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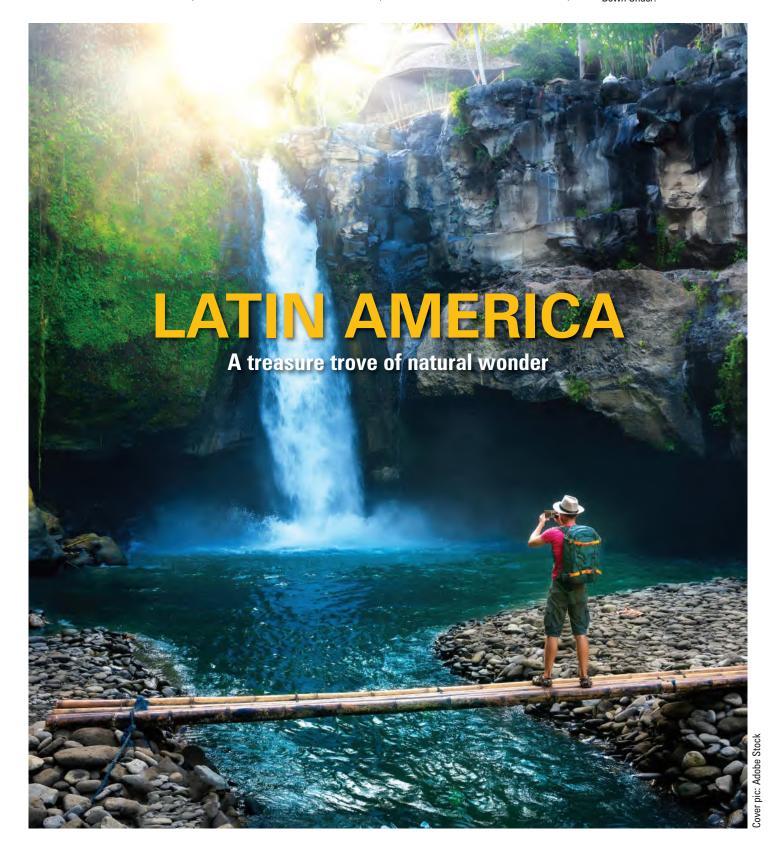
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Travel Counsellors' Elaine Simpson offers agents advice on how to sell Australia to prospective clients.



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What to expect from this year's LATA Expo, and more from the region.



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Catch up on all the action from our Caribbean Showcase in Newcastle!



AUSTRALIA & PACIFIC Hotel openings, cruises and tourism board updates.

CRUISE CLICHÉS

Cruise.co.uk's latest survey reveals that there may still be a range of misconceptions surrounding cruising holidays.



Agents can utilise the results of cruise.co.uk's survey to dispel cruise myths among clients.

A SURVEY of cruise passengers has revealed the biggest misconceptions about taking a holiday at sea.

The survey, conducted by cruise specialist cruise.co.uk, asked 850 respondents to name what they viewed as the three main cruise misconceptions.

The most common mistaken belief is that cruise 'is only for retired people' – over half (54%) of those polled believe that sailings are actually ideal for people of all ages.

Next up is that a cruise holiday is 'expensive' – 42% of respondents felt there are cruise holidays to suit every budget, and compared to other types of holidays, they are extremely good value. And the third main myth preventing people from

booking a cruise was 'seasickness'. Over a third (38%) maintain that modern ships, with their advanced stabilisation, ensure it's plain sailing for everyone onboard and that seasickness is generally a thing of the past.

Overall, 84% of respondents said there are still misconceptions about cruising among the general public. Despite this, it looks like the tide is slowly turning, with 32% saying there are fewer misconceptions than there were two years ago, as more people try cruising for the first time or plan to in the near future.

Tony Andrews, deputy managing director of cruise.co.uk, said: "Our survey lifts the lid on some of those tired clichés we've all heard about cruise holidays.

There are cruises out there for all ages, from young families stepping onboard a ship for the first time to senior sailors toasting a happy retirement. And there's so much more to eniov onboard these days from incredible spas, pools and even water parks to ice rinks, climbing walls and West End quality shows...and as our poll suggests, a cruise won't break the bank. There are a wide range of ships and itineraries to try, from large floating hotels crossing the Mediterranean to luxury liners..."

"Meanwhile, modern cruise ships are amazingly stable, meaning passengers can immediately get their sea legs and enjoy a wellearned holiday from the moment they depart."

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Around the world with Audley Travel

AUDLEY TRAVEL has launched its first worldwide brochure – a single resource to replace its current suite of 26 regional brochures.

A trade-specific version complements the consumerfacing brochure, with all call-to-actions to 'contact your local independent travel agent', instead of the Audley website or reservation phone numbers.

'The world your way' features Audley's 47 bestselling destinations, with each introduced by a country specialist showcasing their local knowledge and passion for each destination featured, having travelled extensively or lived there. Readers will also see advice, tips and comments from Audley's expert local guides and clients who have



'The world your way' brochure features 47 destinations.

travelled to the destination to really bring the possibilities for the reader's tailor-made trip to life.

The brochure also includes narrative from Audley's specialists about the itinerary design process, reassuring agents about the attention to detail and service they can expect before, during and after their trip.

'The world your way' is available in both print and digital versions for agents. The digital version can be easily hosted on an agent's website, featured in an email or shared on social media.

Digital copies can be downloaded here: www.audleytravel.com/agen ts/brochures



G ADVENTURES welcomes Jen Watson to its team of UK global purpose specialists (GPS). Glasgowbased Watson

has 16 years of experience, and will support G Adventures' agent community across the north of England, Ireland and Scotland.



THE SCENIC Group has appointed Louise Tansev as sales manager central region, to further support its trusted agent

partners. Joining the newly restructured dedicated trade sales and marketing team of 10, Tansey takes on responsibility for the agent sales functions for the central UK region.



FOLLOWING A several-monthlong recruitment drive with the aim of growing its team of experts,

Exsus Travel has announced the appointment of a new marketing manager, Ella Dunham. Ella will be helping to support agents, and their marketing requirements too.



AS PART of its ongoing plans to arow its business. Classic Collection and Classic **Package**

Holidays has strengthened its trade support team with the appointment of Emma Rogers to the position of business development manager.

Ambassador Cruise Line launches second ship

ANNOUNCING THE launch of its 2023/24 programme, Ambassador Cruise Line has confirmed that, along with Ambience returning for its second season, the cruise line's second ship, Ambition, will take to the seas.

The ship will sail its inaugural voyage on March 4, 2023, with capacity for 1,200 guests. The two ships will sail to a combined six continents and 58 countries throughout the season, venturing over 176,000 nautical miles en route to 165 ports of call.

Ambience will sail a brand new 120-night 'Grand Round the World' cruise, the line's

longest itinerary to date. The second ship will depart from Ambassador's home port of London Tilbury and six new regional ports of call in Newcastle, Dundee, Liverpool, Belfast, Bristol and Falmouth.

Ambassador Cruise Line's chief executive officer, Christian Verhounig, said: "We are extremely excited to be able to offer our trade partners very attractive launch offers. Commission is now payable on the entire Ambassador fare."

www.ambassadorcruiseline.com



Vueling launches two new routes from Gatwick

VUELING HAS announced two new direct routes connecting London Gatwick with Genoa from 3 July and Jerez (Cádiz) from July 1, 2022. Vueling has 16 routes from London Gatwick to Spain, Italy and France as part of the 2022 summer schedule.

The airline offers a total of 11 direct routes at other UK airports, from which Vueling also operates (Cardiff, Birmingham, Manchester, Edinburgh, Newcastle and Glasgow). As a result, the airline will operate a total of 27 direct routes from UK airports to Spain, France and Italy. www.vueling.com

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Cfteling

Efteling sets 2024 opening date for Danse Macabre

EFTELING, THE fairytale theme park in the south of Holland, has set a 2024 opening date for its new spooky themed area, Danse Macabre.

The attraction will transport visitors into the a spooky story surrounding the 20-metre high Spookslot Haunted House attraction building.

After summer 2022, the Spookslot Haunted House will make way for the new area, with the park's designer, Jeroen Verheij, explaining: "We will completely immerse visitors and they will experience the 'Danse Macabre' like never before."

www.efteling.com

African Bush Camps to open new Zambezi lodge

CURRENTLY PENNED for a June 2022 opening, African Bush Camps is welcoming a new luxury camp to its growing portfolio.

The Lolebezi Lodge is the second of the company's properties along the Zambezi River in Zambia, and will spotlight Zambian culture and design alongside the adventure and luxury the brand is known for.

Developed in partnership with a local family, Lolebezi will welcome guests from June 1, 2022, set in a striking location with wildlife and tradition galore.

"As ABC expands its expertise in Zambia with a second lodge, our newest destination continues to redefine the safari experience with opportunities for adventure, learning, abundant wildlife amidst



The lodge marks ABC's second Zambezi River property.

pristine wilderness, and pure comfort designed to sustainably blend with its environment," explained Beks Ndlovu, a veteran guide who established African Bush Camps in 2006.

The lodge's highlights include a sustainable build and light footprint, world-class game viewing and fishing, an open-air cinema

set in an acacia forest, a circular walkway set 23 feet into the tree canopy, and a focus on authentic safaris with world class guiding.

To celebrate the opening, rates start from US\$990 per person per night, valid for bookings through November 2022.

www.africanbushcamps.com

Royal retreats with Inghams' Platinum Jubilee deals

GUESTS CAN celebrate the Platinum Jubilee with Inghams' Jubilee deals departing between May 28 and June 4, 2022.

The deals include art and culture, lakeside relaxation in Italy and Alpine hiking in Austria.

Seven nights in Malcesine, Lake Garda, departing on June 1, 2022 from Manchester, start from £449 per person, with flights, transfers and bed-and-breakfast accommodation included. Savings of £250 per person are included.

Alternatively, spend seven nights on half board at the Hotel Palme, Lake Garda, departing on June 4, 2022 from Birmingham from £519 per person, saving £300 per person.



nage Credit: Inghar

Venture to the Alps with seven nights on half-board at the Hotel Gelmmtalerhof, in Saalbach-Hinterglemm, flying on June 4, 2022 from London Gatwick, from £599 per person based on three sharing. Savings of £496 per person are included.

www.inghams.co.uk/summerholidays/lakes-mountains-late-deal s/jubilee-weekend-summer-deals

Windstar Cruises cancels Asia season, expands Alaska

WINDSTAR CRUISES has cancelled its upcoming cruises in Asia for autumn 2022 due to continued uncertainty across the region. The cancellation affects seven scheduled itineraries on the all-suite Star Breeze vessel.

Instead, the ship will extend its Alaska season with an additional 'Alaskan Splendors' itinerary, followed by the 'West Coast Epicurean Extravaganza' along the west coast of America.

Throughout October 2022, the cruise line

will celebrate its 35th anniversary with a number of Tahiti itineraries, with Wind Spirit and Star Breeze hosting special events during their voyages.

"As Japan, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Philippines and South Korea are all currently still closed to cruising, Windstar joins several other cruise lines in making this decision to cancel cruises in Asia for the autumn," said Windstar Cruises president Christopher Prelog.

www.windstarcruises.com



EVER SINCE my first visit to Australia in 1996 I have been passionate about the destination. Buzzing modern cities contrasting with those wide open spaces with big; big skies, with a climate ranging from sub-tropical to temperate making it welcoming at any time of the year; plus ,a culture that goes back further than any other on the planet combined with the exciting and vibrant influences of new travellers from all over the world.

I have been selling, as a Premier Aussie specialist, for many years and have lots of regular clients, many of whom have family links there. Some travel to OZ to visit their children who I sent on working holidays years ago - they didn't return and now there are grandchildren! Others who booked their one and only 'trip of a lifetime' and now keep coming back for more. For all of them, the past two plus years have been difficult: first there were the devastating wildfires, forcing well-laid plans to be amended or cancelled; then Covid closing down the borders, meaning missed birthdays and anniversaries with only the internet to connect.

Now, finally, the borders have opened and grannies are queuing up to get back to catch up on missed time. I'm finding that those who previously would just book a flight are now upgrading to premium economy or business class and looking at adding in an element of touring with, or without, their Aussie family. The adventurers are reviving their plans that were shelved back in 2020 and there is now an increased desire to visit outback areas and experience the great outdoors. It's a fantastic time too for working holidaymakers -Australia has been missing these young temporary workers and there are some great incentives for them. During the lockdown, tourism operators in Australia have been reviewing and revitalising their products there are new accommodation options in all regions and some fascinating new touring opportunities.

Our mates Down Under have been missing us and they can't wait to welcome us back! Turn to page 21 for more on Australia.



UNIVERSAL PICTURES' notorious horror icons, from the Wolf Man to Dracula and the Mummy, will come together for a new haunted house as part of Universal Studios' 'Halloween Horror Nights' events at Universal Studios Hollywood and Universal Orlando Resort. The spooky season will begin on September 2 (Orlando) and September 8, 2022 (Hollywood) and run until Halloween. www.halloweenhorrornights.com

Fred. Holidays unveils new North Iceland programme

TAILOR-MADE SPECIALIST Fred. Holidays has launched a new North Iceland programme, with a choice of direct charter flights with Niceair from London Stansted and Manchester to Akureyri, known as the gateway to Arctic Iceland, and a host of excursions and accommodation choices.

The region is home to TV and film locales, geothermal hotsprings, whale watching and the Northern Lights.

A three-night 'Winter North Iceland Adventure' starts from £969 per person, with return flights, overseas transfers, three nights' four-star accommodation including breakfast, a whale watching safari, Akureyri Northern Lights and Forrest Lagoon tour and a Fred. Holidays welcome package.

The package's summer alternative, 'Summer North Iceland Adventure', starts from £1,169 per person, including the same extras.



The region is known for its Arctic adventures.

Four night options are available from £1,009 per person in winter and £1,299 per person in summer.

The North Iceland programme is on sale now.

www.fredholidays.co.uk

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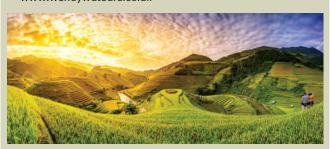


WINNER OF Virgin Voyages' competition, in collaboration with *Travel Bulletin*, was Paula Boyd from Meon Valley Travel. Paula received a case of Moët champagne.

To take part in competitions, visit www.travelbulletin.co.uk

AGENT INCENTIVES

- AGENTS CAN receive a 'Royal treat', as the Scenic Group doubles up its River Rewards & More points on a host of sailings to celebrate the Queen's upcoming Platinum Jubilee. The incentive runs between May 26 and June 9, allowing agents to earn £20 worth of points to spend on luxury gifts and vouchers for every 2022 river cruise, and £40 worth for every ocean cruise booking made. Agents can choose from a wide range of treasures, from handbags and Fortnum and Mason Hampers to M&S gift vouchers and dining experiences. www.scenic.co.uk
- WITH THE launch of APT's 'Book & Earn' promotion, agents can earn up to £50 of Love2Shop vouchers for every booking made on select 2022 holidays throughout the month of May. Agents who book three of APT's Balcony Sales offers on Travelmarvel's eight-day 'Reflections of the Rhine & Main' or nine-day 'Delightful Danube' will earn a complimentary cabin for them and a guest aboard one of the brand-new Travelmarvel Contemporary Class river ships. www.apttouring.com
- OLYMPIC HOLIDAYS is offering up to £20 per booking in Love2Shop vouchers through the month of May for any 2022 or 2023 booking. Agents can earn £10 per booking on 'Greece Summer Sun & Winter Sun' bookings including the selection of villas; £15 per booking for all Cyprus, Canaries, Malta and Turkey holidays; and, £20 per booking for all four- and five-star holiday, island hopping and wedding packages. www.olympicholidays.com
- WENDY WU is offering agents the chance to earn points for every passenger they book onto any of its tours with the Wu Breakaways scheme. Agents can then swap their points for a free spot on a Wendy Wu Tour of their choice. www.wendywutours.co.uk



AGENT TRAINING

TARGETING THE UK markets, Margaritaville Beach Resort
Nassau has introduced a sales team to reinforce its
commitment to the travel trade. Aiming to raise its profile and
boost agent knowledge within this important source market,
newly appointed representation agency SILVA LINING will
work to bolster key sales relationships and ensure agents are
up to date on the brand's latest developments, as well as its
diverse product offering. Communication will also educate
agents via thorough training sessions that provide vital sales
tips to help agents secure those all-important bookings.

Email suzy@silvalining.org for more.



AGENTS WHO take part in the Malta Training Programme will be entered into a draw to win a £50 Amazon voucher or Maltese gastronomy goody bag monthly. The more courses that agents take, the more entries in total that they receive. There are a total of eight courses on offer, with inside knowledge and top tips to pass on to your clients.

www.travelbulletin.co.uk/travelgym

FORT MYERS - Islands, Beaches and Neighborhoods' trade portal gives travel agents access to useful resources needed to sell the destination. Agents have access to online training and webinars, downloadable marketing and product copy, access to an image and video library, directory of destination partners and plenty of giveaways and FAM competitions.

www.travelbulletin.co.uk/travelgym

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Enter Travel Bulletin's competition, by answering three questions, for your chance to win a stay in Ibiza with VIBRA Hotels

For all competitions, visit http://www.travelbulletin.co.uk/competitions IN THE HOT SEAT MAY 27 2022 | travelbulletin.co.uk

In the hot seat with... Colin Stewart LATA Chairman



Colin Stewart, chairman of the Latin American Travel Association (LATA), talks exclusively to *Travel Bulletin* about what to expect at this year's LATA Expo 2022, including a new agent-focussed programme, as well as his plans for this year.

As chairman, what are your goals for LATA this year?

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At LATA, our aim is to help rebuild sustainable tourism to Latin America post-pandemic. This means supporting our members with the correct tools, information, and contacts to help generate business opportunities.

What can we expect from this year's LATA Expo?

After two years of virtual events, we are delighted to be able to bring back the Latin America travel community with a three-day face-to-face event taking place between June 13 and 15 at Battersea Evolution.

LATA Expo combines one-on-one meetings with exhibitors and key travel suppliers in Europe,

The 2022 edition of LATA Expo will also welcome our first dedicated travel agent programme on Tuesday, June 14."

seminars covering a wide range of current travel topics, and lively networking events which bring an authentic taste of Latin America to London. We're also delighted to be welcoming back our charity, the LATA Foundation, which continues to support essential grassroots initiatives in Latin America (www.latafoundation.org).



How important are UK tourists to the Latin America region?

The UK is a significant inbound travel market for Latin America.

Between January and March 2019, almost 3.5 million UK arrivals travelled to Latin America based on data from ForwardKeys. This year, we've seen just over 1.2 million UK arrivals in the same time frame which is around 64% below the 2019 figures. Although the data indicates a slightly more positive picture for the 2nd quarter, we know that long-haul destinations are slower to bounce back and, at LATA, we need to work with our partners and the travel industry to help rebuild consumer confidence.

What feature of LATA Expo 2022 will be most relevant for travel agents?

The travel agent programme is the most relevant section of LATA Expo for travel agents.

The 2022 edition of LATA Expo will also welcome our first dedicated travel agent programme on Tuesday, June 14. This includes an afternoon session with key BDMs representing the region, followed by 'A Taste of Belize', an evening networking event with themed food & drink and Belizean culture.

Are there any Latin American traditions or holidays that you particularly love?

Absolutely. It's hard to pick just one experience! What I particularly love is the passion of the Latin American people. Whether it's football in Argentina, carnival in Brazil, salsa in Colombia or ceviche in Peru, the continent is brimming with vibrant festivals, flavours, events, and activities to get involved with!

Visit www.lata.travel/event/lataexpo-2022 to register for LATA Expo 2022

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, June 9. Solution and new puzzle will appear in the next issue.

The winner for May 13 is Suzanne Barney from Travel Counsellors.

May 13 Solution: A=6 B=4 C=1 D=3

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CROSSWORD

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

Across

- Crawley based operator specialising in escorted tours (5)
- Flows by Lyon (5)
- Luxury hotel company with HQ in Hong Kong (7-2)
- Asian carrier, All _ Airways (6)
- 10 You need a cue for this game (4)
- Scenic Slovenian resort town and lake (4) 12
- 13 French impressionist artist (6)
- New crossrail line, sounds fit for a queen (9)
- Innsbruck is the capital (5)
- 19 Father of the Simpson cartoon family (5)

Down

- Host city of the recent Eurovision Song Contest (5)
- 2 Australian state, in short (3)
- Capital of Latvia (4)
- One of the longest rivers in South America (7)
- Electronic message, with or without a hyphen (5)
- Travel protection scheme, initially (4)
- Popular hotel chain, ____ Inn (7)
- Hollywood actor, Richard (4)
- Brittany port city (5)
- Sam, who came second in 1 Down with Spaceman (5)
- 15 Colorado ski resort (4)
- Hamburg international airport code (3)

Mystery Word: TIBET

Down: 1 TURIN, 2 TAS, 3 RIGE, 4 ORINOCO, 5 EMAIL, 7 ATOL, 9 PREMIER, 11 GERE, 12 BREST, 14 RYDER, 15 VAIL, 17 HAM. ACTOSS: 1 TITAN, 3 RHONE, 6 SHANGRI-LA, 8 NIPPON, 10 POOL, 12 BLED, 13 RENOIR, 16 ELIZABETH, 18 TYROL, 19 HOMER.

Family Holidays Showcase

TRAVEL BULLETIN took to the Hotel Brooklyn in Manchester for our Family Holidays Showcase. Joined by Aldemar Resorts, AMR Collection, Catalunya, Destination Canada, made, Louis Hotels, Tunisia, Sun Siyam Resorts and PortAventura World, guests enjoyed food, drinks, supplier presentations and a host of prizes in our product quiz bingo and prize draws. Winners left with free stays, champagne, chocolates and more. Keep an eye out for our future events at www.travelbulletin.co.uk/events





























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Your clients can now self-drive through the stunning landscapes of Costa Rica thanks to Latin Routes' new offering.

LATIN ROUTES is offering a 13-day self-drive journey to discover Costa Rica's most fascinating places at your guests' own pace.

Travellers will have the chance to discover the nation's diverse landscapes as they journey from San Jose to the province of Alajuela, an area known for its outstanding natural

beauty, and home to the aweinspiring Arenal volcano. Then, the group will head to the enigmatic Monteverde Cloud Forest, home to abundant wildlife. From here, they will venture to the Guanacaste province and visit Rincon de la Vieja volcano, followed by the popular beaches of Tamarindo. Guests will also be able to

choose from an array of cultural and adventurous activities across a range of National Parks.

Any elements of Latin Routes' holidays can be tailormade, so this self-drive can include routes and stays tailored to clients desires.

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Any element of the holiday can be tailormade.

Intrepid brings back women's expedition to Peru

INTREPID TRAVEL is offering its eight-day 'Peru Women's Expedition' from £1,110 per person.



Travellers will follow in the footsteps of the Incas as they spend four days trekking the iconic Inca trail, accompanied by female porters, a role traditionally held by men, to visit Machu Picchu, hearing how history unfolded here from a female perspective. They'll also take a walking tour of downtown Lima and visit a food stall, meeting the female owner to hear how the business has supported her children's education. Visitors will learn about traditional techniques and the importance of weaving to the women of the Umasbamba community in the Sacred Valley, and dine at Mama Seledonia's in Cusco, a restaurant that supports single mothers from underprivileged backgrounds by providing employment and culinary training.

www.intrepidtravel.com

LATA EXPO 2022 PREVIEW

Taking place at Battersea Evolution from June 13-15, this year's LATA Expo will see tourism minister think tank discussions, a special UK trade-focused event, food tastings, and more!

WHAT TO EXPECT

THE B2B event will bring together a total of 150 exhibitors from 18 Latin America countries with buyers from the UK and Europe, as well as trade and consumer media. The three-day event will feature a host of invaluable business meetings, networking opportunities and unique evening events, all showcasing the very best Latin American product.

Exciting additions to this year's event include the Ecuador Four Worlds Caf, where attendees can sit back in an Ecuadorinspired surrounding, as well as seminar sessions with industry experts analysing the outlook for the year ahead and consumers' expectations as travel restarts.





TRAVEL AGENT PROGRAMME

NEW FOR 2022, LATA Expo will feature a dedicated programme for travel agents, to help participants learn more.

The event will start at 3pm on Tuesday, June 14 and will be an interactive journey around Latin America with key tourism board partners and leading tour operator BDMs.

As well as taking part in the special travel agent sessions, agents will be able to stay for the evening networking event, with Latin American food and drink.

Interested agents can register at https://lataexpo.travel/travelagents

MINISTER THINK TANK

ON JUNE 15, tourism ministers from around the Latin America region will will be asked to nominate in advance which key areas they would like to focus their discussion on.

Areas of expertise will include the challenges presented by the nature tourism market; issues surrounding sustainability and the risks associated with tourism growth; and, the advantages of visiting Latin America as a tourist, with discussions held about what each individual destination's unique offerings are.

To round off the event, the moderator will summarise key findings from the session with discussion with four to five of the ministers, with all LATA Expo attendees able to watch, followed by an exclusive lunch with senior members of the UK travel trade.





A TASTE OF...

OPEN TO all delegates who are in attendance, the event this year will feature food-dedicated programmes.

Those in attendance will be able to get a taste of what Latin America has to offer - exhibitors will be bringing Latin America to London, including food, drink and music from around the region, with evening events dedicated to 'A Taste of Belize' and 'A Taste of Panama.'

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Beyond the beach in Nayarit

RIVIERA NAYARIT, a stretch of Mexican coast, is quickly becoming one of the most popular sun and sand tourist destinations, but plenty of potential awaits in Nayarit's inland offerings.

The Sierra Madre, an impressive mountain range that crosses almost the entirety of Mexico, is home to some of the most impressive valleys and views in Latin America, along with scenic hiking trails around waterfalls, rivers and volcanic craters.

Adventurous activities include canopy ziplining and jungle trail

www.rivieranayarit.com.mx

FROM DESERT TO **GLACIER** Journey Latin America shows all of signature Chile on the 13-day 'Atacama Desert to Patagonian Glaciers'.

CHILE'S NATURAL highlights, from the Atacama Desert in the north and the glaciers and ice fields of Patagonia in the south, are on show on Journey Latin America's 13-day

'Signature Chile: Atacama Desert to

Patagonian Glaciers' itinerary.

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Arriving in Santiago, guests transfer to their hotel in the capital, and have the chance to explore the historic centre with an optional walking tour or take the cable car to the top of San Cristobal hill.

Flying to Calama, guests explore the tourist resort of San Pedro de Atacama, a rugged desert landscape.

Day three brings a full-day guided visit to the natural features and attractions in the Atacama Desert. The following morning, an early morning excursion to Tatio geysers with breakfast awaits.

Another flight to Puerto Montt shifts the base to Puerto Varas, a lush natural town, with day six offering a full-day guided excursion to Osorno Volcano and Petrohue Falls.

An optional guided tour to Chiloe Island showcases the colourful and picturesque island on day seven.

Days eight through 11 spotlight the unique landscapes of Patagonia, beginning in Punta Arenas, a substantial city with elegant and colourful mansions. The luxury Patagonia Camp, on the border of Torres del Paine National Park, gives groups a perfect vantage point to explore the biosphere reserve, home to over 175 species.

On day 12, a transfer to Santiago gives holidaymakers a final day at leisure before transferring to Santiago for a mid-afternoon return flight.

This 13-day Chilean adventure starts from £4,440 per person, including all land and air transport within Latin America, accommodation, excursions and services of Journey Latin America local representatives and guides.

www.journeylatinamerica.co.uk

Stay happy in the heart of Mexico with **Dopamine Travel**

ORIGINAL TRAVEL'S new 'Dopamine Travel' collection hosts a range of serotonin-boosting escapes, with 'Explore the Heart of Mexico: Oaxaca and the Pacific Coast' embodying the cultural heart and happiness of the nation.

Soaking in the colour of the pottery, food, clothes, art and buildings of Mexico, this trip takes it all in across 12 days.

Kicking off in Mexico, guests cycle through the tree-lined Art Deco avenues, take in the National Palace's murals and pick up a piece of Talevera pottery in Puebla, a UNESCO World Heritage site.

Onto the valley of Oaxaca, the colonial architecture and surrounding valleys are ideal for kicking back.

The trip draws to a close in Puerto Escondido, a hidden harbour ideal for surfing, birdwatching and soaking in Pacific sunsets



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CLASSIC SPAIN

Newmarket Holidays' 'Seville, Granada & Classic Spain' itinerary offers a seven-day glimpse into the cultural heritage and photoworthy highlights of Spain.

WITH SPAIN a favourite for a kick-back beach holiday, Newmarket Holidays is spotlighting the classic cultural heritage that makes Seville, Granada, Cordoba and Ronda so special.

Upon arrival, the tour brings guests to the sunbaked Andalusian hills of Antequera, where they can take in the town's tapas bars, restaurants and cafés.

Day two brings a Seville excursion, visiting the impressive cathedral, Giralda Tower and the courtyards of the Moorish Alcazar.

Onto the city of Cordoba in day three, the former Moorish and Roman capital of Spain, with a host of impressive architecture.

The tour's fourth day offers a scenic wander across the Andalusian Plain in Ronda, set above the dramatic El Tajo gorge.

Day five brings an



Classic Spain is on show on this seven-day tour.

excursion to Granada, home to much of Spain's royal history, including Alhambra, the park and walled settlement, and the Alcazaba citadel and the Generalife, the royal retreat at the heart of the complex.

The sixth day of the tour allows guests to kick back or explore at their leisure before a return flight on day seven.

Bookings made by May 31, 2022 are subject to a 10% discount, meaning this seven-day escape starts from £764 per person (usually £955). The price includes six nights' accommodation at the Hotel Coso, Antequera on bedand-breakfast basis (hotel and half-board upgrades available), full-day tours of Seville, Granada, and Ronda, return flights to Malaga, coach transfers, and the services of a tour manager.

www.newmarketholidays.co.uk

Royal London with ToursByLocals

TOURSBYLOCALS is offering a comprehensive four-hour tour of London's royal history, guided by Vivien, local guide and royal expert.

Guests begin by witnessing the Changing of the Guard from a special viewing point before strolling down the Mall to Buckingham Palace.

Onwards, guests take a royal route through the monarchy's past, with no monument or story left unturned.

A short walk to St James's Park and Westminster Abbey will no doubt offer a host of Royal insight, with an escorted private viewing of Westminster Abbey, where a number of notable figures are buried, rounding out the tour.



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The four-hour 'Royal London & Westminster Abbey - Private Blue Badge Guided Half-Day Tour' starts from £350 per tour, for up to six guests, including guiding services and entrance fees.

www.toursbylocals.com

MOROCCO MAGNIFIED

Tour the dunes, experience the Sahara and explore high-walled Kasbahs on G Adventures' 'Morocco Kasbahs & Desert' trip.



PERFECT FOR travellers seeking a fast-paced trip, with all the wonders and highlights of Morocco, this eight-day adventure has them covered.

Starting in Casablanca, travellers will explore ancient Roman ruins and have lunch with a Mhaya Village community. In Fes, they'll get lost in the labyrinth of streets and explore the largest living medieval medina. In Merzouga, camel rides and sunsets in the desert are on the agenda, as well as a night of

entertainment under the stars.

Aït Ben Haddou, a UNESCO World Heritage Site sees the group enjoying a tagine cooking class before heading to Marrakech to sample local food stalls and enjoy a guided tour of the famous medina.

The eight-day trip is priced from £649 per person, based on a September 16 departure date.

www.gadventures.com

See the Passion Play with Leger Holidays

LEGER HOLIDAYS is running a series of escorted tours to see a performance of the Passion Play.

Returning for the 42nd time, the open-air play, with music, will be performed between now and October 2, 2022. It is five and a half hours long in total, including a three-hour break when dinner is provided.

The Leger Holidays' tours combine the Passion Play with a holiday in some of Europe's most spectacular destinations. All holidays include comfortable coach travel, hand-picked hotels, specified excursions, and a ticket to the Oberammergau Passion Play. The Passion Play is traditionally performed in German — a guide containing a complete translation is included with all tickets.



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One tour on offer is the 'Oberammergau Passion Play & the Magic of Austria'. This 9-day holiday combining some sights and cities of Austria and Germany with a visit to Oberammergau and the Passion Play performance. The tour includes visits to Cologne, Heidelberg, Innsbruck, and Salzburg, with a choice of excursions including a visit to Lake Achensee visit and a Salzburg walking tour. This is priced from £1,419 per person.

www.leger.co.uk



Sights and sounds of Japan with Heritage Expeditions

NEW ZEALAND-BASED expedition cruise company Heritage Expeditions has added the islands of Japan to its 2023 programme.

On offer is the 'Beyond Japan's National Parks' trip, starting in Tokyo on May 18, 2023, which includes Kanazawa's UNESCO World Heritage Site Shirakawa-go, Matsue and Hagi's ancient castles and temples including the famed 'Ninja Temple', South Korea's 'museum without walls' Gyeongju, Dogojima Island, Noshiro's national treasure Juniko (12 Lakes), Japan's Red-crowned Cranes (tancho) in Kushiro, the remote islands of Rebun and Rishiri, and more.

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RISING SUN WITH RIVIERA

Riviera Travel's 13-day 'Land of the Rising Sun' showcases the Japanese way, ticking off the nation's classic sites.



RIVIERA TRAVEL is blending the classic heritage of Japan with its modern metropolises on 'Land of the Rising Sun', a 13-day escorted tour through the

Far Eastern hotspot.

Kicking off upon arrival in Tokyo, guests check in for three nights at the four-star New Otani, in the heart of the city. A short orientation walk allows the group to get used to their surroundings ahead of three days to take it all in, with tours of the Shinto Meiji shrine, Tokyo's most famous quarters, and a boat ride down the Sumida River to Ginza.

Changing bases to the four-star Hakone Hotel, the group calls at Lake Kawaguchi, home to some of the most impressive views of Mount Fuji, before a chance to bathe in an 'onsen' or hot spring at the hotel.

Day six ticks off one of the most exciting experiences of the itinerary as guests board a bullet train to travel to Hiroshima, exploring Miyajima, a nearby island, to take in one of the most distinctive views. Two nights at the

four-star RIHGA Royal Hotel Hiroshima await.

Leaving Hiroshima by coach, the imperial capital of Kyoto is next on the agenda, with the chance to visit one of the nation's most exquisite gardens, Oyakama, which was built in 1700. The group checks in for four nights at the Century Hotel (with breakfast).

Day nine brings a traditional Japanese tea ceremony in Kyoto's Gion district, a classic image of Japan. A visit to Nara, a few miles south, ticks off one of the nation's most iconic shrines and several UNESCO sites.

A free day in Kyoto and bullet train transfer back to Tokyo close out the itinerary.

The 13-day tour is available from £3,699 per person as part of Riviera Travel's 'Classic Tour' collection. The price includes 11 nights' accommodation, daily breakfast, direct return flights, all touring, all local accommodation taxes, and the services of a Riviera Travel tour manager.

www.rivieratravel.co.uk

Classic Collection enhances winter schedule

GUESTS SEARCHING for winter sun this year need look no further than Classic Collection's 'Your Wintersun' 2022/23 offerings.

The operator has put its choice of 2022/23 winter sun escapes on sale, with destinations including Spain, the Canary Islands, Mallorca, Portugal, Madeira, Cyprus, Morocco, Egypt, Gibraltar, and Malta and Gozo.

Flight flexibility is guaranteed, with a choice of 16 UK airports.
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Director of agency sales, Si Morris-Green, said: "We are delighted to be putting this fantastic selection of short-haul winter sun destinations on sale for winter 2022/23. We know that these well-loved properties and destinations will be as popular as ever with our travel agent partners and their customers.

www.classic-collection.co.uk



Rabbie's kicks off first continental tours

SMALL GROUP tour operator Rabbie's has ramped up operations with the official launch of its European coach tours.

May 9, 2022 saw the first departures, with the six-day 'South of Spain & Treasures of Andalucía' setting off from Madrid and the six-day 'Cinque Terre, Florence & the Flavours of Tuscany' from Milan.

20 new itineraries will operate across the continent this year, spanning six and 13 days in duration, coaching guests across Italy, Spain, Portugal and Switzerland.

Explore the full range and prices at www.rabbies.com

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CHARMED BY THE COTSWOLDS

JUST GO! Holidays is promoting its 'Charming Houses of the Cotswolds' escorted tour, which is new for 2022.

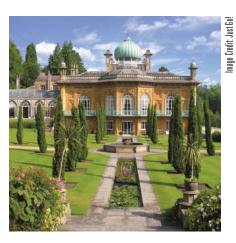
The tour is accompanied by a tour manager throughout and includes a range of tours and exclusive experiences to ensure customers get the very most out of exploring the Cotswolds, a desginated Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

This five-day break departs on September 5, 2022 and customers make their own way to the hotel, and the tour starts from there.

The trip explores the Cotswolds with its gently rolling hills, idyllic views and quintessentially English market towns and villages of honey-coloured stone. These postcard-perfect scenes are

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complemented by some fine architectural treasures ranging from the Elizabethan masterpiece of Chavenage House and the exotic Sezincote to the Jacobean Stanway House and the Arts and Crafts Rodmarton Manor.

The tour is priced from £725 per person, and includes: four nights' half-board the Jurys Inn Cheltenham, a visit to Sudeley Castle with lunch, a guided tour of Stanway House, a visit to Chavenage House, a private guided tour of Rodmarton Manor, a guided tour of Sezincote and a heritage train journey on the Gloucestershire Warwickshire Railway.

A themed evening talk from a guest speaker is also included, plus coach transfers to and from all the excursions. This trip is accompanied by a knowledgeable tour manager throughout. Based on two sharing.

www.justgoholidays.com/agents





Luxury Holidays Showcase

WE CAUGHT up with agents in Maidstone and Guildford on April 26 and 27, 2022, along with our Headline Sponsor Gran Canaria, and a host of our luxury supplier partners.

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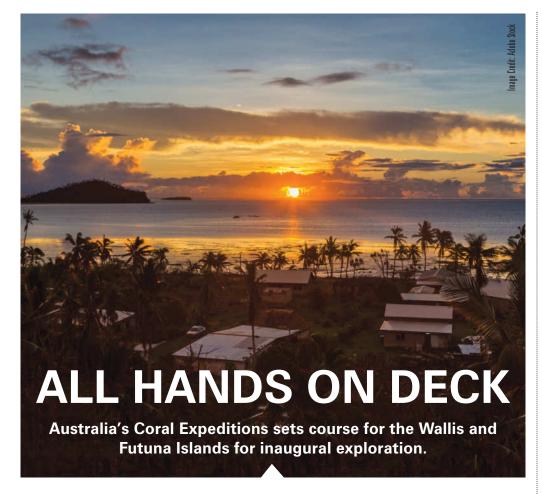
Island hop with Air Tetiaora and The Brando

AIR TETIAORA and The Brando have announced the introduction of a new way to island hop with ease from Bora Bora to Tetiaroa.

A new direct flight from Bora Bora to Tetiaroa will be scheduled every Tuesday at 12.30pm, from May 3 to October 25, 2022, operated by the hotel's private airline, Air Tetiaroa.

This new one-hour flight option is the perfect way to save energy and to combine Bora Bora and Tetiaroa allowing guests to minimise their carbon footprint while maximising their time in French Polynesia.

One-way tickets are available at the cost of £744 for adults, £435 for children (2-12 years old) and £134 for babies (0 to 2 years old). Agents can email thebrando@vaima-islands.com for more.



SAILING FROM Cairns to Auckland, the 21night voyage sailing, on December 21, 2022, will discover the remote islands of Wallis and Fatuna.

Coral Expeditions' voyage will showcase layers of cultural influences marked by ancient Polynesian thatch fale houses, the traditional kava drink and imposing cathedrals. After exploring Wallis and Futuna, Coral Adventurer will steam further south to Niue – one of the world's largest coral atolls.

With no fixed itinerary, the Captain and Expedition Team will survey conditions along the way and call on rarely visited islands such as historical Luganville and lush Pentecost in

Vanuatu. After crossing the International Date Line, guests will conclude their adventure in Auckland.

"Our loyal guests look for us to pioneer new expeditions and we have done just that with Wallis and Futuna," says Coral Expeditions commercial director, Jeff Gillies.

"Our new fleet enables us to explore places few have heard of - let alone visited. These small islands caught our attention due to their rich and complex history."

The sailing is priced from around £9,370 per person, on an all-inclusive basis.

www.coralexpeditions.com

Samoa to open borders to tourists from August 1

THE SAMOAN Government has confirmed an official date for the reopening of borders to international travellers. Prime Minister Fiam Naomi Mata'afa set August 1, 2022 as the reopening date, and spotlighted the digital contact tracing app, training and upskilling for local employees, upgraded travel instructions and bolstered testing capabilities ahead of the reopening.

Samoa Tourism Authority's acting CEO, Pativaine Petaia-Tevita, said: "As international travel begins to take shape again, Samoa has been striving to ensure critical components of our travel-ready toolkit are in place. All of these efforts ensure we are in a top position to safely open borders to travellers.'



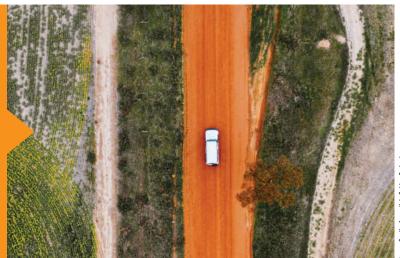
"We look forward to welcoming visitors with open arms later this year, and we encourage travellers to experience Samoa's untouched beauty, unique cultural experiences, rich heritage and friendly locals for themselves."

www.samoa.travel

The open roads of Western Australia await as testing restrictions are lifted

APRIL 29, 2022 SAW the lifting of testing requirements for international visitors arriving into Western Australia. The easing of restrictions also sees the requirement for travellers to download the G2G pass and wear masks lifted. International arrivals must be double vaccinated.

Gold Medal's interim sales and marketing director, Nick Hughes, welcomed the news, saying: "There has been 'significant demand' for Western Australia since February when the border was announced. Australia overall has performed well but in recent weeks we've seen enquiries for Perth overtake Melbourne and Brisbane."







New in Melbourne and Victoria: wildlife and wonder

AUSTRALIA'S SOUTH-EASTERN state of Victoria has eased further restrictions and is inviting worldwide travellers to explore the newest openings and attractions.

Selina, the stylish and trendy hotel chain, has opened two new hotels in Victoria's capital, Melbourne, in St Kilda and Flinders Street, with a choice of private and shared rooms and facilities. www.selina.com

A 100-year-old church in the capital has been transformed into a bar and beer garden, with green booths, a food truck park and a bar spanning the entire space. www.trinitystkilda.com

Wildlife Wonders has launched a 90-minute Dusk or Dawn tour, with the chance to spot elusive nocturnal species like potoroos, bandicoots and pandemelons. www.wildlifewonders.org.au

What's a weird fact you happen to know?



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Caribbean Showcase

OUR PACKED summer showcase schedule continued with a Caribbean Showcase at the County Hotel, Newcastle.

Attendees kicked back in Caribbean style as headline sponsor Virgin Voyages was joined by Royalton Luxury Resorts and Palladium Hotel Group, who all put their indulgent offerings on show. Lucky prize winners left with champagne, Caribbean stays and more!

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