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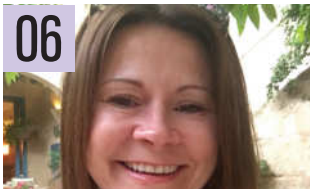


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THIS WEEK



NEWS
More updates from around the travel industry to keep agents in the know.



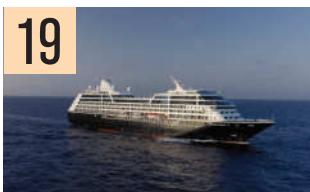
AGENT INSIGHT
Donna Grasby from Hays Travel talks about the weddings and honeymoons market.



LATA EXPO 2022
Catch up on all the action from this year's LATA Expo 2022!



STAR AWARDS 2022 PREVIEW
Find out everything about this year's Star Awards!



CRUISING
The latest from the world of ocean and river cruises!



A SAFE BET

A new study by Forbes Advisor has revealed some of the safest holiday hotspots for travellers in Europe.

THE LATEST research conducted by Forbes Advisor has found the safest European holiday destinations.

The company analysed metrics such as the quality of bathing waters, the quality of healthcare and the rate of thefts and homicides, merging the results in a final safety score, to find out the safest holiday destinations in 2022.

According to the findings, Switzerland is the safest country to visit this year, with a safety score of 88.3.

The country ranks sixth in quality of bathing waters, with 93% of bathing waters in the country being excellent quality, sitting behind Cyprus (100%), Austria and Greece (98%) Malta (97%) and Croatia (96%), based on data from the European Environment Agency.

The study also considered pollution levels, based on measurements of atmospheric particulate matter that have a diameter of less than 2.5 micrometers

(PM2.5) from IQAir. Switzerland's average PM2.5 concentration of 10.8 means it has the 10th cleanest air in the list, while the rate of homicides according to Eurostat is low compared to other countries, at 5.7 per million, amounting to 50 homicides in 2019.

Slovenia is the second safest country to travel to according to the findings, with a safety score of 82.3.

With average pollution levels (13.3 PM2.5), and healthcare quality (678), the country's bathing waters also perform well, with 85% rated as excellent.

With a safety score of 82.1, Portugal is the third safest country to visit this summer.

Ranking seventh for excellent quality of waters (93%) with Switzerland and Germany, Portugal is fourth for quality of air, with one of the lowest air pollution rates (7.1 PM2.5), after Finland (5.5 PM2.5), Estonia (5.9 PM2.5), and Sweden (6.6 PM2.5). Portugal ranks 10th for healthcare quality after Germany (754).

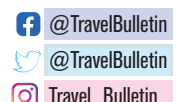
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**5<sup>th</sup> July**  
**Middle East Showcase**  
**Dorking**

**12<sup>th</sup> July**  
**Cruise Showcase**  
**Exeter**

**13<sup>th</sup> July**  
**Australasia & Pacific Islands Showcase**  
**Cambridge**

**12<sup>th</sup> September**  
**Luxury Holidays Showcase**  
**Lincoln**

## The Gambia Experience releases brochure

THE GAMBIA Experience has announced the release of its new 84-page specialist brochure, in print once again, which features holiday options in The Gambia and three regions of Senegal.

Two all-inclusive, adult-only beach resorts have been added to the operator's dedicated programme to The Gambia: Tamala Beach Resort and Kalimba Beach

Resort. These two sister hotels are located along South Kotu's golden sands.

Twin and multi-centre holidays within The Gambia and/or Senegal can also be arranged.

An expanded programme to Senegal includes new direct flights from London to Dakar from November 2022.

[www.gambia.co.uk](http://www.gambia.co.uk)



## Celebrate your clients RAKATION this summer

FROM NOW until September 15, 2022, clients who stay three nights or more in participating Ras Al Khaimah hotels will receive two free tickets to the destination's latest attraction – Jais Sledder

Your clients will also receive free return bus transportation to Jebel Jais mountain and a 30% discount off other mountain activities. This includes Jais

Flight, the longest zipline in the world, Jais Sky Tour (a six-zipline tour) and dining at 1484 by Puro, the UAE's highest restaurant.

To help promote this offer, agents can download free creative assets for the campaign which allows them to add their own company logo.

Email Emma Charlesworth, [emma@raktada.com](mailto:emma@raktada.com), for more.

## Travel Bulletin unveils a new look!

TRAVEL AGENTS, you may have noticed something a little different about this week's issue – say hello to your new *Travel Bulletin* magazine!

In an ever-changing travel landscape, agents have needed to adapt more than ever and now, the *Travel Bulletin* brand has too, with a fresh faced magazine redesign to continue to help agents in their mission to sell more holidays than ever before.

Introduced at a time that has seen unprecedented change for the travel industry, *Travel Bulletin* will continue to bring you, the agent reader, the very latest travel industry news; rewarding incentives, fun facts and big prize competitions; revealing travel trends; authoritative insights from key industry figures; and fun features!

## Save 20% on last-minute summer adventures

G ADVENTURES has announced its July departures, marking its biggest slate of tours and holidays since the onset of the pandemic. Along with over 1,300 trips in more than 50 countries, guests can save up to 20% on trips departing before July 31, 2022 when booking by July 5, 2022.

Brian Young, managing director for G Adventures in EMEA, explained that the reopening of Asia for travel is a turning point for UK bookings: "While many countries have

opened up since the start of the year, all eyes have been on Asia, and particularly the four big players that make up the Indochina circuit."

The trips available with 20% off include a five-day 'Northern Thailand Hilltribes Trek' from £255 per person departing on July 7, 2022, and a 12-day 'Classic Peru' trip from £1,463 per person departing on July 18, 2022.

[www.gadventures.com](http://www.gadventures.com)



### The JG Travel Group unveils André Rieu breaks with extra capacity

TO ENSURE tickets to André Rieu's 2023 tour, the JG Travel Group has coach breaks to see the Dutch violinist and the 60-piece Johann Strauss Orchestra in Birmingham and Liverpool next spring.

An extra 25% capacity is available on these breaks due to increased demand.

Prices start from £199 per person, including return travel and transfers, one night's bed-and-breakfast accommodation, and a ticket to the concert.

[www.justgoholidays.com/agents](http://www.justgoholidays.com/agents)



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# AGENT INSIGHT

## DONNA GRASBY

### HAYS TRAVEL

THIS MONTH, I am excited to be attending a wedding fayre – I’m hoping it will be a great way to meet new brides and grooms to be! We see more couples are choosing to get married abroad as couples are looking for something exciting for their big day, something different but also saving money at the same time and let’s not forget the best thing of all: the better weather. 340,000 destination weddings take place each year and the destination wedding market accounts for \$16 billion in annual spending. I want a slice of that market, please!

I have enjoyed piecing a honeymoon adventure together for a great couple who are planning a month’s adventure in the USA. They will visit places on their bucket list, starting with Las Vegas and moving on to San Francisco, Santa Barbara, and the Grand Canyon, all from the comfort of their Mustang – what an amazing adventure to start their married life.

Hen and stag parties abroad are so popular and I love that Jet2 have the Vibe hotels that accept groups, which makes our job so much easier to find the perfect place to party.

I visited the Grand Palladium Punta Cana Resort and Spa in Dominican Republic in March and loved to see the variety of wedding settings available for couples – my favourite being the Sea View Gazebo, perfect for couples who are designing a sophisticated ceremony, and ideal for those wedding photos on the beach. Happy couples have their own dedicated wedding planner, too.

My personal favourite destination for a honeymoon is the Maldives. I chose Meeru Island for my own honeymoon and we were not disappointed. With the Jacuzzi in our room and an island you can cycle around in less than 20 mins – what more could a bride and groom want for their honeymoon?



## Bahamas in a breeze as testing requirements are lifted

THE GOVERNMENT of the Bahamas has confirmed that fully-vaccinated travellers are no longer be required to apply for a Bahamas Travel Health Visa or submit a pre-travel Covid-19 test prior to arrival.

Any unvaccinated travellers aged two or older are required to obtain a negative Covid-19 test (either a RT-PCR or Rapid Antigen test), taken no more than three days (72 hours) prior to travel. Results must be shown at check-in before travel, with the changes coming into place from June 19, 2022.

Travellers must continue to follow on-island guidelines for wearing masks and social distancing.

[www.bahamas.com/travelupdates](http://www.bahamas.com/travelupdates)

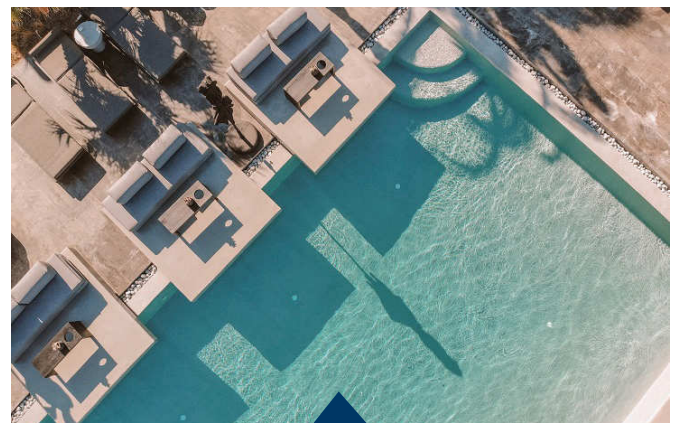
## Sneak peek at Scenic Eclipse II

LUXURY CRUISE line Scenic Cruises has unveiled a timelapse video, chronicling the build of its newest Discovery yacht. Scenic Eclipse II is set to take to the seas from April 2023.

Andrea Stafford, director of trade sales in the UK, explained: “The addition of Scenic Eclipse II to the fleet continues our mission

to bring once-in-a-lifetime exploration to guests. Our Discovery Yachts are unique in that they can handle extreme and diverse conditions; they can go from the icy waters of the Arctic and Antarctic to the warmth of the Caribbean.”

[www.scenic.co.uk/eclipse-ii](http://www.scenic.co.uk/eclipse-ii)



NOBU HOTEL & Restaurant Santorini has confirmed an opening date of June 29, 2022. The Nobu Restaurant will open as part of guests’ ‘Nobu Daycation’ experience, marking the brand’s first venture in Greece. The property sits on the rugged Santorini coastline with direct access to the beach. Nightly stays, including breakfast at Nobu Santorini, start from £843 per night in an Aozora suite. [www.santorini.nobuhotels.com](http://www.santorini.nobuhotels.com)

## AGENT INCENTIVES

- EVERY BOOKING made throughout June, to any Olympic Holidays destination for 2022 or 2023, will be entered into a draw to win a fam trip to Cyprus. Bookings to Cyprus will double agents' entries. Five agents from the North and five agents from the South will be selected at random on July 4, 2022. From June 13, 2022, as well as the 'Islands in the Sun' booking incentive, Olympic Holidays is offering £10 Love2shop vouchers for 2022 bookings made. [www.olympicholidays.com](http://www.olympicholidays.com)
- AGENTS WHO join The Standard Hotel's new loyalty programme and make a booking via the Secret Agent platform by this month will be entered into a sweepstakes to win a trip to The Standard, Ibiza and The Standard, London. The prize includes a three-night stay at The Standard, Ibiza, two-night stay at The Standard, London, and US\$1,000 flight credit. [www.secretagent.standardhotels.com](http://www.secretagent.standardhotels.com)
- TO CELEBRATE the return of flights to Japan, instead of one point per passenger booked with Wendy Wu this month, agents will earn two. This is applicable to any of the tour operator's Group, Private and Tailormade tours to any destination. [www.wendywutours.co.uk](http://www.wendywutours.co.uk)
- TRAVEL AGENTS will have the chance to win a pair of designer sunglasses, for the top booker throughout If Only... 's latest campaign with The Boca Raton, Florida. To enter, agents simply have to make as many bookings as possible for The Boca Raton with If Only... from June 13 to July 11, 2022. [www.ifonly.co/agent/incentives](http://www.ifonly.co/agent/incentives).

# AGENT BULLETIN



**DURING THE recent CLIA conference, The Scenic Group gave travel agents the chance to win a place on the much sought-after upcoming Scenic Eclipse fam trip travelling from Lisbon to Fowey. The lucky winners were Sarah Perry and Sean Buckley from Barrhead Travel, pictured above receiving their prize from Scenic Group, operations manager, Jonathan Davies.**

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## COMPETITION

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

Find out more at [www.travelbulletin.co.uk/competitions](http://www.travelbulletin.co.uk/competitions)



## AGENT TRAINING

- STAR CLIPPERS has confirmed details of its next Spotlight training event for agents. Italy is the focus of attention from June through to September, with a series of pizza-making events at Pizza Express branches across the country taking precedence to educate the trade on the cruise line and the destination. There are limited spaces at each event, and places will be assigned on a first come, first served basis. Agents can email [agency.sales@starclippers.co.uk](mailto:agency.sales@starclippers.co.uk) to find out where the events are taking place and to request their place.
- AGENTS LOOKING to learn more about Tampa Bay, Florida can visit Tampa Bay Travel Agent Training Academy. Comprising of two modules, the programme gives agents the latest product updates and details on why Tampa Bay needs to be part of any Florida itinerary. [www.VisitTampaBay.com/Academy](http://www.VisitTampaBay.com/Academy)



- WITH BORDERS opening on August 1, 2022, now is the perfect time for travel agents to brush up on their Samoa knowledge. The Samoa Tourism trade site will help agents learn how to sell Samoa, where they can perfect their knowledge with self-learning tools, operator information and action-packed itineraries to become a Samoa specialist. <https://specialist.samoa.travel/>





**LATA EXPO 2022**

PROUD MEDIA sponsor, *Travel Bulletin*, attended this year's LATA Expo 2022 to catch up on all things Latin America! The three-day event, which took place at Battersea Evolution in London, featured networking sessions, minister think tanks on tourism issues, a travel agent-focused programme, and more. The event ended with a bang, as attendees danced the night away at the LATA Expo afterparty.

Visit [www.lata.travel](http://www.lata.travel) for all the latest information on Latin America.





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, July 7th. Solution and new puzzle will appear in the next issue.

**The winner for June 10 is  
Alison Wilson from Travel-PA.**

**June 10 Solution: A=1 B=9 C=3 D=8**

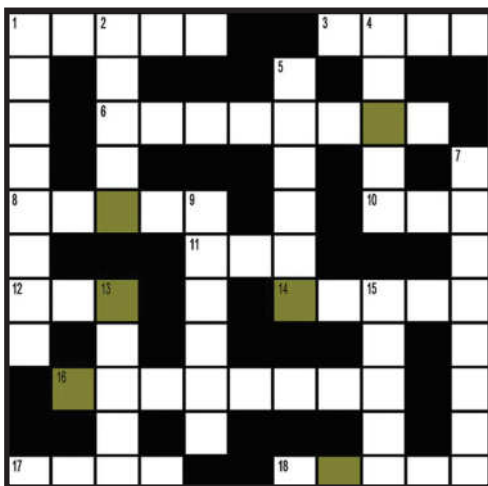
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WHERE AM I?

This city in Lebanon is home to the oldest continuously inhabited city in the world. It is around 20 miles (30 km) north of modern Beirut. The name of the city is of Greek origin.

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



- Across**
- 1 Harrow based operator specialising in luxury holidays (5)
  - 3 Reverberating call sign (4)
  - 6 Caribbean dual-island nation \_\_\_ and Tobago (8)
  - 8 Located in Somerset, its the smallest city in England (5)
  - 10 Carrier with hubs in Stockholm, Copenhagen and Oslo (3)
  - 11 Operator with a range of premium hotels styled as, \_\_\_ Blue (3)
  - 12 Recently engaged singer, Rita (3)
  - 14 Felipe VI is King of this country (5)
  - 16 37 years late, her song, Running Up That Hill has made it to No 1 (4,4)
  - 17 Avarua is the capital of this South Pacific island group (4)
  - 18 First name of actor recently re-united with Kylie for the final episode of Neighbours (5)

- Down**
- 1 New TV drama series named for a famous forest (8)
  - 2 Roadside accommodation (5)
  - 4 Bank payment, sounds like a masculine group (5)
  - 5 Iraq's capital is located on this river (6)
  - 7 Capital of Paraguay (8)
  - 9 Scenic resort, home to the Cornish Tate (2,4)
  - 13 Car Rental company with HQ in the US (5)
  - 15 Halkidiki Mount, home to over 2,000 monks (5)

CROSSWORD

Across: 1 SOMAK, 3 ECHO, 6 TRINIDAD, 8 WELLS, 10 SAS, 11 TUI, 12 ORA, 14 SPAIN, 16 KATE BUSH, 17 COOK, 18 JASON.  
Down: 1 SHERWOOD, 2 MOTEL, 4 CHAPS, 5 TIGRIS, 7 ASUNCION, 9 ST IVES, 13 ALAMO, 15 ATHOS.  
Mystery Word: ALASKA



## Chris Crampton, chairman of PATA UK & Ireland, shares his thoughts on why multi-centre travel is back on the cards for Pacific Asia holidays.

WITH THE recent flurry of border reopening in the Pacific Asia region, PATA is optimistic about the return of multi-centre holidays again. A hugely popular way to explore the region, the relaxation of Covid-19 entry requirements to many popular countries, which has been complicated for agents and a barrier to selling until now, will see an increase in enquiries and bookings for multi-destination itineraries.

### Countries open quarantine free

Vietnam, Bali, Hong Kong, Singapore and South Korea are the latest countries to reopen quarantine-free, alongside: Sri Lanka, Maldives, India, Oman, Malaysia, New Zealand, India, Australia, Cambodia, and the Philippines.

Open with varying entry requirements are Brunei, Laos, Taiwan and Thailand, which are easing rules over the coming months. This brings some much-needed hope to our members, the wider travel industry and gives consumers the confidence to book their long-awaited holidays.

These positive developments in the region, coupled with the recent removal of the UK's travel rules, means travel is becoming much easier for the summer and beyond.

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**The region lends itself well to adventurous itineraries and it's easy to combine several points of interest...”**

### Multi-centre itineraries

According to our recent travel trends report, 'PATA Patterns', multi-centre itineraries were identified as popular for 2022/23. The region lends itself well to adventurous itineraries and it's easy to

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combine several points of interest and explore the diverse scenery offered in neighbouring countries. While there are popular individual destinations travellers are keen to get back to, as a region, we are excited to see multi-centre trips on the increase with multiple countries benefiting from international tourism again. For example, Sri Lanka or the Middle East plus the Maldives is very popular with honeymooners. Singapore and the Philippines are great stopovers for Australia and of course New Zealand and Australia are popular twin-centres for those with more time to explore. The Middle East is an easy stopover to Thailand and Cambodia is a great add-on. Slow travellers can also take the train from Bangkok through Thailand and Malaysia to Singapore for an oriental adventure.

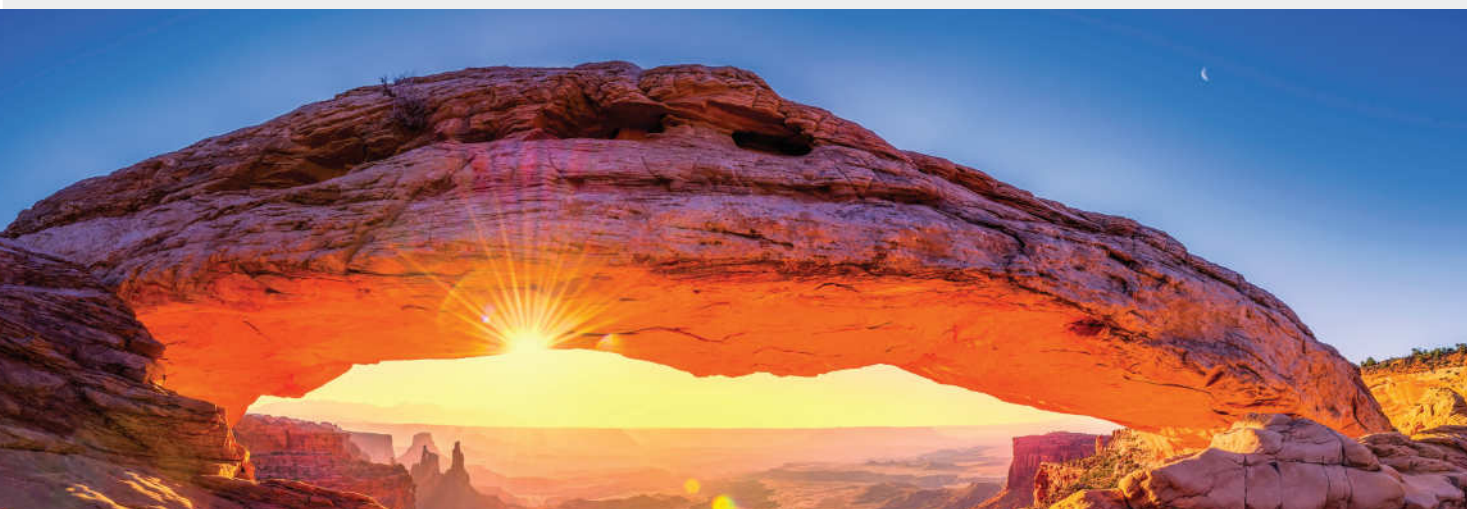
### Travel agent training

This year, PATA has a full calendar of training events for travel agents to get involved and continue learning more about the region, with the next virtual quizzes starting this month, followed by a number of in-person roadshows, and of course lots of amazing prizes to win at all upcoming events!

*Travel agents can get further information about all PATA's 2022 training events and register by emailing: [events@pata.org.uk](mailto:events@pata.org.uk)*

# WEST SIDE WITH APT

APT Tours has launched its 2023 Alaska with Western USA touring programme.



APT HAS launched its 2023 'Canada & Alaska with Western USA' collection of North American escorted tours, adding a new luxury five-star APT itinerary in Western America and a new 'Essential' flexible four-star Travelmarvel itinerary in Alaska.

One of the new trips is APT's luxury 13-day 'Canyonlands & National Parks of America's West', from Denver to Las Vegas. The trip costs from £7,195 per person and includes return flights, 12 nights of hand-picked accommodation, 23 meals, all transportation on trip, including SilverLeaf service on the Rocky Mountaineer, the services of an APT Tour Director, and sightseeing with local guides. Departures run from May to September 2023.

Highlights include a Monument Valley tour and visiting a traditional Navajo home to experience their authentic entertainment; a private history tour of the fascinating Brown Palace Hotel; taking to the skies for an exhilarating helicopter tour to the Grand Canyon; river rafting on the Colorado River and seeing the 5,000-year-old wall carvings of the Indigenous Puebloan people at Petroglyph Beach.

Another option is APT Travelmarvel's 'Essential' 14-day 'Alaskan Adventure, from Vancouver to Fairbanks', which costs from £3,645 per person and includes return flights, 13 nights of accommodation, 28 meals, all transportation on the trip, including a seven-night Inside Passage cruise with Holland America Line in an Ocean View

Stateroom, the services of an APT Travelmarvel Tour Director, and sightseeing with local guides. Departures run from May to September 2023.

Travelmarvel holidays are protected by the operator's flexible booking and Covid-19 guarantees so that they can be booked with complete peace of mind.

For more information, visit [www.aptouring.co.uk](http://www.aptouring.co.uk)

## 'America's Golden West' with Newmarket Holidays

NEWMARKET HOLIDAYS is offering its 'America's Golden West' holiday, perfect for clients looking to take an introductory break to the USA.

Highlights include a visit to San Francisco and San Diego; a visit to Hollywood along with three nights in Los Angeles; three nights in Las Vegas; a call at Steinbeck's Monterey and exquisite Carmel-by-the-Sea; a journey south along the Pacific Coast Highway; and a full-day visit to the Grand Canyon.

An October 22, 2022, departure date from Heathrow costs from £2,048 per person.

[www.newmarketholidays.co.uk](http://www.newmarketholidays.co.uk)

## Florida Keys promotes reef protection

DIVERS AND snorkellers can promote reef protection and explore the continental United States' only living coral barrier reef during a one-of-a-kind underwater concert scheduled for July 9, 2022.

The 38th annual Lower Keys Underwater Music Festival takes place at Looe Key Reef, an area of the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary approximately six miles south of Big Pine Key.

Swimming among colourful tropical fish and coral formations, participants can sway to a sea-focused playlist.

[www.fla-keys.com/lower-keys/diving](http://www.fla-keys.com/lower-keys/diving)



## Viva Las Vegas: Big Bus night tour

TO GET a unique view of the city, visitors can take to the open top of a double decker bus and venture down the Vegas strip. The three-hour tour leads passengers down the strip, taking in its historic landmarks, before visiting downtown.

Picture-perfect moments on the tour include the Mirage volcano show, views of the Eiffel Tower and the Bellagio's dancing fountains, and more.

Night tours, with a live guide, start from US\$50 per person.

[www.bigbustours.com](http://www.bigbustours.com)



## Follow in the footsteps of Civil Rights icons

TENNESSEE'S CIVIL Rights Trail, which debuted in 2018, ticks off over 120 sites that played key roles in the Civil Rights Movement of the 1950s and 1960s.

Guests can explore significant landmarks, including the National Civil Rights Museum at the Lorraine Motel.

The route is available for free via the *Bandwango* app at [www.TNcivilrightstrail.com](http://www.TNcivilrightstrail.com)

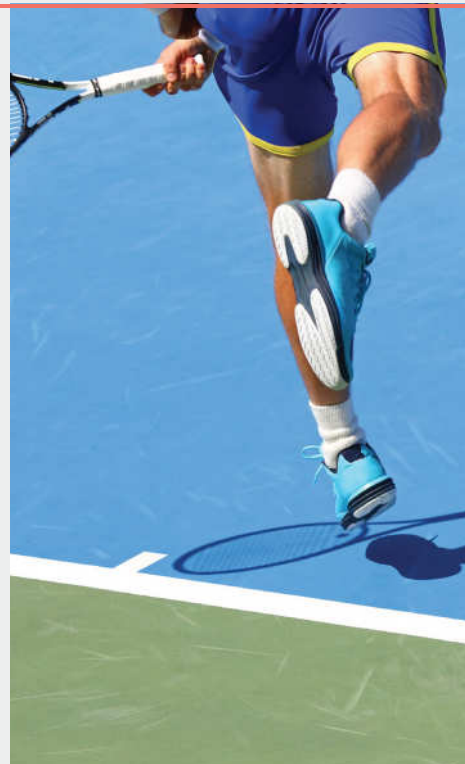
## Get your game on in Orlando

THE SUNSHINE state's tourism capital is welcoming a range of active opportunities for guests to get their game on and push their limits this year.

This July will welcome the annual Florida Cup, which will see Arsenal clash with Chelsea and Orlando City SC. Tickets for Arsenal vs Chelsea start from US\$60 with Orlando City SC vs Arsenal starting from US\$30. [www.fcseries.com](http://www.fcseries.com)

Golf goers will continue to make a drive for the state, with Orlando's options expanding this year. PopStroke blends an entertainment venue with two 18-hole putting courses designed by Tiger Woods. 18 holes at PopStroke Fort Myers start from US\$20 per person. [www.popstroke.com](http://www.popstroke.com)

Becoming the home of American tennis in 2017, Orlando hosts a wealth of courts, including the United States Tennis Association's USTA National Campus, in Lake Nona. Summer camps are available for



children aged 5-11 from US\$225 per week.

British Airways is currently operating packages from US\$300 per person, flying out of Gatwick on July 14, 2022, with accommodation at Ramada by Wyndham Kissimmee Gateway. [www.britishairways.com](http://www.britishairways.com)

## New York, New Flight

ICELANDIC AIRLINE PLAY has launched its first service to New York Stewart International, with the inaugural departure leaving London Stansted on June 10, 2022.

The service travels via Reykjavik, allowing fliers to extend their trips in Iceland or fly straight to the USA with a 95-minute stop over. Making the service even more attractive is the low-cost nature of the flight, with tickets from £159 one-way.

Birgir Jónsson, PLAY CEO, said: "Almost

one year after our very first flight took off from London Stansted to Reykjavik, we're over the moon to have launched our third US destination from the UK. PLAY's ticket sales sky-rocketed 338% in May 2022 when compared to January 2022, following the launch of our first flights to Baltimore/Washington and Boston, and the huge appetite for travel across Europe."

Coach USA operates rides to Manhattan, timed with PLAY arrivals, from US\$20 per person.

"We know Brits are looking for a bargain when it comes to summer breaks this year, and the low fares and flexibility that passengers experience at Stewart International Airport are exactly what passengers seek when they book their travel with PLAY; we're confident that Brits will snap up this deal," concluded Jónsson. [www.flyplay.com](http://www.flyplay.com)



### Family fun in San Diego: the Golden State awaits

SAN DIEGO'S 70-mile coastline is home to endless outdoor recreation and vibrant culture, making it an ideal destination for parents to kick back and kids to take it all in.

Balboa Park's Spanish Village Art Center hosts a number of art-inspired summer camps and classes for all ages, with visitors able to book individual paid classes in watercolour, painting, drawing and screen printing to bring the family together.

Premium day camps at Belmont Park help kids make a splash at the plunge pool obstacle course or take to the rock climbing walls or rope courses, while parents sip on craft beers at the Draft restaurant or bike along Mission Bay's boardwalk.

[www.sandiego.org](http://www.sandiego.org)

### Eco Colorado: sustainability under the spotlight

AS SUSTAINABILITY becomes a growing priority on travellers' wishlists (according to ABTA), Colorado is inviting eco-conscious guests to explore its diverse landscapes and eco-conscious experiences.

The state is home to eight Dark Sky Parks, with diminished sky pollution opening up the skies for vast starry nights. The state's self-guided 'Colorado Stargazing' tour recently added new experiences in Gunnison, Ridgway and Nucia, and more.

[www.colorado.com/coloradostargazing](http://www.colorado.com/coloradostargazing)

A 'Rewilding Experience' aims to restore and protect the habitats and wilderness in Rocky Mountain National Park, with multi-day guided backpacking, packrafting and camping opportunities supporting and educating visitors. Custom multi-day experiences start at US\$450 per person. [www.rewildingexpeditions.org](http://www.rewildingexpeditions.org)



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## Break free at Universal Orlando Resort's 'Great Movie Escape'

INSPIRED BY Universal Pictures' 'Jurassic World' and 'Back to the Future', a new 'Great Movie Escape' experience is set to come to Universal Orlando Resort's CityWalk area.

The new attraction will feature two themed escape rooms, packing the innovative storytelling and theming of their respective blockbuster films.

Concepted and designed by the same creative staff responsible for the immersive haunts of Halloween Horror Nights, Universal's Great Movie Escape will blend

interactive missions, storytelling and detailed sets to sweep guests back in time for the time-travelling adventure of Back to the Future and prehistoric thrill of Jurassic World.

Great Movie Escape is set to open later this year, with tickets going on sale in the months ahead. Prices and operating hours will be announced prior to opening.

[www.universalorlando.com](http://www.universalorlando.com)



## Live the new film 'Elvis' at Graceland

AS THE King of Rock and Roll takes centre stage in Baz Luhrman's new 'Elvis' musical this summer, guests inspired by the musical legend can trace his footsteps on the self-drive 'All-American Music Tour' with Wexas Travel. The 13-day tailor-made tour begins in Nashville, the home of country music, where a live concert is a must-do. After two nights, the tour moves onto Memphis, the birthplace of rock and roll, and home to Graceland, Elvis' 120-acre estate.

Onto the Smithsonian Rock 'n' Soul Museum and the Gibson guitar factory, guests truly get a taste of the South's musical heritage.

The self-drive tour also includes nights in Mississippi's Greenwood, with the chance to visit the B.B. King Museum, the oldest permanent settlement on the Mississippi (Natchez), Lafayette in Louisiana and two nights in New Orleans.

Wexas Travel offers the 13-day tailor-made tour from £1,980 per person including flights, UK airport lounge access, seven days' car hire and 11 nights' accommodation.

[www.wexas.com](http://www.wexas.com)

## It's all coming up California

CALIFORNIA IS well-known as the surf and sea hotspot of America's coast, but it's also home to some exciting family-friendly options and active skiing options, proving the state's versatility as an all-round destination.

The anticipated LEGO Ferrari Build and Race attraction opened at LEGOLAND California in San Diego on May 12, 2022. Marking the world's first LEGO Ferrari interactive experience, families can unlock their creativity when building, testing and racing their own LEGO Ferrari at one of

three racetracks. One day multi-park tickets start from US\$120.99 for children and US\$126.99 for adults.

Often overlooked for its sunshine, California is also home to impress ski areas, including the new US\$65million base-to-base gondola at Palisades Tahoe, which will be completed for the 2022/23 winter season. The gondola connects the two mountains of the resort for the first time, giving skiers a new way to access 6,000 acres of stories terrain.

[www.paladestahoe.com](http://www.paladestahoe.com)



# NEW THRILLS & SPILLS AT SEAWORLD PARKS



SeaWorld Parks has unveiled a host of new thrilling rides and attractions for visitors to enjoy.

Image Credit: SeaWorld Orlando



## Experience uncharted chills on the Ice Breaker rollercoaster

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

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

## Reach new heights on Busch Gardens’ Iron Gwazi coaster

Iron Gwazi, the newly launched rollercoaster at Busch Gardens, is North America’s tallest hybrid coaster and the fastest and steepest hybrid coaster in the world. The new ride takes thrills to new heights, plunging riders from a 206-foot-tall peak into a 91-degree drop and reaching top speeds of 76 miles per hour. The journey includes a dozen airtime moments, including three inversions, as it races along more than 4,075 feet of purple steel track.

Iron Gwazi is the 10th rollercoaster to join Busch Gardens’ lineup of highly rated roller coasters and thrill rides.



Image Credit: Busch Gardens

Image Credit: Aquatica



## Dive into the fun over at Aquatica, Orlando

Aquatica boasts more waterslides than any other waterpark in Orlando, including Riptide Race, Florida’s first-ever and only duelling racer and the world’s tallest duelling racer waterslide. Riptide Race is an adrenaline-pumping waterslide attraction that pits teams against each other in a splash to the finish line.

New for 2022 is Reef Plunge, which sends guests sliding through eye-catching translucent cut-outs, rings and twist and turns through over 330 feet of fiberglass, all whilst zooming past a vibrant array of marine life in the new dynamic habitat. Commerson’s dolphins, leopard sharks, sardines and a variety of other cold-water fish will call Reef Plunge home.

When guests have finished splashing, they can relax on Aquatica’s 84,000 square feet of sparkling white, sandy beaches.

The new 3-Visit Ticket & All Day Dine is one of the best ways to experience SeaWorld parks. It includes a day at SeaWorld, Aquatica PLUS Busch Gardens and access to all the rides and experiences they have to offer. This ticket also includes All-Day Dining at all three parks and a free return Shuttle Express service to Busch Gardens. Costing no more than the 2-Visit Ticket, prices start from under £151 per person when booking through Attraction World.\*

The 2- and 3-Visit Ticket + All Day Dine is just one ticket option for visiting SeaWorld parks.\*

Visit <https://login.attractionworldportal.com>, or your preferred ticket supplier, for more information or pricing.

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# STAR AWARDS ARE BACK!

**Travel Bulletin's Star Awards are back in the capital for 2022!**



**We can't wait to celebrate the best-in-trade shining stars at 2022's Star Awards!**

AFTER A three-year absence, the *Travel Bulletin* Star Awards have made their return and we are so glad to be back!

The venue is booked, the award categories have been announced so travel agents, the ball is now firmly in your court. You alone decide which companies will win these highly coveted Star Awards.

After everything we've been through in

recent times, the suppliers that have supported you the most truly deserve to be honoured and acknowledged. So, it is time to think about which companies have not only provided you with the best service levels, commission opportunities and quality products, but which have been the most reliable, efficient and have gone the extra mile to help you and your customers.



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- The Gala Awards ceremony in the Bankside Ballroom
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**Important dates for your Star Awards diary!**

- **June 24, 2022**  
Agent voting opens!
- **July 15, 2022**  
Agent voting closes.
- **July 29, 2022**  
Star Awards finalists are confirmed!
- **October 31, 2022**  
Winners are announced at the glittering awards evening at the Hilton London Bankside!
- **November 25, 2022**  
Travel Bulletin's Star Awards souvenir issue is published.

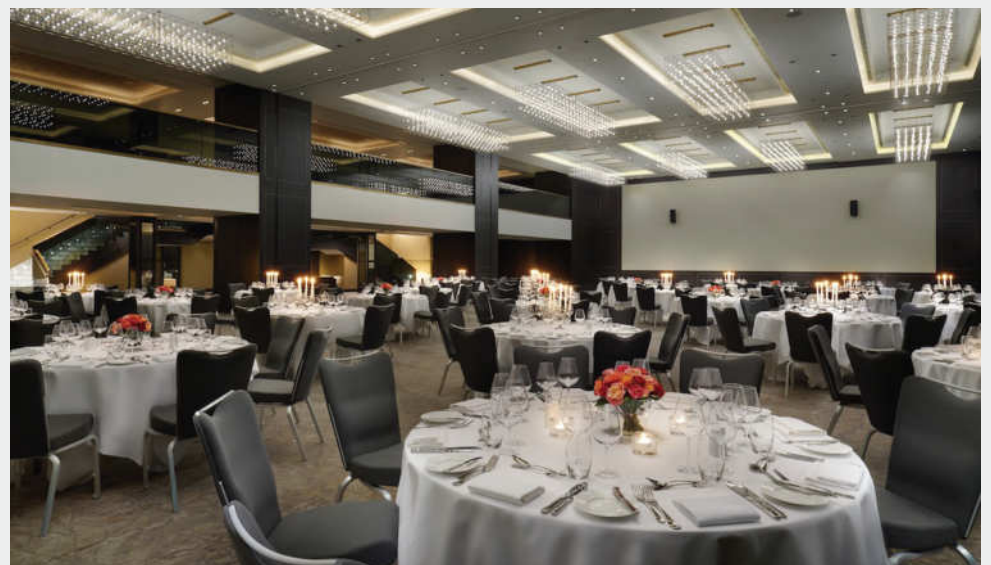


For further information on the event, ticket sales, or sponsorship, email Jeanette at [jeanette@travelbulletin.co.uk](mailto:jeanette@travelbulletin.co.uk)

## A shining star of a venue

THE *TRAVEL Bulletin* Star Awards gala evening will take place on Monday, October 31, 2022 at the prestigious Hilton London Bankside Hotel. Representing the next generation of design-led Hilton Hotels, Hilton Bankside is located in the heart of SE1 and only a stone's throw away from some of London's most-visited landmarks. With a strong focus on design, each part of the property has been carefully created to

reflect the fascinating history and ambiance of the surrounding area, combining the authentic Bankside urban grittiness and polished contemporary design. This riverside district lines the Thames with historic treasures, street markets, pop-up events and award-winning museums including the world-renowned Tate Modern, Borough Market, Shakespeare's Globe and The Shard.



# ALL IN WITH AURORA

Aurora Expeditions has released its 2023/24 Antarctica season along with the Arctic and British Isles.



AURORA EXPEDITIONS has released a bumper season launch, with its new 2023/24 Antarctica season giving adventurous travellers even more options for exploring the white continent, as well as a new selection of 2023 Arctic and the British Isles voyages aboard the Sylvania Earle.

Aurora Expeditions' new Antarctica season features dozens of departures across both vessels in the company's

fleet, purpose-built expedition ships: the Greg Mortimer and the brand-new Sylvania Earle. Aurora's classic voyage feature alongside six new itineraries.

Alongside the season launch, Aurora Expeditions is offering an early-bird offer of up to 25% off voyages.

One example itinerary is the 'South Georgia & Antarctic Odyssey' featuring South Sandwich Islands Ushuaia/Ushuaia, January 19 to February 11, 2024 on the Sylvania Earle.

On this epic voyage, passengers will explore the famed white continent, enjoy two days discovering the Falklands~Malvinas, encounter the wildlife haven of South Georgia, and sail to the South Sandwich Islands, a chain of seldom-visited volcanic islands

located 740 kilometres south-east of South Georgia.

The price for this voyage starts from £20,165 per person.

Another example itinerary is the 'Circle and Weddell Ushuaia/Ushuaia' with dates from March 8 to 25, 2024, aboard the Sylvania Earle.

Antarctic adventurers can aim to tick two boxes off their bucket list on this voyage, where they have the opportunity to visit regions in Antarctica that most people will never experience – below the Antarctic Circle, and attempt to forge a path through the ice in the Weddell Sea.

Prices for this voyage start from £13,656 per person.

[www.auroraexpeditions.com.au/brochures](http://www.auroraexpeditions.com.au/brochures)

## Windstar Cruises offers all-in package

TO CELEBRATE 35 years of cruising in Tahiti, Windstar Cruises is offering a complimentary All-In package worth up to £695.20 per person with any seven-, 10- or 11-day Tahiti voyage departing in 2022.

The complimentary All-In package, which will be offered to all guests booking the company's Cruise+Air+Hotel Tahiti package, includes return flights, overseas transfers, unlimited drinks, one-night stay at the Intercontinental Tahiti Resort, unlimited WiFi, and more.

Those guests booking cruise-only will receive a \$100 per person shipboard credit. [www.windstarcruises.com](http://www.windstarcruises.com)

## Azamara's four ships return to service

AZAMARA HAS announced that its entire fleet of four ships has officially returned to the high seas.

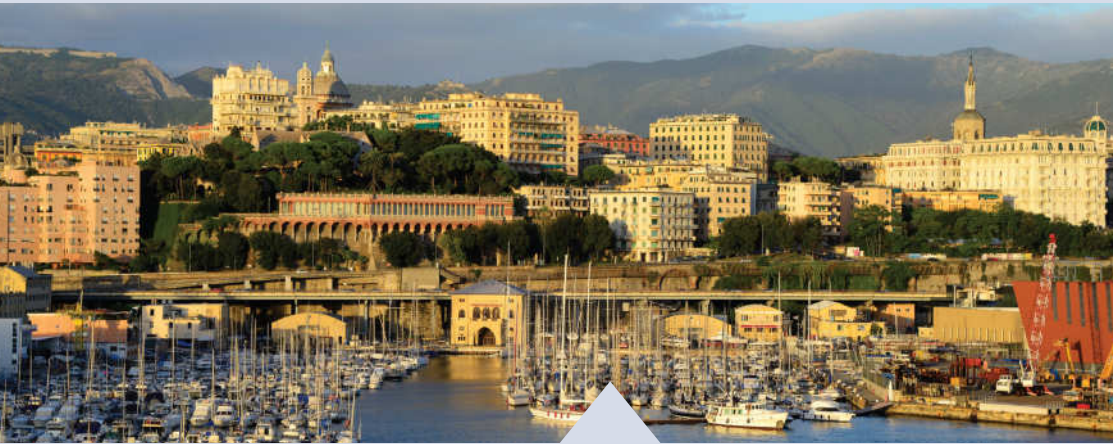
The full fleet is welcoming guests onboard with country-intensive itineraries, immersive land programmes, and more overnights in

each port, allowing travelers to fully immerse themselves in each destination.

Azamara's four ships will sail Europe this summer, before heading to Asia, Australia, South America, and more global destinations. [www.azamara.co.uk](http://www.azamara.co.uk)



# MSC Cruises heads back to the Med



MSC CRUISES has announced that MSC Bellissima will be positioned in the Mediterranean this summer to meet demand from consumers for its cruise holidays.

Starting from July 9, 2022, MSC Bellissima will offer seven-night sailings from Valencia and Barcelona/Tarragona, Spain and the Italian ports of Genoa, Livorno and Naples. The itinerary is designed with longer stays in port in Valencia, to enable guests to visit Madrid as well as in Barcelona/Tarragona and Genoa. This summer and into autumn, MSC Cruises will have 15 ships deployed in the East and West Mediterranean – the most ships the line has ever had in the region.

For agents who have clients that are cruising with their family, they may wish to suggest a voyage on MSC Bellissima, a Meraviglia class ship that launched in 2019.

The ship offers 12 dining venues and more than 20 bars and lounges, the ship will also feature acclaimed pastry chef Jean-Philippe Maury's Chocolate & Café.

The ship also offers kids' activities and services from partners LEGO Group and Chicco with a dedicated family deck area.

There is a total of 10 categories of cabins for travellers to choose from.

[www.msccruises.co.uk/cruises/destinations/mediterranean](http://www.msccruises.co.uk/cruises/destinations/mediterranean)

## Regent Seven Seas' longest cruise in history

REGENT SEVEN Seas has unveiled its longest ever World Cruise, sailing January 7, 2025, on board the Seven Seas Mariner.

Regent's 2025 World Cruise – 'Away in Wonder' – embarks from Miami, Florida to San Francisco, California and discovers destinations in South America, the South Pacific, Australia and New Zealand, Asia and Alaska. Guests will sail three oceans for 150 nights, visiting 97 ports of call in 25 countries

on 5 continents and will cover 36,295 nautical miles over more than five months.

Fares for the 150-night sailing start at £69,389 per guest for a Deluxe Veranda Suite, and £191,949 per guest for the luxury of a Master Suite.

Travel advisors will be supported by Regent with a dedicated 2025 World Cruise sales toolkit which includes web banners, customisable sales flyers and more.

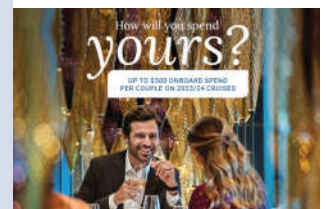
*The sales toolkit can be accessed at [RSSC.com/2025-World-Cruise-Tool-Kit](http://RSSC.com/2025-World-Cruise-Tool-Kit).*



## Princess Cruises launches new promotion

PRINCESS CRUISES has launched a new campaign named 'How will you spend yours?', offering up to \$500 onboard spending money per couple when booking any 2023 and 2024 worldwide cruise. The campaign runs until August 31, 2022.

The onboard spend offer applies to more than 600



Princess voyages sailing in Alaska, Australia, Caribbean, Canada/New England, Hawaii, Europe, Panama Canal and South America. The campaign is valid for voyages sailing for seven nights or longer.

The onboard spending money can be used on various onboard experiences, such as specialty dining, shore excursions, in the Lotus Spa, and in the Princess shops.

Guests looking to sail all-inclusive can opt for the Princess Plus fare, which includes the line's plus drinks package, unlimited MedallionNet Wi-Fi for one device and crew appreciation for an extra £40 per person per day, worth more than £75 per person a day for guests who pay for these items individually in advance of their cruise or onboard.

[www.princess.com/deals](http://www.princess.com/deals)

# Cruise the globe with Ambassador Cruise Lines' new voyage

SCHEDULED TO depart on January 6, 2024, Ambassador Cruise Line's 'Grand Round The World Cruise' will visit a total of 24 countries.

Sailing via the Azores and Caribbean, Ship Ambience will transit the Panama Canal, calling at beautiful islands of the South Seas and onto New Zealand and Australia, before exploring Indonesia, Singapore, Malaysia, and Thailand. Tropical Indian Ocean islands are mere steppingstones to the excitement of Kenya. Guests can experience Durban and Cape Town in South Africa as well as Tristan da Cunha, the most remote inhabited archipelago in the world. Guests will cross the Atlantic to Brazil to

explore Rio de Janeiro, before sailing home via Cape Verde, Casablanca and Lisbon.

Prices start from £9,229 per person for the 120-night sailing.

[www.ambassadorcruiseline.com](http://www.ambassadorcruiseline.com)



## Fred. Olsen celebrates summer sailings with deal

TO CELEBRATE a return to travel this summer, Fred. Olsen is offering onboard spending money.

The cruise company is offering up to £250 per person on board spend (doubled for guests if booking a Suite).

The deal applicable on 2022 cruises of four to 19 nights – as per current on board spend offer.

Cruises start from £699 per person.

[www.fredolsencruises.com](http://www.fredolsencruises.com)

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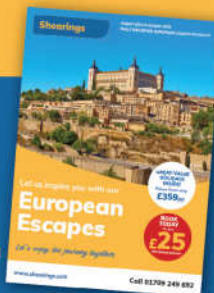
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## Amadeus' 2023 river schedule: new ship and a 15% discount top the bill

AS THE Amadeus River Cruises' 2022 schedule continues in full force, the cruise line has unveiled its 2023 schedule, with 18 itineraries on the Rhine, Danube, Dutch and Belgian waterways, Seine, Rhône and Saône, along with a brand new cruise on the Saar and Moselle rivers.

A 15% early booking discount is available through November 30, 2022, with prices starting from £988 per person.

The new eight-day 'Saar & Moselle Fairytales' itinerary starts and ends in Cologne, travelling up the Rhine along its largest tributary, the Moselle River. Notable calls include Luxembourg, Trier and Koblenz. MS Amadeus Brilliant sails the itinerary on May 18 and August 19, 2022, with prices from £1,292 per person.

The newest addition to the fleet is the 160-guest Amadeus Riva, which will sail on the Danube and Rhine. 12 suites are available with walk-out balconies, along with 68 exterior cabins across three decks. The ship is also home to the Panorama restaurant and bar, River Terrace bar and Café Vienna.

[www.amadeus-rivercruises.co.uk](http://www.amadeus-rivercruises.co.uk)



### From Amsterdam to the Alps with Saga

SAGA HOLIDAYS' cruise 'From Amsterdam to the Alps' begins in Amsterdam where guests can look forward to an included city tour and canal cruise to see the highlights.

Guests then set off for Germany to explore historic cities like Cologne and Koblenz and raise a glass in the Gwine town of Rudesheim. Another included excursion visits stately Heidelberg before travellers cruise into France to explore Strasbourg's cobbled streets and picturesque half-timbered houses on an included guided tour and canal cruise.

Guests then return to Germany to spend the day in Breisach before disembarking your ship in Basel. During a two-night hotel stay in the city guests can join an included tour of the capital, Bern, and then transfer via Lucerne to Davos, the highest town in Europe, for the final two nights.

The cruise is priced £2,436 per person for 11 nights. [www.travel.saga.co.uk](http://www.travel.saga.co.uk)



### AmaWaterways' second Egypt river cruise ship sails

ON THE heels of AmaDahlia's first season on Egypt's Nile River, luxury river cruise line AmaWaterways confirmed a second ship, AmaLilia, will join the ship in 2024 to meet the growing demand for Egyptian river cruises. Along with AmaDahlia, the new ship will sail

the 'Secrets of Egypt & the Nile', an 11-night cruise and land experience with a seven-night roundtrip from Luxor and three nights pre- and one night post-cruise in Cairo. Further details are expected as the 2024 season nears. [www.amawaterways.com](http://www.amawaterways.com)

## Heart of the Delta: southern charm with Viking

HISTORY AND heritage along the Lower Mississippi awaits with Viking River Cruises' 'Heart of the Delta' itinerary.

The cruise begins in New Orleans, the birthplace of American jazz and a city steeped in French colonists dating back to 1718.

Onto Darrow, home to National Historic landmarks and a scenic treasure of the Lower Mississippi. Baton Rouge then paints a historic portrait of the river's history.

St. Francisville, boasting more than 140 buildings on the National Register of Historic Places, is up next, before moving onto Natchez, home to one of the highest concentrations of historic Southern mansions on the river.

Vicksburg, where the Yazoo River joins the Mississippi, and the serpentine route of the Lower Mississippi draw the cruise to a close as guests disembark in Memphis.

The eight-day itinerary starts from £3,990 per person, with return flights from London and selected regional airports, a complimentary shore excursion, free Wi-Fi, beer, wine and soft drinks with onboard lunch and dinner, port taxes and onboard gratuities.

[www.vikingrivercruises.co.uk](http://www.vikingrivercruises.co.uk)



### A-ROSA River Cruises takes to Scotland to showcase A-ROSA SENA

REGIONAL SALES manager for A-ROSA River Cruises in the north, Sharon Wilson, has been out and about visiting agents across Scotland to promote A-ROSA's new ATOL-protected packages and the launch of its new ship, A-ROSA SENA. Pictured is Sharon Wilson and Julie Mcentegart, branch manager for Kenneth McLeod Travel in Glasgow.

A-ROSA SENA is the latest addition to the river cruise line's fleet, an E-motion ship that comes into port emission-free thanks to battery propulsion, decreasing fuel consumption and keeping towns and cities en route clean.

The vessel is home to 119 balcony cabins, seven balcony suites, two accessible cabins and 12 family cabins.

[www.arosa-cruises.com](http://www.arosa-cruises.com)



## Barge in Barbizon with CroisiEurope

EUROPE'S LARGEST river cruise operator, CroisiEurope, opened bookings for its 2023 hotel barge itineraries in France this February, with a number of new additions, including the seven-day 'Paris, Medieval France & the Romance of fontainebleau' cruise aboard MS Deborah.

MS Deborah will sail from Paris to Sens, visiting Evry, Melun, Moret-Sur-Loing and

Montereau-Fault-Yonne en route.

Highlights include visits to the Château de Vaux-le-Victome, a 17th-century castle built by Louis le Vau for a member of Louis XIV's court. The village is well preserved in the historic village of Maincy.

The charming village of Barbizon is also a highlight, a village owing its fame to a number of 19th-century landscape painters that immortalised the village's impressive surroundings, including the Fontainebleau Forest.

Sens, with its famous cathedral and covered marketplace, is another must-do along the way.

Departing on April 19, May 17, June 14, July 12, August 9 and October 4, 2023, the prices for the brand new itinerary start from £2,748 per person with all meals, drinks, excursions and port fees included.





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## Arena River Cruises unveils 2023 schedule: early bird catches the worm

WITH THE 2022 schedule sailing on, Arena River Cruises has unveiled its 2023 portfolio aboard the four-star MS Arena, with limited-time 'early bird' prices for all bookings made by June 30, 2022.

Managing director, Steve Goodenough, said: "Now that pandemic travel restrictions have largely been lifted, we are seeing greater confidence in booking and clients are starting to plan further ahead again.

The programme includes bite-sized cruises for an affordable introduction to river cruising, longer journeys on the Rhine and Danube, and a selection of festive breaks.

With the earlybird pricing, three-night 'Dutch Waterways and

Keukenhof Gardens' cruises, departing on April 14 and 21, 2023, start from £495 per person.

"With many departures this year filled by bookings rescheduled during the pandemic, availability on some of our more popular cruises has been limited, but plenty of dates are now available for those planning for the 2023 season already," concluded Goodenough.



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"Infamy, infamy, they've all got it in for me." Carry on Cleo.



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16th July 2022	Cities & Islands of Sweden, Estonia & Latvia	Rosyth (Edinburgh)	13	Balmoral	L2219A	£999pp*
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Registration

6:00 PM

Travel Bulletin  
Welcome

6:25 PM

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Presentations  
6:30 PM

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7:30 PM

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Presentations  
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