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6:00 PM

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7:30 PM

Client
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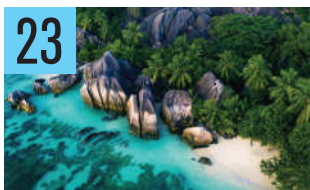
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MALLORCA MAD

Mallorca is the most searched summer hotspot for UK travellers.

NEW TRAVEL data from Expedia Group has revealed the Spanish island of Mallorca is the most popular hotspot for British travellers eager for a sun-soaked getaway this summer.

Despite significant disruption seen at UK airports in recent months, demand for overseas destinations has been high. Analysis of millions of holiday searches between January and May for travel dates in the July and August summer period reveals a 65% increase on the overall number of searches from UK travellers compared to the same period last year.

But whereas last year, when Covid-related travel restrictions were much stricter around the world, searches from UK travellers were heavily stacked in favour of domestic destinations (35% for overseas destinations versus 65% domestic), this year the pattern has been reversed, with 65% of searches for overseas destinations and 35% for staycations.

Searches from UK travellers for overseas destinations have almost trebled (+190%) compared to the same period last year.

Mallorca, which has seen a 255% increase in UK travellers looking to visit its beaches, mountains and villages, leads a list of popular beach destinations, including Santorini, the Algarve and Ibiza.

European city breaks are also back on the agenda this summer as countries open up borders, with Paris, Barcelona and Istanbul recording search increases of 465%, 325%, and 330%, respectively. Meanwhile, Expedia Group's data reveals that searches for long haul holidays have also increased substantially across various continents, with New York (+345%), Orlando (+180%), and Dubai (+145%), the most in-demand long-haul destinations.

Despite rural UK destinations having seen big drops in the number of searches from UK tourists, many UK cities have seen significantly increased demand.

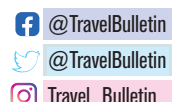


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AGENT INSIGHT

SANDRA MURRAY

NORMANTON, YORKSHIRE

WELL, THINGS are certainly moving! I've never known so many flights be cancelled or changed – it certainly puts a different angle on 'looking forward to my holiday' and I think one of the knock on effects is people turning up very early at the airports, which doesn't help. I think Jet2 have been the best at getting off and not cancelling flights, so well done Jet2.

I recently attended an event in Leeds at the Queens Hotel which was great. There were lots of fantastic tour operators willing to work the evening to pass on useful information to us. It was well attended and £220 was raised for Reubens Retreat'. We stopped for 'pudding' which kept us going and then there was the prize draw. It was nice to catch up with Richard Hey in his new role at Abercrombie & Kent/Cox and Kings. It was also nice to catch up with Gemma Ashworth at Carnival, who won a nice keyring; Briony Worrall from Fred Holidays; Rachel from Gold Medal; and Leanne from Holiday Extras, who offer Flextras, where it is always easy to amend holidays, and if for some reason your client needs to cancel, there is no charge. I learnt lots of information from Intrepid and its 1000+ itineraries in 120 countries. It was also great to see Gemma from Newmarket who is always so enthusiastic about Newmarket and its fully bookable agent website. I managed to see my old friend, Graham Brooks, from RCD hotels who is so passionate about his hotels!

The Yorkshire Travel Ball is rapidly approaching – taking place on July 21 – and in my next article, I hope I will be able to say how generous everyone was to raise money for the animals.

Email s.murray922@btinternet.com for any questions or comments.

Shearings launches 38 new UK holidays for 2023 programme

ESCORTED COACH tour company Shearings has added 38 new UK holidays to its 2023 programme.

The new trips mark the first time the operator includes tours based at hotels in Southend-on-Sea, Kingston-Upon-Hull and Darlington.

New excursions include adventures in the Isle of Sky, Tobermory, Rochester and Blandford Forum, along with Brighton's i360 and a 'Call the Midwife' tour in Chatham.

Tours include comfortable coach travel with local joining points, with prices starting at £239 per person for a short break. www.shearings.com/login-agent

News Bites

- HOLLAND AMERICA Line is inviting guests to plan ahead and make future reservations with a 'Book Early & Save' offer. Valid until September 30, 2022.
- SANDALS RESORTS has confirmed the opening of the all-new Sandals Dunn's River resort on May 24, 2023, with bookings open now.
- EUROPEAN RIVER cruise specialist VIVA Cruises has unveiled its plans for 2023, with itineraries online and available to book now.



JUST GO! Holidays is encouraging agents to capitalise on demand for railway holidays following the release of 'The Railway Children Return'. The operator offers a number of packages featuring heritage steam rides, including a break through Yorkshire aboard The Green Dragon, the train from the original film. Agents can also win one of three pairs of cinema tickets to enjoy the film themselves, with any agents who book the 'Rainway Children's Green Dragon Steam Train & Haworth' itinerary entered into a prize draw. www.justgoholidays.com/agents

AGENT INCENTIVES

- AGENTS HAVE a limited time to make the most of Mercury Holidays and Sunspot Tours' July incentives, with short haul, long haul and river cruise bookings including a £10 Love2Shop voucher, with escorted tours including a £15 incentive. Bookings must be redeemed by July 31, 2022.
- AMAWATERWAYS HAS announced limited-time offers in celebration of its 20th anniversary, offering agents an incentive and savings to capitalise on demand. New bookings made by September 30, 2022 for Europe, Mekong, Africa and Egypt cruises include a £200 Love2Shop voucher upon final payment, with £100 up for grabs for single occupancy stateroom bookings. Along with the incentive, 20% savings on Europe and Mekong cruises, a reduced deposit of £20 per person on Europe and Mekong cruises, and double loyalty savings for past guests are on offer.
- ANZCRO IS offering £10 off daily rates for motorhome bookings across Australia and New Zealand for July and August departures, with the top-selling agent between June and September awarded a £250 incentive. The £10 per day discount is redeemable until July 31, 2022.
- THE JAMAICA Tourist Board's 60th anniversary of independence celebrations continue this month, with the chance to earn a place on a fam trip soon running out. Agents can register at www.jamaicarewards.co.uk and log their Jamaican bookings by July 30, 2022, where the first 60 agents will earn £60 rewards. After agents' fifth booking, all new bookings include a £5 incentive, with up to £200 available per calendar year.



15 TOP sellers from two of Barbados' British partners, Elegant Resorts and If Only, enjoyed a fam trip to the island, organised by Barbados Tourism Marketing Inc. The group was accommodated at the O2 Beach Club and Spa, The House and Treasure Beach by Marriott, and the Fairmont Royal Pavilion. Cheryl Carter, BTMI's director for the UK, said: "In such a competitive environment, it is critical to afford agents the opportunity to fully immerse themselves in the Barbados experience."

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Win a two-night stay for two in the Maldives at Mukunudu Resort by answering a series of questions!

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AGENT TRAINING

- THE GREEK National Tourism Organisation is going green, previewing the eco-friendly offerings across the nation in a series of webinars. Two webinars have invited senior figures from the responsible tourism industry educating and inspiring the UK trade on new green strategies and how agents can work more closely with the Greek National Tourism Organisation. Eleni Skarveli, GNTO's director, explained: "We need the industry behind us to offer visitors the greenest holiday options possible." The content hub will be available from October 5, 2022, and in the meantime agents can learn more on Greece's green offerings at www.visitgreece.gr
- AGENTS ARE encouraged to immerse themselves in Accor's brands on the dedicated training platform, which keeps agents up to date with the latest news from Raffles, Fairmont, Swissôtel, onefinestay and select Sofitel and Pullman properties. Agents can earn a choice of personal rewards and members-only benefits on the programme. www.famousagents.frhi.com
- AGENTS CAN become Bahamas specialists with a training platform that covers the 16 major islands and variety of attractions on offer on the island group. Lucky agents can win a fam trip place by completing select modules on the platform and attending one of the in-person training sessions held several times a year. www.bahamas.com/travel-agents-new-uk
- THE GREAT American West has launched a new travel trade training hub, helping agents navigate and sell five states of the American West: Idaho, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wyoming. The hub spotlights bucket-list experiences along with downloadable content, digital courses, destination guides, suggested itineraries, and the latest insights. www.greatamericanwest.co.uk/travel-trade/

Celestyal Cruises to trial new freedom fares

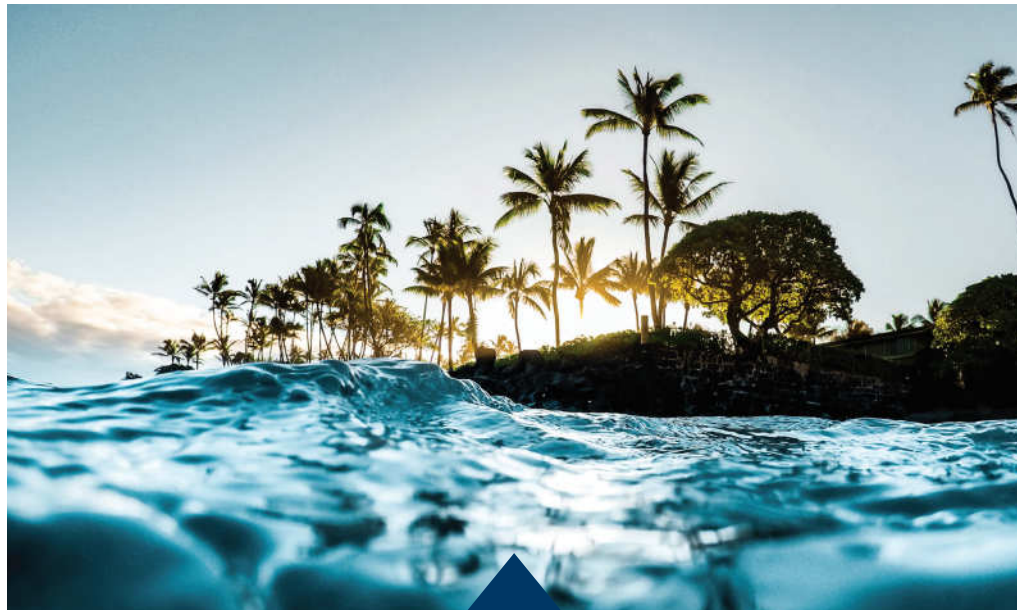
CELESTYAL CRUISES has announced that it will be trialling a brand new 'Freedom Fare' in the UK offering Greek island touring cruises from £199 per person.



Trialled exclusively in the UK market and valid on all 2022 sailings booked between now and August 31, 2022, the Freedom Fare allows guests the freedom to cruise and choose and was created for those who want to set sail before deciding what they want and when they want it. The Freedom Fare includes onboard accommodation, dining, entertainment, taxes and gratuities, with the option for guests to create their own cruise experience from an A la Carte menu of add-ons such as drinks packages and excursions.

Guests wishing to upgrade to the all-inclusive fare which includes drinks, and two excursions can do so from £50 which works out at £12.50 per person per night.

One example of a package on offer is the seven-night 'Idyllic Aegean', which is priced from £541 per person. www.celestyal.com



PRINCESS CRUISES is offering a new summer season of cruises roundtrip from Los Angeles in 2023. This will mark the line's first-ever summer season to Mexico, Hawaii, and the California Coast, with Emerald Princess sailing on a series of voyages ranging from five- to 16-nights between May and August 2023. www.princess.com

Jet2holidays announces eighth annual conference details

JET2HOLIDAYS HAS announced details of its annual VIP conference for independent travel agency partners, with 350 delegates and top performing agents heading to the 3HB Guarana in the village of Olhos de Água in Portugal later this year.

This year's conference runs from November 21 to 24, with a programme that has been specifically tailored for independent travel agents so that they can

successfully grow their businesses.

The details of the conference were revealed today by Steve Heapy, CEO of Jet2holidays, and Alan Cross, head of trade at Jet2holidays, at a launch event for agency partners in London.

There will be presentations, supplier showcases and a gala dinner, as well as the return of the awards ceremony recognising the best-selling agents.

G Adventures launches vessel in the Galapagos

G ADVENTURES has welcomed the first custom-built catamaran to its fleet of vessels in the Galapagos islands this summer season.

The new Reina Silvia Voyager has been designed to offer enhanced accommodation options, with 10 spacious cabins split over two decks, offering four itineraries, ranging from eight to 10 days including Quito and will accommodate up to 16 passengers.

Itineraries include the 10-day 'Galapagos - Central and East islands', from £5,299 per person.

www.gadventures.com



Emirates ramps up Newcastle flights

EMIRATES HAS scaled up its operations to Newcastle with the introduction of a fifth weekly flight. Flight EK034 departs Newcastle at 21:10 arriving in Dubai at 07:25 the following day.

www.emirates.com



Welcome back to Thailand: Thailand Travel Market

TTM+ TOOK place in Phuket from June 8-10, 2022, marking the nation's first international face-to-face B2B trade event since the pandemic.

276 buyers from 42 countries took to the event, showcasing what awaits in Thailand.

Titiporn Manenate, executive director for Europe, Africa and the Middle East at the Tourism Authority of Thailand, said at the event: "Thailand Travel Market 2022 is a very

important occasion to showcase Thailand after the pandemic and get the message out that Thailand is open for Tourism.

"Thailand does not want to get back to pre pandemic levels of in excess of forty million tourists. Sustainability is the key with wellness and wellbeing the theme, the goal is for smaller ecologically aware groups to stay longer and spend more whilst immersing in the Thai culture of wellness, massage and Thai food."

Out and out Outrigger with new resorts galore

OUTRIGGER SHOWCASED a number of new resorts ready and waiting for guests across Thailand.

Two new openings have been added to the brand's portfolio: the Outrigger Surin Beach Resort and Outrigger Khao Lak Beach Resort, which opening in December 2021 and February 2022, respectively.

The latest addition will come in August 2022 with the opening of

Outrigger Koh Samui Beach Resort. 60 rooms are available for guests, all inspired by the Hawaiian tropical culture blended with contemporary lifestyle touches. A choice of leisure facilities will open, including two swimming pools, a fitness studio and spa.

The surf-inspired restaurant Nalu Bar and Grill will offer an impressive dining experience,

complemented by a Nalu loft bar with views of the Phuket sunset. www.outrigger.com



Riverfront relaxation at Capella Bangkok

ANOTHER NEW addition to the slate on show at TTM+ was the Capella Bangkok, a property which first welcomed guests in 2020.

The property marked Capella Hotels and Resorts' first expansion into Thailand, with cultural experiences and a legacy-

inspired interior a key selling point for the riverside haven.

Situated in the Chao Phraya Estate, the Bangkok property offers 101 guestrooms, suites and villas, each offering uninterrupted views of the Chao Phraya river.

The property's general manager, John Blanco, said of the launch: "Curious travellers will enjoy encounters that echo the past... we want to encourage learning and exploration, give back to the community, and create emotional connections."



Centara adds a taste of luxury to Koh Samui

KOH SAMUI welcomed Centara's first hotel in its new curated luxury collection, Centara Reserve, in December 2021, which was showcased at TTM.

Formerly the Centara Grand Beach Resort, the property welcomed a sophisticated reimagining, including a contemporary design, with a gin bar, spa and butler service all situated on an indulgent beachfront location.

Stays at the refreshed luxury resort start from approximately £322 per night. www.centarahotelsresorts.com



Enter Thailand with ease

JULY 1, 2022 saw travel restrictions eased, making entry into Thailand easier than ever.

Vaccinated travellers need only show their certificate of vaccination upon arrival, with the Thailand Pass no longer required for unrestricted entry.

Unvaccinated arrivals are required to show proof of a negative PCR test result taken within 72 hours of travel, after which they are free to travel across Thailand unrestricted.

SUDOKU

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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, August 4th. Solution and new puzzle will appear in the next issue.

The winner for July 8th is **Matthew Johnson from Midcounties Co-operative Travel.**

July 8th Solution: A=3 B=8 C=4 D=7

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



WHERE AM I?

This Mediterranean island is surrounded by three different seas: the Tyrrhenian Sea, the Mediterranean Sea and the Ionian Sea making it a strategic point of interest for many past civilisations.

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



Across

- 1 Cruise company founded by Torstein Hagen (6)
- 3 Salt Lake City is the state capital (4)
- 6 Award winning Greenwich visitor attraction ____ Sark (5)
- 8 British singer, Dua (4)
- 10 Plant dye used for hair and body art (5)
- 12 Valencia international airport code (3)
- 13 Flows through the capital of the Tyrol (3)
- 14 Hospitality company with 5,300 hotels across 110 countries (5)
- 16 Hawaiian island (4)
- 18 Greeting, often heard in 16 across (5)
- 19 Currency of Thailand (4)
- 20 Major US airline (6)

Down

- 1 One of Cunard's Queens (8)
- 2 TV show, Saturday ____, features Food Heaven or Hell (7)
- 4 Airline with HQ at Lisbon airport (3)
- 5 Island in the Tyrrhenian Sea (4)
- 7 Currency of Japan (3)
- 9 TV detective duo, ____ and Dodds, sounds like a fast food chain (8)
- 11 Known as "The city that never sleeps", initially (3)
- 12 One of the New England states (7)
- 14 Capital of Samoa (4)
- 15 Flag carrier of the Czech Republic (3)
- 17 Athens international airport code (3)

CROSSWORD

Across: 1 VIKING, 3 UTAH, 6 CUTTY, 8 LIPA, 10 HENNA, 12 VLC, 13 INN, 14 ACCOR, 16 MAUI, 18 ALOHA, 19 BAHT, 20 UNITED. Down: 1 VICTORIA, 2 KITCHEN, 4 TAP, 5 ELBA, 7 YEN, 9 McDONALD, 11 NYC, 12 VERMONT, 14 APIA, 15 CSA, 17 ATH. Mystery Word: VIENNA



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Cruise Showcase

OUR SHOWCASE season took to the Mercure Exeter Rougemont Hotel for the Travel Bulletin Cruise Showcase on July 12, 2022.

Our headline sponsor Virgin Voyages was joined by CroisiEurope Cruises, Oceania Cruises, Venture Ashore, Riviera Travel, Destination Canada and the Barbados Tourism Marketing Inc.

Guests sailed the seven seas with presentations, networking, and taking part in our ever-popular prize draw!



Want to get in on the [#TBShowcases](#) action? Our next event will be the North America Showcase taking place in Maidstone on September 12. To confirm your place or find out when we will be hosting our next event near you contact: events@travelbulletin.co.uk

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THE LAST two years have been the toughest that our industry has ever seen. A time when we have had to battle to keep our businesses afloat, and at the same time, navigate the uncharted waters that the pandemic has brought about.

But, while the challenges continue, we have a lot to be optimistic about.

Travel and holidays remain at the top of the priority list for many millions of Brits and there continues to be strong pent-up demand, and even the cost-of-living crisis does not seem to be impacting the appetite to travel at the moment. And while the ongoing disruption is providing us with more

challenges, they just serve to highlight why booking with a professional is something that all consumers should consider.

Travel agents have played a key role on the UK's high streets and in local communities for many years, and while their skills have diversified, adapted and evolved with the times, what has always remained constant is the expertise and service that booking with a professional provides.

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Not only are travel agents experts in the broad-ranging world of travel, there is also nothing that they won't explore for their clients. They are also best

placed to navigate the complex booking process, as well as find the best deal.

And that's why they are attracting more new customers than ever before.

So today, let's shout about all that being an agent means. Let's celebrate our teams, our partnerships, and our determination. Let's also shout to our customers both current and potential about what we offer and why the concierge service that an agent provides is something that all customers should value.

After all, we can all use scissors but that doesn't mean we should cut our own hair, so why would we risk one of the most expensive and sentimental purchases that we make by not engaging with a professional?

Let's bust those myths – that travel agents are a thing of the past, that travel agents are more expensive, that travel agents are just for the older generation – and continue to look after customers in the way that only a passionate travel professional can.

My best wishes go to all the 2,700 travel agents and over 11,000 homeworkers across the UK & Ireland today and I encourage them all to celebrate what being an agent means: survival, resilience, and professionalism.



ALL IN FOR ALASKA

Book your clients and their families on an adventure-focused cruise to 'The Last Frontier', with Princess Cruises.



FOR FAMILIES seeking adventure, Princess Cruises has announced its new Alaskan cruises, sailing roundtrip from Vancouver, are now on sale.

The 3,080-guest Crown Princess will sail on a series of new seven-, 10- and 11-night 'Inside Passage' voyages from

Vancouver to popular Alaskan destinations such as Ketchikan, Juneau and Skagway. One glacier experience is included on every cruise.

Fares start from £1,069 per person for a seven-night 'Inside Passage' cruise, sailing roundtrip from Vancouver, calling at Juneau; Skagway; Endicott Arm and Dawes Glacier (scenic cruising); and Ketchikan.

Guests booking before August 31, 2022 can receive up to \$250 in onboard spending.

Eithne Williamson, vice president of Princess Cruises UK and Europe, said:

"UK travel agents have been asking for Alaska voyages that sail roundtrip from Vancouver and we listened. These new itineraries offer an easier way for UK guests to sail to Alaska, with a shorter flight needed, and provide guests with the opportunity to experience the beautiful city of Vancouver with a pre- or post-cruise stay."

Excursions include meeting professional mushers and their canine companions in an introduction to Alaska's state sport, as well as opportunities to spot whales. www.princess.com

Walk this way in Kitzbühel

THE KAT Walk Family, in the Kitzbühel Alps, is the first long-distance hiking route in Tirol designed with families in mind.

The 76km trail, that winds through the mountains, has been divided into five stages and has plenty of interactive stations along the way. Travellers can pause at a petting zoo, swim in an old quarry, or even challenge themselves to a spot of climbing.

Inghams is offering a seven-night stay at Hotel Edelweiss in Kitzbühel, on a half board basis, arriving August 13, 2022, from £649 per person www.inghams.co.uk

Fun for the whole family at Club Med

CLUB MED'S Marrakech La Palmeraie is in the process of undergoing further renovations, including an extension of 66 further family rooms, a family pool and bar, a new baby club, and renovations of the mini club and petit club. This will give families the opportunity to dive into the local heritage while enjoying the views over Morocco from the flying trapeze.

Prices start from £804 per person. www.clubmed.co.uk





Emirates offers extra value in Dubai

CUSTOMERS CAN make the most out of their trips to Dubai this summer with Emirates' value-added free entry passes to some of the UAE's most popular attractions.

Free entry is on offer to the iconic 'Burj Khalifa At The Top', located on the 124th and 125th floors of the world's tallest building, the Dubai Fountains Boardwalk experience, with a water, music and light show at the foot of the Burj Khalifa, and the Louvre Abu Dhabi, home to 167 renowned artworks.

The summer offer is included with any return trip booked in any cabin class between July 1 and September 30, 2022.

Boarding passes double up as a discount card in selected retail, leisure and dining outlets across Dubai.

'Dubai Summer Surprises' will return to the city this summer, running until September 4, 2022, inviting a range of arts and cultural activities to the city. www.emirates.com/english/special-offers/summer-special-offer

New adventures await with Newmarket's 2022-24 brochure

NEWMARKET HOLIDAYS has celebrated the launch of its latest brochure, with a wide choice of family holiday itineraries spanning 2022-24.

As part of the launch, guests have a limited time to capitalise on up to 15% off all tours for 2022, 2023 and 2024, with discounts available until July 31, 2022.

The brochure welcomes nine new additions to Newmarket's portfolio: 'Scottish Lochs and the Isles of Sky and Mull'; 'The Ring of Kerry and South West Ireland'; 'Madrid, Porto and the Douro Valley'; 'Salzburg and the Austrian Tyrol'; 'National Parks of the American West and San Francisco'; 'Costa Rica – Wildlife, Rainforest and Caribbean Beach'; 'Madagascar – Red Island Wonders'; 'Sri Lanka – Temples, Safari and Beach and India's Golden Triangle'; 'Shimla and Amritsar's Golden Temple'.

Richard Forde, the operator's head of



trade sales, explained: "We are delighted that the new brochure is now available for our travel trade partners. The year has started off very strongly for us and it is important that we have all the tools available to ease the sales process for travel agents. The new brochure launch follows the earlier than usual release of availability for 2023 and 2024 tours and we are confident it will further strengthen Newmarket Holidays' performance with the trade."

Agents can order copies of the brochure from www.newmarketholidaysbrochures.co.uk.

Freewheel Holidays: family focus

LEISURE TRAVEL provider Freewheel Holidays is encouraging families to saddle up and soak in the sights of Europe on their next getaway.

Putting family travel at its core for 2022/23, Freewheel Holidays is expanding with a choice of trips curated specifically for families.

Andy Mylrea, sales manager for Freewheel Holidays commented: "A top trend for travel in 2022 is reconnection trips and recovering family time lost due

to the pandemic. Nothing grounds you more than getting the whole family off their screens and being outside and active, at a leisurely pace.

"We have a great range of holidays across Europe suited for all families, from smooth and flat paths for first-time leisure travellers or routes off the beaten tracks for the outdoor enthusiasts. We can work with customers to package their perfect trip and destination."

Of the choices customisable for families, more than 200 cycling holidays across 30 countries are particular favourites. These include the eight-day 'Bavarian Lakes' itinerary, allowing families to experience the fresh air of the lakes and cycle paths following the turquoise waters of the River Isar. This itinerary starts from £775 per person, including accommodation, breakfast, luggage and in-country transfers. www.freewheelholidays.co.uk



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Stays in a two-bedroom Marina View Villa Suite with breakfast, non-motorised water sports, daily activities, kids club and more, is from £380 per night, based on four sharing (two adults and two children). www.landingsstlucia.com

Explore Scotland with Rabbie's

FAMILIES CAN escape to Scotland's extreme Northern Coast and sail Viking Waters on Rabbie's 'Orkney & Scotland's Northern Coast' holiday.

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awaits on this tour too, with vibrant red sandstone coasts, and green pastures.

Prices start at £379 per

person for this five-day holiday. Tours are departing throughout the summer.

www.rabbies.com



Ikos Odisia to open in 2023

IKOS RESORTS has announced the sixth addition to its all-inclusive portfolio, with the opening of Ikos Odisia in Corfu on May 19, 2023.

The resort will boast 395 rooms, suites, bungalows, and villas, each thoughtfully designed for families of all sizes.

The Local Drive Adventure will allow guests to explore the destination with complimentary car hire for a day, and complimentary museum tickets encouraging guests to fully experience the destination.

The resort will offer 10 heated outdoor and indoor pools, including kids and adult-only pools. A beach waiter service serving food and beverage and 30 minutes' free

childcare on the beach for kids over the age of four will also be on offer.

Parents can enjoy rest and relaxation safe in the knowledge their little ones are being expertly looked after with complimentary kids' clubs for children and teens aged four to 17, offering activities including arts and crafts, sports, cooking, and science. Those with babies and toddlers can also take advantage of the Heroes Crèche and babysitting services, with professional childcare available.

Room rates at Ikos Odisia start from €346 (£297 approximately) per night for a Double Room on an all-inclusive basis.

To book, visit www.ikosresorts.com



MSC World Europa welcoming largest-ever kids' area

AHEAD OF its arrival into service in December 2022, MSC Cruises has unveiled



details on World Europa's new kids' zone. The area will include interactive digital games, a LEGO playroom, a drone relay race and much more. Matteo Mancini, kids' entertainment manager, said: "We have worked to introduce real innovations in the design of the facilities and the development of an incredible programme of activities, all carefully planned to ensure that the differing needs of all age groups are met - from our youngest guests through to teenagers." www.msccruises.co.uk



Families follow in historical footsteps on Cox & Kings' ancient adventures

COX & KINGS' ancient adventures across the classical Mediterranean brings the family together for small-group experiences spotlighting the region's history, landscapes and unique offerings.

'Classical Turkey' highlights the major role the nation played in connecting Asia and Europe, serving as a crucial crossroads and trade route, while showcasing the natural wonders and manmade marvels along the way. The architecture of Hagia Sofia, the Blue Mosque of Istanbul, and the classic sites of Troy, Aphrodisias and Ephesus make for a diverse journey through history.

This itinerary starts from £1,395 per person, including flights with Turkish Airlines, four- and five-star accommodation, transfers, and selected meals and excursions.

'The Wonders of Ancient Crete' traces this island's past through the Byzantine, Roman and Ottoman empires. The Palace of Knossos is a cultural highlight, with plenty of scenic gems along the way. Families can immerse themselves in Cretian culture with a beekeeping and honey tasting experience, archaeological site visits, and boat trip to the island of Spinalonga.

The eight-day group tour starts from £1,595 per person, with flights, four- and five-star accommodation, transfers, flights with British Airways and selected meals and excursions included. www.coxandkings.co.uk



Czech in for a Bohemian summer

THE CZECH countryside is a natural haven in the summer, with a choice of watersports, sunbathing spots and landscape hiking to bring the family together.

Lipno Dam, a lake in the heart of the Sumava countryside, offers catamaran rentals to sail the smooth waters, jetski hires to make a splash, or a more relaxing pedallo trip. The nearby 'Treetop Walk' offers a unique hiking experience up a gentle slope to a 40-metre high tower. www.visitczechrepublic.com/en-US/Things-to-Do/Places/Nature/Rivers-and-Lakes/s-lipno



Live a life of luxury on the French Riviera

FAMILIES LOOKING for summer in luxury need look no further than the French Riviera commune of Beausoleil. A 15-minute walk from the beach, the commune offers impressive views over the Bay of Monaco.

The two-bedroom Monte Coast View Residence offers a two-bedroom apartment with a kitchen, accommodating for up to six guests, with prices from approximately £93 per night. www.terresens-msh.com/produit/apartment-2-bedroom-beausoleil/?lang=enn

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Sun, sea and sand in Portimão

PORTIMÃO, THE largest city in the Algarve, boasts summer-round sun, sea, and sand, and, in spite of its proximity to the Praia da Rocha beach, offers a relaxed ambience with a focus on the local experience.

Families can opt for a two-to-three hour walking tour of the city, guaranteeing plenty of time to experience the true Portimão.

Beginning at the Museum of Portimão, guests can trace the city's history to the old harbour and Jardim de Dezembro plaza. www.travel-in-portugal.com/portimao



Paddle through family-friendly Poland

POLAND'S STATUS as a rowing and kayaking capital is a well-kept secret, but the nation's 150 kayaking routes and 10,000 paddle-friendly lakes are sure to be a hit for families looking to make a splash this year.

Rospuda Lake, in Augustów, offers calm crystal waters, ideal for beginners of all ages and families. The Augustów Canal offers a glimpse back in time, as it served as a key trade route in the 19th century, connecting Warsaw with Lithuania. www.poland.travel/on-the-water

ToursByLocals: top 10 tours and family favourites

WITH 2022 heralding a bumper year for the UK market and its newly-restored freedom, ToursByLocals has unveiled its results from May to June, which saw over 25% of its sales coming from customised itineraries.

Its most popular tours are available to be tailor made to families' tastes, guaranteeing a local insight into a range of destinations.

Award-winning artist Catherine guides groups through the Louvre on the 'Louvre Express' itinerary, which includes a brisk route through the museum's 800-year-long history and works that pre-date even that. This artistic tour offers impressive insight and guarantees the whole family will come away feeling artsy and inspired. Up to six guests can join Catherine on the 90-minute tour, which starts from £193 per group.

European history continues to be the spotlight on 'Lisbon's Old Districts Half Day Tour', with lifelong local Marta spotlighting the ancient gems and historic districts of Lisbon. Groups will navigate the city's



seven hills and have time to visit the 12th-century cathedral along the way. The tour starts from £171 per group, costing £197 for a group of four.

The 'Venice Orientation Tour' serves as a perfect family-friendly introduction to the city, exploring the vibrant city centre and all its age-old favourites, including St Mark's Square and the Rialto. Isabella guides up to six people on this two-hour tour from £193 per group. www.toursbylocals.com

Val d'Isère: a fun-filled summer for all the family

AS FAMILIES look to France for active holidays this summer, Val d'Isère, a recent awardee of the French government's Family Plus label, boasts an extensive selection of family-friendly activities.

The region awaits with open arms to

immerse guests in nature, with an educational eco hike through the vast network of paths spotlighting the area's preservation efforts.

In the Vanoise National Park, families can sleep under the stars or venture through the hanging walkways of the Eltroits Forest.

A wealth of activities await active families, including horse-riding, tennis, and yoga classes at Le Manchet Sports Park. A new leisure area on the Plaine de la Daille welcomes bikes, scooters, skateboards, and roller skates, along with BMX trail-riding lessons.

Stays at the Hotel Le Val d'Isère start from £129 per night based on July 2022 stays. Alternatively, the Victoria Lodge - Friendly Hotel is an optimal choice for families looking for a home-away-from-home feel, with stays from £83 per night, with access to rock climbing and golfing facilities. www.valdisere.com



HOPPING MAD

Explore! is offering an island hopping holiday experience in the Seychelles.

WITH EXPLORE!, travellers can explore the palm-lined beaches of Praslin, hike along forest trails on Mahe and cycle around the paradise island of La Digue on the 'Seychelles Island Hopping' holiday.

There will also be a chance to get off the beaten path in this iconic destination and discover a different side to these tropical islands.

Highlights include exploration of Mahe Island's lush rainforest and granite boulders; a walk through Praslin Island's primeval rainforest, as well as a catamaran cruise to discover the exotic marine life; and a two wheel tour of La Digue island.

Guests will stay in three locally-

owned and run guest house/hotels in the Seychelles, which brings money into the hands of local people.

Guests have the option to enjoy this tour with their own private group (recommended minimum of five people) on any date that works for them.

Prices start from £2,299 for the 11-day holiday, based on an October 5, 2022 departure date.

www.explore.co.uk

Get more out of Mauritius

BEACHCOMBER TOURS is offering a family stay at the four-star Victoria Beachcomber Resort & Spa in Mauritius.

Located on the north-west coast of Mauritius, Victoria Beachcomber Resort & Spa is conveniently situated between the tourist hub of Grand Baie and Port Louis, the capital city.

Rates are offered from £4,830 per family, staying in a deluxe room, based on two adults and two children sharing on an all-inclusive basis.

This also includes return economy flights and private airport transfers while in Mauritius.

In addition to this, families can enjoy a choice of free land and water sports as part of the package. The priced departure date is May 26, 2023.

www.beachcombertours.co.uk

JW Marriott Maldives Resort & Spa offers five-star luxury

SITUATED IN the secluded Shaviyani Atoll on the Vagaru Island, JW Marriott Maldives Resort & Spa offers 60 over-water and beachfront villas.

Each villa is complete with its own private wooden deck pool with an outdoor shower.

Other facilities include the adult-only pool, five restaurants, three full-service bars and a wine Room, FAMILY BY JW - Little Griffins Kids Club, and the dive centre offering daily excursions for diving, snorkelling, dolphin watching, fishing, as well as a watersports centre. www.marriott.co.uk



Dive into a 'Sustainable Summer'

RUNNING UNTIL August 31, 2022, Outrigger Hotels and Resorts in Mauritius and the Maldives are hosting a myriad of sustainably-themed events and activities throughout World Ocean Month engaging host and guests alike.

Everything from coral planting to fish-house making, beach and underwater cleanups and coastal and mangrove tree planting is on offer. For those who prefer to stay closer to 'home,' there are ocean movies, in-room videos, Kids' Club activities and presentations on manta rays, whale sharks, turtles, and coral reef conservation.

[www.Outrigger.com/Sustainable Summer](http://www.Outrigger.com/SustainableSummer)



Mauritius further eases restrictions

MAURITIUS HAS announced a further easing of Covid restrictions in response to its successful vaccination campaign and resultant low infection rate.

The requirement for facemasks is relaxed, moreover, upon arrival tests for fully vaccinated passengers have been waived. For unvaccinated passengers tests upon arrival are maintained. www.mymauritius.travel

Jumeirah offers Maldives getaway

FOR THOSE looking for the perfect family holiday destination, Jumeirah Maldives Olhahali Island is sure to tick all the boxes.

Children and parents alike can take to the crystalline waters of the Indian Ocean with kayak racing, banana boat rides and paddle-boarding available. There is also marine talks, hosted by Jumeirah Maldives' in-house Marine Biologist, sunset fishing, and coral planting, allowing families to travel beneath the waves to meet aquatic life.

Stepping away from the water, guests can immerse themselves into island life and dive into Maldivian culture by learning traditional Bodu Beru drumming.

As the sun begins to set over the island, gather the family on Coconut Beach for a legendary cocktail party, where guests can indulge in an evening of fine cocktails and native performance arts.

Clients can take advantage of the Jumeirah Exceptional Summer Escapes offer until July



31, 2022 when booking stays at Jumeirah Maldives Olhahali Island for dates until September 30, 2023, offering up to 20% off on Jumeirah Flexible Rate and US\$300 in resort credit, plus additional benefits.

Stays in a water villa with pool start from £774 for a September departure date. www.jumeirah.com/en/stay/maldives/jumeirah-maldives

The Sarojin offers 'Sarojin Cares' packages

THE SAROJIN, in Phuket, has been gearing up for the return of international travellers with the creation of 'Sarojin Cares' packages to suit every type of traveller this summer and beyond.

The 'Sarojin Cares' packages are part of the resort's latest product development and a step further on their ongoing commitment to the local community and environment; from packages for pampering and relaxation to adventurous excursions, culinary experiences and even options for those travelling in a small group, the 'Sarojin Cares' packages all include a complimentary invitation for guests to join the team on their regular volunteer days in the community and care for the environment.

One package on offer is the Sarojin Cares Adventure: From THB 79,295 (approximately £1,845), two guests can enjoy seven nights in

a Garden Residence, a private 'Just For Two' Sea Adventures trip to Phang Nga Bay aboard the Lady Sarojin yacht, a 'Jungle Adventures' trip to Khao Sok and a 'Glimpse of Local Life, Day in the Life of a Local' personalised tour. The package is valid for stays until October 31, 2023.

www.sarojin.com



JUPITER WITH UNIVERSAL

Universal Studios Hollywood introduces Jupiter's Claim, from new horror movie, *Nope*, as a permanent attraction.



THE ORIGINAL Jupiter's Claim set from Jordan Peele's expansive new horror epic, *Nope*, will be featured exclusively at Universal Studios Hollywood as a new attraction on the world-famous Studio Tour, beginning Friday, July 22.

Jordan Peele, alongside producing partner Ian Cooper and Monkeypaw Productions, is thrilled to bring the film's fictional theme park to Universal Studios Hollywood as a permanent Studio Tour attraction. Concepting the integration of the set to the Studio Tour began early in production in partnership with the filmmakers, working collaboratively with Universal Creative at Universal Studios Hollywood to ensure authenticity and accuracy.

The Jupiter's Claim set – which can only be seen on the Studio Tour – marks the first time that a Studio Tour attraction has opened day and date with a movie release. It will be staged within Universal Studios' backlot alongside a host of other iconic movie sets that include Steven Spielberg's *War of the*

Worlds, the infamous Psycho house from Alfred Hitchcock's *Psycho* and Courthouse Square from Robert Zemeckis' *Back to the Future*.

Jupiter's Claim, set in Southern California's Santa Clarita Valley, is a family-fun theme park and predicated on the aesthetics of the California Gold Rush.

The Studio Tour is renowned for taking guests behind-the-scenes of an authentic movie and television production studio.

With the addition of the Jupiter's Claim set from *Nope*, coupled with the roll out of electric Studio Tour trams, Universal Studios Hollywood is welcoming a host of new experiences this summer.

www.universalstudioshollywood.com

Couple a stay at the Fairmont with a visit to LEGOLAND

FOR CUSTOMERS looking to couple a stay in Windsor with a trip to LEGOLAND, agents can recommend the 'LEGOLAND Windsor Resort Overnight Stay' package.

The package includes accommodation at Fairmont Windsor Park; breakfast in MOREIS; tickets to LEGOLAND Windsor Resort; and, late check out at 4pm.

LEGOLAND offers over 55 rides and attractions where children can fly through the treetops to escape fearsome dragons, ride the thrilling rapids with a Viking fleet, join LEGO divers on a magical underwater adventure and more.

Package prices are available upon request.

www.fairmont.com

DC Super Hero Season kicks off at Warner Bros. World

WARNER BROS. World Abu Dhabi, has kicked off the launch of its all-new 'DC Super Hero Season', running daily from July 2 to September 4, 2022.

Featuring a variety of celebrations, new Justice League character appearances and family-friendly entertainment throughout the Park, guests will be able to enjoy a series of hero-inspired activities alongside their favorite super heroes.

Ticket prices start from approximately £79.

Tickets can be bought at www.wbworldabudhabi.com





Tricks and treats at Gulliver's World

NATIONAL HOLIDAYS has unveiled a new Halloween sleepover at Gulliver's World, in Warrington, this spooky season.

The Halloween celebrations at the park include a host of treats, with a stage show featuring the park's mascots, the Gully Gang, and a street parade allowing guests to showcase their fancy dress costumes.

Following their day of adventure at the park, guests can pack their pyjamas, sleep over at the Gulliver's Hotel and take part in a host of themed games and activities on offer.

Prices for the two-day 'Halloween Spooktacular Sleepover at Gulliver's World' coach break start from £119 per person. The price includes return coach travel, one night at the three-star Gulliver's Hotel in Warrington with breakfast, admission to Gulliver's World on both days, evening entertainment in-resort and dinner during the Fright Fiesta show. Breaks depart on October 23, 2022 from local pickup points in Yorkshire and October 28 from other North East-based pickup points.

www.nationalholidays.com/agent

Avengers assemble at Disneyland Paris

DISNEYLAND PARIS is expanding the Walt Disney Studios Park with the recent addition of the Marvel Avengers Campus.

With the land opening on July 20, 2022, guests can become superheroes aboard 'AVENGERS ASSEMBLE: FLIGHT FORCE', a rollercoaster inspired by Iron Man and Captain Marvel, as well as the 'SPIDER-MAN W.E.B. ADVENTURE', where guests can fire webs at 'Spider-Bots' while travelling through immersive sets and 3-D screens.

The land is also home to the Pym Kitchen, inspired by Ant-Man, with unusually-scaled items such as shareable pretzel sandwiches and mini burgers.

Agents can book tickets via the Attraction World agent portal at www.attractionworld.com

Guests can swap superhero adventures for natural wonder at Les Villages Nature, an eco-inspired accommodation option with Europe's biggest geothermal-powered waterpark the Aqualagon, BelleVie Farm, inviting guests to



care for animals and participate in daily workshops, and a selection of activities. Four night stays in a self-catering Comfort Cottage at Les Villages Nature start from £1,216 per person, based on an August 1, 2022 departure. www.lesvillagesnature.com/gb-en

Live the world of Studio Ghibli

WITH JAPAN loosening travel restrictions for guests on escorted tours, the Far Eastern haven is no doubt creeping its way back on to Brits' bucket lists for the coming years.

The nation will welcome a new theme park inspired by the films of Studio Ghibli with a unique twist.

Ghibli Park is being built on the former ground of Aichi Earth Expo Memorial

Park, which hosted Japan's World Expo in 2005. The park won't see a single tree cut down or any big rides or attractions, but rather sets, play areas and forestry with Ghibli setpieces.

The first phase of the park, opening on November 1, 2022, will see Ghibli's Grand Warehouse, Hill of Youth and Dondoko Forest. The Grand Warehouse is an indoor

facility storing the studio's secrets, from artifacts from past films to fantasy-filled exhibitions.

On Hill of the Youth, guests can explore the antique shop from 'Whisper of the Heart', and no doubt find gifts galore.

Dondoko Forest will see a peaceful haven with 'Dondoko-do' awaiting them at the top of a forest hill sitting behind Satsuki and Mei's house from 'My Neighbour Totoro'.

A later phase of opening will see the Valley of Witches and Mononoke Village unveiled for guests. www.ghibli-park.jp/en





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Enchantment in Efteling

THE FAIRYTALE-THEMED amusement park, Efteling, will see extended opening hours until August 30, 2022.

Guests heading to the Dutch theme park can take to Piraña, Vliegende Hollander and Gondoletta water rides to cool down on hot days, or to the dive-coaster Baron 1898 for a dose of adrenaline.

Eurostar operates a direct service to Amsterdam Centraal from £278 per person, with two night stays starting from £747 with breakfast and entry tickets.



Lots for little ones at Alton Towers

THIS SPRING saw three new additions to Alton Towers Resort's CBeebies Land, themed after the television channel's popular shows.

Kids can climb, slide and bounce through the Hey Duggee Adventure Badge, let their curiosity run wild in JoJo & Gran at Home, and dig and discover with Andy's Adventures Dinosaur Dig.

Admission starts from £65 for adults and £60 for children over three.

Blackpool: the UK's adventure capital

THE SEASIDE resort of Blackpool is always a haven for British travellers across the UK, with a whole choice of classic activities and adventurous days out.

The historic Blackpool Air Show will see a full line-up this year, with the free two-day show taking to the town on August 13 and 14, 2022. The Red Arrows, Battle of Britain Memorial Flight and AeroSuperBatics Wingwalkers are sure to be sky highlights for the event, along with a range of stalls, attractions and food concessions in the dedicated Air Show Village.

www.visitblackpool.co.uk

Blackpool Pleasure Beach will be another draw for those looking for thrills and spills by the sea this summer. The UK's only double launch rollercoaster, ICON, has welcomed an upcharge experience, ENSÖ, which sees the rear seats adapted so rides will spin and twist during the ride's duration. Until September 10, 2022, the



theme park will also host the Hot Ice show, the world's longest running ice show, taking to the Pleasure Beach Arena for its 86th iteration. Park admission starts from £35 per adult and £30 for under 11s.

www.blackpoolpleasurebeach.com

Williamsburg and Water Country at Busch Gardens

BUSCH GARDENS Williamsburg and the adjoining Water Country USA is ready to welcome Brits this summer, with a packed events schedule and first-time rides on new openings awaiting.

This summer will see the return of Summer Celebration Talent Live, which sees star-studded finalists from America's Got Talent take to the Globe Theatre. From comedy to magic and dance troupes, and everything in

between, the free performances cap off an adventurous day at the theme park.

The Summer Fireworks Spectacular is also back this season, with shows on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays weekly (weather permitting).

Two-day admission to the twin parks starts from approximately £38 per person, or £106 with all-day dining.

www.buschgardens.com/williamsburg



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ENJOY SEAWORLD PARKS' TASTY NEW TICKET

Clients can now get their fill of thrills and food at SeaWorld Orlando, Aquatica Orlando and Busch Gardens in Tampa, thanks to the brand new 3-Visit Ticket + All Day Dine. Mixing simplicity with bigger savings, plus thrilling new rides, it offers value like never before.

Image Credit: SeaWorld Orlando



Enjoy all-day dining and access to all three SeaWorld parks

The 3-Visit Ticket + All Day Dine locks in all the costs up front, including food and access to a raft of new attractions across the three parks, all breaking records for the tallest, fastest, and steepest. At SeaWorld Orlando, the all-new Ice Breaker propels passengers through a series of twists and turns and features the steepest beyond vertical drop in Florida – a 93-foot tall spike at a 100° angle.

Image Credit: Aquatica



Plunge into new thrills and spills

Next door, Aquatica has added a new waterslide to its already record-breaking selection. Reef Plunge whisks riders through 330 feet of fibreglass, and offers glimpses of a vibrant array of marine life, including leopard sharks. Additionally, Busch Gardens in Tampa welcomed its first eager passengers onto Iron Gwazi in March, who screamed their way through the fastest and steepest hybrid coaster in the world, constructed from wood and steel, reaching top speeds of 76mph.

Image Credit: Iron Gwazi



Image Credit: SeaWorld Orlando



Work up an appetite with the new ticket

All those high-octane thrills make for thirsty and hungry work, so the new all-day dining element of the 3-Visit Ticket + All Day Dine will be welcomed by your clients, who will be able to use restaurants throughout the three parks. Guests can enjoy one entrée, side or dessert and one-regular sized non-alcoholic drink every 90 minutes at participating restaurants.

If your clients want to keep things simple, make the biggest saving, and get the most out of their visit to The SeaWorld Parks, recommend they buy the 3-Visit Ticket + All Day Dine. Prices start from below £151 when booking through Attraction World, with a saving of up to £136 per person compared to purchasing the Dining separately. The ticket includes a day at SeaWorld, Aquatica and Busch Gardens, all-day dining at all three parks plus a free return bus service on the Busch Gardens Shuttle Express. Terms and conditions apply.

For more information or to book tickets, go to www.login.attractionworldportal.com or visit your preferred ticket supplier.

Laughs, screams and lederhosen at Thorpe Park's 2022 event seasons

THORPE PARK Resort has reopened for its full season this year, with the theme park gearing up for a packed schedule.

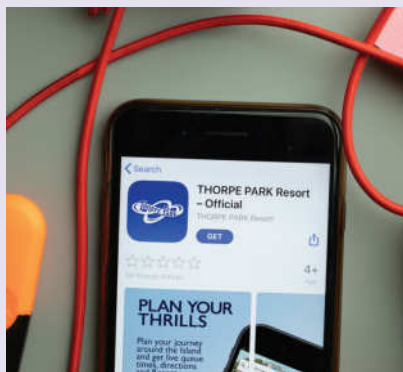
July 22, 2022 welcomed the beginning of the new feel-good Carnival event on the resort, which sees live entertainment across the park and a brand new stage show. Summer vibes are ramped up across the resort with carnival-inspired food and drink complementing the rollercoasters and rides that await.

Following the conclusion of the Carnival season on August 28, Oktoberfest returns to the resort from September 2 to 25, inviting guests to dust off their lederhosen and get a taste for the Bavarian treats and cool steins of traditional Oktoberfest beer.

FRIGHT NIGHTS is celebrating its 21st anniversary from October 1 to 31, 2022, with spine-tingling scare mazes and zones and a number of live shows encouraging guests to feel the fear for spooky season.

Thorpe Park offers annual passes from £99 per person, with day tickets from £35 per person.

www.thorpepark.com



Get set, wet! Europa-Park welcomes world's first

EUROPA-PARK IS making a splash this summer with the new addition of an interactive water carousel. Tønnevirvel is a lively adventure aboard spinning boats with oversized water spray guns. The 'Twist'n'Splash' ride has been added to Rulantica, the resort's water park, as a world's-first addition. Younger visitors can let off steam with slides and an interactive play corner, or take to Svalgurok, an area with 10 slides and over 100 play opportunities. Admission starts from €39 for children and €42 for adults. www.europapark.de/en/rulantica

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