)

Excursions: Bakewell, Chatsworth House, Matlock Bath & Crich Tramway Village



Single supplement £60

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Hike the Hebrides and Highlands with Rabbie's

RABBIES' FIVE-DAY adventure through the Scottish Highlands and Outer Hebrides ticks off the Cairngorms National park, Lewis and Harris, the Callanish standing stones (a mysterious monument that dates back further than Stonehenge), the white sands of Luskentyre, Inverness, Braemar, Scone Palace, and the Royal Lochnagar Whisky Distillery. Guests can board a coach at Edinburgh Bus Station for the five-day trip, returning on the evening of day five. Prices start from £389 per person, including transport, an English-speaking driver guide, with entry fees to visitor attractions an extra fee. www.rabbies.com





Witness the 'World's Strongest Nation' in Liverpool

NATIONAL HOLIDAYS offers two-day coach break to the first-ever annual 'World's Strongest Nation' trophy at the M&S Bank Arena.

The coach trip, which starts from £139 per person, will bring guests to see the strongest men and women from the UK and USA battle it out to decide which is the strongest nation on the planet.

Agents in the relevant National Holidays pick-up regions can promote this break, which departs on November 26, 2022.

Prices include return coach travel from a choice of pick-up points in Yorkshire and the north east, a ticket to the event at the M&S Bank Arena in Liverpool, one night's bed-and-breakfast accommodation and a visit to Manchester. The list price is based on two sharing.

www.nationalholidays.com/agents

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Agents, we invite you to join the Travel Bulletin team and leading luxury suppliers at one of our informative and engaging events. With a combination of presentations & networking, we will provide the opportunity to discover the paradise that is luxury holidays. From remarkably unique hotels to once in a lifetime experiences, you will master how to deliver your clients their dreams.

Timings

Registration

6:00 PM

Travel Bulletin Welcome 6:25 PM Client Presentations 6:30 PM Hot Dinner

7:30 PM 8:1

Client Presentations Free 8:15 PM 9:1

Product Quiz & Free Prize Draw 9:15 - 9.30 PM

To confirm your place at one of these amazing events, email the name, company and contact details by Friday 15th April 2022 to: events@travelbulletin.co.uk or Telephone: 020 7973 0136



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