

Travel **bulletin**

Giving agents the edge

Mediterranean Islands

The summer season is upon us, and this Brit-favourite destination is ready to bring the heat!

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Caribbean

New openings and expanded itineraries across the island nation. (Pg. 11)

Spa & Wellness

Pure indulgence awaits. (Pg. 21)



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SHOWCASES

INVITES YOU TO A
MEDITERRANEAN SHOWCASE
AGENT NETWORKING EVENING

Tuesday 2nd June, Basingstoke

Wednesday 3rd June, Kingston

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- 5:45^{PM} - Registration
- 6:10^{PM} - Travel Bulletin Welcome
- 6:15^{PM} - Client Presentations
- 7:30^{PM} - Hot Dinner
- 8:30^{PM} - Client Presentations
- 9:15^{PM} - 9:30^{PM} - Product Quiz & Prizes



Travel Bulletin is delighted to invite you to our Mediterranean Showcase! This is a fun filled evening dedicated to providing you with more knowledge about this beautiful part of the world. Look forward to engaging professional networking groups, hot meal and drinks, enjoying the entertainment and being in with a chance to win some truly incredible prizes in our free prize draw!

FEATURING:



To confirm your place at this amazing event, email the name, company and contact details by Thursday 28th May 2026 to: events@travelbulletin.co.uk or Telephone: 020 7973 0136

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THIS WEEK



NEWS
The latest headlines from across the travel landscape.



ROADSHOW ROUNDUP
We've been up and down the country bringing the best training opportunities to agents.



CARIBBEAN
The island gems that keep the vibes flowing year-round.



MEDITERRANEAN ISLANDS
From new luxury openings to bespoke itineraries under the summer sun.



SPA & WELLNESS
Embrace a world of pure indulgence in our brand-new feature.



GENERATION JET-SET

Club Med has found that families are introducing their children to international travel younger than ever before.

FAMILIES ARE embracing travel earlier than ever before, with new research from Club Med revealing that four-in-10 children have visited five international destinations before they turn eight.

The study, conducted with 2,000 UK parents with children under 18, found that eight-in-10 had taken their child overseas by the age of six, with 82% of those trips occurring before the child had started primary school. This trend of travelling with young children is becoming the norm, driven by the desire from parents to introduce their children to different cultures and experiences early in their lives.

Among those surveyed, 40% said they wanted their children to experience new places while young, while 34% wanted to begin travelling as earlier as possible.

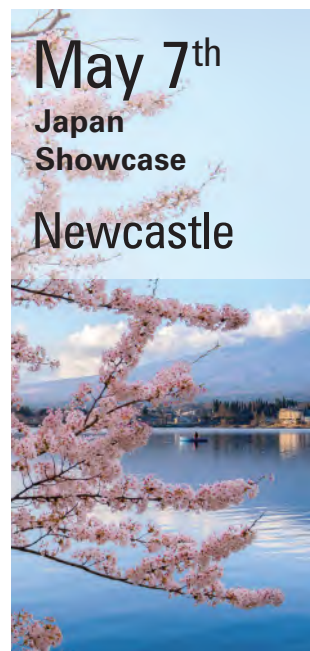
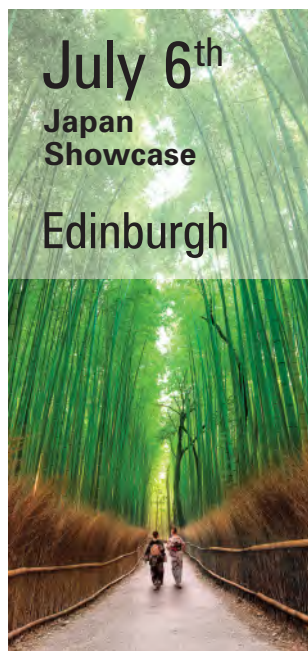
The other big deciding factor is the financial side: 33% of parents said they chose to travel before school age to avoid peak-season prices, with 25% saying they

travelled early to avoid crowded school holiday periods.

In terms of destinations reaping the benefits of young family travel, Spain is leading the charge with 57% of respondents choosing it as the most popular destination for family holidays. France follows in second place (50%), with the US (32%) and Italy (29%) following behind.

The research has found there is a shift in how families organise their holidays, with more than half saying they preferred all-inclusive accommodation when travelling with small kids.

Nicolas Bresch, managing director UK, Ireland & Nordics at Club Med, said, "Children today are growing up as global travellers, often experiencing international holidays at a much younger age than previous generations. Families are increasingly looking for opportunities to discover new cultures together, whether that's on a sun holiday or a ski escape."



Cruise Hosts join Riviera's European voyages

RIVIERA TRAVEL has introduced a new Cruise Host role across its European river cruise fleet to enhance the onboard experience for guests.

Developed in response to feedback, the Cruise Host forms an integral part of the guest-focused programme to further elevate Riviera's river cruise holidays.

Cruise Hosts will work alongside the ships' Cruise Director, with their role

centred on hosting activities and social moments throughout the voyage, including quizzes, games, and wellbeing sessions.

Vicky Billing, director of trade, partnerships and loyalty UK & Ireland, said, "The Cruise Host role has been shaped by that valued insight, reinforcing our commitment to working closely with the trade to deliver the best possible Riviera experience for their customers."



Glasgow resumes Toronto service

GLASGOW AIRPORT has celebrated the departure of WestJet's new direct service to Toronto Pearson International Airport, which marks the airline's return to Scotland's largest city for the first time since 2022.

The new route will operate

four times per week using WestJet's Boeing 737 MAX aircraft and boost transatlantic connectivity between Scotland and Canada. The country remains one of Scotland's most important international tourism markets, with visitors spending £135 million in 2024.

Azamara unveils bolstered 2028 season

NEW CRUISES will be joining Azamara Cruises' spring, summer and autumn portfolio in 2028, featuring more than 360 late nights and overnight stays across the itineraries.

The 2028 schedule spotlights an expanded Asia programme, offering 33 sailings in the region aboard *Azamara Pursuit*, as well as introducing 12 maiden ports across Europe and Asia, including Caen, France; Sokcho, South Korea; and Delphi, Greece.

The new season will also feature 85 European cruises, including 10 Grand Voyages and 48 country-intensive itineraries across popular destinations such as Greece, Italy and Croatia.

Guests can take advantage of Azamara Cruises' Early Booking Bonus, offering up to 30% off.

Prestige Travel revamps Aussie brochure

PRESTIGE TRAVEL has launched its newly revamped Australia and New Zealand brochure.

Newly added regional Australia itineraries highlight journey durations and self-drive opportunities, helping clients better visualise and plan their adventures.

Escorted touring options have also been significantly enhanced across both destinations, with an increased emphasis on

rail journeys and how these can be seamlessly incorporated into wider itineraries. In addition, the brochure introduces a broader selection of excursions and experience-led accommodation, allowing travellers to enjoy more authentic and immersive holidays.

Prestige Travel has also introduced a dedicated section showcasing Australia's luxury lodges.



Secure 2027 sales with Exodus

EXODUS ADVENTURE Travels has announced details of its newest early-booking promotion, which offers savings of up to 10% on all 2027 bookings.

'Mont Blanc Hiking Highlights' is an eight-day tour that offers the opportunity to explore Alpine trails. This itinerary is priced from £1,841 per person with savings applied.

Brendan Phelan, sales director, Exodus Adventure Travels, commented, "We want to ensure it is as appealing and accessible as possible so that our agent partners can work with our full portfolio."



TTC supports bookings

THE TRAVEL Corporation's touring brands (Trafalgar, Costsaver, Contiki and Insight Vacations) have launched a new customer assurance initiative that promises no fuel surcharges to protect client's budgets, 24/7 operational support and unrivalled choice with more than 750 curated tours.

Convert hesitation into early booking with 10% off select 2027 departures for new bookings made by September 20th, 2026.



New routes from Manchester Airport

THIS SUMMER, Manchester Airport is launching direct flights to new destinations from the Italian coast to Pakistan's largest city.

The two major cities of Algiers and Lahore are set to gain direct flights this summer. The Algiers service will be operated by Air Algerie from June 14th, with fares from £263, and the Pakistan International airlines operated flight to Lahore starts from £881 per person.

New services from airlines already established at Manchester airport include easyJet's new service to Bari, Italy, which will launch on July 3rd, with prices from £109 per person. Ryanair's new service to Samos, Greece, launches on June 1st, with prices from £95 per person.

JA Resorts & Hotels' strategic enhancements

JA RESORTS & Hotels is progressing with a series of enhancements to its Dubai portfolio following its preparation for the upcoming launch of its Jebel Ali Sports & Shooting Club.

The JA Ocean View Hotel has an extensive restoration planned to maintain the property's presence as one of Dubai's most attractive



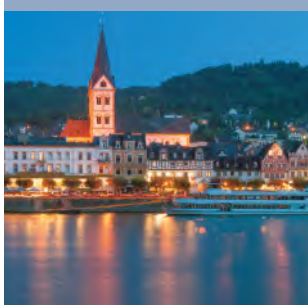
beachfront settings.

JA Hatta Fort Hotel has a multi-phased development planned to grow its appeal as a nature-led escape.

TRAFALGAR HAS launched its new Agent Rate sailings across its European river cruising itineraries, and is offering agents the opportunity to experience its river cruise product at a significantly reduced rate.

Available on select 2026 departures, agents can save 60% on cruise-only itineraries across the Rhine and Danube.

The *Trafalgar Verity* takes guests along the Rhine between Arnhem and Basel until September.



The Big Seat Release is here for spring 2027

EASYJET HAS launched its Big Seat Release, with over 27 million seats on sale for spring 2027, including over the Easter half-term. Seats are available from £18.99 per person, and customers are spoilt for choice with easyJet's offering of over 140 destinations, including the Canaries, Egypt, and Amsterdam. The Big Seat Release offer is valid for travel between March 22nd and June 13th, 2027.



MOVERS & SHAKERS



DOMES RESORTS has welcomed Craig Jeffs as Head of Sales for the UK and Ireland ahead of an ambitious year for the brand. Craig will lead the team in scaling trade partnerships, elevating the brand's luxury position, and driving revenue through operators and agencies.



MSC CRUISES has expanded its UK sales team with the addition of Phoebe Thompson as the new National Account Manager, and the promotion of Daniel Short to Regional & Strategic Account Manager in a bid to strengthen the support the cruise line offers its trade partners.



AIR TRANSAT has launched its nonstop service from London Gatwick to Ottawa, connecting the two capitals three times per week with fares leading in from £367 per person. The new route took to the skies on May 15th, and brings the total number of direct flights operated by Air Transat between the UK and Canada up to 34 per week.

Travelsphere reveals trade-exclusive offers

THE TRADE-exclusive offer provides customers with an additional 10% off holidays that are booked through a travel agent.

The offer is applicable only on new bookings made by June 30th, 2026, for the operator's 2026 Europe itineraries. The 10% offer will be applied to the base price of the holiday and bookings need to be registered with the Travelsphere call centre. The offer is also combinable with existing discounts currently

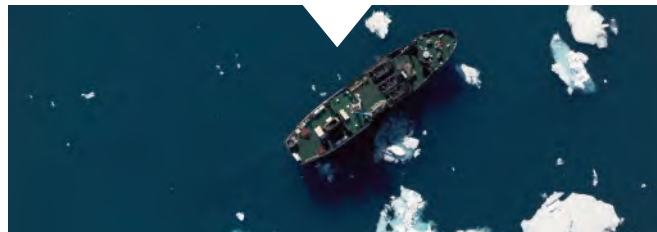
available.

Rachel Mould, head of sales UK at Travelsphere, said, "With an additional 10% off a fantastic range of holidays, travel agents can offer their customers even greater value on a wide range of tours. We're seeing strong demand for immersive, expertly guided holidays and this exclusive campaign gives agents another reason to start those conversations with their clients."

Secret Atlas reveals renovations

SECRET ATLAS has announced a pioneering redesign of its flagship vessel, *MV Freya*. The new redesign includes six dedicated single cabins, which redefines the Arctic experience for independent explorers. The new layout includes four Classic Single cabins on Deck 1 and two on Deck 2, allowing six out of 12 passengers the luxury of their own private space at no extra cost. A 10-day 'Svalbard Summer Micro Cruise' aboard *MV Freya* departs in June, July, and August, which leads in from £12,200 per person.

Michele D'Agostino, Secret Atlas Co-Founder said, "By dedicating half of *MV Freya* to single occupancy, we're creating a space where independent adventurers can enjoy the intimacy of a 12-person expedition."



TAP offers flexible bookings

TAP AIR Portugal is offering increased flexibility with bookings for a limited-time. The airline is allowing free re-bookings for tickets issued up until June 15th, 2026. The measure applies to all markets where the airline operates.

AGENT INCENTIVES

- **SCENIC LUXURY Cruises & Tours** has launched a new incentive to mark the release of its collaborative series with Angela Rippon. Until June 6th, agents have the chance to win an eight-day river cruise on the Danube during summer. To be in with a chance to win, agents must make a new Scenic river cruise booking by the deadline. Jonathan Davies, head of sales, said, "This incentive is all about sharing the excitement of 'Angela Rippon's River Cruises' with our trade partners in an engaging and rewarding way."
- **AZAMARA CRUISES** has unveiled its most ambitious trade incentive to date, with six cruise places to be won. The exclusive voyage is a five-night Mediterranean sailing, which departs on November 29th, and returns December 4th, 2026, taking agents through Valletta, Trapini, La Goulette, Cartagena, and Malaga. Alongside admission into the giveaway, agents can earn cash on all eligible Azamara Cruises during the campaign period of May 1st to June 30th, 2026. Agents will receive £20 per qualifying Azamara Cruise booking, £50 on every Grandview suite booking, and £100 on every Panorama Suite booking.
- **TO CELEBRATE China Tourism Day**, Wendy Wu Tours is offering agents the chance to win a China tour for two. To enter, agents must confirm a China booking by June 30th to win the holiday. Second and third prizes include £100 vouchers to the Ivy Asia.
- **UNTIL JULY 31st**, every booking made via Responsible Travel's agent hub will earn a £200 cash gift, alongside the standard 10% commission. In addition, agents can request a free day out for a disadvantaged young person via Responsible Travel's global Trip for a Trip initiative.

AGENT BULLETIN



MSC CRUISES recently welcomed 30 agents from across the UK onboard *MSC Seaview* for a four-night sailing from Genoa as part of its successful Scratchcard Wave incentive launched earlier this year. Hosted by members of MSC Cruises' sales team, the trip gave agents the opportunity to experience the ship firsthand while exploring destinations including Marseille and Barcelona.

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COMPETITION

Win £250 credit with easyJet Holidays Luxury Collection!

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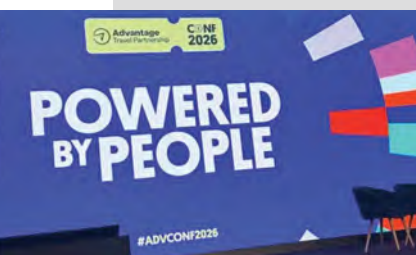
AGENT TRAINING

- **THE FIRST** alumni of Audley Travel's new agent training programme 'Future Faces of Luxury' have graduated, leaving the course with a deeper understanding of the nuances of the luxury customer and how to create tailor-made luxury journeys. The immersive course ran for eight weeks, including insights from Audley as well as support and expertise from luxury travel experts.
- **EARN YOUR Daytona Beach Specialist badge** for a chance to win a Daytona Beach getaway. Agents can complete one chapter of the training to build expertise on everything from iconic racing to relaxing beachside escapes. Complete the training by June 15th to be entered into a prize draw to win a Daytona Beach Premium Dine & Stay Getaway package, including a three-night oceanfront stay, a \$250 dining gift certificate for 31 Supper Club, a wildlife boat tour for two, and VIP transportation.
- **BECOME A Rocky Mountaineer expert** and gain access to discounted agent rates to experience the luxury locomotive for yourself. The online portal will teach you more about the inspiring rail journeys through the Rockies and American Southwest, as well as provide access to sales and marketing tools and the latest product updates.
- **NEWMARKET HOLIDAYS'** online course will not only help expand your knowledge and your commission-earning power, but you will also have the chance to win a series of incentives, as well as your own Newmarket Achievement Award certificate. By completing the course, you could earn a 15% discount for you and one other person; a place on a fam trip, and the opportunity to enhance your knowledge to close those sales.

Advantage champions the people at annual conference

CEO JULIA Lo Bue-Said OBE champions the industry's people-first approach in the face of adverse global uncertainty during her keynote speech at the annual Advantage Travel Partnership Conference.

Speaking to delegates



hailing from all corners of the travel sector, Julia welcomed members, supplier partners and special guests under the theme 'Powered by People', spotlighting the individuals and businesses driving the industry forward – from travel agents to supplier partners and wider industry bodies.

"Powered by People isn't just a conference theme, it is a statement of truth about what the travel industry has always been and will always be."

"We are a room full of people who care about our customers, our colleagues, and the wider world. That's not incidental; it's fundamental to who we are."

"Advantage stands as a united force, empowering independent travel businesses to thrive. And we will continue to champion this community with energy, with belief and with absolute determination."



AT ITS annual conference, the Advantage Travel Partnership announced an industry-first collaboration in the shape of a Cruise Advisory Board, designed to bring together the agent community with some of the sector's most influential cruising bodies. The Board will focus on the strategic opportunities and challenges shaping the future of cruising over the next five to 10 years.

Record results in a challenging climate

ADVANTAGE ANNOUNCED its financial results for 2025, with a collective UK member turnover exceeding £8.9 billion – an increase of £30 million year-on-year.

The result reflects another year of exceptional performance according to the Partnership, delivered at a turbulent time in the industry and the wider world economy, showing testament to the strength of its members and its strategic vision.

Consumer appetite remains high, with strong performances across leisure and business travel. Cruise proved a standout, with growth recorded across budget, mid-range and luxury sectors. Premium and luxury travel remained strong, reflecting the sustained demand for elevated experiences. During the year, Advantage also welcomed Oman and Cyprus to its network, which now spans 83 countries across all key source markets.

Advantage puts marketing in the spotlight

THE CONSORTIUM has launched the 'Advantage Travel Partnership Marketing Summit', a new dedicated event for the travel trade to help strengthen members' marketing and drive growth.

Co-produced by Llama Travel Marketing and the Travel Marketing Group, the event will bring together Advantage members, supplier partners, and marketing specialists for an insight-led event designed to help agencies grow through stronger marketing. The event will also be open to non-member travel businesses, reflecting Advantages' ambition to support and connect the wider travel community. The event will take place in London on October 20th, and in Manchester on October 22nd, 2026.



Advantage evolves membership structure

THE PARTNERSHIP is evolving its membership structure with the introduction of three specialist teams designed to provide members with more proactive support in delivering value. The three teams will work closely with Advantage's subject matter experts.

SUDOKU

WIN A £20 M&S VOUCHER IN THE *Travel* bulletin SUDOKU PRIZE PUZZLE

Fill in all the squares in the grid so that each row, column and each of the 3 x 3 squares contains the digits 1-9. Once you have completed the puzzle, simply identify the numbers that relate to the letters, A, B, C and D then e-mail the solution, with your name, company name, and full postal address plus phone and ABTA number if applicable to:

competition@travelbulletin.co.uk

Closing date for entries is Thursday, June 11th. Solution and new puzzle will appear next week.

May 15th Solution: A=7 B=8 C=1 D=2

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B	8		1		4		2		
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D	2		6			4			5



WHERE AM I?

THIS BALEARIC capital is famed for its grand Gothic cathedral and historic Bellver Castle which can be visited on one of the 300 days of sunshine per year.

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

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Across

- 1 Cruise company that flies the Italian flag (5)
- 3 Currency of Egypt (5)
- 5 Indian stringed instrument (5)
- 6 Hobart is the capital of this state (3)
- 7 Carrier with HQ in Warsaw (3)
- 8 Major tourist attraction within the Vatican City, ___ Chapel (7)
- 10 P&O cruise ship (7)
- 13 Star sign (3)
- 14 Malta international airport code (3)
- 15 American reality court show, ___ Judy (5)
- 16 Type of accommodation found on 10 Across (5)
- 17 Capital of the country which recently won the Eurovision Song Contest (5)

Down

- 1 Manchester City beat this London club in the recent FA cup final (7)
- 2 Company specialising in car hire and airport transfers, Holiday ___ (5)
- 3 Popular European city-break destination (5)
- 4 Dusseldorf international airport code (3)
- 5 Caribbean island famed for its beauty and iconic Piton Mountains (2,5)
- 6 National flower of Scotland and one of the brands of the Clermont Hotel Group (7)
- 9 Tallinn is the capital (7)
- 11 Historic French city which gave its name to a type of mustard (5)
- 12 South American mountain chain (5)
- 14 Cruise company privately owned by the Aponte family (3)

CROSSWORD

Across: 1 COSTA, 3 POUND, 5 SITAR, 6 T&S, 7 LOT, 8 SISTINE, 10 ARCADIA, 13 LEO, 14 MLA, 15 JUDGE, 16 CABIN, 17 SOFIA
 Down: 1 CHELSEA, 2 AUTOS, 3 PARIS, 4 DUS, 5 ST LUCIA, 6 THISTLE, 9 ESTONIA, 11 DIJON, 12 ANDES, 14 MSC.
 Mystery Word: CORSICA



AGENT INSIGHT

KIRSTY MITCHELL

TRAVELOSOPHERS

HELLO AND welcome to the Caribbean — a greeting you'll hear time and time again as you step onto any of these incredible islands. Over the past couple of years, I've been lucky enough to visit some truly unforgettable destinations, including Barbados, St Lucia, St Martin, Curaçao, Aruba, Grenada, St Vincent, Antigua, Martinique, Dominica, and Jamaica. Each island offers something completely unique, making the Caribbean one of the most diverse and exciting regions to explore.

Barbados — the home of Rihanna and rum punch — is a fantastic destination and, on three occasions now, the starting point for my biannual cruise reunions, where I've travelled with groups of up to 28 of my clients. A visit to Oistins is an absolute must, offering a lively atmosphere, incredible food, and a real taste of local culture.

St Lucia is simply stunning, with some truly spectacular hotels, making it perfect for honeymooners. One of my favourite experiences here was taking a speedboat out for the day to visit the breathtaking Pitons — an unforgettable sight.

Grenada is lush, vibrant, and full of natural beauty. It's an island where you can truly live off the land. Venture high into the mountains, and you might even have a monkey come and sit on your shoulder — a magical experience.

There's so much more I could say about these amazing islands, each one offering its own charm and some of the friendliest people you'll ever meet.

Speaking of friendly faces, I have to finish with one of my absolute favourite places — Jamaica. After visiting last year with the tourist board to deliver aid following hurricane devastation, it holds a very special place in my heart. Jamaica is a destination that truly captures your mind, heart, and soul. The energy, the culture, and above all, the people make it unlike anywhere else in the world.

Intrepid launches 30% off sale

INTREPID TRAVEL is offering customers up to 30% off on select 2026 and 2027 departures.

The sale began on May 14th and will last until June 10th, 2026. Departure dates in the sale range from June 2026, to March 2027. In addition to the sale, agents will be rewarded for every booking made in the sale period with a £20 cash incentive.

The eight-day 'Cruise along the Croatian coastline' itinerary is applicable for savings. Travellers can soak up the sun, sea, and salty breeze as they explore the rivers, beaches, and towns of Croatia from Split to Dubrovnik.

News Bites

- JUST YOU has introduced a new departure date for its 'The Silk Road: Legends of the Five Stans' tour, with new departures available for May 2027 in addition to the original April and September 2027 dates.
- KIRKER HOLIDAYS has expanded its Italian collection with new properties for 2026-2027 in destinations such as Venice, Rome, the Dolomites, Lake Como, and Sardinia.



ONYX HOSPITALITY Group, a leading hospitality management company in the Asia-Pacific region, has revealed its growth strategy following the celebration of its 60th anniversary. The group plans to expand its portfolio to more than 75 properties by 2030, underscoring its sustained growth momentum and strengthening its position across its dominant region.



Greece Showcase

ATRIUM HOTELS, Grecotel, Domes Resorts, Santikos Collection, Simpson Travel, Travepack, Hyatt's Inclusive Collection and Sky Express brought the very best Greece has to offer to the lovely agents of Bristol!

As always we wish to extend a huge thank you to the agents who attended the event, and a special congratulations for all the prize winners!



Want to get in on some more Mediterranean action? Our next Med-themed showcases will be taking place in Cardiff on June 1st, Basingstoke on June 2nd, and Kingston on June 3rd. To confirm your place, or find out when we will be hosting our next event near you, contact events@travelbulletin.co.uk

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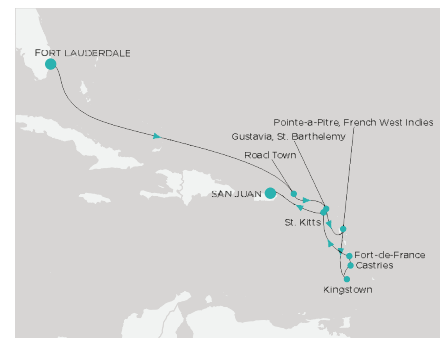
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A NEW SIDE OF DOMINICA

Take a trip to the wild side of Dominica with G Adventures' new itineraries.



OFFERING A new adventurous twist to the typical Caribbean getaway, G Adventures is bringing two new itineraries to Dominica, putting the destination firmly on the adventure map.

The programme aims to shine a new light on the typically cruise-focused destination, highlighting the myriad of

rich inland and marine experiences that await travellers. Joining the operator's Geluxe travel style, the two itineraries feature upgraded experiences with a focus on physical activity, one-of-a-kind accommodation, elevated dining experiences, and deeper cultural connections.

The new eight-day 'Dominica: Waterfalls, Volcanic Peaks & Kalinago Culture' itinerary will see guests explore Dominica's diverse terrain, including a visit to Trafalgar Falls and the mystical mist-filled basin of Middleham Falls. Guests will also have the chance to experience the volcanic underwater

bubbles at Champagne Beach, and choose between swimming through Titou Gorge or whale watching. Prices lead in from £2,599 per person.

The seven-day 'Dominica: Whales, Waterfalls & the Wild Caribbean' spends five days dedicated to responsible whale encounters, offering guests the once-in-a-lifetime chance to swim with sperm whales and explore their natural habitat. Time will also be spent at Champagne Beach, and a local guide will take guests to the bubbling seabed in search of coral, tropical fish and other marine life. Prices lead in from £6,499 per person.

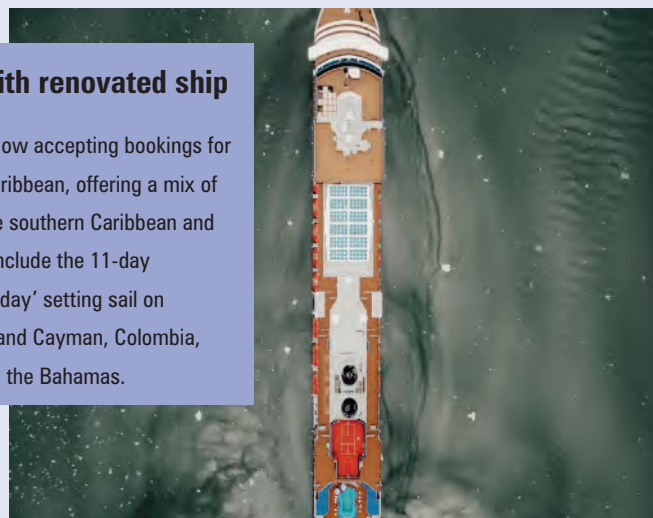
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Inspiring Travel is offering a seven-night package from £4,505 per person when booked before June 15th, 2026. The price is based on two adults sharing a Garden View King, and includes a daily complimentary spa treatment, a 35% advance booking discount, and flights.

HAL hits the Caribbean with renovated ship

THE NEWLY-renovated *Oosterdam* is now accepting bookings for its winter 2027/2028 season in the Caribbean, offering a mix of nine- and 12-day itineraries across the southern Caribbean and the ABC Islands. Example itineraries include the 11-day 'Southern Caribbean: ABC Islands Holiday' setting sail on December 22nd, 2027, with calls at Grand Cayman, Colombia, Aruba, Curaçao, and Half Moon Cay in the Bahamas.





Spring into Summer at Nevis Island

DISCOVER THE Caribbean's leading barefoot luxury destination through the island of Nevis' 'Spring into Summer' campaign.

Nevis shines a spotlight on some of its most anticipated events of the season, such as the renowned Nevis Mango Festival and the Nevis Culturama Festival.

Furthermore, guests can have access to a collection of seasonal packages and hotel offers, such as complimentary nights, and summer savings.



Cruise through the Caribbean

CRYSTAL CRUISES is offering travellers to end their year in style with a 10-day roundtrip cruise through the Caribbean.

Explore historical ports such as St Thomas and Virgin Gorda.

A highlighted excursion is a historical walking tour of Kongens Quarter in St Thomas, with an experienced guide.

Prices lead in from £4,370 per person, with a departure of December 20th, 2026.

Jam-packed Jamaica

JAMAICA ALWAYS has something to offer for both tourists and locals alike. Visitors can embark on journeys, follow niche hobbies, or become immersed in the local culture with ease.

'Discover Jamaica by Bike' is a six-day, island-wide cycling journey across 400 miles and four parishes. Coastal rides, mountain climbs, and even the Spur Tree Hill Challenge enables travellers to embrace the Jamaican community.

In Kingston, creativity is nurtured with an array of events, such as AnimeCom Fest, which is a two-day pop culture convention, and a Reggae Marathon in December that celebrates Kingston by running along it's historic waterfront with live reggae soundtracks.

In Ocho Rios, adventurers can enjoy the 'Best Weekend Ever' with this year's edition of 'Escape to Paradise' that unfolds as a mutli-day, multi-sensory event series.



In southern Jamaica, visitors can watch elite horse racing during the Mouttet Mile in December, or experience local cuisine at the Treasure Beach Food, Rum & Reggae Festival with artists like Chris Martin. The festival's proceeds go towards the rehabilitation of Jamaica's agricultural sector.

Dive into the history of St Kitts

ST KITTS has created a new and exciting underwater attraction for visitors looking to dive deep into the history and nature of the island.

Visitors now have the chance to dive to a plane wreckage that was purposefully sunk off the coast of Potato Bay.

The decommissioned plane was donated by Sylvester Williams, the owner of Island Auto Supplies, and the project was delivered through a partnership between

government ministries, regulatory bodies and the private industry.

The plane was thoroughly and comprehensively examined and inspected in preparation for its submersion. The plane was screened for potential hazards, such as radiation, and passed with flying colours for both humans and marine life.

Beyond its appeal as a dive attraction for humans, the submerged aircraft represents a meaningful contribution to the health and biodiversity of the local marine ecosystem. The plane is expected to transform into an artificial reef to support the regeneration of marine life over time.

The model marks a perfect example of sustainably-driven initiatives and sustainable tourism.

The diving site is now open to divers of any level, with all of St Kitts' dive operators offering trips to the site.





Luxury Holidays Showcase

A VERY opulent affair was brought to Wokingham, St Albans and Royal Leamington Spa last week as our trio of Luxury Holidays Showcases welcomed nearly 140 agents ready to dive into the upper echelons of holiday getaways.

As always, a big thank you to our supplier partners: Abercrombie & Kent, Barut Hotels, Barbados, Crystal Cruises, Constantinou Bros Hotels, Eurostar, H10 Hotels, Japan, Lindos Hotels, Marriott International, Louis Hotels, Ras Al Khaimah, Sandals, Seaside Collection, Seychelles, Soulsetters, United Airlines, and Visit Rwanda.



Our next taste of luxury action will be taking place in Chester on September 28th, Kidderminster on September 29th, and Reading on September 30th. To confirm your place or find out when we will be hosting our next event near you contact events@travelbulletin.co.uk



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FLY & CRUISE WITH MSC

MSC Cruises has launched its Summer 2027 Fly & Cruise programme to the Mediterranean.



MSC CRUISES has unveiled its latest 'Fly & Cruise' programme that focuses on travel in the Mediterranean, with packages starting from £999 per person.

The price includes return flights, hold luggage, return transfers, and a full-board cruise with all on-board entertainment.

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Celestyal takes to Crete

CELESTYAL JOURNEY has marked a new milestone in its Mediterranean deployment as she makes her first call to Agios Nikolaos, Crete.

The call takes place in the cruise line's 'Idyllic Greece' itinerary, and the cruise ship is scheduled to visit the port a further 21 times throughout the 2026 season, which runs through to November.

Lee Haslett, chief commercial officer at Celestyal, commented, "[Agios Nikolaos] perfectly reflects the type of call our guests are increasingly looking for."

£100 per person, which allows guests to have early holiday-security. MSC also offers convenient regional flights from UK airports including Manchester, Edinburgh, Belfast, and Dublin to departure destinations such as Barcelona, Rome, Naples, and Palma with Jet2 or Aer Lingus.

A seven-night 'Fly & Cruise' holiday from Manchester to Barcelona on *MSC Fantasia* that explores Ibiza, Cagliari, Civitavecchia, Livorno, and Cannes leads in from £999 per person with a departure date of April 22nd, 2027.

For cruise-enjoyers looking to travel in winter 2026/2027, MSC Cruises is

offering a free balcony upgrade for the price of an Ocean View Cabin on a wide selection of Mediterranean, Caribbean, and Northern Europe sailings.

Antonio Paradiso, VP of International Sales at MSC Cruises, commented, "We are seeing a strong demand for holidays to the Mediterranean, and our Fly & Cruise packages are particularly popular [...] As always, we will 'status match' other holiday loyalty schemes, so new customers can join our loyalty programme, 'MSC Cruises Club' at a similar or higher level than their current status, giving them additional savings and onboard benefits."

Iberostar goes green

IBEROSTAR AND Redexis have launched the first green hydrogen fuel cell in a hotel, which marks a new milestone for energy innovation in the hospitality sector.

The hydrogen fuel cell was installed at Iberostar Waves Bahia de Palma in Mallorca, Spain, and marks a significant step towards the reduction of environmental impact from hotels.





Creta Maris opens for families

CRETA MARIS Resort in Crete, the largest island in Greece, has opened for the season with newly renovated rooms.

Perfect for families, the resort boasts 17 swimming pools, a water park, seven restaurants, a teens' club, and a kids' club.

The kids' club aims to instil a commitment to environmental stewardship while also providing children with the mental, physical, and creative stimulation needed, while the teens club is a space for personal growth.



Rhodes gets luxurious

AMOH, A Luxury Collection Resort, Rhodes has opened for bookings as of May 1st, 2026.

The new resort is part of the renowned Marriott International portfolio under the Luxury Collection brand.

The resort features 197 rooms, with options of a private pool and expansive sea views, and is designed to meet the desires of travellers that expect the most out of a luxury setting.

Ancient Greek island-hopping with Newmarket

NEWMARKET HOLIDAYS is offering a 12-day 'Ancient Greece Uncovered with Aegean Islands' Cruise' adventure for travellers who wish to explore the Archipelago of Greek islands in the Mediterranean.

The tour begins with a flight to Athens, in which travellers will become immersed in the local culture before travelling to Napflio via the Corinth Canal. Guests can become historically immersed in Mycenae and Olympia, the birthplace of the Olympic Games.

A Celestyal ship will take guests to ports around the Greek islands, such as Mykonos, in complete luxury. Guests will dock in Kusadasi, Turkiye, and take an excursion to the ancient ruins of Ephesus.

The Acropolis of Lindos in Rhodes, the largest of Dodecanese Islands, sits a short way south of Mandraki.

At the tail end of the cruise, the ship will



port at Crete and Santorini, two of the most iconic Mediterranean destinations.

A departure from London Gatwick on April 26th, 2027, leads in from £2,665 per person. Guests can book with confidence, as Newmarket offers a 'peace of mind promise' for security.

Elounda elevates everything

THE ELOUNDA Collection encompasses three luxury beachfront properties that create one resort in Elounda, Crete. The 2026 season brings elevated expansions to Elounda's offerings of wellness programmes, designs, and new outlets.

Porto Elounda was refreshed with a significant design shift towards a brighter, more contemporary style. With it, the shift brings a reimagined lobby, bar, and suites.

Elounda Mare has completed the full renovation of its bungalows, and it has



retained the property's traditional decorative style with antiques and artworks. Finalising the bungalows was the last step in preparing for the 2026 season.

Elounda Peninsula has refreshed its Beachfront Junior Suites with a redesigned outdoor space crafted for seamless relaxation. This follows the Presidential Suites outdoor renovations.

A new state-of-the-art wellness centre has debuted for guests staying in any property in the collection. The wellness centre features the latest techno-gym equipment, Pilates reformers, a dedicated yoga studio, and an outdoor gym. The centre raises the standards of wellness and sets a new benchmark for holistic wellbeing.

A double occupancy premium junior suite room for seven-nights in Porto Elounda leads in from approximately £4,684 per person.

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Ikos welcomes first Cretan property

IKOS RESORTS has officially opened the doors on its first foray into Crete with the addition of the Ikos Kissamos property.

Nestled on the untouched shores of Kissamos Bay, located a 45-minute drive from Chania Airport, the property offers a tranquil escape where authentic Cretan charm meets refined luxury. Boasting 414 rooms, suites and bungalows, the property has already set new records for the brand by achieving the highest-ever opening day performance.



Barriere Hotels makes Greek debut

MARKING BARRIERE Group's entry into Greece, Fouquet Mykonos is penned to open on June 27th, bringing a private, design-led property to the Greek island. Set on Paraga Beach, the 61 suites and three villas boast Cycladic architecture and a personality rooted in its heritage. An indoor pool, basketball court, Rock Spa, and signature dining experiences await guests this summer.

Celebrity puts Europe on sale

FOR A limited time only, Celebrity Cruises is offering travellers the chance to explore Europe for less with discounted flights and savings across select sailings as part of its Europe Sale campaign.

Some of the offers available include flights prices from £99, 60% off second guests, and savings of up to £800 per room. The Sale reflects the continued demand for European summer travel, with Celebrity wanting to give travellers the opportunity to experience the cruise line's holidays across some of the most sought-after destinations across the continent.

The itineraries highlighted in the sale include the 10-night sailing to Italy, Greece and Croatia aboard *Celebrity Ascent* in June; the 11-night sailing to Italy, France and Greece aboard *Celebrity Eclipse* in September; and the nine-night voyage to Spain, Portugal and Morocco aboard *Celebrity Equinox* in June.



The Sale is applicable for bookings made until August 17th, 2026, for sailings departing before December 2026. Reduced air fare is valid for select return flights departing from London Gatwick, Manchester, Birmingham, Newcastle, Edinburgh, and Dublin.

Free flights to the Med with Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines

THIS IS your last chance to help secure your clients free flights on select Mediterranean sailings with Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines.

On September 30th, *Balmora* will set sail on her Grand Voyage around the Mediterranean and Atlantic Islands, spanning six itineraries with calls to iconic destinations including Athens, Marmaris, Thessaloniki, and Syros.

The free flight offer applies to the first- and last-leg itineraries, with flights departing

from London Gatwick and Manchester.

The sailings featured in the offer include the eight-night 'Charming Spanish Cities and Autumn Warmth' departing on September 30th from £929 per person; the 10-night 'Canaries Escape with Fleet Fiesta' departing on November 30th; and the 11-night 'Country Hopping from Greece to Tenerife' departing on November 19th from £1,599 per person.

Geoff Ridgeon, head of sales at Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines, said, "Our fly-cruise holidays make discovering the Mediterranean effortless and rewarding [...] With free flights currently available on selected sailings, this presents a strong opportunity for our trade partners to offer guests extra value, alongside the reassurance of a seamless end-to-end holiday that can be sold with confidence."



LUXURY-ON-LUXURY

Marriott International and Lefay announce a milestone deal to grow luxury wellness offerings.



MARRIOTT INTERNATIONAL has announced its plans to enter into a joint venture with Lefay to bring its wellness properties into the Marriott portfolio. Lefay will be first brand in Marriott's portfolio dedicated exclusively to luxury wellness.

Lefay is known for its immersive resorts in natural settings and its

The adult-only Makadi Spa

RED SEA Holidays' most popular adult-only hotel, the five-star Makadi Spa in Makadi Bay, Hurghada, has now fully opened its spa which offers 26 treatment rooms, hydrotherapy pools, relaxation areas, and a spa-only pool.

Guests will receive complimentary access to the Wet Area, which includes a luxurious sauna, jacuzzi, steam bath, and pristine swimming pools. Guests will also receive a 20% discount on the standard prices for all massage treatments, hammam services, and beauty centre services.

The spa is open to adults from other hotel's in Red Sea's multi-hotel resort.

proprietary SPA Method, which blends scientific research with holistic wellness traditions.

The Lefay properties will complement the existing Marriott portfolio while appealing to a rapidly expanding global audience seeking transformative travel experiences focused on health.

The current Lefay portfolio features two award-winning luxury resorts in Lago di Garda and the Dolomites. Additionally, the brand currently has three properties under development in Tuscany, Southern Italy, and the Swiss Alps.

Lefay's existing and pipeline resorts

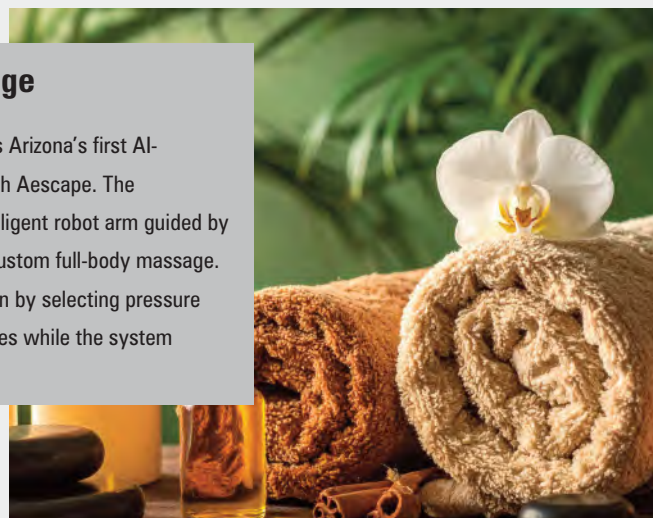
will operate under long-term hotel management agreements with the new joint venture, to which Lefay will contribute existing brand and intellectual property assets.

Tina Edmundson, President of Luxury at Marriott International, commented, "Lefay represents a new expressions of luxury, one that is wellness-first, deeply experiential, and emotionally resonant. [...] As guest expectations continue to evolve, our collaboration with Lefay will allow us to thoughtfully extend our luxury offerings into a space where wellness is not just an amenity, but the heart of the travel experience."

Let AI give you a massage

THE AWAY Spa in W Scottsdale offers Arizona's first AI-powered massage in collaboration with Aescape. The cutting-edge treatment entails an intelligent robot arm guided by advanced AI technology to deliver a custom full-body massage.

Guests can personalise their session by selecting pressure levels, target areas, and massage styles while the system reacts in real-time.



Wellness week returns to Velas

VELAS RESORTS' annual Wellness Getaway returns next month, ready to help guests reconnect with their inner energy and leave feeling rejuvenated and revitalised.

A full international roster of wellness instructors, coaches and specialists will guide guests through a full schedule of high-energy movement and restorative practices. The programme is available in five Diamond Grand Velas Resorts in Riviera Nayarit, Riviera Maya and Los Cabos. This year's edition will introduce a refreshed concept inspired by harmony, nature and international rest.

Each resort will host the event at different times throughout June, with Grand Velas Riviera Nayarit up first on

June 11th to 13th; Grand Velas Riviera Maya from June 13th to 17th; and Grand Velas Los Cabos from June 18th to 21st.

All Wellness Getaway activities are included in the nightly all-inclusive rate at each hotel. Rates lead in from \$512 at Grand Velas Riviera Nayarit; \$697 at Grand Velas Riviera Maya; and \$853 at Grand Velas Los Cabos.



A centenary never looked so good

SOUTHERN QUEENSLAND's beloved O'Reilly's Rainforest Retreat is celebrating its 100-year anniversary with a full calendar of events for the remainder of the year, including wellness weekends, two-day forest excursions, and vineyard visits. The eco resort is famed for its Lost World Spa, a hidden secret boasting endless views of the tranquil rainforest with regular specials and new treatments for guests to try during their time there. Guests can choose from body treatments, facials, massages and rituals to help melt their stresses away.

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