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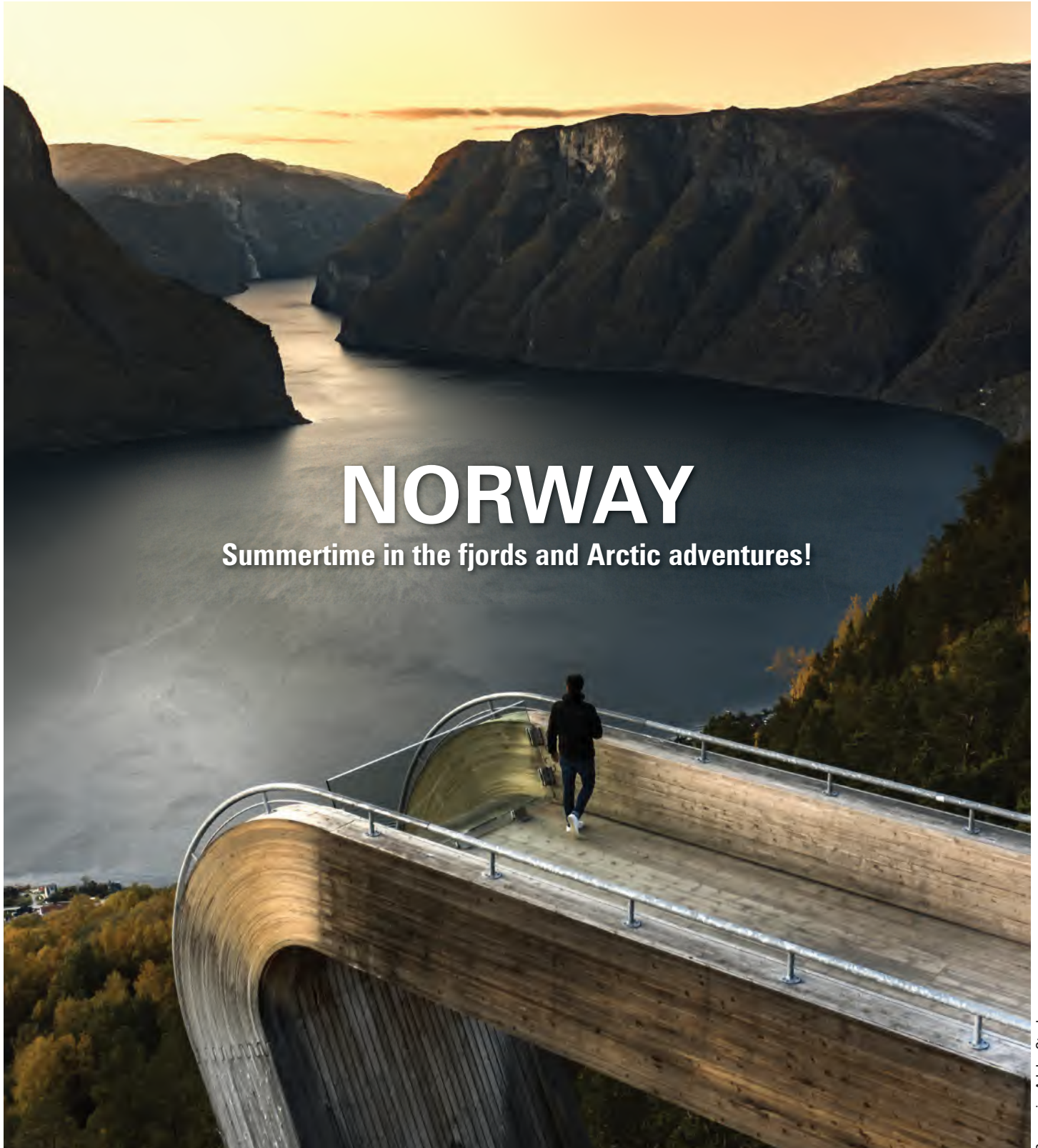
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To confirm your place at one of these amazing events, email the **name, company and contact** details by **Monday 20th September 2021 to: events@travelbulletin.co.uk** or Telephone: **020 7973 0136**

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Research carried out by Hilton has found that more than half of Brits have said they plan to go away with extended family next year.



Brits' most popular reason to have a big getaway is to catch up with family members.

NEW RESEARCH conducted by Hilton shows that extra-large holidays are set to boom, as Brits invite friends and family away with them.

Almost three quarters (72%) of UK adults say the events of the past 18 months have made them re-evaluate what is really important. Two thirds of parents, (65%), said their children had missed out on seeing grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins during 2020 and 2021, with 63% keen to make up for lost time in the future.

As a result of the extended time apart, the UK is set to embark on an era of multi-generational holidays, with more than half (51%) likely to go away next year with extended family members

such as siblings, cousins and grandparents.

Of the respondents who had family abroad, almost all (96%) said it had been two years since they'd seen loved ones living away, with 43% confirming their group holiday would involve visits to family overseas. Nearly three-quarters (70%) of those polled said going on an extended family holiday allowed them to reconnect with family members while enjoying a break, and more than half (52%) said inviting more people along made childcare easier.

The most popular reason to have a multi-generational holiday is to catch up with family members, followed by a special celebration

and the chance to see relatives you don't often spend time with.

Steve Cassidy, Hilton's managing director, UK & Ireland, said: "Many of us have missed out on the opportunity to travel as well as spend quality time with loved ones, so, for most, it makes perfect sense to combine the two and create some fantastic memories on holiday. Whether it's building sandcastles with the grandchildren, cousins playing at a theme park, or mums and dads relaxing together, there is no shortage of options with a multi-generational getaway..."

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Just You extends its UK programme into 2022

JUST YOU has extended its range of 11 UK solo traveller holidays into 2022.

Every Just You UK tour is half board, includes all the main excursions, with an on-hand tour manager for all guests. All Just You holidays are covered by a Reassurance Guarantee and Just You's flexible booking policy, giving customers and trade partners peace of mind that after making a booking, they can amend or cancel it, completely free of charge.

One of Just You's most popular UK holidays is the five-day 'Exploring the Lake District' tour, where customers can step into the world of Beatrix Potter, Wordsworth and the scenery of this region of northern England.

"Every one of the Just You UK holidays that we have run



so far this year has been a sell-out. Our loyal solo travellers have been waiting patiently to get together and share their experience of adventure.

"Our UK tours have proved so popular that we have extended the programme through 2022, with a tour

departing every month throughout 2022. We know that our trade partners are as excited as we are to see that our UK programme has been extended to next year," said Sarah Weetman, Just You's head of sales.

www.justyou.co.uk

Culture Trip launches 'TRIPS' for small-group travel

TRAVEL WEBSITE Culture Trip has launched 'TRIPS by Culture Trip' — a collection of small-group adventures to let people experience destinations in unexpected ways.

'TRIPS' launches with 30 itineraries in some off-the-grid locations in the UK, Europe, the U.S., Central America, North Africa, Asia and other regions — with new itineraries added regularly. The first departures are set to take place at the end of this year, leading into a busy 2022. 'TRIPS' durations range from four to 13 days, with prices starting from £857 per

person. Each trip will welcome up to 18 travellers aged 25 and over who can join solo or with friends. 'TRIPS' styles include Discovery, Active, City Break, and Wellness, with physical ratings from easy to challenging.

Travel agents will be offered a competitive commission rate, and will be offered help from a customer support team who works exclusively with the travel trade.

The team can be emailed at tradesupport@theculturetrip.com

Latin Routes launches new cruise and land programme

LATIN ROUTES has launched its new cruise and land programme.

The new programme covers Latin America's destinations including Peru, Ecuador, the Galapagos Islands, Argentina, Chile, Brazil, and Costa Rica.

The Latin America specialist has partnered with a number of cruise lines, including Seabourn, Azamara and Star Clippers, to offer clients the opportunity to combine all the benefits of a world class cruise with ground arrangements, including highlights such as the citadel of Machu Picchu in Peru and the Arenal Volcano in Costa Rica.



Image Credit: Adhina Stock

One of the programme's highlights is an itinerary combining the natural wonders of Costa Rica and Nicaragua with a seven-night cruise on the Pacific waters with Star Clippers. The seven-night land-cruise tour is priced from £2,899 per person.

To book, contact 0203 859 9225, or visit www.Latinroutes.co.uk/cruises



Image Credit: Domes of Corfu

Domes of Corfu, Autograph Collection opens its doors

THE ISLAND of Corfu has welcomed Domes of Corfu, Autograph Collection.

Domes of Corfu features 233 guestrooms and suites each with its own private patio or veranda, the KIEPOS Kid's club, three pools and the Soma Spa.

Situated along the Glyfada Beach, the hotel is a 20-minute drive from Corfu International Airport and Old Town Corfu, a UNESCO World heritage site.

www.domesresorts.com

Cayman Islands appoints White Tiger to handle UK PR

AS THE Cayman Islands' Department of Tourism enters its third phase in the staggered re-opening for international tourism, its London office has appointed White Tiger PR to handle its UK & European PR campaigns.

White Tiger PR will aim to provide European insight to the destination's global strategy, position the Cayman Islands as a leader in the travel and tourism sector, and highlight the support and training available for trade partners.

www.visitcaymanislands.com



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Visit Orlando unveils UK-focused campaign

SHOWCASING NEW marketing materials and advertisements to recapture travellers' imaginations, Visit Orlando has kicked off 'The Wonders Remain' campaign.

The tourism body's autumn/winter campaign hopes to inspire guests to look ahead to the resumption of US travel and book an adventure to the theme park capital of the world.

Running from September 1, 2021 until January 31, 2022, the multi-channel campaign will include national television promotions and paid social media adverts.

The campaign's call-to-action drives consumers to Visit Orlando's UK website, www.VisitOrlando.com, for the latest travel information and tools to make planning future holidays easier.

President and CEO of Visit Orlando, Casandra Matej, explained: "Our goal with this new campaign is to bring Orlando to life for those who are dreaming of, and planning for, their 2022 holidays. There is huge pent-up demand for Orlando, and after a very challenging year for the travel industry, this campaign will help increase sales and revenue opportunities for our trade partners."

www.visitorlando.com/trade

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AGENT INSIGHT

SANDRA MURRAY
NORMANTON, YORKSHIRE

I AM so glad to see that the traffic light system is being scrapped, hopefully this will encourage people to start making those all important holiday bookings again!

The decision to also scrap PCR tests is a welcome one, I am sure that this was putting off a lot of people from actually booking a holiday – the cost for PCR Fit to Fly tests is ridiculous! Bring on October 4!

I was recently catching up with Chris Cundall, who is with Great Little Breaks. Having operated for nearly 15 years, they started working with agents in November 2019 and offer a wide range of value added hotel breaks across the UK – just what we need. Throughout the pandemic, they have enhanced their system to offer a wider range of short breaks, including rail-inclusive, theatre-inclusive and attraction-inclusive breaks across the UK. Check them out at www.greatlittlebreaks.com

I also recently attended a destination event in Leeds, and it was great to meet Luke Swarbook from Royalton Hotels, which has a really fascinating portfolio of hotels, Courtney Robinson from Turks & Caicos Islands, Scott Harman from H10 hotels, Torrance from Jamaica Tourism, and Lena from TRS hotels. I was lucky enough to win a £50 voucher, presented by Luke.

By the time you read this, the lovely chocolates for the Yorkshire Travel Ball (below) will have been eaten! It took me a couple of hours to put them in their little bags and I was very good and didn't eat one! I have everything crossed that the 22nd Yorkshire Travel Ball on September 23 will have been a great success and we will have raised plenty of money for the animal charities.



ROCKY MOUNTAINEER is celebrating Canada's reopening with the 'Final Call' promotion, which offers two free hotel nights with all 'SilverLeaf' and 'GoldLeaf' service bookings of five days or more in 2021. Looking ahead, the 'All Aboard 2022' promotion offers the same perks along with a free meal and airport transfer on 'Service' level bookings for 2022. The offers apply to selected bookings until October 8, 2021.

Shearings doubles capacity for 2022 Warner holidays

AS MORE guests look for up-market destinations and accommodation for their post-lockdown holidays, escorted coach tour specialist Shearings has doubled capacity for 2022 holidays to Warner Leisure Hotels.

Warner Leisure Hotels offers adult-only, up-market options, from historical houses to castles. All options include indulgent leisure facilities, including pools, gyms, spas, and golf courses.

Shearings' 2022 Warner Leisure Hotel programme is comprised of five-day breaks spread across 60 departure dates, to 11 destinations and 13 properties. Breaks start from £329 per person, including return coach travel, four nights' accommodation, breakfast and evening meals, and excursions.



Warner Leisure Hotels offers a selection of up-market accommodation, from historical houses to castles and mansions.

Ashley Dellow, Leger Shearings Group's head of retail sales, explained: "Shearings' Warner Leisure Hotels programme has proved very popular with agents this year as customers upgraded their UK holidays, to make up for the disruption and lost holidays caused by the pandemic. It looks like the trend is continuing into 2022 and we've increased our product to meet that demand."

www.shearings.com



COMPLETE THE four modules of Italian Tourism’s online training course and be in with a chance of winning a short break to one of the nation’s art cities, an Italian hamper of local goodies or an e-tablet. www.italyonlinetraining.com

AGENT INCENTIVES

- **CELEBRITY CRUISES** has announced a selection of enhancements to its Celebrity Rewards programme, giving travel agents the option to redeem reward points for a range of gifts for clients or themselves. From bottles of champagne to celebration cakes and chocolates, agents simply pick a present from a digital catalogue and complete an online form to redeem it. Agents can alternatively treat themselves with gift vouchers or electronics or can redeem points onto a Rewards Mastercard. www.celebrityrewards.com
- **AGENTS CAN** earn free night stays at Domes Resorts with each booking registered, as part of the brand’s latest agent incentive programme. Bookings of five nights or more throughout 2021 or 2022 qualify for the reward. Incentives include one or two nights’ free stay at a Domes Resort of choice, depending on room category and booking type. Bookings must be made by October 20, 2021 to qualify for the offer. There is a maximum reward of seven nights, with additional bookings contributing to resort credit. [Click here to register bookings.](#)
- **IF ONLY...** has teamed up with the Hong Kong Tourism Board to launch the new ‘Hong Kong Has It All’ promotional and marketing campaign. To incentivise agents and clients to book a Hong Kong adventure to one of If Only’s luxury resorts, the top booker for the operator’s Hong Kong resorts between now and October 31, 2021 will win a £300 Love2shop voucher. Additionally, by completing the campaign’s knowledge quiz and sharing a screenshot on the If Only Partners Facebook page, agents can be in with a chance of winning an Asian cooking kit. [Click here for the campaign.](#)



AGENT TRAINING

HILTON’S HARBOR Club, Curio Collection, St Lucia, is inviting agents to keep up-to-date with the latest information at dedicated ‘Lunch & Learn’ training sessions with its UK-based sales team at Silva Lining. Agents will get the rundown on offers, discounts and incentives to help promote the destination and boost their sales. The 30-minute sessions are available to book now by sending suggested dates and times to suzy@silvalining.org

TOURISM AUSTRALIA has relaunched the Aussie Specialist training programme. The training, which is run in conjunction with a number of Australia’s State and Territory Tourism organisations, helps agents perfect the skills they need to sell and promote the destination. The relaunched platform offers a wider range of personalisable features, faster qualifying times and shorter, more interactive modules. www.aussiespecialist.com

BRAND USA is partnering with destination partners for a webinar series. September 29, 2021 will focus on Idaho and Montana, followed by Dallas and Fort Worth on October 6, and Los Angeles and West Hollywood on October 20. Agents who complete the brand’s ‘Attractions and Car Rental Partners’ training badges by September 30, 2021 will be entered into a draw to win an Amazon Echo Show 8, with runner-up prizes available. www.thebrandusa.com

AS VISIT Tampa Bay gears up for a re-opening for international travel in the coming months, agents have the chance to win a gift basket of unique local items when they complete the Visit Tampa Bay Travel Agent Training Academy. Comprised of two modules, the programme features the latest product updates and positions Tampa Bay as an unmissable destination on clients’ next trip to Florida. www.visittampabay.com/academy

travelbulletin WEBINARS

Register now to attend the

Travel Bulletin Luxury Virtual Showcase

Join us at 2pm on Tuesday 5th October and train with our supplier partners Abama Terraces, Formentera, Travelopia, Constantinou Bros Hotels and the Israel Tourist Office

CLICK HERE to reserve your space.

Cruise Showcase

TRAVEL BULLETIN gave agents the five-star treatment, hosting the Cruise Showcase in Oxford. The night featured a host of presentations and networking sessions from headline sponsor Virgin Voyages, as well as exhibitors Ambassador Cruise Line, CroisiEurope, Riviera Travel and Scenic Tours. Some lucky agents walked away with a host of prizes, including goody bags and a bottle of Moët Champagne!



Want to get in on the [#TBShowcases](#) action? We have events coming up in October in Reading, Sheffield, Portsmouth, Bournemouth and Cambridge! To confirm your place, contact events@travelbulletin.co.uk

SUDOKU

Win a £20 M&S voucher in the **travelbulletin** Sudoku prize puzzle

Fill in all the squares in the grid so that each row, column and each of the 3 x 3 squares contains the digits 1-9.

Once you have completed the puzzle, simply identify the numbers that relate to the letters, A, B, C and D then e-mail the solution, with your name, company name, and full postal address plus phone and ABTA number if applicable to:

competition@travelbulletin.co.uk

Closing date for entries is Thursday, October 7. Solution and new puzzle will appear in the next issue.

The winner for September 10 is Judith Nixon from Premier Travel.

September 10 Solution: A=7 B=2 C=3 D=5

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



WHERE AM I?

This seaport city has doubled up as San Francisco, Tokyo, New York and a host of others in some classic blockbuster films, and is home to the world's largest tin soldier and a park 10% bigger than New York's Central Park.

CROSSWORD

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

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	10				11			12	
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14				15					16
17		18			19		20		
		21							

Across

- Carrier with a major hub at Charles de Gaulle (3,6)
- Bristol airport code (3)
- Munich is the capital of this region (7)
- The Charles Bridge is a popular tourist attraction in this city break destination (6)
- Day of the week, in short (3)
- French street (3)
- Friends character played by Jennifer Aniston (6)
- Bali resort, famed for its 5 star hotels (4,3)
- Golfing accessory (3)
- Leading cross-Solent operator (9)

Down

- After 40 years they have reunited for a Voyage album and virtual concert (4)
- All-round funny man, ___ Brydon (3)
- Airline initially, with an HQ in 10 Across (3)
- Famous bridge across the Grand Canal (6)
- Resort town on Queensland's Gold Coast, sounds like paradise (7)
- Cinema chain (3)
- Spell out this word for an Aretha song and new movie release (7)
- Country, initially (3)
- Kirkwall is the capital of this Scottish island (6)
- Eilat is located on the shores of this sea (3)
- Part of a ship (4)
- Alderney, Channel Islands airport code (3)
- He and his partner recently won the Best Presenter award for the 20th time (3)

Solution:
Across: 1 AIR FRANCE, 5 BRS, 7 BAVARIA, 10 PRAGUE, 12 SAT, 14 RUE, 15 RACHEL, 17 NUSA DUA, 20 TEE, 21 WIGHTLINK.
Down: 1 ABBA, 2 ROB, 3 CSA, 4 RIALTO, 6 SURFERS, 8 VUE, 9 RESPECT, 11 USA, 13 ORKNEY, 15 RED, 16 DECK, 18 AGL, 19 ANTI.

WHERE AM I: Vancouver, Canada

Mystery Word: CAPRI

Industry insight by...



The Association of National Tourist Offices and Representatives



Tracey Poggio, ANTOR chairman, on rebuilding the industry, and ANTOR members reporting a growth in tourism numbers.

AS WE head into the last quarter of 2021, breaths are held tight. How will the year close for our sector? The inbound and outbound market slowly kick-started as we approached the summer months, while both the industry and consumer grappled with the uncertainty faced by the traffic light system and the practicalities of relaying a variety of different testing requirements, depending on the destination.

Numbers started to climb in August and the ONS has published its July economic impact survey, showing that tour operator and travel agent business grew 72.5%, with air transport up 118.4%, albeit from a very low base. What the industry needs now is support and stability.

Our members are reporting similar growth trends due to a healthy flow

of international visitors throughout the summer, which is helping hospitality outlets start to rebuild. Some destinations are happy to report a strong season.

Gibraltar has remained on the green list throughout the year which has resulted in stable and strong hotel and air capacity which looks set to continue into Q4.

Egypt's hotel occupancy rates increased to 70% throughout the summer period, with flights increasing to Luxor from the main European markets.

The Bahamas has seen the number of UK & European visitors increasing. This is partly thanks to the recent restart of the British Airways non-stop flight from London to Nassau, which departs three times a week. The

destination is confident that, with the addition of the new twice weekly Virgin Atlantic LHR to Nassau flight starting on November 20, this growth will continue in Q4.

Canada has seen material increases in demand; Chris Hedley, managing director Canadian Affairs, credits the Canadian border opening, coupled with Canada being added to the green list and a return to work and school after the summer break. From the beginning of September, Canada has seen bookings and enquiries for next summer return to pre-pandemic levels. September to December is a key booking period and the destination will be working closely with their partners to ensure this trend continues to deliver a fantastic 2022.

Denmark is on the UK green list and reports that UK overnight stays in Denmark are increasing. From January 2021 to July 2021, there was an increase of 519% and in the summer months of May, June and July, the increase was 145%. Interest in Denmark is growing, and new tour operator programmes are in development.

Greater Miami has had an excellent summer with visitor numbers that exceeded the results of 2019. Various new hotels and restaurants opened despite the pandemic and with the prospect of more cruise ships resuming their Caribbean itineraries out of Port Miami from November onwards, Q4 is looking very promising.

As we look forward to continually moving forward and as the events and exhibition season starts in earnest, our members will be getting out and about and reconnecting with our industry friends face-to-face as we all look to start rebuilding the industry.

Our members are reporting similar growth trends, due to a healthy flow of international visitors throughout the summer, which is helping hospitality outlets start to rebuild.



Image Credit: Adlib Stock

SAIL THE SEVEN SEAS

Regent Seven Seas has now opened bookings for its 2023-2024 Voyage Collection.

REGENT SEVEN Seas Cruises has unveiled its new 2023-2024 Voyage Collection, featuring new ports of call and immersive cultural experiences in iconic destinations throughout the globe, with reservations now open.

The cruise line will operate 139 voyages, with itineraries across Africa and Arabia, Alaska, Asia, Australia and New Zealand, the South Pacific, Canada and New England, the Caribbean and Panama Canal, the Mediterranean, Northern Europe, and South America.

Sailings range from seven nights up to the recently announced 132-night 2024 World Cruise and feature more than 129 overnight calls in unforgettable destinations such as St. Petersburg, Russia; Kyoto, Japan; Singapore; Lisbon, Portugal; and Bordeaux. The



Image Credit: RSCC

The cruise ship will sail a total of 139 voyages across the world.

2023-2024 Voyage Collection also boasts 15 new ports of call, including Vanuatu's Mystery Island, the majestic island of Syros in Greece, the Lofoten Islands in Norway, and the charmingly colourful Puerto Banus in Spain.

Together with all-suite, all-balcony accommodation and free Unlimited Shore Excursions at every port of call, voyage fares also

include flights, gourmet cuisine in a range of speciality and al-fresco dining venues, fine wine and spirits, entertainment, unlimited internet access, free valet laundry, gratuities, ground transfers and a one-night, pre-cruise hotel package for guests staying in Concierge-level suites and higher.

www.rssc.com

Riviera Travel to offer on-board enhancements

RIVIERA TRAVEL has confirmed that two on-board luxury enhancements will be unveiled on its 2021 European river cruises.

The 'Riviera Plus' package will be available to all guests in upper-deck cabins, and deluxe and superior suites. The package includes a range of premium benefits, including a smart handset with unlimited calls, text messages, internet usage, local maps, a translator and currency converter.

A bottle of Prosecco will be served on arrival, with a platter of fresh seasonal fruits delivered during the cruise, as well as an aperitif each evening. L'Occitane en Provence toiletries will be provided in all bathrooms.

In addition, evening menus are being refined to include 'Local Flavours' dishes every evening, which will be themed to the regions guests are visiting.

A choice of wines to showcase both popular and lesser-known grape varieties will also be available, with many sourced from vineyards close to ship visits.

www.rivieratravel.co.uk

SHOTGUN SAILING

Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines' choice of last-minute autumn and winter sun sailings blend great value with much-needed indulgence and exploration.



Image Credit: Fred. Olsen Cruises

FROM MALLORCA to Morocco and the Canary Islands, Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines' last-minute deals blend value that customers can't fault with luxurious locales and irrefusable indulgence.

Discovering Spain with Mallorca

Departing from Dover, this 13-day voyage ticks off the highlights of coastal Spain aboard Borelette.

A day's sailing brings cruisers to La Coruña, a charming Roman coastal town, before sailing on to Cádiz, one of Europe's most ancient cities, Málaga, one of Spain's cultural havens, cosmopolitan Barcelona, exotic Palma and Cartagena before sailing home.

This cruise departs on October 5, 2021, and starts from £649 per person.

Authentic Culture of Morocco

Guests sail from Liverpool on this 14-night cultural marvel aboard Borealis.

Before heading towards Morocco, guests

call at Belfast and Cádiz, both offering a host of history to explore. The Moroccan adventure begins in Tangier, sailing onto the lively beach resort of Agadir and chic Casablanca. On the return voyage, the cruise calls at Lisbon.

This cruise starts from £899 for an interior suite, departing on November 2, 2021.

Discovering the Canary Islands

This 12-night itinerary features all the highlights of the Canary Islands aboard Borelette.

From Southampton, the cruise calls at historic Arrecife, exotic Las Palmas, lively San Sebastian, pretty Santa Cruz de la Palma, and sophisticated Santa Cruz de Tenerife.

This cruise starts from £799 per person, departing on November 20, 2021.

All cruises include a range of dining options and live evening entertainment.

www.fredolsencruises.com

Azamara returns to the seas with 'Greek Isles' cruise

AS AZAMARA set sail through the Greek Isles for the first time as an independent cruise line, voyagers experienced a number of first-time offerings and fleet enhancements.

Adapting the former AzAmazing Evenings, the first Destination CelebrationSM took place in Rhodes, bringing the culture and heritage of the destination onboard. Hosted on the pool deck, the complimentary evening featured local musicians and gifts for each guest, including Greek olive oil, olive soap and oregano.

The Greek Isles itinerary included new shore excursions, including 'Tracing the Origins of Zorba', where guests traced the life of Cretan writer Nikos Kazantzakis.

New onboard experiences featured a redesigned menu at each of the onboard restaurants, blending local flavours with 'World Cuisine Selection' dishes.



Image Credit: Azamara

Availability remains for the '12-night Greek Intensive Voyage' on October 13, 2021, starting from £2,209 per person for a Club Interior stateroom.

www.azamara.co.uk

ISN'T IT TIME?
JOURNEY SAFE. JOURNEY WONDERFULL™.

Celebrity X Cruises®

Celebrity Cruises hopes to inspire with new campaign

LUXURY CRUISE line Celebrity Cruises has kickstarted its 'Journey Safe, Journey WonderFULL' campaign. The promotion puts people and places at the heart of a worldwide advertising campaign to entice customers to reconnect with destinations.

Lisa Lutoff-Perlo, CEO, explained: "It took a pandemic, where we were cut-off from each other and the world, to recognise how powerful travel is in our lives. It's not just a vacation. We saw an opportunity to not just re-emerge but reframe the Celebrity Cruise experience through this lens."

www.celebritycruises.com

Image Credit: Adobe Stock



Sail the Seine aboard a VIVA Cruise

VIVA CRUISES' 'Seine and Normandy' itinerary soaks up the charm of the Seine aboard a roundtrip from Paris. From the capital, the MS VIVA Gloria sails through Les Andelys on day two, and onto Rouen for a two-day call. Onwards, cruisers spend two days in Le Havre, arriving in Vernon on day six before sailing back to Paris. The MS VIVA GLORIA offers space for 153 guests in 76 cabins, with all cabins on the Ruby and Diamond Decks featuring French balconies. This option starts from approximately £1,188 per person based on an April 4, 2022 departure date. www.viva-cruises.com

EARLYBIRD EXPEDITIONING

Hurtigruten has unveiled earlybird offers on select 2021/22 and 2022/23 expedition cruises.

IT PAYS to get in early and book ahead with Hurtigruten Expeditions; flights from London are included on all 2021/22 and 2022/23 expedition cruise bookings made by October 1, 2021.

The 2021/22 winter expedition season begins in October, and last-minute options still include the earlybird offer.

Exploration of the Southern Highlights

The 19-day 'Antarctica, Patagonia, Chilean Fjords - Exploration of the Southern Highlights' adventure cruises south from Valparaíso, to Castro, Puerto Edén, Puerto Natales, and around Cape Horn before drawing to a close in Ushuaia.

This cruise is available from £8,195, including a flight from London, and no single supplement available on select departures, including on October 14 and 15, 2021.

Diverse Cultures and National Parks

The 18-day 'Diverse Cultures and National Parks of Latin America' option is a nature lover's dream, as guests cruise around classic and neo-colonial towns and cities of Chile and Peru and soak up the biodiversity and serenity of Parque Nacional Machalilla and Costa Rican natural havens that are home to toucans, iguanas, sloths and monkeys, among others.

This option starts from £5,306 per person, including a flight from London and all meals with departures on April 2 and April 3, 2022.

The Heart of Greenland

The comprehensive, Antarctic option, 'Disko Bay - The Heart of Greenland' offers a 16-day cruise through the nation's highlights, including a day in Reykjavik, Iceland.

This 16-day Antarctic adventure starts from £6,862 per person, with all meals and a flight from London included. Departures are available on June 25, July 10 and 25, and August 9, 2022.

www.hurtigruten.co.uk

PONANT launches sales for Winter 2022-23

PONANT HAS unveiled a new range of voyages for Winter 2022-2023, on Le Commandant Charcot, in the heart of the Antarctic continent.



Image Credit: PONANT

Aboard Le Commandant Charcot, guests can take their pick from a range of new activities, from citizen science to kayaking, hiking or snowshoeing, to polar diving without a wetsuit and polar swimming in a drysuit. More than 20 naturalist-guides will be supervising the activities and taking guests to meet a fascinating array of wildlife during Zodiac and hovercraft outings.

One example itinerary includes the "Unexplored Antarctica between Two Continents" expedition.

Guests will follow in the footsteps of the great Antarctic explorers during a semi-circumnavigation, a voyage of exploration linking the southern end of the American continent to New Zealand. Prices start from approximately £32,100, for a February 13, 2023 departure.

www.ponant.com

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COASTAL CLIFF TRIPS

Hike some of the world's most dramatic coastal cliff landscapes on Aurora Expeditions' new voyage from Dublin to the West Coast of Ireland and back to Dublin via Cork.



Image Credit: Adobe Stock

AURORA EXPEDITIONS is offering a 13-day Ireland's West Coast Voyage, departing on May 13, 2022.

Sailing a roundtrip from Dublin, the cruise features some of the country's coastal highlights, including Donegal, Clare Island, Connemara National Park and The Skelligs.

Perched on the edge of the Atlantic, Ireland's west coast will be spotlighted during expert-led wildlife walks, nature hikes and coastal kayaking tours. Daily trips by Zodiac will showcase breeding seabirds such as puffins, fulmars, guillemots, storm petrels and shearwaters. Guests will encounter a combination of Atlantic scenery, wildlife, ancient sites and diverse cultural heritage. Exploration starts at the wild and rugged Inishowen Peninsula, where nearby Troy Island boasts an abundance of rare bird life and wildlife species.

Set in the wild splendour of Connemara amid the sea, cliffs and mountains that make up the Galway-Mayo coastline, Inishbofin, the

'Enchanted Island', is the next port of call. The island is a breeding area for a wide variety of bird species. Aurora Expeditions offers three looped walks, all with views of the island's scenery and birdlife.

Weather permitting, the Greg Mortimer will also land at the World Heritage site of Skellig Michael, in County Kerry. The monastic site is home to a sixth century "beehive" monastery as well as breeding seabirds including gannets, Arctic terns and a colony of orange-beaked puffins.

From the ship, passengers might catch sight of dolphins, whales, orcas and porpoise. There will also be an opportunity to tuck into locally-produced meal in Connemara, and enjoy an authentic 'trad session' of traditional music played by local musicians and the Irish expedition team.

Prices start from £7,045 per person on a twin-share basis.

www.auroraexpeditions.co.uk

APT launches 2023 European River Cruise programme

APT AND Travelmarvel have launched its 2023 European programmes of Luxury and Essential cruises, with savings of up to £3,000 per couple when booked before October 31, 2021.

APT will operate 29 cruises throughout Europe and Russia, which include itineraries such as 'European Gems', 'Balkan Gems', 'Douro Discovery' and 'Russian Waterways'. Prices start from £1,995 per person.

Travelmarvel Cruises will sail three new Contemporary Class vessels: Polaris, Capella and Vega.

APT's 15-day 'Magnificent Europe Luxury River Cruise' from Amsterdam to Budapest offers a journey aboard the Grand Empress steam train to Budapest, and exploration of Nemed Castle and Vienna's City Palace. Prices start from £3,395 per person.



Image Credit: APT Touring

The eight-day 'Balkan Gems Luxury River Cruise' from Budapest to Giurgiu sails through the Iron Gates, exploring the Churches of Ivanovo and Eltz Manor. Prices start from £2,195 per person.

www.aptouring.co.uk



Image Credit: AmaWaterways

AmaWaterways welcomes Amasiena to European fleet

AMAWATERWAYS CELEBRATED the christening of its newest ship, AmaSiena, with a ceremony in Lahnstein, Germany.

AmaSiena features 78 spacious staterooms, the majority of which boast AmaWaterways' signature twin balconies, offering panoramic views from both a French and an outside balcony.

AmaSiena will sail a variety of seven-night itineraries on the Rhine River, including 'Enchanting Rhine', 'Captivating Rhine' and festive 'Christmas Markets on the Rhine'. Starting in 2022, she will also sail the Dutch and Belgium waterways on the 'Best of Holland & Belgium' itinerary.

www.amawaterways.co.uk



F IS FOR FAMILY

Windjammer Landing Villa Beach Resort is offering new family-friendly activities for all age groups to enjoy.

WINDJAMMER LANDING Villa Beach Resort is set to introduce its new offering of family-friendly experiences.

The resort is set upon 60 acres of St Lucia and offers a Mediterranean ambience along the vast crescent-shaped stretch of the St Lucian coastline.

The resort's new selection of activities is designed to cater to people of all age groups.

Chocolate making experience

Guests interested in trying their hand at being a chocolatier can receive guidance from a local chocolate-making expert. Guests will learn about the exciting journey of cocoa beans, from being planted on the island to the finished product.

Bubblemaker classes

For families trying to get their



The whole family can enjoy Windjammer's programme of activities.

children accustomed to the underwater world of scuba diving, Windjammer Landing has launched Bubblemaker classes for children aged eight and above. These sessions aim to introduce the children to underwater breathing techniques and familiarise them with the necessary equipment and skills that form the foundation to diving.

Swimming and spa

The resort's water sports

activities include lessons to build up attendee's comfort in and on the water and enjoy every aspect of their holiday safely.

Windjammer Landing's 'Family Day at The Spa' package is set to include a couple's massage, and younger patrons have options such as hair braiding and haircuts, a back massage, or a mini manicure and pedicure.

www.windjammer-landing.com

P&O Cruises to return to the Caribbean

P&O CRUISES is celebrating its return to the Caribbean, as it expands international sailings this autumn.

Following its transatlantic crossing, Britannia will begin a series of 14-night Caribbean fly/cruise holidays from home port Barbados on November 5, 2021. Azura will begin 14-night holidays from December 10, 2021.

P&O Cruises is offering a 14-night cruise on Britannia (B125) for £1,599 per person for a balcony cabin. Departing November 5, 2021, the price includes kids' clubs, full board meals and entertainment on board. Departing from and returning to Bridgetown, Barbados, including flights from the UK, the ship's ports of call are Curacao, St. Vincent, Grenada, Saint Lucia, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Antigua and St Maarten.

P&O Cruises' president, Paul Ludlow, said: "Our Caribbean holidays build on our very successful series of UK coastal cruises and now, following months of planning and preparation, we are ready to take our guests further afield."

www.pocruises.com

Image Credit: Pure Grenada



Grenada – Culinary Capital of gastronomic greatness

THE GRENADA Tourism Authority has announced the tri-island state of Grenada, Carriacou, and Petite Martinique's appointment as the world's Culinary Capital by the World Food Travel Association.

Petra Roach, Grenada Tourism Authority's CEO, explained: "We're delighted to be the first destination in the world to become an accredited Culinary Capital by the World Food Travel Association. We're looking forward to welcoming travellers seeking a destination rich in both culture and flavour."

www.puregrenada.com

KEEP IT CARIBBEAN

Inspiring Travel Company's selection of Caribbean breaks spotlight all the islands have to offer, from the laidback and luxurious to the active and adventurous.

INSPIRING TRAVEL Company's Caribbean offerings encompass a choice of hotels across the island group, ensuring guests have everything they need on their doorstep.

The Inn at English Harbor

This Antiguan option is a tranquil haven, with a secluded beach and calming excursions, including spa treatments, serene water rafting and organic garden-to-plate activities.

Seven nights in one of the resort's Junior Suites, on a half-board basis, and return economy class flights from London Heathrow with private transfers, start from £2,725 per person, with one free night included.

Sandy Lane

Situated on the western coast of Barbados, near Bridgetown, the resort includes a private beach, fitness centre, and three golf courses. Spa facilities boast lavish treatments.

Seven nights, including daily breakfast and return economy flights from London Heathrow and private transfers, access to the Barbados Airport Executive Lounge on return, and \$1,200 food and beverage credit, start from £4,699 per person.

Calabash Cove

This five-star St Lucian option is home to a lavish infinity pool, spa, several bar and dining options, and offers free use of kayaks, snorkelling gear and paddle boards to make a splash.

Seven nights in a Sunset Oceanview Junior Suite, including breakfast, and return economy flights from London Heathrow with private transfers, start from £2,279 per person.

Explore the Inspiring Travel Company's entire Caribbean portfolio at

www.inspiringtravelcompany.co.uk

Get the VIP treatment at the refreshed O2 Beach Club & Spa

THIS NOVEMBER marks the opening of the re-imagined O2 Beach Club & Spa, encapsulating contemporary Caribbean flair on Barbados' South coast.



Image Credit: O2 Beach Club & Spa

The rebranded Ocean Two Resort & Residences' modern design will span three room categories: Club, featuring 18 spacious ocean view or oceanfront hotel rooms, Luxury, comprised of 42 adult-only suites, some of which boast swim-up access to the adult-only river pool, and Concierge, consisting of 72 indulgent suites, which offer a bottle of champagne on arrival, daily pre-stocked mini bar and a spa credit per adult per stay.

Facilities include relaxed indoor five-star dining, a beachside grill, and a trio of pools, including a rooftop pool and whirlpool tubs.

Caribtours is offering up to 55% off new bookings to the O2 Beach Club & Spa, meaning seven nights in a Club room start from £2,049 per person, including flights with Virgin from London Heathrow and private transfers.

www.O2beachclubbarbados.com



Image Credit: Inspiring Travel Company

GRENADINE HILLS

Bequia Beach Hotel's Grenadine Hills is a collection of newly built villas on the pristine, petite island of Bequia in St Vincent and the Grenadines.



Image Credit: Bequia Beach Hotel

DESIGNED AS an exclusive island sanctuary for discerning travellers, Grenadine Hills currently comprises of two villas, with a third coming soon, all of which have access to Bequia Beach Hotel.

The collection offers guests the opportunity to rent a villa with five-star amenities and services, on one of the Caribbean's lesser known, remote islands for the first time.

Set above the shores of the island's undisturbed Friendship Beach, with views of southern Grenadines including Mustique and Canouan, each villa is unique.

Coral Hill

Coral Hill has the option to offer four or five bedrooms and can accommodate eight to 10 guests. A 6,000 sq ft living area, gym suite, games room and kitchen complete the interior facilities whilst outside a 30ft infinity pool takes centre stage alongside an outdoor dining area, lounge gazebo and spacious sun

terrace. Prices start from £1,800 per night.

Villa One

Villa One offers six en-suite bedrooms, sleeping up to 12 guests, as well as a 7,000 sq ft living area, brimming with bespoke amenities. Villa One has enviable views of the Caribbean Sea and the neighbouring islands of Petit Nevis and Mustique. Prices start from approximately £2,300 per night.

Bequia Island & Bequia Beach Hotel

Known as the Caribbean's best kept secret, the petite island of Bequia stretches just seven square miles. Guests can spend their days discovering neighbouring islands with the hotel's private yacht, Star of the Sea, relax at the spa and by the hotel's new swimming pool, or experience the fun island nightlife. Stays at the Beachfront Suite start from approximately £343 per night.

www.bequiabeachhotel.com

Say 'I do' at a sunset Petit Calivigny wedding

THE POINT at Petite Calivigny is offering sunset weddings with the opening of its new beach bar and Fire Lounge, that also features a giant firepit

The firepit stands at the end of a pier surrounded by water on three sides, making it the perfect venue for a barefoot-in-the-sand sunset wedding accompanied by the flickering flames from the fire pit.

Other locations ideal for weddings at the boutique resort include the pool deck or lawn, with views down to the sparkling waters of Benji Bay.

The resort offers a choice of wedding packages that include extras such as champagne, photography, cake, a couples massage and a private twilight dinner.



Image Credit: The Point

Wedding packages start from £975, including the wedding ceremony, cake, flowers, champagne, photography and transfers to complete the paperwork for the wedding. The package can be added to any seven-night stay at The Point.

www.pointcalivignyparadise.com



Image Credit: Adriano Stock

Nevis opens to UK Travellers

OPEN TO UK travellers from September 1, 2021, the island of Nevis is looking forward to welcoming visitors to enjoy its beaches, five-star hotels, rejuvenating wellness retreats, adventurous activities, dining and eclectic beach bars.

Only fully-vaccinated travellers will be able to enter Nevis, and a negative COVID-19 PCR test result is also required, taken no more than 72 hours ahead of travel. Airport health screening is still in place, and all travellers are asked to 'Vacation in Place' for four days at one of the island's four 'Travel-Approved' hotels: Four Seasons Resort, Golden Rock Inn, Monpelier Plantation & Beach, and Paradise Beach.

www.stkittstourism.kn/travel-requirements

NORWAY



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ALL ABOARD

Guests go 'Across the Roof of Norway' on this Nordic Experience itinerary, journeying aboard the Bergensbanen, Europe's highest railway route.

NORDIC EXPERIENCE takes guests to Norwegian heights on the 'Across the Roof of Norway' itinerary.

Upon arrival in Oslo, holidaymakers have a choice of standard or superior hotels to settle into, at Collection Hotel Bastion or The Thief.

The second day of the trip is dedicated to the Norwegian capital, where there's a choice of guided city tours, museums or

shopping districts to explore, with a harbour-side lunch in Aker Brygge at a choice of cosmopolitan cafes or restaurants.

On day three, the 12-hour journey to Bergen begins, through the rolling farms and fjords.

Arriving in Flåm, a ferry awaits, bringing guests to Aurlandfjord and the UNESCO World Heritage site of Naerøyfjord.

A bus to Stalheim

precedes an onward journey to Voss to board the Bergensbanen to Bergen, arriving at the Thon Hotel Rosenkrantz or Clarion Collection Hotel Havnekontoret.

With a day in Bergen, 'the gateway to the Fjords', visitors can take the funicular up Mount Fløyen, stroll around the UNESCO-protected Bryggen or take a fast ferry into the fjords, spending the night before returning to Flesland Airport for the return flight.

The itinerary includes return flights to Oslo and from Bergen, four nights' accommodation in a standard hotel, breakfast and light evening meals throughout, internal travel by rail in a 2nd class cabin, and ferry and bus journeys, for £1,095 per person.

Norwegian unveils expansive 2022 UK schedule

NORWEGIAN HAS increased flights between the UK & Ireland and destinations across Norway with its summer 2022 schedule.

The entire programme offers 142 weekly flights between London, Edinburgh, Manchester and Dublin and a number of Scandinavian destinations.

"We are pleased to be able to present our flying schedule for the next summer season. With this schedule we will continue to deliver on our strategy of investing in Norway. In recent months, we have noticed an increased demand from customers, and we look forward to welcoming them on board to their favourite Nordic destinations," said Geir Karlsen, CEO of Norwegian.

London Gatwick will offer weekly flights to Oslo, Stavanger, Trondheim and Bergen; Manchester will offer weekly services to Oslo, Stavanger and Bergen; and, Edinburgh and Dublin will serve a weekly Oslo route.

The entire programme includes additional Danish and Finish services.



Bergen is the colourful culmination of this rail itinerary.

www.nordicexperience.co.uk

www.norwegian.com

TASTE OF THE FJORDLANDS

Ambassador Cruise Line is offering a cruise into the heart of the fjordlands in Norway.



Image Credit: Adhina Stock

AMBASSADOR CRUISE Line is offering travellers a chance to venture into the famed fjordlands of Norway, where they will be awed by the pristine landscapes and natural wonders of this Nordic country.

While on the six-night 'A Taste of Fjordland' cruise, those onboard the Ambience ship will visit Haugesund, a charming waterfront town with stunning fjords, followed by exciting stops in Flam, an unspoilt postcard village that can trace its history back to the fourteenth-century. Finally, guests will dock in Bergen, Norway's second city, to enjoy the

colourful and dramatic architecture of Bryggen.

Prices start from £539 per person for a standard twin room, with 'Early Saves' fares, saving 18%. Ambassador fares start from £728 per person for a standard twin room.

Guests booking the Early Saver Fare will experience up to 20% off full fares on cruises setting sail up to 2023.

Guests are also offered an Ambassador Expedition Drinks Package, which is currently discounted by 10%.

www.ambassadorcruiseline.com

Explore the history of Norway with Intrepid

DISCOVER NORTHERN Norway's sights and fabled history on Intrepid Travel's 'Northern Norway Explorer' holiday.

Guests will visit Trondheim, which translates as 'a good place to live', and stroll past the colourful wooden storehouses flanking the river. From here, they will gaze at the immense Nidaros Cathedral, a Gothic building that houses the remains of St Olav, the patron saint of Norway.

Travellers will then explore the long-adored Lofoten Islands, a patchwork of fishing villages, by land and sea, and take in some breathtaking scenery.

The trip will finish in Tromso, hundreds of kilometres north of the Arctic Circle, where the arts and culture scene is thriving despite its isolated, northerly location.



Image Credit: Adhina Stock

The nine-day holiday is priced from £2,455 per person, for a May 28, 2022 departure date.

www.intrepidtravel.com



Image Credit: Barre Hestland / The National Museum

Norway's new national museum to open in Oslo

NORWAY'S NATIONAL Museum of Art, Architecture and Design has announced its opening date – June 11, 2022

Norway's new National Museum will be the largest art museum in the Nordic region, and as early as this summer, visitors can enter the building for early access guided tours.

More than 5,000 works, from antiquities to the museum's most recent contemporary acquisitions, will be on display in a collection exhibition that spans two floors and almost 90 rooms.

Situated on Oslo's harbour close to the promenade, the museum is centrally located and offers spectacular views of the city.

www.visitnorway.com

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Dive into Northern Norway's culture and heritage

THE REGION of Northern Norway offers a rich cultural experience, including museums and attractions with local identity, concert halls, and local and international festivals.

The region offers two sites on the UNESCO World Heritage List; the Vega Islands and the stone carvings at Alta Museum. At Andøy in Vesterålen, space enthusiasts can visit Spaceship Aurora, and for rail buffs, the Ofotbanen Railway offers great vistas – all the way into Sweden.

An important part of Norwegian culture is the Sami population which primarily resides in Northern Norway. Towns such as Karasjok, Kautokeino and Alta all have museums and attractions that spotlight Sami culture. www.nordnorge.com

A NOD TO NORWAY

Audley Travel has further updated its Scandinavia programme, with trips to Norway's famed fjords.

FOLLOWING THE addition of Scandinavia to Audley's programme earlier this year, the offering has been further developed with the addition of Norway's fjords.

Highlights in Lustrafjord include traditional experiences, such as a mountain goat farm visit with the chance to learn about the local production of cheese and making traditional Norwegian flatbread. Active clients will enjoy hiking on Nigardsbreen Glacier and a cycling tour to visit Norway's oldest stave church.

In Loen, an outdoor, adventure-focused small town at the head of Nordfjord, clients will explore Mount Hoven, descending by cable car, kayaking on Nordfjord and hiking in the mountains.

Geirangerfjord is a UNESCO-protected region, where clients will hike to a mountain farm and take a cruise on the fjord to see the Seven Sisters Waterfalls.

From Ålesund, a city on the west coast, clients take a trip to Runde Bird Island to see the widest variety of seabirds in Scandinavia, enjoy a wildlife sea safari and explore the city by electric bike and hiking.

Audley has developed self-drive itineraries to explore the fjords, as well as self-drive itineraries for the rest of its Norway programme, with clients able to explore Norwegian scenic routes, including the Atlantic Ocean Road, Trollstigen, Hardangervidda and Sognefjellet.

A 12-day family road trip through the fjords costs from £3,830 per person (based on four sharing). A six-day 'Ålesund & Geirangerfjord' short break costs from £2,450 per person (based on two sharing). Prices include flights, accommodation, car hire and excursions.

www.audleytravel.com/norway

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See the Northern Lights the Norway way

WEXAS IS offering a four-day, tailor-made break to see the Northern Lights in Norway's Arctic capital, Tromsø.

The popular short break includes an aurora safari to a remote camp, giving clients a true taste of life in the Arctic.



Image Credit: Adobe Stock

There is also the chance to add on any number of optional excursions, which includes everything from cultural tours, snowmobiling safaris to Ice Dome visits and northern lights harbour cruises.

Highlights include hunting the aurora on an included tour to a remote camp; heading out into the snowy surrounds on optional husky trips; and snowmobile safaris and whale-watching tours. Travellers will also have plenty of opportunities to engage their inner epicurean with visits to an array of homely pubs and restaurants.

The holiday is priced from £785 per person, including flights from London Gatwick and breakfast everyday.

www.wexas.com



TIP-TOP TERMINAL

Manchester Airport has unveiled the new Terminal 2, as the airport expands its regional and international services with a phased airline reintroduction.

INCREASING THE terminal's capacity by 150%, Manchester Airport has unveiled the transformation of its second terminal. The new terminal is the centerpiece of the billion-pound Manchester Airport Transformation Programme.

The first flight to depart saw Jet2 whisk guests on a summer escape to Menorca on July 14, 2021; throughout July and August 2021, the terminal held a phased introduction of airlines and flights.

Terminal 2's current roster of airlines includes Jet2, TUI, Singapore Airlines, Qatar Airways, Etihad Airways, Brussels Airlines, Virgin Atlantic, airBaltic, Ethiopian Airlines, Aegean Airlines, Eurowings, Pakistan International Airlines, and Cathay Pacific.

Upon arrival, guests are



The new-look terminal opened to guests this July.

welcomed by a new, modern check-in hall, security hall with the latest technology to streamline and safen the process, a spacious arrivals hall and expansive departure lounge.

Shopping options include JD Sports, WHSmith, and World Duty Free, with a choice of dining featuring KFC, Pret, and M&S Simply Food.

Arrivals yet to come include Starbucks, Wrapchic and San Carlo, which will

open at a later date.

For a sense of laidback luxury whilst waiting in departures, flyers can enjoy the exclusive 1903 Lounge from £35.99 per person. An extensive food and drinks menu enhances the taste of luxury in the lounge, with premium choices such as Manchester Gin, Manchester Pale Ale and 12-year-old Speyside, starting holidays off in style.

www.manchesterairport.co.uk

Emirates reopens Heathrow lounge and ramps up operations

EMIRATES REOPENED its Heathrow lounge on September 7, 2021, and announced the return of chauffeur transfers to Newcastle Airport for October 15, 2021.

The airline's lounge is the only one in Heathrow's Terminal 3, which allows travellers to board their flight directly from the comfort of the lounge. It will open from 5:30am to 10pm daily, with a range of dining options and a complimentary bar.

Spacious seating areas and shower facilities allow guests to kick back as they prepare to board, with complimentary entry available to first and business class passengers and Emirates Skywards Gold members flying in economy.

At Newcastle Airport, Emirates passengers will be granted access to chauffeur-driven transfers to and from Emirates' Newcastle hub.

Services from London Heathrow will be increased to six daily flights by October 15, 2021. By the end of October, 77 weekly flights will operate from Emirates' various UK bases.

www.emirates.com

Helvatic Airways makes first flight into London City Airport

REESTABLISHING CONNECTIVITY between the UK and Switzerland, Flight LX 456, operated by Helvetic Airways, flew into London City Airport, marking an important debut.

The Helvetic Airways aircraft, registered HB-AZG, flew from Zurich to London in an hour and 20 minutes, also re-connecting an essential link for the global financial community.

Commenting on the arrival, London City Airport chief operating officer, Alison FitzGerald, said: "Welcoming Swiss and Helvetic back, and with the newest LCY-capable aircraft, Embraer's E190-E2, is a significant milestone for London City Airport.

"It demonstrates how we are collaborating with manufacturers and airlines to introduce more low-emission, low-noise aircraft to our airport, as well as re-establishing a vital business connection which we believe will go from strength to strength as the UK Government begins to further reduce barriers to travel."

SALUTARIS PEOPLE, in partnership with Test Assurance Group, has unveiled a new COVID testing laboratory at Liverpool John Lennon Airport.

The service enables airline passengers at Liverpool John Lennon Airport and those flying from other UK airports with a Rapid Fit to Fly testing service with a turnaround time of three hours, alongside a Standard 24 hour Fit to Fly testing service.

The testing facility currently also offers Day Two, Day Eight, Test to Release and diagnostic PCR COVID testing services for customers.

Loganair unveils new Teesside to Southampton route

LOGANAIR HAS announced a new route from Teesside International Airport to Southampton, making it easier than ever to reach the southcoast. This is the latest destination announced as part of Loganair's adapted 2022 summer schedule, with the airline running six weekly flights from March 27, 2022, starting at £70.99 one way, including 15kg luggage allowance. The news came days after it was revealed flights to Dublin would return to the airport next year, running every Tuesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday between March 29 to October 25, alongside double daily flights to Aberdeen, plus connections to London Heathrow, Belfast and Newquay.

The flights have been introduced to Teesside Airport's recently refurbished multi-million pound terminal.

The new-look terminal has been overhauled and upgraded with new check-in desks, and a reconfigured security area with state-of-the-art body and baggage scanners. Passengers can now relax in one of two luxury lounges, or in new food and drink outlets, including the Landside Café, The Transporter Bar and Kitchen and The Goosepool bar. They can spend time picking up something from local producers at boutique store House of Zana and Rejoy ahead of a new duty-free store, run by World Duty Free, opening soon.

www.teessideinternational.com



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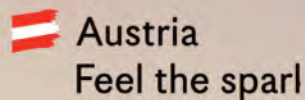
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