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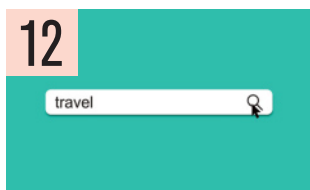
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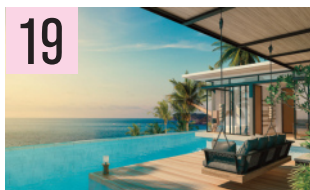
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Virtuoso has revealed the latest trends and insights defining the luxury market ahead of the festive season.

TRAVEL REMAINS a robust industry even in the face of a challenging global terrain according to Virtuoso’s latest trends and insights reports.

Year-to-date sales have surpassed 2023 for the same period by 14%, with figures compared to 2019 skyrocketing by 211%. Future sales for 2025-2026 are already up by 38% over the last year, and the demand for travel agents remains high, with a 76% increase in customers seeking travel advisors this year through Virtuoso’s website.

While domestic travel remains robust, travellers are once again heading further afield in record numbers, with Canada (168% increase), Japan (160% increase) and Caribbean island Saint Barthelemy (155% increase) topping the list. Major global cities, especially London, Paris, New York, Rome and Tokyo are continuing to show significant increases compared to 2023.

For the festive season, Mexico, Hawaii,

Anguilla, Costa Rica and Saint Barthelemy are the most sought-after destinations, with Saint Lucia, the Dominican Republic and Grenada showing strong double- and triple-digit percentage increases. Booking for autumn and the festive season are expected to be strong, with autumnal bookings up 23% and festive getaways up 32% compared to last year.

When it comes to the hottest trends in the luxury market, emphasis is being placed on exclusive-use experiences such as luxury yachts and private residences. Requests for high-end experiences have increased for 89% of Virtuoso advisors. The leading trends in ultra-luxe travel include expedition cruises, exotic destinations, and African safaris.

Research has also suggested a rise in demand for ‘coolcations’ (44%), wellness travel, solo female travel and legacy travel. *To read more about the latest updates and developments for all things luxury, head to page 19!*

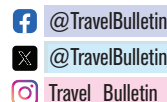


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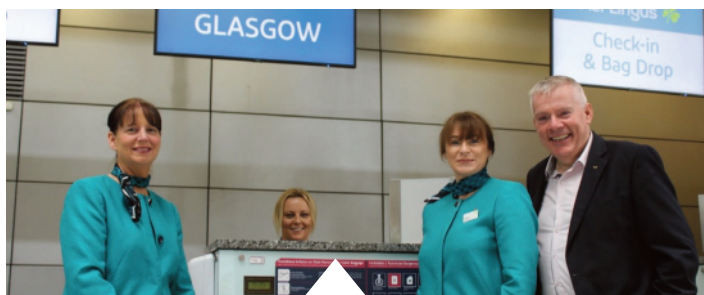
Cardiff Airport reports strong summer showing

CARDIFF AIRPORT has reported a strong summer, with Alicante, Málaga and Amsterdam topping the ranks of most popular destinations served from the airport.

Spencer Birns, CEO of Cardiff Wales Airport, said, "From January to the end of July, passenger numbers have grown by 8%, compared to 2023.

"This year, we've also celebrated some great milestones with partners like Balkan Holidays, which started popular direct flights to Bulgaria 45 years ago from Cardiff Wales Airport."

PLAY will take off from Cardiff from October, with two weekly flights to Keflavik starting in October for six weeks.
www.cardiff-airport.com



Aer Lingus expands regional services

30,000 SEATS are on sale from Glasgow to Cork, with Aer Lingus confirming four weekly departures from October 27th, 2024.

The Cork services join Aer Lingus' existing Dublin and Belfast services from the Scottish city.

Ian Lough, head of commercial at Emerald Airlines said the service reflects the airline's "ongoing commitment to providing our customers with a wider array of travel options and enhanced convenience."
www.aerlingus.com

Why do Brits continue to flood to Florida?

RESEARCH FROM the Westgate Palace Hotel at Universal has analysed Tripadvisor reviews and Google searches for over 130 Floridian destinations and attractions.

The top five emerging attractions are Magic Kingdom Park at Walt Disney World Resort (with over 48,000 of almost 70,000 Tripadvisor reviews rating Walt Disney World Resort's flagship park as 'Excellent'), Adventure Island at Tampa (two minutes from Busch Gardens), The Wizarding World of Harry Potter at Universal Studios Orlando, and the wider Walt Disney World Resort.

The research noted that 'restaurants' are one of the most searched terms at almost 1.5 million, so those looking to eat out should bag bookings early.
www.westgateresorts.com/hotels/florida/orlando/westgate-palace-resort/accommodations/family-suites/

Newmarket's Edinburgh Tattoo prestige

NEWMARKET HOLIDAYS has launched its 2025 Edinburgh Royal Military Tattoo packages with £100 savings for early bookers.

Fans of the historic pageantry can now book a place at next year's prestigious event with the four-day package which includes a reserved seat at the show, guided tours of Edinburgh and Glasgow with free time in both cities, plus the option of a boat ride across Loch Lomond. Prices lead in from £585 per

person for a tour-only option, and from £774 per person with flights included. Early bookers can save £100 per booking until September 13th, 2024 with the code TATTOO.

David Sharman, the operator's chief commercial officer, hopes agents "can capitalise on the excitement and give even more people the opportunity to experience this extraordinary event firsthand." www.newmarketholidays.co.uk



Repeat bookings rise for Travelopia

TRAVELOPIA TAILORMADE'S brands, Citalia, Sovereign Luxury Travel and American Holidays, have reported a marked increase in repeat bookings for both summer lates and winter sun.

Repeat bookings for late summer are up as much as 40%, with Citalia reporting the Lakes and Sicily as leaders in the repeat space. American Holidays has seen a 50% year-on-year increase for New England bookings.

Winter sun has increased its booking share by 25%, from 50% last year to 75% this year. 42% of Sovereign Luxury Travel's winter sun bookings are repeats.

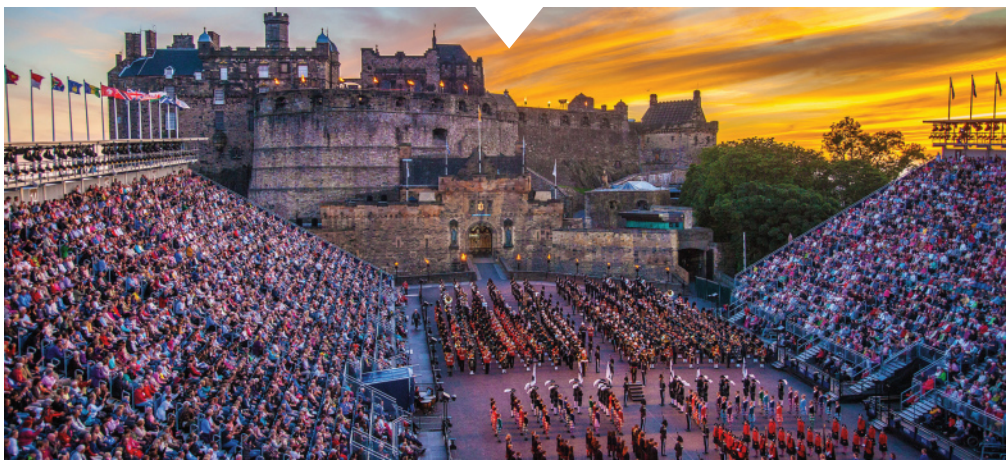
Erin Johnson, marketing director for all three brands, noted, "Guests are keen to ensure they are taking valuable time out to destinations and with agents and operators they know and trust.

"This is good news for us as tour operators and for agents, as well as across the wider supply chain, as it means there is already a captive market to engage with who know and appreciate a particular destination or hotel and are keen to revisit."

www.sovereign.com

www.citalia.com

www.americanholidays.com



JG Travel Group heads to the circus

CIRQUE DU Soleil returns to the Royal Albert Hall in January, and JG Travel Group is offering two-day coach breaks through Just Go! Holidays and National Holidays.

The two-day coach package leads in from £189 per person, departing on January 30th or February 27th, 2025, and includes return coach travel, one night's accommodation with breakfast, and an evening ticket to the performance. www.jgtravelgroup.co



Sabre shares the Olympic impact

MILLIONS OF travellers proceeded to Paris in recent weeks for the Olympic Games; Sabre, however, has uncovered promising data that suggests the Games heightened wider travel trends internationally well beyond the City of Light. International travel to major host cities shot up by 31% during the first week of the Olympic Games against the same period in 2023; outbound travel from France was heightened to a lesser extent, up 13% during the week before the Games kicked off. Those heading to the Games made plans far in advance, with bookings made 10 months or more in advance up 165%. www.sabre.com

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Late summer savings on celebrity hotspot

GUESTS CAN follow in the footsteps of the Beckhams and TV presenter Alex Jones with a holiday to the French island of Corsica; Corsican Places is offering a host of last-minute summer savings on September and October stays. Seven nights at the Casa di l'Olivu starts from £589 per person at the end of September. The Casa di



Pruno awaits from £839 per person in September, saving £121 per person.

www.corsica.co.uk

Six more reasons to sell Pacific Asia

With the lion's share of UNESCO's 24 new World Heritage sites in Pacific Asia, PATA UK & Ireland's sustainability spokesperson has noted the region's appeal to "curious travellers with a deep interest in history."

UNESCO has designated sites in China, Japan, Malaysia, India,



and Thailand, with six of the 24 in total across Pacific Asia.

Dee Edwards, PATA UK & Ireland sustainability spokesperson and director of Tell Tale Travel, said, "The addition of these sites to the prestigious UNESCO World Heritage list further highlights the rich history and heritage of Pacific Asia.

Curious travellers with a deep interest in history have even more exciting reasons to book travel to these destination favourites now.

"With a wealth of new attractions on the map, the region continues to cement itself as a genuine cultural tourism hotspot."

Edwards' own Tell Tale Travel offers a two-week Thailand trip ticking off the nation's new UNESCO site, Phu Phrabat Historical Park, among other cultural highlights, from £2,275 per person with direct flights from the UK. www.pata.org.uk

Save the date
6 SEPTEMBER 2024



Powered by Intrepid

NATIONAL TRAVEL Agent Day will return on September 6th, 2024, for the celebration's fifth edition. Joanna Reeve, Intrepid Travel's head of partnerships, said, "Four years on from its launch, we believe National Travel Agent Day still has an important role to play as a reminder of the crucial role agents play in our industry." www.intrepidtravel.co.uk

Wendy Wu reveals "most extensive" collection yet

WENDY WU Tours has announced its most extensive range of Japan tours ever for 2025/26 with launch offers saving up to £995 and 50% airfare discounts for solos.

Head of trade sales Gary King revealed the new brochure features "the most extensive collection of Japan tours ever seen," and represents Wendy Wu Tours' "commitment to providing unparalleled choice and flexibility to our agents, with more departure dates and a

wider range of itineraries than ever before."

Launch discounts see up to £995 slashed from select itineraries' lead-in prices courtesy of a 'Partner Flies Free' offer, with airfares for solo travellers discounted by up to half. Both offers run until September 2nd, 2024.

Cruise-tour itineraries also debut in the new brochure, described by Gary as "a significant expansion in our offerings."

www.wendywutours.co.uk

Two new Cultural Attractions of Australia

THE CULTURAL Attractions of Australia has welcomed two Canberra attractions to its 19-strong collective.

The National Portrait Gallery and the Australian Institute of Sport have committed to promoting cultural tourism in Australia.

National Portrait Gallery Director, Bree Pickering, said the gallery was "thrilled" to be joining, promising "unique experiences that will captivate and inspire local and international audiences." Australian Sports Commission CEO Kieren Perkins noted that the Australian Institute of Sport has "played an incredibly important role in Australia's sporting success on the international stage." www.culturalattractionsofaustralia.com



Doha doubles down from Heathrow

QATAR AIRWAYS will offer an eighth daily flight from London Heathrow to Doha from October 27th, 2024. The addition contributes to more than 42,000 seats per week and 10 daily flights from Heathrow to Doha in total.

www.qatarairways.com

AGENT INCENTIVES

- **AGENT BOOKINGS** with Domes Resorts made throughout August and September include one free night at select Domes properties for two. Any bookings of five-night or more to Domes Lake Algarve; Domes of Elounda; Domes Zeen Chania; Domes Novos Santorini; Domes Miramare; Domes of Corfu; 91 Athens Riviera; Domes Noruz Mykonos; Domes Noruz Cassandra; Domes Noruz Chania; Domes White Coast Milos; Domes Aulua Zante; and Domes Aulus Elounda for 2024 or 2025 qualify for the incentive.
www.domesresorts.com
- **YOU CAN** win a spot on a three-night fam trip with Aqua Expeditions to sail along the Mekong or Nile by making at least one booking between now and December 10th, 2024.
www.aquaexpeditions.com
- **ONE WEEK** remains on Just Go! Holidays' Calpe and Benidorm incentive, which sees bookings for departure between November 2024 and March 2025 earn agents a £30 Zara gift voucher.
www.justgoholidays.com



HAWAII IS returning to the UK for the first time in four years, hosting an Aloha! Europe Sales Mission to, according to Fleur Sainsbury, UK market manager, "reconnect with existing and new partners and ensure that Hawai'i is a top-of-mind destination for travellers considering the USA."

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COMPETITION

Win a fam trip place on easyJet Holidays' maiden Nile river cruise departure in November 2024!

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

AGENT TRAINING



- **WIN BIG** with Brand USA's Big Badge Bonanza! Explore Brand USA's newly refreshed USA Discovery Program and be in with a chance of winning amazing prizes! Register or log-in to the new website USADiscoveryProgram.co.uk and complete as many badges as you can for the chance to win. Each badge completion counts as a new entry. Competition ends September 30th.
- **NEW SMYRNA Beach** offers holidaymakers a lush tropical landscape, 17 miles of white sand beach, activities, amazing eateries and a friendly welcome. The destination's training platform teaches you the ins-and-outs of all that and more with a monthly £50 shopping voucher on offer for agents who complete the first two modules and any other.
www.tourismgivesback.com/courses-archive/nsb-insider/
- **HEAD ABOARD** with Seacademy, Virgin Voyage's e-learning platform. Guaranteeing you can sell and sail the Virgin way, the platform blends education, marketing material and chances to head aboard yourself.
www.travelbulletin.co.uk/virgin-voyage-travelgym

A suite of advisor tools including an expanded advisor site, learning platform and marketing assets.

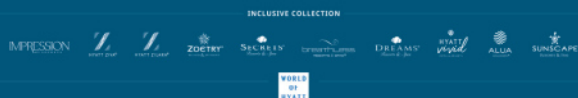
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LA Tourism looks ahead to 2028 Games

AFTER TOM Cruise appeared at the Paris 2024 Closing Ceremony to take on the torch on behalf of Los Angeles, Los Angeles Tourism's regional VP has vowed that the board "look forward to supporting the travel trade to help them make the most of the expected



increased interest in our destination."

Francine Sheridan, Los Angeles Tourism's regional VP for Europe and the Middle East, promised the trade will remain key to the path to 2028.

"Los Angeles shined in the Olympics closing ceremony last night, and we hope the star power of Tom Cruise, as well as the showcase of LA's iconic beaches, will entice more European visitors to the City of Angels in the coming years.

"Now the countdown to LA28 really begins!"

The timeline leading to the 2028 Olympics is a sports-studded one for Los Angeles: it will host select games in the FIFA World Cup, an NBA All-Star Game and U.S. Women's Open Championship in 2026 and the Super Bowl in 2027.

Several new sports-themed itineraries have launched on the board's website.

www.discoverlosangeles.com



WITH ASTROTOURISM reaching new heights over recent years, Virgin Voyages is getting in on the star-studded demand with its first-ever Eclipse Voyages, joining the new series of Marvelous Voyages. Due for departure in 2026, the Marvelous Voyages ranges blends the cruise line's most iconic and inspiring itineraries, with 12- and 15-night Eclipse Voyages penned in for August 2026. www.virginvoyages.com

96% of AITO members expect revenue to stabilise or grow

AITO'S BUSINESS Confidence Tracker Survey delivered positive results regarding membership revenue outlook over the next 12 months. While 96% of members maintain a positive outlook on revenue (expecting to equal or improve turnover in the next 12 months), 54% cite supply and demand issues and 48% reported competition as key challenges to overcome in the same period.

Principally, demand is an issue for tour operators (58.1% of whom reported it as a key concern, against 36.4% of travel agents) and competition is more of a threat to travel agents (53.5% reporting it as their top concern against 27.4% of tour operator members).

In positive news, over 70% of members remain unfazed in the light of the new government. www.aito.com

Riviera Travel passes on lower tour costs

A RANGE of 2025 European tours of the continent have seen discounts of up to £150 per person. Joanne Lynn, the operator's head of product - European, said, "Following a review of our 2025 tours, we've benefitted from lower costs than anticipated on a selection of departures and as a result we're delighted to pass these savings back to our guests."

Applicable on 40 tours departing between April and June 2025, Riviera Travel has applied the savings to a choice of Grand and Signature options, including the 12-day 'Grand Tour of Madeira, the Pearl of the Atlantic' option on June 16th, 2025 from £2,699 per person. www.rivieratravel.co.uk



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counsellors

Travel Counsellors' record-breaking year

2,121 TRAVEL Counsellors now operate worldwide. 297 entrepreneurs have joined in the last 12 months, of which over 100 are new-to-travel, marking a 7% annual increase in recruitment. www.travelcounsellors.com

SUDOKU

WIN A £20 M&S VOUCHER IN THE *Travel* bulletin 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, September 6th.
Solution and new puzzle will appear next week.

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

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D	7	9		1				4	5	6



WHERE AM I?

THIS CITY is known as one of the warmest destinations in Europe, boasting over 2,500 hours of sunshine every year. It is also home to one of the biggest ports in the Med which dates back more than 2,700 years.

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

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- Across**
- 1 Budget hotel chain (10)
 - 5 Entertainment company, sounds like a mythical majician (6)
 - 7 Maori war dance, as performed by the All Blacks (4)
 - 10 MSC say this cruise ship is something to sing about (5)
 - 11 Country bordered by the Arabian Sea to its West and the Bay of Bengal to its East (5)
 - 12 Spanish river (4)
 - 13 Reptilian sounding Point at the tip of Cornwall (6)
 - 15 When this footballer scores, England fans sing Hey Jude! (10)

- Down**
- 1 After abseiling down the Stade de France, he left on a motorbike flying the Olympic flag (3,6)
 - 2 American actor ___ Kilmer (3)
 - 3 Luton international airport code (3)
 - 4 Home of the Alhambra (7)
 - 6 Flag carrier of Spain (6)
 - 8 Popular city-break destination where you can visit Anne Frank's House (9)
 - 9 New Delhi international airport is named for this former prime minister (6)
 - 10 Once the home of Queen Victoria, now a popular IOW tourist attraction (7)
 - 13 Hawaiian garland (3)
 - 14 Swiss canton (3)

CROSSWORD

Mystery Word: IBIZA
Down: 1 TOM CRUISE, 2 VAL, 3 LTN, 4 GRANADA, 6 IBERIA, 8 AMSTERDAM, 9 GANDHI, 10 OSBORNE, 13 LEI, 14 ZUG.
Across: 1 TRAVELodge, 5 MERLIN, 7 HAKA, 10 OPERA, 11 INDIA, 12 ERRO, 13 LIZARD, 15 BELLINGHAM.

Celestyal gifts free cruises to Team GB medallists

CELESTYAL CRUISES, which is headquartered in the home of the Olympic Games, has launched a special offer for all athletes from Team GB who won a medal at the Paris 2024 Olympics. All medal winners can pick from a seven-night 'Steps of Paul' cruise from Athens aboard Celestyal Journey and a selection of seven-night 'Desert Days' voyages from Doha; seven-night 'Idyllic Aegean' voyages from Athens; and



seven-night 'Heavenly Adriatic' sailings from Athens.

Lee Haslett, Celestyal's CEO, said, "Following years of exceptionally hard training and the pressures of competing at an Olympic Games, both mentally and physically, there's no better way for our Team GB heroes to unwind and relax than on a Celestyal cruise.

www.celestyal.com

Viking takes delivery of new Egypt vessel

THE DELIVERY ceremony for *Viking Hathor* took place this month at Massare shipyard in Cairo.

Torstein Hagen, Viking's CEO, said, "With its abundance of cultural treasures and ancient antiquities, Egypt has always been a destination of great interest to curious travellers, including our guests.

"We believe our ships are by far the most elegant vessels sailing the Nile River, and we look forward to introducing even more explorers to this fantastic destination in the years to come."

The 82-guest, 41-stateroom vessel will sail Viking's 12-day 'Pharaohs & Pyramids' itinerary.

www.viking.com



Singapore Airlines boosts 2025 programme

SINGAPORE AIRLINES will increase flight frequency and capacity across its network for the 2025 Northern Summer season, with a new daily service to London Gatwick taking to the skies from March 2025.

The new addition will bring the airline's total daily services to the UK capital up to five, joining the four-times daily route from London Heathrow. Services will also increase to Rome, Milan, Barcelona, Adelaide, Ho Chi Minh City, Siem Reap and Johannesburg as part of the programme.

www.singaporeair.com

News Bites

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- CLUB MED has reported a 108% increase in October half-term bookings following the Government's £106 fine announcement for term time holidays.



JUST YOU and Travelsphere have expanded their UK departures and will now take to the skies from 11 regional airports, allowing travellers to embark on 23 of the brands' most popular European tours with more flexibility. Flights will be available from Manchester, Newcastle, Leeds Bradford, Liverpool, East Midlands, Birmingham, Bristol, Glasgow, Edinburgh, London Heathrow and London Gatwick from 2025.

www.travelsphere.co.uk / www.justyou.co.uk

October half-term bookings soar after fine announced

CLUB MED has reported a 108% increase in October half-term bookings in the last week after Labour announced a fine upwards of £160 for term-time holidays.

Club Med Marrakech La Palmeraie is the benefactor of a 297% increase in bookings over the last four weeks; Club Med Cancun and Club Med Seychelles take the second spot with an 80% rise for October half-term demand.

Club Med's managing director for the UK, Ireland & Nordics, Nicolas Bresch, said, "Since the election, we have seen an increased appetite of families looking to book ahead for the October half term.

"In the last week, bookings have more than doubled, as families look to secure a slice of winter sun during the school holiday in October."

www.clubmed.co.uk



Rainbow Tours' dedicated Latin America brochure

RAINBOW TOURS' new brochure aims to provide a key tool to help agents sell the region to clients, offering inspiration and destination details to help plan the perfect getaway. Jack Brooker, Latin America product and travel specialist, stated how first-time visits to the destination can be "initially overwhelming to decide where to start" and the new brochure aims to "help both clients and the travel agent to narrow down which destination might best suit." www.rainbowtours.co.uk



Türkiye tourism from the UK nears two million

1.8 MILLION Brits visited Türkiye in the first six months of 2024, marking a 19% increase against the same period in 2023.

The UK market seems to have accelerated its growth, with global visitation increasing by just shy of 14% to 26.1 million. In total, these visitors contributed £18.5 billion to the economy, representing an average daily spend of £76. www.goturkiye.com



Etiha brings luxurious aircraft to Singapore for 2025

ETIHAD WILL begin flying its luxurious double-decker A380 aircraft between Abu Dhabi and Singapore from February next year.

Singapore will become the fourth major city to welcome the A380 alongside London, New York City and Paris which will be served from November this year.

Etiha is also boosting flights to Thailand to 41 per week from October 27th, 2024, flying thrice-daily to Bangkok and 20 times per week to Phuket. www.etihad.com



Thailand extends Brits' visa exemption period

THAILAND'S PREVIOUS 60-day visa exemption has been extended to 90 days, with a new Destination Thailand Visa on offer for digital nomads.

The Tourism Authority of Thailand's London office director, Ms. Sadudee Sangnil, hopes the extension to UK visitors' visa exemption period will "provide an opportunity for visitors to travel at a more leisurely pace and see and experience more."

A new visa initiative, the Destination Thailand Visa, offers remote workers and digital nomads the chance to stay for multiple periods up to 180 days across five years. www.thailandexpert.co.uk

ABTA responds to EES implementation

COMMISSIONER JOHANSSON this month confirmed that the EU Entry/Exit System is expected to be implemented from November 10th, 2024. Luke Petherbridge, ABTA's director of public affairs, emphasised that "it is really important that the industry takes the time now to understand the new EES system, and what it will



mean for their customers and their businesses."

AI

AI: THE GREAT ENABLER?

Robin Lawther, vice president of Expedia TAAP, responds to the emerging questions surrounding AI's integration in travel operations

YOU WOULD be hard pressed to go a day without hearing about AI in the news, from rolling updates to OpenAI (the platform behind ChatGPT) to AI election candidates. Robin Lawther, vice president of Expedia TAAP, knows that the technology "has raised a lot of questions for the travel industry as a whole, and specifically around what it means for travel agents."

Acknowledging that a lot of coverage emerging around the role of AI in travel agents' future has not been entirely positive, Robin continued, "Given what I have seen so far, AI can be a great enabler for travel agents. I don't think it's something that should be feared, so

long as it is put to use in the right ways."

What might those "right ways" be?

"Even if you are a travel agent who knows a destination inside out, AI can still be leveraged to give you an even better understanding around, let's say, spikes in demand or informing better times to travel to make an itinerary better-informed or smarter. It could say 'Actually, maybe if you postponed your trip for a week, the destination will be less busy or cheaper.'

"Many agencies are reporting that they are busier than ever. The commonality with agents is that they simply don't have enough time. This is where AI could come in and help them

be more efficient with their existing day-to-day responsibilities."

When it comes to Expedia Group itself, Robin notes that the organisation "is still in a testing phase" when it comes to AI, and that the group's other platforms are largely a testing ground for TAAP integrations.

RateHawk integrates Sabre SynXis

EMERGING TRAVEL Group, the operator of RateHawk, ZenHotels and Roundtrip, has signed a distribution agreement with Sabre Hospitality. The partnership will see the integration of Sabre's SynXis platform to connect hoteliers with Emerging Travel Group's over 80,000 distribution partners.

Head of direct supply Simon Large said, "By integrating with SynXis we will be better positioned to increase our portfolio with diverse high-quality properties of hotel chains... while enabling hoteliers to expand their visibility among this high-valued segment." www.emergingtravel.com

Riviera app set to boost trade engagement

RIVIERA TRAVEL'S new bespoke app will help the trade team track agent visits and outcomes, co-ordinate schedules, and target specific trade partners keen to expand their work with the operator, and is expected to reduce time spent on admin by 50%. The app's reporting feature will collate the trade team's meeting notes, guaranteeing more personalised follow-up support for agents with bespoke emails and content. www.rivieratravel.co.uk



Sabre integrates AI assistant

SABRE HOSPITALITY has integrated its SynXis Concierge.AI in its customer care and delivery operations.

The company's first deployment of generative AI – the technology's 'in vogue' form harnessed by ChatGPT among other tools – will draw on Sabre's extensive dataset to provide immediate responses to specific queries.

Scott Wilson, Sabre Hospitality's president, said, "SynXis Concierge.AI will significantly elevate the customer service experience by providing swift and accurate resolutions.

"This innovation underscores our commitment to leveraging cutting-edge technology to meet and exceed our customers' expectations."

Sabre has confirmed it intends to integrate the platform into its Community Portal to enhance self-service operations

and potentially into its existing suite of products, including trade backends.

Amy Read, VP on Innovation, added, "With SynXis Concierge.AI, we are not only revolutionizing customer service but also unlocking new opportunities for driving operational efficiency and personalizing the guest experience.

"We have the data and connectivity to maximize Generative AI's potential, and we are fully committed to continuous innovation." www.sabre.com



Shearings solo searching made easy

SHEARINGS HAS added a 'find single rooms' feature to its website while increasing the number of Solo Traveller holidays available.

The new website finder scours across 250 hotels to offer a more efficient and simplified solution for agents to check which tours have suitable availability for solo travellers. The new application shows the total price with single supplement displayed. Shearings' head of retail sales, Ashley Dellow, said, "The number of customers choosing to travel solo is increasing year-on-year and we understand that not everyone wants to buddy up and share a room. There is a limited availability on single-occupancy rooms at each hotel and the new 'find single room' finder will help agents quickly secure the booking." Shearings also offers a dedicated Solo Traveller collection with itineraries across the UK as well as Ireland, Italy, Croatia and France. Due to the increasing demand for solo travel, Shearings has already boosted its Single offering by 40%, with five new tours added this year. The latest tour to join the collection is the five-day 'Blenheim Palace, Oxford and Royal Windsor' Signature self-drive itinerary priced from £995 per person.

www.shearings.com/login-agent

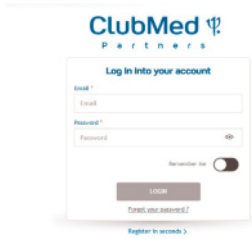


Travel sim "born out of frustration"

AMSTERDAMB-BASED travel SIM provider Hubby eSim has launched in the UK, confirming an integration with OTA On the Beach. Designed with tour operators and agents' needs in mind, the SIM can be offered to clients as part of travel packages, guaranteeing an uninterrupted connection on

their travels.

Co-founder and CEO Thijs van der Wijk said on the launch, "Hubby was born out of personal frustration. Connecting to the internet safely, securely, reliably and without exorbitant costs when travelling should be easy but it isn't." www.hubbyesim.com



Club Med unveils improved agent site

CLUB MED has revamped its trade portal "to build upon our relationship with travel agents by delivering a more advanced system and smoother user experience," according to managing director for the UK Nicolas Bresch. The new platform promises 50% improved application performance, simplifying the booking process, offering quicker price estimations and a smoother approach to quotes.

www.partners.clubmed.com



Inclusive Collection launches agent site

HYATT WORLD of Inclusive Collection's Confidant Collective tool kit serves as a resource to empower agents to become experts in everything the Inclusive Collection offers.

The Confidant Rewards scheme will allow agents to earn the next level of rewards and benefits for both themselves and their clients.

www.confidant.hyattinclusivecollection.com

Virtuoso gives "momentum to innovation"

VIRTUOSO'S ANNUAL Travel Week, which kicked off on August 10th, 2024 at Las Vegas' ARIA Resort & Casino, featured the third annual Travel Tech Summit.

Striving to give members and partners an insight into the future of technology's role in travel, the summit was led by tech entrepreneur and board member Gilad Berenstein. Berenstein said before the summit, "In the three years since we've introduced the Travel Tech Summit, we have seen Virtuoso members and partners widely adopt innovations that have been showcased at the event.

"Giving momentum to innovation is key to driving the travel technology industry forward, which is why our goal for the summit is always to present ideas that are ready for action today combined with those that spark conversation about the future."

Groups and panels spotlighted the future of AI in agent and hotel tech; social



commerce, visual AI and virtual reality; and broad travel perspectives on optimising tech. Virtuoso chairman and CEO Matthew D. Upchurch kicked off proceedings; "It's long been our belief that there is no single solution when it comes to technology, that it boils down to addressing the specific need of the business owner." www.virtuoso.com

How HBX Group can help agents get one step ahead of the experiential travel curve

TAYLOR SWIFT recently tripled flights to Singapore during the Far East leg of her Eras Tour. Host cities during the Olympic Games saw international travel rise by 31%. How can agents predict the next experiential travel phenomenon?

HBX Group's general manager for retail travel agencies, Bertrand Sava, thinks the answer might lie in agents' pockets.

"Be aware and be connected. Social media is key, and by far and away one of the platforms which is fuelling the

experiential travel phenomenon. Agents can be made of what is coming next at exactly the same time as the fans or travellers themselves."

Beyond scrolling TikTok or keeping up with X's trending hashtags, Bertrand emphasises HBX's support for agents. "We are well-placed to support the travel agents with clients in search of experiential travel. To understand what the emerging trends are, we can provide an amazing data set of around 5.6 billion searches daily to help us predict what will come.

"Then, when it comes to demand and booking, we can offer accommodation, transfers, and the experiences themselves. In that context, we are the end-to-end provider for such demand and to help agents find everything they need for their travellers." www.hbxgroup.com



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SUN, SEA AND STARS

Windstar Cruises has launched its 2026 European voyages, complete with 15 new itineraries and 34 first-time port stops.



IT IS set to be a busy 2026 for Windstar Cruises as the boutique yacht line has launched its European voyage programme which includes more new itineraries and port stops than has ever been debuted in a single season.

The programme will feature 15 brand-new itineraries throughout Europe and the Mediterranean, including 34 first-time port visits, as well as a litany of new Star Collector grand voyages including the 81-day '2026 Grand Europe Adventure' which begins in Helsinki on July 14th and visits 20 countries with 67 ports of call.

One of the 2026 itinerary highlights is the seven-night 'Treasure Troves of Corsica & Sardinia' where guests will be

taken on a roundtrip from Rome, featuring excursions such as dolphin watching in Golfo Aranci; coastal diving in Bonifacio; wine tasting in Bastia; and exploring the birthplace of Napoleon in Ajaccio.

Jess Peterson, Windstar's itinerary planner, said, "Our year-round cruises in the Mediterranean and Europe have more small-ship only destinations than ever before. We've designed these voyages with a focus on regional exploration, so that means more overnight stays and off-the-beaten-path experiences to help give you a deeper, more genuine look at some of Europe's best spots."

To celebrate the new programme,

Windstar is offering an early booking offer where guests who book a place on a 2026 Europe voyage by October 31st, 2024 will enjoy a complimentary all-inclusive experience worth £73 per person, including Wi-Fi, unlimited beers, wines and cocktails, and \$100 onboard credit per stateroom.

www.windstarcruises.com

Five-star luxury by the Seaside

NESTLED ON the hillside of Monofatis Bay in Agia Pelagia, Crete, Seaside A Lifestyle Resort offers guests a five-star adults-only haven away from the stresses of everyday life.

Boasting 245 rooms and suites, the resort offers a selection of holistic wellness experiences at the Asana Yoga Shala studio, exclusive culinary events with Michelin Star chefs for unforgettable dining, and captivating views of the surrounding coastline.

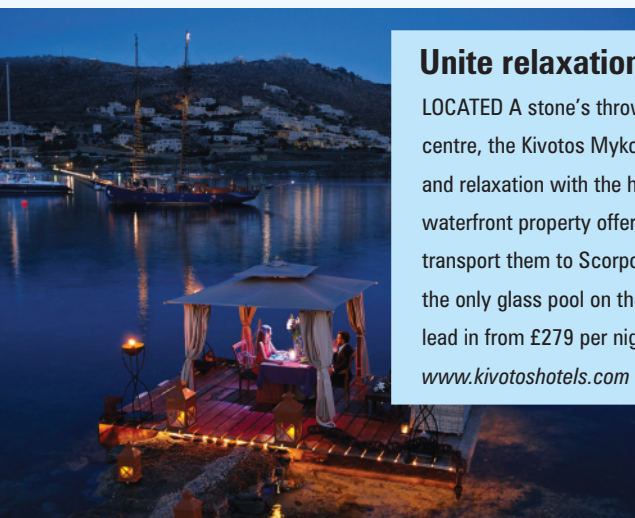
Prices for the resort leads in from £347 per night on an all-inclusive basis for a stay at the end of September.

www.seaside-hotel.gr

Unite relaxation with island life

LOCATED A stone's throw away from the Mykonos Town centre, the Kivotos Mykonos resort combines timeless luxury and relaxation with the hustle and bustle of island life. The waterfront property offers guests and in-demand tender boat to transport them to Scorpios and Nammos, as well as featuring the only glass pool on the island and a private beach. Prices lead in from £279 per night for a September stay.

www.kivotoshotels.com



Magari Tours launches 2025 programme

FOLLOWING A positive debut year, Magari Tours has launched its 2025 programme, featuring bespoke itineraries in Lombardy, Puglia, Umbria, Sicily and Tuscany.

Showcasing hotels where food, authenticity and sustainable are central to their offering, the tours take place on select dates in the autumn and spring shoulder seasons where travellers will experience an immersive and fully escorted service.

An example itinerary is the nine-night 'Heart & Soul of Sicily' tour where guests will discover history, immerse in the scenery and divulge in delectable food throughout the Sicilian regions of Erice, Segesta, Monreale, Palermo, Selinunte, Agrigento, Naro, Modica and Ortigia. Some of the highlights include a visit to UNESCO-listed ancient sites such as Agrigento's Valley of the Temples and the Villa Romana del Casale, dining at a private Baglio farm

and learning the art of Sicilian chocolate-making. Prices for the tour lead in from £3,295 per person. Departures are from April 1st and October 6th, 2025.

Tony Flanagan, director of sales and product, said: "We've been really encouraged by the positive response to the product. Supported by our recent AITO accreditation, the 2025 is now out there and ready to book and we're looking forward to working with agents to fulfil the tours."

www.magaritours.com



Malta becomes Hollywood's latest star

MALTA IS set to receive its stars and moment in the limelight as the destination has witnessed a 48% increase in holiday searches following the hype and cast announcements of 'Gladiator 2' according to Google search data.

Malta already poises a rich cinematic

history as its allure as a filming location has already drawn blockbuster hits such as 'Game of Thrones', 'Troy', and 'Murder on the Orient Express', and with 'Gladiator 2' joining the list, the destination is positioned to become a must-visit region for set-jettlers and holidaymakers alike.



Take in the solar eclipse at sea

AS PART of Holland America Line's 2026 Celestial Cruise programme, three ships will be positioned under the path of totality for the solar eclipse on August 12th, 2026.

One of the itineraries include the 13-day 'Mediterranean Solar Eclipse with Barcelona Overnight' where guests will depart Lisbon on August 9th and will take in the solar eclipse at sea off the coast of Spain between Alicante and Barcelona. www.hollandamerica.com



Travelsphere head to the Med

NEW FOR 2025, Travelmarvel will offer customers the eight-day 'Islands of the Mediterranean' cruise, sailing from Barcelona to Valletta from £3,295 per person. Sailors will be treated to guided tours of Palma de Mallorca and visits to a gin distillery in Mahon as they sail through Spain, the Balearics, France, Italy and Malta. www.aptouring.co.uk



Wyndham offers a beach lovers paradise

WITH TWO private beaches and a plethora of over and underwater activities to indulge in, Wyndham Grand Crete Mirabello Bay is a beach lovers paradise. The resort has recently unveiled a brand new lagoon and the largest private marina in Crete, complete with comprehensive sailing trips and cruises available. Prices lead in from £182 per night for half board rooms, suites from £359 per night and villas from £779 per night.

www.wyndhamgrandmirabello.com



A grand Greek getaway

SEDUCE YOUR senses at the all-inclusive The Ixian Grand & All Suites resort on the west coast of Rhodes. Offering the option of swim-up rooms, guests have 11 rooms and suites to choose from as well as the option to enjoy Ixian's private pebbly beach to take in the stunning sunsets of Rhodes in their own slice of heaven. Prices lead in from £120 per night.

www.theixiangrand.gr

Family thrills and spills at Fodele

FODELE BEACH puts families first as the versatile all-inclusive resort has undergone a renovation in recent years to develop its options of Sea Front Rooms and Suites as well as bolster its already world-renowned water park offering for travellers of all ages to enjoy that child-like joy every day.

The waterpark houses a number of thrilling slides, from rafting to freefalling, as well as multi-lane options so the whole family can indulge in that competitive spirit and race each other under the sun.

At the beach, the resort offers plenty of water sports activities, including jet skiing, water skiing, paddleboards, canoes and banana boats. If guests prefer to keep their feet on dry land, there are also sport options, ball games and dance classes available at the resort.

After working up an appetite, guests can explore Fodele's culinary scene throughout



the day. Dining options range from finger foods at the beach club to buffets with a dedicated kid's area, and even the option of fine dining on the beach for the adults

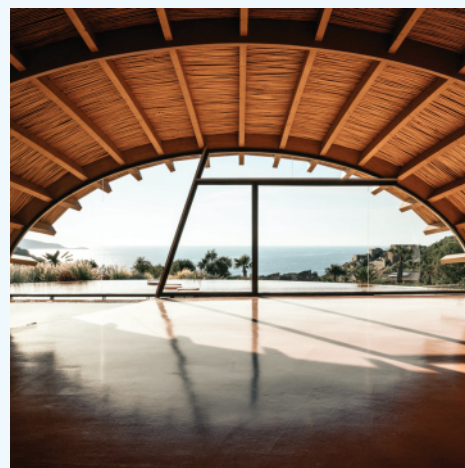
Prices lead in from £274 per night for a family room on an all-inclusive basis.

www.fodelebeach.gr

Find balance at Crete's ultimate oasis

A WORLD of tranquility awaits at ACRO Suites as the resort offers a perfect adults-only sanctuary for travellers seeking to recharge and rejuvenate on the Cretan coastline.

The resort offers five unique suites and four villas, each equipped with a private pool and aims to create a seamless blend between the rugged landscape of Crete and the delicate beauty of the surrounding waters.



The Bathhouse provides an experience like no other. Inspired by ancient hammams, guests can keep calm and cleanse in the authentic bathhouse, the dry sauna, an outdoor pool, a heated pool and a wide array of treatment rooms.

Other wellness ventures include the yoga shala centre for guests wishing to find harmony and self-love through meditation, and the fitness centre where guests can work up a sweat gazing over the sea.

ACRO also extends its wellness vision into its culinary offering. With three restaurants available, every guests can find a cuisine to suit their tastes. At the main dining restaurant, the emphasis is placed on authentic Greek food to create a nutritional haven for guests.

Prices lead in from £200 per night.

www.acrosuites.com

SOLO IN PARADISE

Luxury Maldives resort group Coco Collection has launched its 'Solo Adventure' package, allowing anyone to sit back and bask in the luxury paradise.



AS SOLO holidays remain one of the hottest trends in travel, with 85% of solo travellers reported to be single women seeking life long memories, luxury Maldivian resort group Coco Collection has launched a new 'Solo Adventure' package, making the

Maldives a more accessible destination for all. With the package, guests can save up to 50% on an authentic Maldivian villa at Coco Palm Dhuni Kolhu, as well as enjoy an abundance of additional perks including daily meals at the opulent Cowrie Restaurant, 20% off spa treatments and roundtrip scenic seaplane transfers.

Any guest who books the solo package will have the opportunity to volunteer at the resort's Marine Turtle Rescue Centre. Alongside this, guests will receive up to 20% off a variety of experiences and excursions, including a sunset cruise on board the resort's

Dhoni boat; a traditional Maldivian cooking class; guided snorkeling trips; an overnight stay at Coco Collection's private island Embudhoo; and a visit to the Hanifaru Bay UNESCO Biosphere.

Coco Collection's director of sales and marketing, Edyta Peszko, said: "It is no secret that solo travel is on the rise, but the higher costs associated with long-haul travel are still a large deterrent for solo travellers. We have removed this barrier with our Coco Solo Adventures package, offering solo guests the experience they deserve."

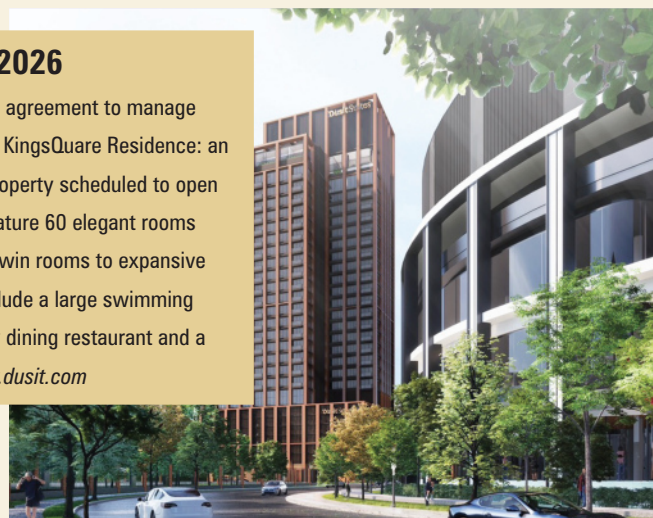
www.cocollection.com

Celebrate together in Ajul luxury

THROW A group celebration to remember at the five-star Ajul Luxury Hotel & Spa Resort, boasting ample living space and a fully private garden with a private pool to cater for the most elusive gatherings. With a private pebbly beach right on the doorstep, and an outdoor pool-side cinema showing an array of classics, and an indulgent spa offering therapeutic treatments for guests, the resort offers an oasis of tranquillity for all. Prices lead in from £298 per night for rooms and suites on an all-inclusive basis, and from £826 per night for a villa hosting up to six guests. www.ajulresort.com

Luxury Dusit slated for 2026

DUSIT INTERNATIONAL has signed an agreement to manage Dusit Suites Kingsquare, Bangkok and KingsQuare Residence: an upscale hotel and luxury residential property scheduled to open its doors in 2026. The complex will feature 60 elegant rooms and 49 serviced suites, ranging from twin rooms to expansive two bedroom suites. Facilities will include a large swimming pool, a dedicated kids' club, an all-day dining restaurant and a full equipped co-working space. www.dusit.com





Sofitel unveils AUD\$60 million Sydney update

SOFITEL SYDNEY Wentworth has unveiled the first glimpse into its AUD\$60 million refurbishment, with new features including a health and wellness studio and an exclusive club lounge.

Penned to open in October 2024, the five-star luxury property not only has undergone extensive interior work, but promises new experience in way of its new dining precinct, featuring two restaurants and bars alongside one of Sydney's most iconic rooftop terraces.

www.sofitelsydney.com.au



Etihad brings iconic A380 to Singapore

ETIHAD AIRWAYS is bringing its luxury double-decker A380 aircraft to Singapore from February 2025, providing customers the only three-room suite in the sky. The Residence provides the epitome of comfort, suitable for two guests to sit back in their private living room, bedroom and ensuite bathroom as they fly into the heart of Singapore.

www.etihad.com

Explore the heart of Iceland

EXPERIENCE ICELAND'S authentic nature while enjoying the luxurious side of life with Nine Worlds which offers luxury tours with the purpose of providing a bespoke experience. With a focus of delivering premium experiences of Iceland's picturesque landscapes, Nine Worlds strives to provide tours which connect travellers to the heart of the country, and allows agents and customers the chance to customise every aspect of their dream trip.

Guests can visit the iconic Icelandic hot springs, enjoy a helicopter ride over the vast rolling landscapes, experience a whale watching from a luxury yacht, traverse inside a volcano and heli-ski on snowfields. Travellers can partake in these exclusive tours and enrich their journey through deluxe self-drive packages, action-packed adventures and cultural activities.

An example itinerary is the five day 'Luxury Short Break' which features stays in



The Reykjavik EDITION and The Retreat Hotel & Spa, an exclusive gourmet culinary walk, a full-day helicopter expedition and an adventure inside the ancient Thríhnúkagigur volcano.

www.nineworlds.is

Pavilion introduces 19th Château to luxury portfolio

THE PAVILIONS Hotels & Resorts has welcomed the luxurious 19th century Château de Fiac to its portfolio. The restored château-turned-luxury boutique property resides 24 miles from Toulouse-Blagnac International Airport in the quaint village of Tarn, with 16 rooms and suites available that promise panoramic views of the landscaped grounds.

Guests can relax and rejuvenate at the property's REVĪVŌ spa, marking the debut

of Pavilions' first European outpost for the wellness brand, where guests will be treated to an array of signature treatments including the 'Rituals inspired by the five oceans', the 'Spiruline boost facial', 'Basic sea care facial' and more. Alongside the treatments, guests can relax in the spa sanctuary which includes Icelandic plunge pools, indoor and outdoor pools, a hammam and sauna.

For guests who want a little more action from their luxury retreat, the château is located within the Occitania region, 25 minutes from the historic town of Albi and 45 minutes from Toulouse. Day trips can be organised to both towns, as well as to the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Canal du Midi, and the Gaillac Wine Route.

Prices for the château lead in from £285 per night, for a room-only service.

www.chateaufiac.com



Late summer savings with Sandals

AS SUMMER draws to a close it is hard to imagine that guests won't soon have their next sunny getaway on their minds.

Sandals is looking ahead to late August, September, October and November and getting one step ahead of anticipated demand with a host of late deals.

Seven nights at Sandals Negril, Jamaica leads in at £1,939 per person departing on August 29th, 2024. The price includes all-inclusive accommodation in a Paradise Premium Room, return economy class flights with Virgin Atlantic from London Heathrow and resort transfers.

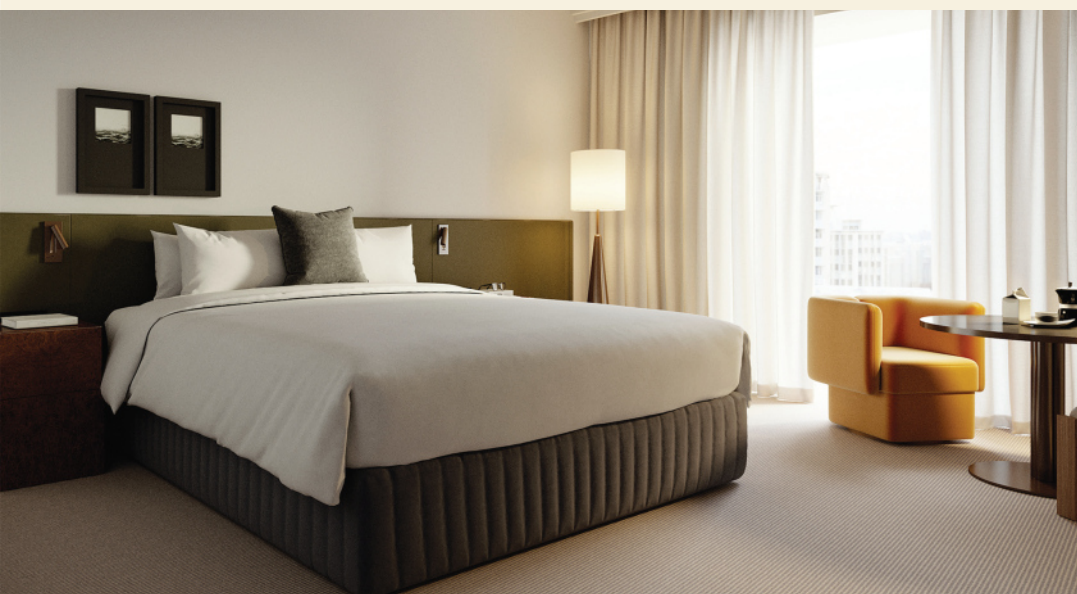
Next month, the brand's newest property, Sandals Dunn's River, Jamaica, is welcoming guests to its Travertine Luxury Rooms from £2,369 per person departing on September 10th, 2024, with the same inclusions as the prior package.

Across the Caribbean Sea in Turks and

Caicos, Beaches Turks & Caicos Resort Villages & Spa, Providenciales is offering seven-night stays in a French Village Luxury Room Double from £3,149 per person and £759 per child departing on September 17th, 2024.

The late savings are on offer across Sandals and Beaches Resorts, with flights from London Heathrow or Gatwick throughout August, September, October and November with UCHL.

www.sellingsandals.co.uk



Sydney's AUS\$60 million Sofitel

SOFITEL SYDNEY Wentworth, recognised as Australia's first luxury hotel since its opening in 1966, has unveiled a first look at its AUS\$60 million refresh.

436 newly-appointed guest rooms and suites across the hotel's 15 storeys have been refreshed by architecture and interior

design firm Fender Katsalidis, honouring the history of the heritage-listed hotel.

The hotel, which has previously hosted the likes of Queen Elizabeth II, Princess Diana and Bill Gates, will open with its refreshed look in October 2024.

www.sofitelsydney.com.au



Scenic Eclipse sets silver screen return

THE DOCUMENTARY series showing life aboard *Scenic Eclipse* is returning to UK TV from August 24th. *Maritime Masters: Expedition Antarctica* documents the art of expedition cruises ahead of its fifth anniversary celebrations later this year, highlighting the market appetite for expedition cruising. Scenic has seen record-breaking sales for Antarctica expedition cruises and released its 2025/26 and 2026/27 seasons recently. www.scenic.co.uk



Cunard extends Michelin-star partnership

CUNARD HAS confirmed that twice Michelin-starred chef Michel Roux will return in 2025 for another series of 'Le Gavroche at Sea' residencies.

Four residencies will take place aboard four Fjords voyages next year; two aboard *Queen Anne* and two aboard *Queen Mary 2* between April and August.

www.cunard.com

Rosewood announces Caribbean expansion with Exuma

ROSEWOOD HOTELS & Resorts has named Exuma, an archipelago of 365 islands in the Bahamas, as its latest addition to the brand's Caribbean portfolio with the launch of Rosewood Exuma, a private island experience that promises to fuse ultra-luxury with adventure travel penned to open in 2028.

Rosewood Exuma will offer just 33 suites, all offering dramatic views of the island's pink sands and cerulean waters, as well as six unique dining outlets which showcase the destination's local ingredients, including those grown in the resort's own garden.

Rosewood's signature Asaya concept will immerse guests in traditional Bahamian wellness with a

selection of six treatment rooms, a hydrotherapy facility, an outdoor pool and a fitness centre. For the more active guests, the resort also boasts an outdoor sports centre featuring tennis, padel and pickleball courts as well as watersports equipment. Rosewood Exuma will also be home to a fully serviced beach club, as well as two marinas.

www.rosewoodhotels.com



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TAKE IN the beauty of Indonesia and all her islands with a private charter of superyacht *Aqua Blu* with Aqua Expeditions. Boasting the most luxurious and exclusive way to travel, the 60m vessel offers all-inclusive itineraries, tailor-made experiences, spacious suites, social spaces and world-class cuisine. Guests are taken away from the traditional tourist spots and instead have the chance to explore the beaches and volcanoes at Bali-Komodo, the uncharted islands of West Papua and the magical landscapes of Raja Ampat.

www.aquaexpeditions.com

How would you spend your ideal summer's day?

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Long walk and brunch with friends by the river, sunbathing and then a family BBQ and wine in the evening!



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