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BRITISH AIRWAYS Holidays has released its

2024 Travel Trends Report, lifting the lid on

the top destinations that are piquing the

Brits' interest, as well as delving into the

British holidaymakers are searching for in

strongest influences over booking patterns.

2024, with St Kitts receiving a 97% increase in

holiday package searches this year. Jamaica

takes second place with a 73% increase in

increase, Gran Canaria (57%), Tokyo (42%)

and Lanzarote (31%) round out the top six. Social media site TikTok has once again

platform as 23% of UK consumers surveyed

figure, almost one in five have said they have

use the app for inspiration, and from that

booked a trip as a direct result of viewing

content on the platform. Similarly, 78% of

travellers have been inspired to visit a

searches, and Malta in third with a 58%

proven itself to be a hugely influential

The report has revealed the top destinations

TIME, TRENDS AND TIKTOK

It is the year of change according to the British Airways Holidays 2024 Travel Trends Report, with new destinations rising in the ranks and peak travel seasons shifting gears.

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CEO of The Advantage Travel Partnership, Julia Lo Bue-Said.



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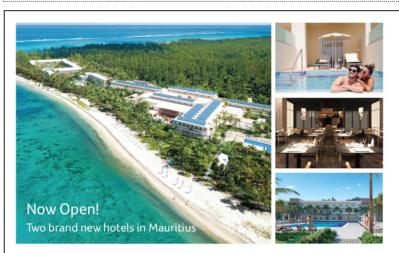
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An interesting trend that is set to continue through 2024 and beyond is the desire to travel outside of the main summer peak period. People are preferring to start their summers earlier in the 'shoulder season': the growth in searches for travel in May and June 2024 was double that of searches for holidays in July and August compared to the same period last year.

destination because of a TV show or movie.

Not only is the start of the travel season changing, but the type of destination is changing alongside it. Alternative destinations are now higher on Brits' wish lists, with 31% of UK consumers stating they usually opt for lesser-known locations as opposed to the top holiday hotspots such as the Maldives or Dubai. Only 16% of those surveyed stated they would prefer to travel to the most popular holiday destinations around the globe.





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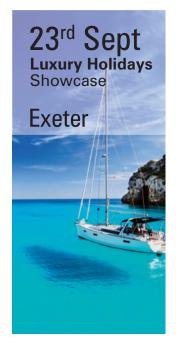


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AlUla stand trumps 2,844 others at ATM

THE ROYAL Commission for AIUIa won the Sustainability Stand Award at ATM.

Competing against 2,844 other stands, the ancient city's stage, held under the theme of the 'AlUla Green Initiative 2024' strived to embrace a philosophy that emphasises how small changes can contribute to a more sustainable future.

Rami Almoallim, VP of destination

management and marketing, said AlUla's dedication to sustainability "extends beyond mere participation. With initiatives such as the Sharaan Planting Initiative and our comprehensive carbon offset programme launched on-site, we aim to inspire every individual to contribute to environmental conservation."

www.experiencealula.com





JG Travel Group doubles departures

JG TRAVEL Group (Just Go! Holidays and National Holidays) has responded to notable demand for Scottish breaks by expanding the programme and adding extra departure dates on existing itineraries.

Claire Dutton, trade sales

manager for both brands in the group, said departures were added "so agents can keep selling them," adding that the areas covered by the programme are "clearly appealing to customers." www.justgoholidays.com www.nationalholidays.com

Manchester Airport breaks seventh consecutive monthly record

APRIL 2024 was Manchester Airports busiest April on record, with almost two-and-a-half million passengers walking through its gates: up 300,000 against 2023 and 25,000 more than April 2019, which held the previous best.

Dublin took the short-haul top spot last month, with Dubai remaining the most popular long-haul destination.

93% of those passing through the gates waited for 10 minutes or less to get through security.

The airport's managing director, Chris Woodroofe, iterated that the team is "really proud to connect the North to the world," adding: "It's been great to see so many passengers coming through, taking advantage of our unrivalled route network of more than 200 destinations." www.manchesterairport.co.uk

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SunExpress elevates Scottish choice

SUNEXPRESS WILL introduce two new routes next summer to the popular Turkish destinations of Antalya and Dalaman from Glasgow.

The services will take off from the beginning of April 2025, operating six times per week – twice to Dalaman and four times to Antalya. Bookings for these services are now open.

Tobias Bracht, head of sales for SunExpress, is "delighted to offer exceptional value and convenience to our passengers



Christopher Tibbett, aero director at AGS Airports, is "thrilled" to welcome SunExpress to Glasgow Airport, highlighting how the "addition of an extra 1,200 seats per week bound for two of Türkiye's most popular destinations is fantastic news."

www.sunexpress.com



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THIS YEAR's shining stars have been revealed as the finalists for Travel Bulletin's Star Awards have been announced!

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www.travelbulletin.co.uk /starawards

AmaWaterways opens pre-orders after "record-breaking sales"

WITH JAMIE Loizou, managing director, stating that the river cruise line has "seen record-breaking sales across the board in recent months," AmaWaterways is encouraging agents to capture demand and begin preorders for its 2025 programme.

The luxury river cruise provider has noted continued growth in its offpeak months, as Jamie continued: "While river cruising during the peak months of May to October remains as popular as ever, more and more guests appreciate the benefits of travelling at quieter times of the year."

Following this trend, AmaWaterways will continue to offer Rhine and Danube departures as early as February.

The cruise line's 2025 brochure features offerings across the continent,



alongside Asia, South America and Africa sailings. Copies can be ordered via Tradegate.

www.amawaterwavs.co.uk



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Momentum swings towards the trade

THE TRADITIONAL travel agent is making a well-celebrated comeback – but is the momentum set to continue?

One of the contributing factors to the comeback is that of better technology available to agents, according to Gareth Matthews, chief marketing officer at Didatravel:



"Distribution companies and intermediaries have long since evolved to offer far more advanced retailing technology, giving agents the ability to find highly personalised deals for their customers."

Guests are also finding the more-streamlined service of an agent a key factor in making the switch to booking with the trade. Eugene Ko, marketing director at Phocuswright, highlighted how booking procedures have become "increasingly complex" in recent years and by using travel agents customers can "eliminate the need for extensive online trawling."

Sami Doyle from insurance intermediary TMU
Management, emphasised that the trust factor with high street retailers is "so much higher," after Covid-19, with this trust not diminishing in the foreseeable future.



CLUB MED is gearing up for its Gulf State debut with the Club Med Musandam in Oman. A partnership between Club Med, Royal Court Affairs and the Omran Group, the all-inclusive resort will embody Oman traditions and its surrounding wonders while retaining Club Med's commitment to local development. Club Med Musandam will join 20 other properties in the brand's Exclusive Collection. www.clubmed.co.uk

Summer 2025 set to start early for Jet2.com

ADDITIONAL CAPACITY for a range of destinations featured in Jet2.com and Jet2holidays' summer 2025 programme sees the season kick off in March next year.

Over 35,000 extra seats are on offer to Malaga, Costa de Almeria, Majorca, Dalaman, Lesvos, Skiathos, Split and Dubrovnik, enhancing choice from nine of the airline and package provider's UK bases.

Less than a month after its first flights from

Liverpool John Lennon, Jet2 is clearly considering the launch a success, enhancing next summer's programme with early flights from the new base to Malaga, Majorca and Dalaman.

Steve Heapy, Jet2.com and Jet2holidays' CEO, said there is "lots of demand from customers who are looking even further ahead to 2025."

www.trade.jet2holidays.com

Amadeus waves goodbye to single supplements

SINGLE SUPPLEMENTS will be waived across nine Amadeus River Cruises itineraries on the Seine, Rhône, Saone, Danube, Rhine and Moselle.

With the single supplements traditionally representing between 15% to 100% of the fare, the offer provides solo travellers a greater opportunity to sail along some of Europe's finest waterways this summer, complete with a wider choice of cabin options.

Applicable sailings include the seven-night 'La Belle France' round trip from Paris from £4,005 per person departing on July 17^{th} , 2024.

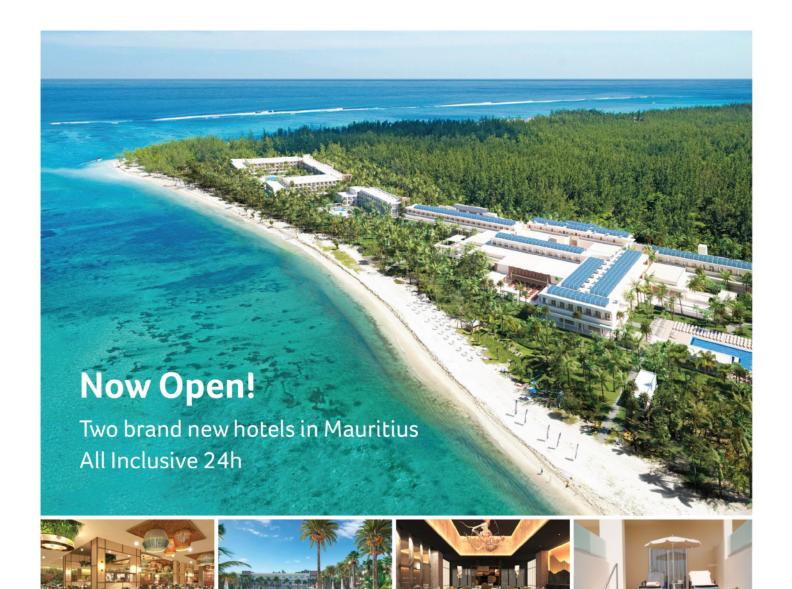
The full range of applicable cruises can be found via the river line's website at www.amadeus-rivercruises.co.uk/offers/solo-offers.





Emirates returns to the Scottish capital

EMIRATES' EDINBURGH to Dubai service will return on November 4th, 2024, complementing the existing daily service from Glasgow. The return of the service brings the airline's Scottish programme to 14 weekly flights. www.emirates.com





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CRAIG GOODRIDGE

CRAIG GOODRIDGE TRAVEL, SHEFFIELD

AS OF May 1st, 2024, I have officially completed 12 months as a full-time, self-employed agent, with the added bonus (and stress) of a physical store. The journey over the past year has been one of ups and downs, but overall, it has been a positive experience. The ups have been the increase in customer numbers, sales, and profits, which obviously keep us going and ensure we can keep a roof over our heads. Another positive has been all the time spent with customers face-to-face, which I didn't get as a homeworker and something I really enjoy. A nice cup of tea, a gossip, and booking a nice coach holiday off to Torquay – wonderful.

Being able to attend more events with fellow travel friends has also been great. Not being tied down to a 9-5 job has allowed me to go on some lovely fam trips and attend conferences, making lots of new friends along the way.

Some of the downsides have been not having the regular income I was used to with a salaried role. However, not having that regular income lights a fire under you to go out and find those sales and chase up those enquiries.

If I could go back a year and give myself some advice, it would probably be:

- Budget better and make sure you are only spending money on marketing and things that will benefit your business.
- Attend as many events as you can because it can be lonely being on your own, and having these interactions and making new friends really does pay off. I've made lots of new friends now, and no one cares who you work for; you are all in it together and support each other's success.
- Don't give up. Some months will be quiet and some will be busy. But at the end of the day, it's your business and it's all your hard work, which is really rewarding when you see the positive feedback from customers and those repeat bookings.



Short sailings source of seacentric surge

CRUISE.CO.UK HAS reported that cruises between two and six nights in length are proving increasingly popular, inspiring waves in the cruise market and outselling longer departures.

Shorter sailings are deemed as a more accessible choice for uncertain new-to-cruise guests, and as 71% of guests that have never cruised now say they might consider a sailing according to a recent CLIA survey, this market is a growing one.

Managing director Tony Andrews said that shorter voyages "provide the perfect way for new-to-cruise guests to dip their toe in the water."

www.cruise.co.uk

News Bites

- RIVIERA TRAVEL has unveiled its new ocean cruises for 2025, including options along the Dalmatian coast, through the Adriatic and in the Arctic Circle.
- FLYDUBAI SERVED almost five million passengers in Q1, with its network now connecting more than 125 destinations across 58 countries.



GARDALAND RESORT recently welcomed the first LEGO-themed water park in Europe, joining the resort's theme park, three themed hotels and aquarium. Opened on May 18th, 2024, the water park spans 15,000 square metres, including the iconic Miniland, divided into six areas representing a journey through Italy. *www.gardaland.it*

AGENT INCENTIVES

- AGENTS HAVE until June 6th to partake in Disney
 Destinations International's
 10-day competition to be in with a chance of winning a Caribbean cruise aboard Disney Treasure. Agents will be awarded 'Mickey Stamps' for every challenge and 2025 summer bookings they make.

 www.disneytravelagents.
- VARIETY CRUISES is offering an exclusive 'Sell Three, Sail Three' promotion: agents who sell three cabins for any of the cruise line's Tahiti packages will be awarded an additional cabin for themselves. Bookings must be for departures between June 2024 and April 2025.
 www.varietycruises.com
- WIN A place on a FAM trip organised by Santa Monica Travel & Tourism to Los Angeles' beach city by registering your bookings to the star-studded seaside destination by June 30th. www.santamonica.com
- 25 FREE cruises are up for grabs with A-ROSA when booking sailings throughout 2025 as part of the cruise line's largest-ever trade incentive. Bookings must be confirmed by June 30th and emailed to hello@arosa-cruises.co.uk to be entered into the prize draw. www.arosa-cruises.co.uk
- EARN AN annual family membership with the National Trust plus a stylish hamper from bookings made with Incredible Journeys by July 31st. www.goldmedal.co.uk /incredible-journeys
- MAGARI TOURS is offering agents the opportunity to indulge with an Italian hamper full of delicacies and luxury products by booking an escorted tour by June 30th. www.magaritours.com



JETSET RECENTLY celebrated its
Transatlantic Treats promotion and the
Jetset Power Month, running
throughout May, at its head office.
Pictured here (left-right) is Jeremy
Moore (Air Canada), Chloe Smyth
(Jetset), Claire Webber (United
Airlines), and Adrian Smyth, Santa
Lavrenova and Aysu Mehmed (Jetset).



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 www.spainspecialistprogram.com/en
- COMPLETE THREE short modules on the New Smyrna Beach trade training course to be in with a chance of winning a £50 shopping voucher. www.tourismgivesback.com/ courses-archive/nsb-insider/
- AGENTS WHO register and complete eight modules on the Qatar Specialist Programme will be in with a chance of joining a FAM trip with Visit Qatar later this year.
 www.qatarspecialist.lobsteraccess.com/selfregistration
- DISCOVER THE ins and outs of the upcoming destination of AlUla and become a specialist today! Take the training course to learn about the four significant heritage site, including the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Hegra, and learn about the plans in store for the destination's future.

 www.alulaspecialist.com/

CRUISE LINE TRAINING

- ENJOY BRAND new training modules as well as a comprehensive list of incentives and competitions available through Princess Cruises.
- www.book.princess.com/BookingSystems/login.page
- YOU CAN win a bottle of Moët when completing the Gold tier of Virgin Voyages' Seacademy training platform this month.
 www.travelbulletin.co.uk/virgin-voyage-travelgym



Jumeirah unveils new brand identity

AS IT pursues the doubling of its portfolio by 2030, Jumeirah has refreshed its brand identity alongside a customer experience promise.

The brand's chief operating officer, Thomas Meier, said the new identity "is the first step on a journey of regional and international expansion."

Its new vision will see it pursue boutique-style properties of 150 keys or less, alongside owner and operator opportunities in gateway cities and resort destinations. www.jumeirah.com

Holiday Extras certifies Eurovision victors as Good Trip Index leaders

HOLIDAY EXTRAS' Good Trip Index, which ranks responsible tourist destinations across several metrics, has confirmed Switzerland as the leader of its third annual index, highlighting its freedom and quality of life.

Elizabeth Hogg, Holiday Extras' COO, said the index aims to "take the hassle out of finding responsible travel destinations for our customers, who tell us in evergreater numbers that ethical considerations play a large part in picking where they go on holiday."

Switzerland took the top spot amid strong competition from other Scandinavian nations, gaining two points against last year's leader Denmark.

It was not just Denmark that represented some fierce competition against this year's Eurovision winners:

Sweden, Norway and Finland comprised the remaining top five. www.holidayextras.com

Norse Atlantic doubles Y-o-Y traffic in April

APRIL 2024 saw passenger numbers more than double against April 2023, with



almost 100,000 flyers boarding 398 flights.

The passenger increase was backed up by increases to load factor, early or on-time arrivals, and service completion rate.

www.flynorse.com

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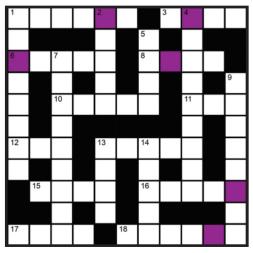
Closing date for entries is Thursday, June 13th. Solution and new puzzle will appear next week.

May 17th Solution: A=6 B=4 C=1 D=3

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				1	8	6			9
	9	1	8						6
D		7			5	3			



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Across

- 1 Flag carrier of Indonesia (6)
- 3 Havana is the capital (4)
- 6 Celebrity recently seen travelling with Rob on BBC's Grand Tour (5)
- 8 Accor brand, sounds like a wading bird (4)
- 10 Giuseppe, composer of Rigoletto (5)
- 11 London attraction enjoyed by more than three million visitors each year (3)
- 12 Heathrow international airport code (3)
- 13 Miley who won a Record Of The Year grammy for her hit. Flowers (5)
- 15 Party where the dance floor is covered in froth (4)
- 16 Lake Maggiore's Borromean gem, Isola (5)
- 17 Carrier with a main hub at Bahrain International Airport, ____ Air (4)
- 18 City home of the Acropolis (6)

Down

- 1 Animated ginger cat, starring at a cinema near you (8)
- Currency of Tunisia (5)
- 4 Orlando based theme parks operator (9)
- 5 Suva is the capital (4)
- 7 City on the Mersey (9)
- 9 Worn by the entertainment team at Butlins (8)
- 13 Bellagio is a popular resort on this lake (4)
- 14 Capital of Morocco (5)

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Attraction World expands global bundle offering

ATTRACTION WORLD has expanded its bundle range with the addition of 10 brand new 'Big Bundles' packages across some of the world's most popular cities.

The diverse bundle offerings comprise of multiple tours and tickets into a single package,



creating a simpler booking process for all. Multiple tickets can be secured in one transaction, often boasting discounted rates.

The Big Bundle packages will be available across 10 global hotspot destinations, including Rome, Dubai, Miami, Dublin, Las Vegas, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Vienna, London and Abu Dhabi.

Kelly Hayre, retail director for Attraction World, stated the company is "always attentive" to the feedback provided by trade partners, and is confident the Big Bundles will "present another exciting avenue for our agent partners."

Charlotte Earless, global experiences manager, commented the supply team would "focus on working closely with our suppliers to curate unique products that represent great value and offer great experiences to our agents' customers on a global scale."



EMBRACE THE 'Hygge' feeling this winter as Ovolo Hotels invites guests to cozy up for the ultimate winter stay with its new Hygge packages. Known as the Danish practice of creating a calm and comfortable time with loved ones, guests can save up to 20% off on stays of two nights or more at any Ovolo or By Ovolo hotel in Australia when booked by August 29th, 2024. www.ovolohotels.com

Pegasus Airlines expands international services

PEGASUS AIRLINES continues to expand its international portfolio with the addition of two new routes: Istanbul to Bratislava and Ankara to Dublin.

Pegasus is connecting the two capital cities of Türkiye and Ireland from July 3rd, 2024 as the service between Ankara and Dublin will take to the skies thrice weekly with fares leading in from €69.99 (around £59.83) one-way.

The Istanbul service to the Slovenian capital launched on May 15th, 2024, and will now operate twice per week on Wednesdays and Sundays, with fares leading in from €39.99 (approx. £34.20) one-way.

Pegasus Airlines has an expanding network of 138 destinations: 35 of which are within Türkiye and the other 103 are international destinations.

www.flypgs.com

Sofitel oozes luxury in Ras Al Khaimah

THE LATEST in immersive luxury has officially opened its doors in Ras Al Khaimah. The Sofitel Al Hamra Beach Resort aims to epitomise the luxury experience for its guest, blending the Arabian Gulf with a sophisticated French Art De Vivre flair.

Boasting 292 rooms, ranging from Classic King to Luxury Double categories, as well as four beachfront swimming pools, seven dining venues, the Le Petit Prince Kids Club, and an 18-hole golf course, the resort promises to offer a rejuvenating getaway for all travellers wishing to escape no matter the time of year. www.all.accor.com





Cathay Pacific shows strong passenger demand

CATHAY PACIFIC has shown a strong increase in passenger numbers throughout April 2024. 1,741,585 passengers were carried by the airline, boasting a 26.1% rise compared to the same period last year as per the airline's traffic figures.

www.cathaypacific.com



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Titan Travel launches 2025 brochure

ESCORTED TOUR specialist
Titan Tours has launched its
new 2025 Small Group
Holidays and Solo Tours
brochure, featuring two new
itineraries to Namibia and
Nepal. The two new additions
bring the operator's small
group offering to over 25



worldwide tours, as well as 40 solo adventures.

Each Titan small group holiday and solo adventure includes VIP door-to-door transfers, no single supplements, international flights, hotel accommodation, handpicked excursions, dedicated free time and an expert guide.

Hayley Morris, head of trade sales for Titan Travel, is "excited" to launch the 2025 brochure that has been designed "for customers looking for authentic experiences anywhere from the rainforests of Costa Rica to the railways of India."

Sample itineraries highlighted in the brochure include the eight-day 'Captivating Crete' solo tour priced from £1,495 per person, and the eight-day 'Memories of Mallorca' group tour leading in from £1,795 per person.

www.titantravel.co.uk



NEWMARKET HOLIDAYS has added an eight-day excursion to its European portfolio exploring the Baltic capitals of Tallinn, Riga and Vilnius. The tour will begin in Estonia's capital before travelling on to Latvia and ending the tour in the heart of Lithuania. Prices for the package lead in from £1,199 per person. Departures are available from April 2025. www.newmarketholidays.co.uk

Aer Lingus heads to Sin City

TRAVELLERS CAN experience the glitz and glam of the entertainment capital of the world this winter as Aer Lingus announces its inaugural services from Dublin to Las Vegas.

Commencing from October 25^{th,} 2024, flights will operate thrice weekly on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays until April 29th, 2025.

Travellers have the option to connect from Manchester, London, Glasgow and Edinburgh

through the airline's Dublin hub.

Tickets are now on sale for the Las Vegas service, with return fares leading in from £569.

Lynne Embleton, Aer Lingus' chief officer, stated it has been the airline's "long-held ambition" to fly to Las Vegas and the new route marks a "significant moment for us and our customers."

www.aerlingus.com

Unforgettable Croatia offers early-bird sale

UNFORGETTABLE CROATIA has launched an early-bird offer across 23 seven-night sailings in May 2025. All bookings made by June 30th, 2024, will receive €75 per cabin in bar credit to spend on-board and guests will receive a complimentary three-course traditional Croatian dinner experience in Korcula.

The itineraries on offer sail along the Dalmatian coast from Split to Dubrovnik, featuring port calls in well-known favourites such as Korcula and Hvar, as well as ports in Vis and in the national parks of Mljet and Krka. All voyages include transfers, provided meals, and a full programme of excursions and guided tours. www.unforgettablecroatia.co.uk





TC shows significant Q2 growth

TRAVEL COUNSELLORS has reported a surge in sales for Q2 of its financial year with group sales reaching £270 million from February to April: an increase of 13% compared to the same period last year.

www.travelcounsellors.co.uk

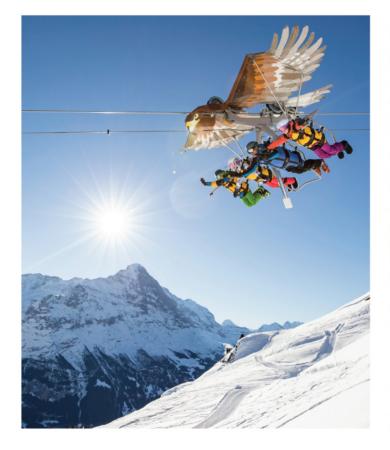


Switzerland Travel Centre presents the Jungfrau Railways.

A majestic landscape, filled with Swiss tradition and natural beauty, a region that our team refers to as classic Switzerland. The Jungfrau Region is a one-stop shop when it comes to holidaying in Switzerland and the Jungfrau Railways effortlessly shows off the best the region has to offer. The longest Glacier in the Alps, valleys of waterfalls, flower strewn alpine meadows and action-packed adventure, the Jungfrau Railway network gives you access to it all, and more.



There are probably more pictures being taken aboard the Jungfrau Railways than any other network in Switzerland.









The new Eiger Express tricable gondola from Grindelwald Terminal to Eigergletscher is not only an engineering marvel but shows off one of the most incredible panoramas in Switzerland. The Eiger north face on one side and lush alpine forests and meadows on the other, simply stunning and a highlight of the Jungfrau Railways.



Pedro Carneiro - Sales & Operations

The Jungfrau Railways (JR) – An incredible network of mountain railways, cogwheel trains, ultra-modern cableways and vintage carriages showcasing one of the most classic and beautiful mountain regions of Switzerland.

Your change of train at Interlaken Ost gives you a feeling you are entering a different world and within minutes of departing you are travelling alongside both gushing rivers and alpine flowers. In the distance, the towering snow-capped peaks give you a sense of excitement as your adventure begins – welcome to the high-performance network of the Jungfrau Railways.

The Jungfrau Railways will easily fill a leisurely 1-week holiday, whether you venture to the highest train station in Europe at the Jungfraujoch (3454m), enjoy the peace and tranquillity of the Alpine Garden at Schynige Platte or the adrenalin of high alpine adventure at Grindelwald-First, the options are endless and will always exceed expectations. Or as our team would say, simply use the JR network to glide around this beautiful region getting on and off as you please to explore towns and villages, or to take a gentle stroll with a picnic in your rucksack. There is simply no better way to experience Switzerland at its best.





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INDUSTRY INSIGHT



INDUSTRY, insight by...

Julia Lo Bue-Said, the Advantage Travel Partnership's CEO, welcomed delegates to the Grand Palladium Costa Mujues Resort & Spa for the Partnership Conference 2024.

As the world becomes increasingly complex to navigate, our vision as a voice of authority remains to reinforce the travel agent role."

THE THEME of this year's conference is, 'Buen Futuro – Pace. Passion. Purpose.' Buen Futuro means Good Future in Spanish, which perfectly encapsulates our vision of a positive future for the industry.

It also emphasises the importance of looking forward with optimism and embracing the transformative nature of travel. Pace underscores the need for agility and adaptability, passion highlights the essential role that enthusiasm and commitment plays in driving success and innovation, and purpose is about a shared drive to make a positive impact, by fostering cultural understanding and contributing to a more sustainable global society.

We believe that travel is an incredible force for good, which connects people across the world. We only have to look at the past few years and we can see the importance placed upon travelling, and how it allows us the opportunity to exchange new ideas, drive business innovation and embrace different and unique experiences. Travel is not just about leisure or business but also about fostering understanding, empathy and sustainable practices that benefit both travellers and the places they visit.

If we step back and take a look at the past 12 months, the humanitarian impact of heightened geopolitical situations across the Globe has been heart-breaking. The cost to human life regardless of political persuasion can



never be condoned. From a business perspective whilst inflation appears to now be under control, high interest rates, energy and food poverty are impacts for all major economies.

This year we are set to witness a remarkable milestone in political history when over four billion people [worldwide]... will go to the polls, creating in itself heightened geo-political unrest.

Despite these external macro pressures, I'm pleased to report that Advantage has achieved exceptional growth and made significant progress across all areas of the Partnership, as we strategically drive our 'One Stop' Business Hub approach. Across the partnership our multi-faceted outlook has driven increased member engagement and as a result we have seen our members across multiple sectors positively thrive, and its encouraging fact that 90% of members continue to report that they've attracted new customers.

As the world becomes increasingly complex to navigate, our vision as a voice of authority remains to reinforce the travel agent role, and to help consumers make sense of the consumer protection landscape, which to this day is entwined in a sea of complex and multifaceted regulatory tangle.

Gen Z heralding a climate-conscious travel shift

WHILE DATA from the Advantage Travel
Partnership has revealed that 46% of Gen Z
are travelling more frequently, the consortium
believes the 18-25s market is heralding a
"complete revolution" in travel expectations.

The Partnership's new 'Jetsetting into Tomorrow' report looks ahead to the next generation of travel spenders, uncovering how and why they travel now, and plan to in the future.

Almost half (46%) suggest they are travelling much more or more frequently than previously, but perhaps not how initially expected, with 39% taking the train more often.

Julia Lo Bue-Said, the Advantage Travel
Partnership's CEO, revealed the report at the
Partnership's conference in Mexico, stating:
"What [Gen Z] want from travel is different to
any other generation."



Are travel agents saving the British high street?

THE PARTNERSHIP also released figures that will make happy reading for high street agents: agency members have opened 11 new high street branches in the last 12



months and 17% of members have their sights set on branch expansion in the year ahead. Julia Lo Bue-Said gave no clearer indication of what the figures prove than declaring that she "would be as bold as to say that [travel agents] are keeping the high street alive in some cases."

The climate impact of a travel conference

THE ADVANTAGE Travel Partnership partnered with Thrust Carbon to measure the impact of its conference this year.

Taking to the stage after the Partnership's CEO Julia Lo Bue-Said opened proceedings, Thrust Carbon's channels solution lead Sarah Whiting revealed the conference's impact is equivalent to 694,711 tonnes of CO2; in less scientific terms, that is the equivalent of driving a small car to the moon 16.4 times.

This year, according to Sarah: "Sustainable event planning lead to 16 kg of CO2 equivalent saved [per attendee]... we are taking steps to improve what we can control."

Almost half of guests opt for all-inclusive

THE PARTNERSHIP'S booking data revealed that 27% of bookings for the May half term have been made since the start of March 2024, meaning one in four guests are willing to wait it out: likely for travel concerns to assuage or prices to drop. Kelly Cookes, chief commercial officer, said: "Performance so far has been really strong for the May half term... [but] travellers are clearly



still looking to manage costs."

Cost management is reflected in 42% of all bookings being all inclusive, making it by far the most popular board basis.



Fully self-brandable payment portal launched

PAUL NUNN, the Advantage Travel
Partnership's chief operating
officer, said the new payment
portal for members will "mitigate
merchant processing costs" and
offers "a fresh, modern approach
to payment collection."

Partnering with payment specialist Boodil, the new platform hopes to save both time and money for the Partnership and its members.

Agents will be able collect payments remotely without manual intervention or in person via a customer link or QR code.



Eco partnership bolstered

THE ADVANTAGE Travel
Partnership's collaboration with
Thrust Carbon was enhanced,
promising members "the
opportunity to take advantage of
sustainable technology... and
educational resources," according
to CEO Julia Lo Bue-Said.

"[The resources are] designed to help them understand and implement practical ways to reduce travel industry carbon emissions."







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Luxury Roadshow

THE FIRST event of our Luxury Roadshow was an indulgent affair: agents were joined by Ponant, Seaside Collection, Abercrombie & Kent, RateHawk, Elvira, East Cape Tours, Emerald Cruises, Paralos Hospitality, The Seychelles, Constantinou Bros. Hotels, Ras Al Khaimah Tourism Development Authority and Saadiyat Abu Dhabi in Basingstoke.

The luxury edition of our prize giveaway featured free stays, several bottles of champagne and places on a fam trip!







Don't the **#TBShowcases** sound irresistible?! In June we're bringing the Mediterranean show on the road to Liverpool and Belfast on the 10th and 11th, respectively. To confirm your place or find out when we will be hosting our next event near you contact events@travelbulletin.co.uk





























THE SECOND night of the Roadshow saw agents in Chippenham joined by Constantinou Bros. Hotels, Seaside Collection, Emerald Cruises, the Ras Al Khaimah Tourism Development Authority, Cap St. Georges, Minos Collection, Abercrombie & Kent, Expedia TAAP, Riviera Travel, Finolhu Maldives and Heritance Aarah.

If you thought the prize stays and fam trips of night one couldn't be topped, night two's giveaway featured goodie bags, vouchers and three free stays!









Feeling the #TBShowcases FOMO? In June we are hosting a City Breaks Showcase in Cardiff on the 17th and a Cruise Showcase in Stratford-Upon-Avon on the 18th! To confirm your place or find out when we will be hosting our next event near you contact events@travelbulletin.co.uk





IT IS a year of celebration for Inspiring
Travel as the operator is commemorating
50 years of service; having provided
tailor-made experiences across the world
for five decades.

While Inspiring now provides a portfolio that spans throughout the globe, its story began 50 years ago providing luxury holidays to the

Marriott: the all-inclusive renaissance

MARRIOTT IS breathing new life into the all-inclusive market with new luxury offerings in the Caribbean and Latin America as demand for all-inclusive luxury holidays continues to rise.

Marriott Bonvoy's all-inclusive portfolio offers unique experiences and plans to redefine traditional holidays for all: from family adventures to adult-only escapes and even solo soirees.

Those wanting to elevate their Caribbean experience can find All-Inclusive by Marriott Bonvoy properties in Grenada, Saint Lucia, Antigua and Barbuda, Jamaica and Barbados.

www.marriott.com

Caribbean. With its roots deeply ingrained in the region, its Caribbean itineraries still prove huge hitters with travellers looking for a luxurious escape.

After beginning its story in Barbados in 1974, the destination remains a firm-favourite with customers. One of Inspiring's itineraries to the hotspot destination includes seven nights spent in the Cobblers Cave resort, soaking up the history of the beloved beachfront property. Prices for the package lead in from £2,129 per person based on two sharing, and includes a 40% discount on accommodation and return flights when booked by August 31st, 2024 for travel between June 1st and August 31st, 2024.

Over in the UK-favourite destination of

Jamaica, travellers can stay in the world-famous Jamaica Inn for seven nights from £2,399 per person. The package includes a 15% saving on accommodation, return flights and US\$100 in restaurant credit when booked by September 30th, 2024 for travel until October 31st, 2024.

For those looking for a more subtle approach to luxury, Inspiring's package to Antigua includes a seven-night stay at the Carlisle Bay beach resort from £2,625 per person. Travellers can enjoy 30% off accommodation, return flights to London Gatwick, a complimentary upgrade to half-board service and an airport fast-track pass.

www.inspiringtravel.co.uk

Cayman Islands sees visitation figures soar

THE CAYMAN Islands have welcomed its second-highest Q1 visitation figures in history, following only 2019's record numbers. The region has welcomed 137,094 stayover visitors between January to March 2024, representing a 13.4% increase from the same period in 2023. The UK & Europe market accounted for 5% of total visitors while boasting a 14.9% increase compared to last year. www.ourcayman.ky



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Special occasions spent at Sandals

CELEBRATE IN style with Sandals Resorts as Unique Caribbean Holidays Ltd. is offering exclusive deals on allinclusive Caribbean holidays.

If your clients are looking for a Caribbean Christmas, Sandals is offering a seven-night package for two at the Sandals Grande Antigua Resort & Spa from £2,309 per person. For a big celebration, a seven-night stay for 10 adults at the Sandals Ochi Beach Resort in Jamaica leads in from £17,499, including return flights and all-inclusive accommodation.

www.sellingsandals.co.uk



St. Kitts: a rising star

ST. KITTS has earned pole position in British Airways
Holidays' 'Rising Stars' chart of destinations that have witnessed the biggest jump in popularity this year. The eastern Caribbean island has seen a 97% year-on-year increase in UK searches for holidays to the destination made through British Airways.

Searches for Jamaica have also shown a 73% increase in searches.

www.visitstkitts.com

Cruise the Caribbean with Holland America's latest offer

HOLLAND AMERICA Line is encouraging guests to explore the paradise islands of the Caribbean after launching an exclusive offer across its portfolio of cruises to the destination.

Available to book now, the offer includes £600 flight credit for guests, a pre-cruise hotel stay and transfers when booking a Caribbean cruise. The offer is valid on all bookings made until July 31st, 2024, and is applicable on 105 sailings departing between October 2024 and April 2025, allowing guests to enjoy the added benefits throughout the winter season.

Prices for Holland America's Caribbean cruises lead in from £899 per person for a four-day 'Private Islands and Bahamas Escape' itinerary, or £1,564 per person for a seven-day 'Eastern Caribbean' cruise.

Currently, the cruise line has six ships



operating around the destination –

Eurodam, Nieuw Amsterdam, Nieuw

Statendam, Rotterdam, Volendam and

Zuiderdam – offering itineraries that range
from four to 21 days across the winter
season.

www.hollandamerica.com

Live the sea-dream in 2026 with new autumn voyages

SEADREAM YACHT Club has unveiled its 2026 autumn Caribbean voyages, promising new ports of call, more overnight stays, exclusive access to a private island, and the hottest New Year's Eve celebration across the seven seas.

The 12 brand-new sailings will depart in November and December 2026, where they will explore the secluded side of the beloved destination, from the shorelines of the US and British Virgin Islands to the deep-blue waters of the French West Indies.

Among the new itineraries, four voyages



will include exclusive festive celebrations: during the Christmas voyages, SeaDream I and SeaDream II will spend an evening in Trellis Bay on Beef Island allowing guests to kick-start the holiday celebrations with the local Full Moon Party. For New Year' Eve, both yachts will anchor in Gustavia, St. Barths, where guests will spend two nights welcoming in the new year in what promises to be the 'most spectacular New Year's Eve celebration on the seven seas'.

All 12 voyages include at least one overnight port stay, as well as the cruise line's signature Champagne & Caviar Splash beach party. Additionally, all voyages will include ample use of SeaDream's private marina, including the use of paddle boards, water skis, floating trampolines and the first and only water slide on a ship that takes guests directly from ship to sea.

www.seadream.com

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Norse becomes P&O partner for Caribbean season

NORSE ATLANTIC Airways will fly the Caribbean flags later this year as it has announced a partnership with P&O Cruises for the upcoming winter 2024/2025 season of fly cruises to the region.

Between November 2024 and March 2025, Norse will operate weekly Friday flights from Manchester to Barbados, and Saturday flights from London Gatwick and Manchester to Antigua and Barbados in alternating weeks.

Bjorn Tore Larsen, CEO and Founder of Norse Atlantic Airways, said he is "thrilled" to be chosen as the airline partner for P&O Cruises: "This collaboration reflects our shared commitment to delivering exceptional travel experiences to our customers... We look forward to welcoming P&O passengers throughout the season ahead and contributing to the success of

their Caribbean vacation."

P&O Cruises president Paul Ludlow is "delighted that we will have Norse Atlantic Airways as one of our airline partners offering flights to our Caribbean cruise holidays this winter... Together, we are committed to providing a seamless and exceptional journey, taking our guests to their dream Caribbean holiday with the ease and comfort they expect."

www.flynorse.com

www.pocruises.com





MSC World America brings Yacht Club to the Caribbean

MSC CRUISES will bring its largest MSC Yacht Club concept to the Caribbean with the launch of *MSC World America* in April 2025. The Yacht Club offers a secluded sanctuary within the bustling environment of the wider ship, promising an expansive sundeck complete with a bar and grill area,

luxurious multi-room Owner Suites, and duplex suites that are perfect for larger groups and families. Premium beverage packages, high-speed internet, thermal spa access and priority access to entertainment venues also form part of the Yacht Club experience. www.msccruises.co.uk



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Brilliant Lady set for September 2025 debut

VIRGIN VOYAGES' fourth ship, Brilliant Lady, will hit the high seas in September 2025 as she sets off for her inaugural season.

From October 2025 to April 2026, *Brilliant Lady* will embark on 17 voyages as part of its extended Caribbean collection, featuring cruises between seven to 12 nights. The ship will visit Aruba, Bonaire and Curaçao islands in the southern Caribbean, as well as Turks & Caicos, Antigua, Jamaica and Grand Cayman.

www.virginvoyages.com



Negril gets the Princess treatment

NEXT MONTH marks the opening of the Princess Grand Jamaica which promises to provide the backbone for the ultimate family holiday. Located 15 minutes away from Negril with easy access to Montego Bay, the beachfront resort offers 590 spacious suites, thrilling kids' pools and waterslides, and a culinary journey to satisfy any tastebud.

www.princess-hotels.com

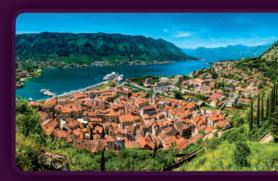


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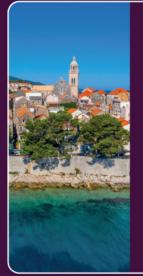












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MEDITERRANEAN ISLANDS

JET2 SLASHES SUMMER PRICES

Jet2.com is readying itself for its biggest-ever summer programme by slashing prices for all holidays.



JET2.COM AND Jet2holidays are kicking off the summer season in style as the operator has slashed prices across all summer 2024 holidays booked with an agent.

In addition to the price drop, travellers can earn an extra £60 off per person on all holidays booked through a travel agent that depart before June 30th, 2024.

easyJet holidays heads to Corsica and Sitges

EASYJET HOLIDAYS has launched two new packages to two of Europe's most up-and-coming destinations: Corsica and Sitges.

The French island of Corsica is a hiker's paradise, offering impressive mountain landscapes as well as tranquil beaches. Packages lead in from £389 per person for four nights.

The Spanish destination of Sitges, renowned for being one of Spain's major LGBTQ+ destinations, is a lively hotspot for those who like to have fun in the sun. Package prices lead in from £449 per person for seven nights.

www.easyjet.com

This summer marks Jet2holidays' largest-ever summer programme featuring thousands of properties ranging from two- to five-star across almost 60 destinations.

Alan Cross, director of travel agent relationships at Jet2holidays, stated the operator wants to "ramp up excitement by giving holidaymakers the chance to book their place in the sun via an independent travel agent for even less." "With prices slashed across all summer 2024 holidays, there really is no better time to book via an agent than now!"

As part of its expanded summer programme, Jet2.com recently inaugurated its first Maltese service from Edinburgh Airport, joining 33 other

sun and city destinations on sale from the Scottish hub for the upcoming season.

The service to the Mediterranean marvel will operate weekly on Wednesdays until October 30th, 2024, as demand for holidays to the Maltese islands continues to garner more interest.

Steve Heapy, CEO of Jet2.com, said he was "delighted" to see the new service take flight amid the jam-packed summer schedule: "Feedback from customers and independent travel agents in Scotland has been telling us that flights and holidays to Malta and Gozo are very much in demand for summer 2024."

www.trade.jet2holidays.com

Culture-filled family fun at Hilton PUT A cultural spin on a family adventure this summer with a stay at the DoubleTree by Hilton Malta, nestled in the seaside resort town of Qawra. Offering prime views of the Mediterranean Sea and St. Paul's Island, as well as strong transport links to nearby historical sites, guests can experience a stay interwoven with luxury and culture. www.hilton.com



Curio opens up around the Med

CURIO COLLECTION is opening an array of hotels and resorts this summer across the Mediterranean, from the shores of Sardinia to the culture capital of Crete. Slated to open before the end of June, each of the new properties can be found on the Curio Collection website.

www.hilton.com/en/brands/curio

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Solmar expands to Sicily and Sardinia

EXPANDING ITS presence across Italy, Solmar Villas is doubling the amount of properties on offer with new additions in Sicily and Sardinia.

The additional properties complement the existing range in Tuscany and the Amalfi Coast, all ranging from two to seven bedrooms, and cater to a variety of budget types and group sizes no matter the occasion.

In Sicily, eight new properties reside in the west of the island, located close to Scopello and offering elevated views of the surrounding landscapes. Prices lead in from £1,163 based on seven nights in Villa Night Star I which sleeps up to four people.

In Sardinia, six new properties are located in Olbia and Alghero, all boasting sea views



while offering a tranquil experience in semirural areas. Prices start from £2,471 for seven nights in the Villa Silent Heights in Olbia, sleeping up to six people. www.solmarvillas.com



Sunvil launch Grecian brochure

AS SUNVIL approaches its golden anniversary of operation, the operator has launched a new brochure highlighting its extensive offering across the Greek islands.

While Sunvil offers an unparalleled portfolio across 61 islands, the brochure serves as a glimpse into the broad range and instead chooses to highlight the vast amount of different holiday types, accommodation ranges and experiences that can be enjoyed through the operator.

The brochure includes new apartment-style accommodations in Crete as well as options to stay in the traditional hamlet of Macheri, away from the bustling tourist areas.

www.sunvil.co.uk



Jules Verne walks its way to four new rambling romps

CELEBRATING NATIONAL Walking Month, Jules Verne has launched four new options in the Algarve, Côte d'Azur, Dolomites and the Greek Islands, encouraging guests to swap air-conditioned transfers for idyllic landscapes best explored by walking.

'Walking in Crete' brings guests on a ramble through the iconic Greek island, uncovering its diverse landscapes, colourful olive groves, impressive mountain ranges and age-old villages by foot.

Highlights include a visit to a family-run olive oil producer and a scenic boat trip to the coastal port of Skafia.

The tour departs on October 5^{th} , 2024, with the lead-in price of £2,225 per person covering return flights with easyJet from London Gatwick, taxes, transfers, seven

nights' four-star accommodation at the fourstar Hotel Samaria, daily breakfast, four dinners, five guided walks, select excursions and the services of a local guide.

Other options launched include 'Walking in the Secret Algarve' from £1,675 per person and 'Walks and Gardens of the Côte d'Azur' from £2,195 per person.

www.vjv.com





Seamless island connection with Etihad

ETIHAD RECENTLY bolstered its interline partnerships with five new partner airlines. Guests flying on Etihad's twice-daily service to Athens can now seamlessly connect with SKY express to 28 destinations in Greece and its islands.

www.etihad.com



Iberostar's newly-renovated five-star Crete resort opens its doors

IBEROSTAR HAS recently upgraded the Iberostar Selection Creta Marine to a five-star certified property, reopening its doors to guests on May 10th, 2024.

Located in the north of Crete, the Iberostar Selection Creta Marine opened this month after a two-year renovation, upgrading it to five stars and refreshing guest areas.

The resort offers 361 rooms. ranging from Sea-View Doubles to Deluxe Swim-Up Sea View Suites, along with exclusive access to three beach coves looking out on the Aegean.

Iberostar Hotels & Resorts' chief commercial officer, Finn Ackerman, says the renovation was "undertaken with the utmost care and consideration to offer guests a premium home-from-home to enjoy

the essence of a Greek seaside holiday village."

All-inclusive offerings span a total of nine restaurants and bars, including the Trattoria Concept Italian option and Dias Buffet Restaurant among others.

www.grupoiberostar.com





Sun Princess sets course for the Med

WHILE PRINCESS Cruises' seven-night 'Mediterranean with Greek Isles & Turkey' voyage might sound self-explanatory, guests might be surprised to see Naples, Chania and Piraeus among the call list.

The seven-night cruise, aboard the new Sun Princess, sets sail on May 3rd, 2025. Prices lead in at £1,099 per person. www.princess.com

What has been your favourite holiday memory?

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Swimming in a waterfall in Cuba and cycling over the Golden Gate Bridge in San Fran to name a few!



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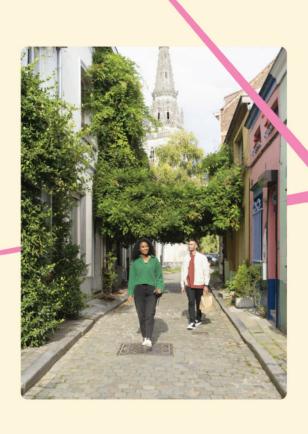
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