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visit Algarve Portugal

In Europe's best beach destination you can do much more than laying on a towel out in the sun.

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The Algarve's food is inspired by the sun, the earth and the ocean. Locals insist on using local fresh and honest ingredients and the region boasts a wealth of gastronomy, including an abundance of fine seafood, taking full advantage of its coastal location. Visitors can try the much celebrated "cataplana", a local favourite dish!

The Algarve wine-producing region is coming of age. In recent years there has been a steady increase both in the number of producers and in the quality of the wines produced. The majority of Algarve wines are of above-average quality, putting them on a par with some of the best that is produced in Portugal.




The Algarve is rich in culture and authentic Portuguese charm; locals live through their arts, music, and celebrations. There is plenty on offer for art and music lovers with yearly cultural events. Art galleries are located in most towns as well as concerts, theatre productions and dance shows.

The Algarve is home to some of the most beautiful natural landscapes in Europe and a sanctuary for animal and bird life. Guests can experience the landscape in a variety of ways, from walking along the popular flagged trails, cycling across the rural routes that weave through the region's mountainous borders to birdwatching, observing many rare species in their natural habitat and offering stunning views of the Atlantic Ocean.



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CHASING THE HIGH

New research by Icelandair has found that Brits are chasing that adventure-high while on holiday, with boat trips and hiking among the most popular excursions.

THE DAYS of lounging by the pool have seemingly been and gone as a recent survey by Icelandair has discovered that Brits enjoy a slice of adventure while on their holidays.

The airline surveyed more than 2,000 British holidaymakers and the results found that 47% of them feel far more adventurous when on holiday. According to the research, 25–34-year-olds are the most outgoing and adventure-seeking demographic, with one in five wanting to participate in activities such as snowmobiling and ATV driving.

Boat trips are where the party is at, with more than half (54%) of British travellers wishing to take their adventure to the high seas, whether that be living it up at a floating party or channelling their inner Attenborough and keeping their eyes peeled in a search for whales (36%).

For those wishing to keep their feet firmly on the land, 31% actively seek out hiking trails when abroad to see the most out of the destination, with 25% enjoying camping

under the stars and 23% wishing to explore the land on horseback. Brits also enjoy getting their sense of adventure through higher adrenaline-fuelled activities as well, such as sky experiences, from helicopters and skydiving (20%), to scuba diving (19%), skiing and snowboarding (15%) and white-water rafting (14%).

It is not just the exhilaration boost travellers enjoy when seeking adventurous activities while on holiday, they also provide a positive mental aspect as well. Two in five people surveyed said that adventurous excursions give them a confidence boost, with 48% of women stating that these types of activities left them feeling more fulfilled than relaxation holidays. The research revealed that women seemed to benefit more from adventurous holidays compared to men, with 40% saying they improved their mental health, and 30% agreeing that these types of holidays challenged their initial perceptions of themselves.



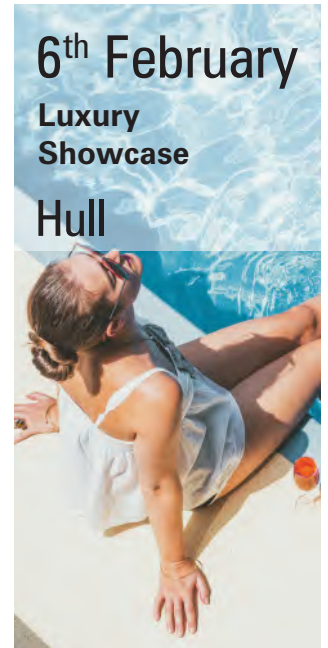
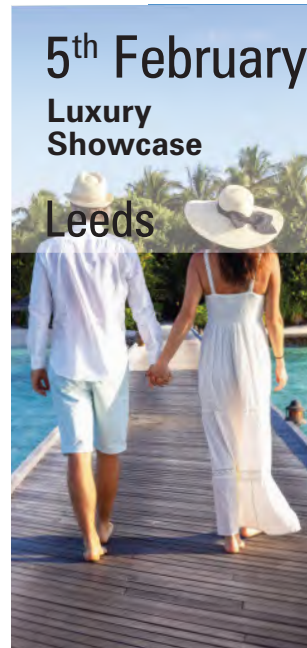
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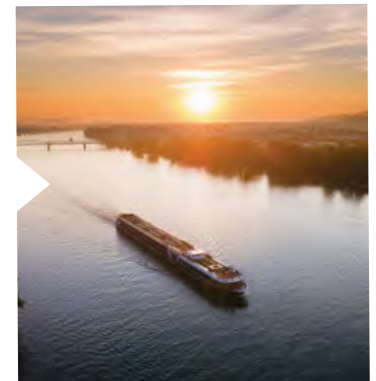
Enjoy £1,500 savings with APT & Travelmarvel

APT & TRAVELMARVEL has launched its Worldwide Cruise Sale for 2024 European departures, with savings of up to £1,500 up for grabs.

Guests who book any 2024 departure for APT's 15-day 'Magnificent Europe' cruise before November 30th, 2023, will save £1,500 per person, as well as enjoy complimentary return business class flight upgrades.

Holidaymakers who choose to travel through Europe with Travelmarvel can save up to £1,000 per person as well as make the most out of the complimentary €100 of onboard credit per person. The credit can be used to purchase a wide array of drinks in one of the onboard bars or restaurants, or book 'add on' excursions to enhance the on-shore experience.

www.aptouring.co.uk



Railbookers expands South African itineraries

FULL STEAM ahead for Railbookers as it has expanded its luxury locomotive offerings in South Africa to meet demand.

Ranging from nine to 20 days, the 15 new itineraries treat holidaymakers to a luxury journey through the South African landscape, with

excursions to Victoria Falls and the Kruger National Park available.

All itineraries include luxury rail transportation aboard either the Blue Train or Rovos Rail, five-star hotel accommodation and excursions.

www.railbookers.co.uk

Fred./Holidays offers an authentic touch to river cruising

FOR THE first time ever, Fred./Holidays has launched its Authentic River Cruises brochure, showcasing bucket-list journeys along some of the world's most enchanting waterways including the Mekong, Nile, Mississippi and the Ganges.

Some of the highlights featured in the brochure include the brand new eight-night cruise and land package combining a Nile cruise on an authentic dahabiya and stays in Cairo, Aswan and Abu Simbel with prices leading in from £3,499 per person; a 17-night combination package taking in the highlights of India with a seven-night Pandaw cruise on the Lower Ganges and stays in Delhi and Jaipur from £6,299 per person; and a seven-night 'Christmas on the Rhine' itinerary taking in the markets of Cologne with prices from £1,399 per person.

www.fredholidays.co.uk

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Audley introduces responsible classification

AUDLEY TRAVEL has introduced a 'Responsible Choice' classification system which identifies tours and accommodations that are at the forefront of sustainability. To earn the classification, emphasis must be placed on supporting local businesses, engaging in social and environmental best practice, and promoting biodiversity efforts.

www.audleytravel.com



FOLLOWING THE expansion of its Antarctica voyages collection, Scenic has released its new 2025/2026 programme early in light of heightened demand for the once-in-a-lifetime expedition. A total of eight itineraries are available for the 2025/2026 season, each offering ultra-luxury and excursions guests will never forget. From helicopter rides to diving below the surface, guests are guaranteed a unique perspective of this untouched land.

MOVERS & SHAKERS



MICHELLE BENTUBO has been named as

Virgin Voyages' first chief operating officer as part of the cruise line's global expansion plan.



SILVERSEA HAS found its new regional

sales manager for the South West: ex-Kuoni agent Ben Harvey.



MATT COULTER has joined Ticketpipe

as director of sales, a newly-created position to drive new business.

Minor Hotels adds first Finnish property

MINOR HOTELS has announced the upcoming launch of its inaugural property in Finland, as part of its expansion plans for the region.

The five-star NH Collection Helsinki Grand Hansa is slated to open in Q1 2024, cementing itself as the second property in Minor's Nordic portfolio. The Helsinki hotel will combine two of the city's most iconic buildings – the Kaleva building (known as

Hotel Seurahuone) and the New Student House (home to the famous Hansa Hotel between 1928 to 1968).

The property, located on the main street of Mannerheimintie in front of the central station, will boast 224 contemporary guestrooms alongside a restaurant, a lobby and rooftop bar, an extensive spa and fitness offering and nine meeting and event spaces. www.minorhotels.com

Etihad restores service to East Africa

ETIHAD AIRWAYS is set to resume flights to East Africa next year, with daily flights to Nairobi available from May 1st, 2024.

The new route to Kenya's capital further strengthens Etihad's global network, building on the economic and cultural ties between the UAE and eastern Africa. The link will restore non-stop commercial connections between the two regions, with passengers able to connect to the GCC, US, Europe, India and South-East Asia from Kenya.

Antonoaldo Neves, chief executive officer for Etihad Airways, said: "We are thrilled to be re-starting flights to Nairobi, a dynamic and exciting city in itself and also the gateway to a Kenyan safari, a dream adventure for many travellers, offering a view of the diverse and magnificent wildlife of Africa." www.etihad.com



Windstar heads to the Med this winter

WINDSTAR CRUISES has announced its brand-new winter sailing itineraries for December 2023 to April 2024 across Europe, with stops in Barcelona, Nice, Florence, Marseille and Rome. The seven-night itineraries will be on sale from November 6th, 2023. www.windstarcruises.com

AGENT INCENTIVES

- PURE LUXURY has capped off a trilogy of 2023 brochures with a 68-page 'Europe' collection, spanning 41 properties across nine destinations. To mark the launch, you can win a place on a VIP One&Only fam, exploring the brand's European portfolio. Make a Pure Luxury European booking by December 15th, 2023 to be in with a chance – bookings to One&Only properties earn double entries. *Email your name and booking reference to win@pureluxuryholidays.co.uk to enter.*
- TIERED REWARDS remain on offer with Classic Collection, ranging from £15 for bookings from £1 to £5,000 to £1,000 for bookings worth £100,000 and above. Rewards must be claimed in the quarter of booking and will be loaded onto a VISA Black Card. www.classic-collection.co.uk
- BOOKING WITH any TTC Tour Brands by December 10th, 2023 will earn you a £60 Lifestyle shopping voucher. www.ttc.com
- REGENT SEVEN Seas Cruises is celebrating the arrival of Seven Seas Grandeur in November by offering you the chance to win a luxury Fabergé pendant worth over £7,600 when booking 2024 sailings. Bookings for any 2024 sailings made by November 30th, 2023 qualify for the prize draw. Enter bookings at www.RSSC.com/Faberge-Incentive to be in with a chance of winning. The winner will be announced during a webinar on December 11th, 2023.
- SHORT-HAUL Premier Holidays booking include a £5 One4all voucher: long-haul bookings earn between £25 and £25,000 depending on booking value. www.premierholidays.co.uk



20 TUI agents joined Royalton Resorts on a mega fam trip, with places awarded through the Royalton Rewards platform. Agents explored the Dominican Republic with stays at Royalton Chic, Royalton Splash Punta Cana, and Royalton Bavaro on a five-night stay, with a site visit to Royalton Punta Cana.

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COMPETITION

Two questions stand between you and your chance to win a £100 Amazon voucher, courtesy of Kraków!

Find out more at
www.travelbulletin.co.uk/competitions



AGENT TRAINING

- TRAVEL BULLETIN'S 2024 Showcase calendar is out now! *To sign up for training evenings & events with dozens of suppliers throughout the UK next year, head to www.travelbulletin.co.uk/events*
- THE ABTA Knowledge Zone hosts a wealth of training modules for ABTA members: from 'All About ABTA' to 'Sustainability Training', the courses cover the basics and sector-specific insight to add several strings to your bow. www.abtaknowledgezone.com
- A WEEK in St Helena is up for grabs to two lucky agents completing the new trade training programme by December 15th, 2023. The new programme equips you with knowledge and awareness of the destination's landscapes and attractions across four modules: 'Island Overview', 'On Land', 'At Sea', 'Culture and Cuisine', and 'Planning a Visit'. The fam prize includes six nights' bed-and-breakfast accommodation, tours and tastings at a coffee plantation and distillery, and more. www.travelbulletin.co.uk/agent-perks/fam-trips/win-a-week-in-st-helena-by-completing-the-trade-training-programme
- BRITAGENT IS your one-stop shop to help you enhance your staycation selling skills. From widening your product knowledge to honing in on your niche, VisitBritain will support you through the courses and offer unique travel tips along with commission access and competition alerts. www.britagent.com
- SAY G'DAY to the Aussie Specialist programme, showcasing exactly why Australia remains at the top of Brits' bucket lists. Graduates sell 35% higher value bookings upon completion of the course, and with a 62% repeat travel rate within five years, you can sustain your knowledge and sales. www.aussiespecialist.com

Jetset: turning 55 with a £5,500 giveaway and 'Big Reveal'

JETSET'S SALES director, Adrian Smyth, caught up with *Travel Bulletin's* Matt Hayhoe, giving us all the latest on the 'Big Reveal', Vegas value add, and a £5,500 giveaway in celebration of its 55th birthday.

The 'Big Reveal' saw the JETS platform revitalised with



an enhanced interface and booking process. Adrian celebrated the Big Reveal's response: "The feedback from it has been excellent. There's so many things that agents have really liked. It wasn't just a freshening up of pages; it was the biggest change to JETS in 10 years."

This summer, Jetset teamed up with United Airlines to offer one lucky agent a £5,500 marketing fund to mark Jetset's 55th birthday.

Stafford's John Henry Travel was the lucky winner, with United's Claire Webber from United and Jetset's Paul Molyneux awarding the team with the prize last month.

A Vegas value-add, offering free transfers in Sin City as standard with bookings. Part two is expected to be announced soon, with Adrian adding: "We're constantly trying to do things that will directly help agents and agencies."

www.jetsetflights.co.uk



JET2.COM HAS unveiled a multi-million pound investment into an in-flight retail operations centre, allowing the airline to stock, manage, and distribute millions of in-flight products internally. 25 millions items are expected to flow through the centre's doors onto Jet2.com's fleet, and should combat supply chain issues that the aviation industry has suffered since the pandemic. www.jet2.com

'One Booking One Tree' surpasses 17,500 trees planted

ONE YEAR on from pledging to plant one tree for every booking, The Sarojin has pledged to plant additional trees for every wedding couple and wedding guest.

In the year since launching the 'One Booking One Tree' initiative, with a commitment of 14,400 annually, the boutique property has already planted 17,500.

The property's owner, Kate Kemp, celebrated the initiative's success: "We are

thrilled to celebrate one year of 'One Booking One Tree', and we are immensely proud of the positive impact it has made and to be able to further boost our commitment with the updated wedding pledge.

"This initiative reflects our dedication to preserving the natural beauty of Khao Lak and ensuring a sustainable future for generations to come."

www.sarojin.com

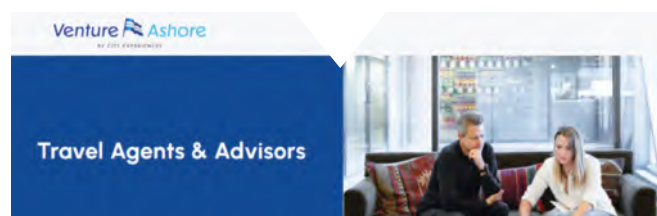
Venture Ashore revamps trade portal

SHORE EXCURSION provider Venture Ashore has revamped its trade portal, improving ease of use, allowing you to book for land-based customers and cruise guests, and offering access to a wealth of new product.

In-city experiences across port cities in Europe, the Mediterranean, Alaska, the Caribbean, and Asia are now available to book, along with cruise excursions in partnership with Royal Caribbean, P&O, Princess, Celebrity, MSC, and Norwegian voyages.

2024 and 2025 itineraries are live and bookable on the portal at 2023 prices.

www.ventureashore.com/travel-agents



Finnair takes flight on fleet refurb

FINNAIR HAS announced plans to overhaul its short-haul Embraer fleet, with new cabin renovations planned for early 2024, with all 12 aircraft due to be revamped by 2025. The first new-look cabins will be on offer from late 2024.

www.finnair.com

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 November 16th. Solution and new puzzle will appear in the next issue.

The winner for October 20th is **Maddie Sanders from Millington Travel.**

October 20th Solution: A=2 B=3 C=1 D=9

A		8		2	6			
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	4				2		9	1
		9						8 4
D					9	5		6



WHERE AM I?

AROUND 6.4 million travellers seek out the Mediterranean sun in this city, one of the world's oldest, every year.

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

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- Across**
- 1 Rotherham based operator specialising in coach tours (5)
 - 3 Part of a journey (3)
 - 5 Airline centre of operations (3)
 - 7 Island twinned with Barbuda (7)
 - 9 Chinese river, sounds colourful (6)
 - 10 Currency of Thailand (4)
 - 12 Compass direction (4)
 - 14 Flag carrier of Australia (6)
 - 16 Quito is the capital (7)
 - 18 Currency of Japan (3)
 - 19 Alderney Channel Islands airport code (3)
 - 20 Country hosting the 2023 Cricket World Cup (5)

- Down**
- 1 Comedian, actor and author of the Windrush themed ITV drama, Three Little Birds (5,5)
 - 2 Glasgow international airport code (3)
 - 3 Building block for a popular Windsor theme park (4)
 - 4 West African country (5)
 - 6 Capital of Slovakia (10)
 - 8 Ancient city probably best known for the story of Helen (4)
 - 11 Currency of South Africa (4)
 - 13 Ferry Line (5)
 - 15 Japan's highest mountain (4)
 - 17 Cross Solent operator, ___ Funnel (3)

CROSSWORD

Across: 1 LEGER, 3 LEG 5 HUB, 7 ANTIGUA, 9 YELLOW, 10 BAH, 12 EAST, 14 QANTAS, 16 ECUADOR, 18 YEN, 19 AGI, 20 INDIA.
Down: 1 LENNY HENRY, 2 GLA, 3 LEGO, 4 GHANA, 6 BRATISLAVA, 8 TROY, 11 RAND, 13 STENA, 15 FUJI, 17 RED.
Mystery Word: BONN



INDUSTRY insight by...

ANTOR chair Tracey Poggio continues the WTM hype, sharing the ANTOR activity planned for the three-day show.

WORLD TRAVEL Market (WTM) is almost here, and many of our ANTOR members are gearing up for what promises to be an action-packed event. Here is a sneak preview of what some of our members have in store:

Gibraltar will highlight its international literary festival by bringing Esme Young, Fashion designer and 'The Great British Sewing Bee' presenter to WTM. Esme will be making an appearance on stand N4-502, and there will be a chance to win a signed copy of her book.

Morocco is planning an evening event in London for their partners (invitation only) and has a selection of activities and entertainment on their stand.

Malta will welcome Dimitar Berbatov (fresh from his trip to Malta filming for ManU TV) on stand EU356 on November 6th from 2pm with a Q&A session from

2.30pm alongside the Minister for Tourism of Malta, the Honourable Clayton Bartolo. Visit Malta and Air Malta have agent training sessions Tuesday at 12:30pm and Wednesday at 1pm in the Air Malta Boardroom.

The **Isle of Man** will be on stand N9-200, pods 50-51. A key focus of its 10-year Visitor Economy Strategy, which lays out ambitious targets for achieving 500,000 visitors per annum by 2032, is building partnerships with travel trade partners. Agents interested in learning more can visit the stand or arrange a meeting.

Greece, Media Centre sponsors, is on stand N3-515 where agents will have the opportunity to meet with up to 70 major Greek market players and exhibitors. The Greek Minister, Mrs Olga Kefalogianni, will present the country's priorities for 2024 on November 6th with an emphasis on sustainability. On November 7th Greece and its stand sharers will showcase their eco-credentials with a series of short presentations.

France is hosting a VIP networking drinks and canapes event on November 7th from 5pm at the French Pavilion (a privatised area), stand N2-200. Agents are invited to meet and celebrate future major events such as the 150th anniversary of Impressionism, with the Normandy Tourism Board and Visit Paris Region.



Sri Lanka is holding a networking event for the travel trade on November 6th from 2.30pm on their stand S11-200 with Sri Lankan specialities to taste, and on 8th November they are holding a Luxury Travel event at the High Commission at 6pm (invitation only). The head of the convention bureau is attending WTM and would be delighted to meet any MICE agents attending.

The **Tunisia** stand at S8-200 will showcase the rich essence of the country, a multifaceted experience for cultural immersion, adventure, and potential partnerships, making it a must-visit for agents interested in exploring this unique destination. Professionals, such as an artisan promoting Tunisian handicrafts, and the team including two experts involved in developing new projects, will be on hand to provide advice on planning trips and offering recommendations for local experiences and accommodation.

The Region of Valencia is attending with its seven brands, Costa Blanca, Benidorm, Alicante, Visit Elche, Valencia Turisme, Visit Valencia and Castellón. The newly elected Minister of Tourism, Nuria Montes, will be holding a press conference on stand N5-520 on November 6th 3.30pm to discuss the region's new tourism strategy to encourage sustainable tourism growth.

Brand USA hosts record-breaking Travel Week

BRAND USA welcomed over 600 industry professionals as part of its biggest Brand USA Travel Week UK & Europe to date.

The event took place in London last month, with four days of packed events and over 4,200 meetings taking place.

Brand USA president and CEO, Chris Thompson, celebrated the event's success: "Each and every year, Brand USA Travel Week U.K. & Europe continues to forge new ground

and break records for the number and quality of international delegates who gather to explore creative, research-driven ways to inspire travel to the U.S.

"Travel Week provides the opportunity and momentum to unite the industry, reconnect with peers, and strengthen business relationships as we continue to drive this visitation to the US..."

www.thebrandusa.com



Sandals team raises over £100,000 for charity

A TEAM comprised of team members from Sandals & Beaches Resorts' UK sales and marketing representatives, Unique Vacations UK Ltd., has completed a 100km charity race around Antigua to raise over £102,000 for the Sandals Foundation.

The race was comprised of four back-to-back daily half-marathons which took place last month. 100% of the donations have gone towards Sandals Resorts International's philanthropic arm, which supports the SickKids Caribbean Initiative and the Sir Lester Bird Medical Centre's paediatric unit.

Karl Thompson, Managing Director of Unique Vacations UK Ltd. says: "The Sandals Foundation Island Run was an exceptionally challenging but immensely rewarding experience. All of the work put in by the Sandals Foundation was incredible."

www.sandalsfoundation.org

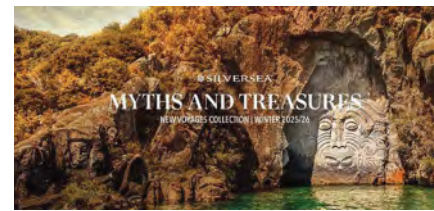
JetBlue puts daily Edinburgh to NYC service on sale

JETBLUE'S EDI to JFK service is now on sale, with roundtrip fares starting at £348 in Core and £1,395 in Mint class in celebration of the launch.

Taking to the skies on May 23rd, 2024, the transatlantic expansion joins existing planned services for 2024 from Dublin (daily), Paris (twice daily), Amsterdam (daily), Heathrow (twice daily) and Gatwick (daily), and marks the airline's transatlantic debut from Edinburgh.

As standard, all flights include free,

unlimited Fly-Fi internet, seatback touchscreens, a dining service inspired by NYC restaurants, and the most legroom of any major US airline in Core (economy) class. www.jetblue.com



Silversea opens presale on winter 2025/26 options

SILVERSEA'S NEW itinerary collection FOR 2025/26 spans nine maiden calls and two new grand voyages alongside returning iconic destinations.

The exclusive presale lists destinations from September 2025 to April 2026, offering agents the chance to get in early and sell the ultra-luxury cruise line's new voyages and wider collection of over 150 new sailings to more than 200 destinations.

www.silversea.com/lp-new-itineraries-winter-2025-2026



Sweden strives to end Switzerland confusion

WITH 120,000 PEOPLE googling 'Are Sweden and Switzerland the same?' each year, Visit Sweden is hoping to clear up the confusion with a new campaign: 'Sweden (Not Switzerland)'.

With a hefty serving on Scandinavian humour, Sweden is inviting guests to sign a pledge to clarify they are visiting Sweden (and not Switzerland).

www.visitsweden.com/sweden-not-switzerland



Family Holidays Showcase

WE BROUGHT a full-house Family Holidays Showcase to Preston and Chester last month.

Aldemar Resorts, Barbados Tourism Marketing Inc., Destination Canada, Domes Resorts & Reserves, Grecotel Hotels & Resorts, Heritage Aarah, Love Cyprus, PortAventura World, World of Hyatt Inclusive Collection, Sandos Hotels & Resorts, Ras Al Khaimah Tourism Development Authority, and Belize Tourism all welcomed agents to spotlight their family offerings and awarded prizes including hampers, goodie bags, free stays and more to the lucky winners of our Prize Bingo!



2024's #TBSHOWCASES schedule is out now! Registration is open for January's events, which will see us bring a taste of Africa to Guildford on the 29th and Spain & Her Islands on the 30th. To confirm your place or find out when we will be hosting our next event near you contact events@travelbulletin.co.uk

UNIVERSAL'S WHIMSICAL WONDERLAND

Festive family fun for all as Universal Orlando Resort welcomes the return of its whimsical holiday celebration.

THE FESTIVE period is firmly underway as Universal Orlando Resort has unveiled details of the destination-wide holiday celebration taking over the park from November 17th. Christmas cheer will be brought to life by an array of pop-culture icons, a larger-than-life parade and special surprises that are sure to spread the festive cheer.

Christmas magic is set to fill the

Finolhu combines chic luxury with Christmas celebrations

SWAPPING SNOW for sun-kissed beaches, Finolhu Baa Atoll Maldives offers a festive treat unlike any other. With a complete programme of activities and feasts to suit the entire family, the resort promises a playful twist on the festive season, combining Maldivian luxury with Christmas tradition, including a Christmas Eve celebration for the ages.

Finolhu offers an array of family activities to make the most out of the destination during the festive period, with fun-filled photoshoots and gingerbread house-making sessions available to all. www.finolhu.com

Wizarding World of Harry Potter as the beloved streets of Hogsmeade and Diagon Alley transform into a wonderland ready to melt the hearts of even the coldest villains. The night-time spectacle of 'The Magic of Christmas at Hogwarts Castle' returns better than ever, promising to light up the night sky with a projection showing the most heartfelt Christmas moments in the franchise, while the Frog Choir serenades the audience with a special holiday-themed performance.

Revel in the spirit of Grinchmas at Universal Island of Adventure as the Grinch stars in the live retelling of the 'Grinchmas Who-liday Spectacular' where visitors will be transported to

Who-ville and have the chance to meet the Grinch himself.

It wouldn't be the holiday season without a showstopping parade, and the Universal Holiday Parade promises to leave guests in awe with its dazzling display from beloved characters such as Shrek, the Minions and the animals of Madagascar. Families can watch as their favourite stories come to life before their very eyes with huge balloons, colourful festive-style floats and hundreds of jolly performers ready to put the 'merry' into everyone's Christmas. In the grand finale, Santa Claus himself even makes a special appearance, lighting up the iconic 80-foot Christmas tree to really welcome the festive feeling.

Kids go free this Thanksgiving with Velas Resorts

OFFERING AN alternative to the normal Thanksgiving celebrations, Velas Resorts in Mexico are hosting family-friendly entertainment spectacles over the holiday period. From lavish beachfront feasts to competitive pumpkin carving contests, there is something for all the family members to enjoy. In the Grand Velas Riviera Maya, children aged 4-12 can even stay for free, with a 50% discount available for teenagers during the Thanksgiving period.

www.velasresorts.com



Family fun in the winter sun

HAVE FUN in the sun this winter as Cullinan Belek has unveiled its 'Winter Concept' programme, featuring age-inclusive holiday experiences for all the family, as well as a variety of accommodation types. The resort comes with its own UPUPA kid's club, complete with soft play areas, daily activities and movie nights. While the kid's play, the adults can sit back and relax in the luxurious setting while taking in the beautiful scenery around Turkey's hidden gem. www.cullinanhotels.com



Step into a Keystone wonderland

FAMILIES ARE encouraged to step into a true snow-capped wonderland this winter as Keystone Resort boasts more than 3,000 acres of skiable terrain with night skiing, snow tubing, ice skating and sleigh rides available throughout the season. The Kids Ski Free programme means children under 12 years of age can ride and ski free every day, so families can make the most out of their time on the slopes. www.colorado.com

Zulal bridges the generational gap

IT IS all about the grandparents and grandkids at Zulal Wellness Resort as it has extended its family wellness offering by adding a brand-new 'Intergenerational Retreat', inviting the two generations to spend quality together while enjoying fun away from everyday life. Known as 'Skip-Gen', the trend of grandparents holidaying with their grandchildren is rising in popularity, and Zulal is keen to nurture that bond and has created a retreat focused on the emotional, physical, social and nutritional wellbeing of both generations. Some of the activities featured in the retreat include nature walks, storytelling, arts and crafts, meditation and a host of spa treatments. Heinrich Morio, general manager of Zulal Wellness Resort, said: "With this newly introduced 'Intergenerational Retreat', we focus on bonding, fulfilment, and enrichment to encourage the kids and their



grandparents to spend precious time together in a peaceful, safe environment. We expect the trend in family wellness holidays to continue and we will continue to adapt our family wellness offerings to ensure guests leave Zulal Wellness Resort refreshed and reconnected."

Prices for the retreat begin at £846 for double occupancy. www.zulal.com

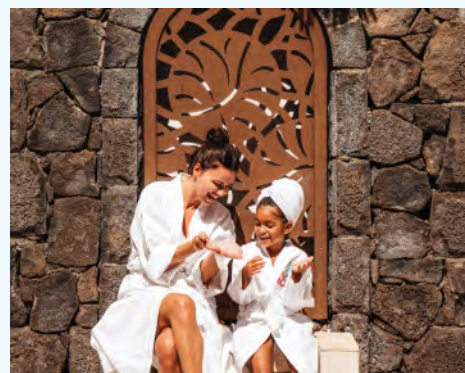
Heritage redefines the family experience

HERITAGE RESORTS is taking family holidays to the next level with its refreshed Family and Kids programme, beckoning families to let go of the stress from home and embark on an incredible journey in the heart of Mauritius.

The re-established programme available at Heritage Le Telfair, Heritage Awali and Heritage The Villas encourages families to seamlessly blend sustainability and well-being with adventure on a range of exclusive experiences. To celebrate the programme, Heritage has launched an introductory

special offer which includes two kids up to 12-years-old staying and eating at the resort for free off-season. During peak season, one child is eligible to stay for free. Prices for the family offer lead in at £395 per night based on two adults and two children staying at the Heritage Le Telfair.

The premium resorts host a myriad of experiences for families to take part in, including a range of activities focused on sustainability, such as gardening, marine education through the Yellow Submarine and recycling workshops, as well as a host of spa treatments tailored for children and adults alike, open-air cinemas and an introduction to Sega dancing. The Heritage Resorts Kids Club is also designed to awaken creativity by encouraging exploration, learning, and most importantly, fun for all. www.heritageresorts.mu



Anaheim: the ‘ultimate family destination’

JAY BURRESS, Visit Anaheim’s president and CEO, gave *Travel Bulletin* a rundown of the family-favourite that needs no introduction.

“Anaheim is the home of Disneyland, the ultimate family destination. It’s always recreating itself with every new era: recently the 100th anniversary of Disney as a company was an important celebration, and the 70th anniversary of Disneyland. With that comes a plan for the future: Disneyland Forward, which maps out a 20- to 40-year plan of new theme parks and attractions coming to the Anaheim park.”

With all that is set to come in the future, there’s still no better time for Anaheim than the present: “There is real momentum towards the World Cup, a lot of the teams will be heading to Orange County to train, and it will be exciting to see us on the world stage.

“Anaheim is a great place to start a Californian holiday; we’re founded upon

family activities and attractions. We’re built for that.”

“We have a training programme for the trade, helping them get involved and learn about the destination, authorised booking methods and official resources for them to make it as easy as possible to sell.”

The Visit Anaheim Specialist programme includes training, a sales companion tool along with sales resources and a certificate of completion for graduates. Sign up at www.visitanaheim.org/travel-trade/specialist-program/



Disneyland discounts from DoSomethingDifferent

AND IF guests are enticed by the family fun of Anaheim?

DoSomethingDifferent.com is offering Disneyland discounts with up to 65% off tickets to the Anaheim park. Valid on two- and three-day tickets, prices start from £97 (down from £281), with Genie+ tickets with app integration and skip-the-line options starting from £155 per child.

The discounted tickets are available to book until February 29th, 2024.

www.DoSomethingDifferent.com



Altogether in the Algarve

THE ALGARVE’S luxury lifestyle resort, Quinta do Lago, hosts a packed event schedule during children’s holidays, encouraging families to break from their screens and enjoy an active break away.

The spacious six-bedroom Villa Esmerelda, suited for families, starts from £11,700 per week. www.quintadolago.com



Destinology’s millionaire family foray

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LIVE ON THE WILD SIDE

For the first time, Wendy Wu Tours has added South Africa to its escorted tour portfolio, promising guests an intimate glimpse into the dramatic landscapes of the region.



DIVE HEADFIRST into the land of great wilderness as Wendy Wu Tours has introduced a brand new destination to its roster: South Africa. With an exciting new tour to showcase the diverse wildlife and dramatic landscapes, guests can expect all of their wildest dreams to come true as they come face to face with lions and elephants before delving into the rich culture and history of the nation.

Experience authenticity in Peru with Chimu

CHIMU ADVENTURES has launched a new authentic, low impact itinerary in Peru, focused on offering a more sustainable and locally-led experience to travellers.

The 12-day 'Signature Peru: Hike, Bike and Foodie Delights' offers guests a glimpse into a different side of Peru away from the beaten track, with immersive local experiences including a full day visiting a local Indigenous family mountain community and a guided hike of the Pumamarca Ruins, a lesser visited Inca fortress. Prices for the tour begin at AUD\$7,380 (£3,860).

www.chimuadventures.com

The 16-day 'Kruger to Cape Explored' tour takes guests on a journey through South Africa's legacy, hopping from river canyons to national parks to eclectic cities. Guests will soak up the dramatic views of the Drakensberg Mountains before experiencing the Panorama Route where they will ride the Graskop Gorge Lift and head to the Blyde River Canyon to visit the Three Rondavels. Guests will also have the chance to ascend Cape Town's Table Mountain before taking an orientation tour of the city to learn about its rich history.

The highlight of the tour, however, comes from the two-nights spent in the private Greater Kruger National Park where guests will immerse in the

wilderness and enjoy safaris through the bush at both sunset and sunrise for the best chance to spot the famous Big Five.

From game to marine life, guests will be treated to the full spectrum of South Africa's wildlife by enjoying an ocean safari around Cape Peninsula's islands before heading to Boulders Beach where they can wander the walkways that pass through a colony of African penguins.

As an exclusive launch offer, guests can choose either Partner Flies Free or 50% Off Solo Airfares on all departures, saving up to £450 per person. The 16-day tour leads in at £4,590 per person for departures between March 2024 and November 2025.

www.wendywutours.co.uk

Explore Cambodia and Vietnam with AmaWaterways 2-for-1 package

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Patagonia: the Pura way

TO MARK its 25th anniversary next year, Pura Aventura is returning to its routes and adding nine new Patagonia itineraries to its roster.

Ranging from 10-day tasters to month-long odysseys, there is plenty on offer no matter if you are a skilled veteran or a first-time explorer. The 10-day 'Argentine Patagonia: Lakes, Wine & Welsh Culture' tour allows guests to explore a small slice of Argentine Patagonia, flying to the Argentine Lake District to explore the region on horseback, canoe, or raft, before hiking deeper into the landscape and embarking on a series of local experiences. Prices for the door begin at £3,800 per person.

The three-week long 'Chile to Argentina: Lakes, Wine and Active Adventures' takes guests to witness the hidden highlights of the Chilean Lake District before relishing in the freedom of driving along the Carretera Austral in Chile and the Ruta 40 in Argentina, known as two of the world's

greatest drives. Prices for the tour begin from £7,400 per person, with a longer 27-day version available for more time to explore each stage.

The 13-day 'Torres del Paine, Glaciers & Fitz Roy Hikes' itinerary shares Patagonia's most iconic landscapes, travelling from the Torres del Paine in Chile to Argentina's Perito Moreno Glacier, before circling the trails of Fitz Roy high in the mountains. Prices for the tour begin at £4,400 per person.

www.pura-aventura.com



Emerald offers an adventurous paradise

MARKING ITS inaugural visit to East Africa and the Indian Ocean, Emerald Cruises has introduced a new 16-day land and cruise tour, giving guests a once-in-a-lifetime experience in the Masai Mara National Reserve before sailing off into the Seychelles sunset.

The 'Kenya Safari and The Seychelles' tour offers guests the chance to spend two nights on an African safari in the Samburu Game Reserve spotting elephants and more endemic species, before spending another night in Kenya's Lake Nakuru National Park. The pièce de résistance, however, is the three night stay at the Masai Mara National Reserve, where guests will visit traditional villages, dine under the stars and have the opportunity to witness the Big Five that the Reserve is famous for.

The tour will take a calmer approach in its conclusion, with an eight-day cruise around the Seychelles where guests can sit back and enjoy the sun. Prices for the tour lead in at £7,886 per person for departures from December 2024.

www.emeraldcrises.co.uk



New adventures with Cosmos and Globus

COSMOS AND Globus have announced a selection of new tours featuring fan-favourite destinations available for 2024. Some of the new tours include the 10-day 'Canadian Maritimes Adventure' where guests will be treated to a scenic tour of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island; a 14-

day 'Turkish Delight' itinerary featuring a guided tour of Istanbul to learn about its history; and the 11-day Taste of Portugal with Madeira' tour, filling guests' senses with culinary delights and tempting tastes.

www.cosmos.co.uk

www.globusjourneys.co.uk



Celebrate the World Cup win in South Africa

TITAN TRAVEL'S 'The Best of South Africa' ticks off just that: Kruger National Park, Table Mountain, three luxurious nights in Cape Town, and a stay in the quaint coastal village of Arniston.

A January 14th departure, flying from London Heathrow, starts from £3,695 per person. Bookings can be secured with a £395 per person deposit.

The 19-day itinerary includes 26 meals, transport from the UK, accommodation, 11 excursions and visits and transport.

www.titantravel.co.uk



Machu Picchu: a marvel by train

BLENDING A journey aboard the Andean Explorer with time in Cuzco, Lake Titicaca, Lima, and the Sacred Valley, Cox & Kings 'Train to Machu Picchu' ticks off the archaeological marvel and Peru's wealth of hidden gems.

Booking before November 12th, 2023 will unlock savings of up to £200 per person, meaning the 16-day itinerary starts from £3,595 per person.

www.coxandkings.co.uk

Citalia celebrates 25% demand rise with £250 offer

SAVINGS WORTH up to £250 are set to help you sell Citalia's in-demand escorted tour options, with itineraries expanded for next year to double down on demand. The operator's escorted tour options promise a more intimate experience, with group sizes capped at 18, and an authentic experience of Italy's celebrated highlights. With those promises, it's no surprise that demand has risen 25% for the operator's escorted tour. Doubling down on demand, £250 savings are on offer on a selection of its tours, and expanded next year's programme.

Up to £250 off is on offer on the

'Gastronomic Highlights of Emilia Romagna' tour. Prices start from £2,125 per person with return flights from London, five nights' accommodation, daily breakfast, three dinners, selected excursions and a private tour guide.

You can save guests up to £200 on the 'Authentic Puglia Small Group Escorted Tour'; prices start from £2,149 per person with flights from London or Manchester, seven nights' accommodation, breakfast and dinner daily, one lunch, along with excursions and a private tour guide as standard.

www.citalia.com



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JUST GO! Holidays has set its sights on 2024 with a new seven-day 'Orkney & Shetland Minicruise' by air, ticking off some of the natural marvels of Scotland's northern coast, before hitting the shores aboard a ferry and exploring the coastlines of the Northern Isles.

During two nights in Thurso, guests can explore John O'Groats and the Castle of Mey ahead of a two-night cruise

calling at the key sights of the Orkney and Shetland Islands.

Prices for the 'Orkney & Shetland Minicruise', with departure dates on May 25th and June 8th, 2024. The price, which is based on two guests sharing, includes return flights to Glasgow from a choice of regional airports, two nights' half-board accommodation in Thurso, two nights aboard Northlink Ferries with breakfast and a dinner, excursions to John O'Groats, the Castle of Mey, Skarak Brae, Skail House, Ring of Broadgar, Jarshof, Carol's Shetland Ponies plus a guided tour of Shetland Island. One night at the Holiday Inn Glasgow Airport is included at both ends of the itinerary plus a visit to Perth en-route.

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Leger embraces staycations with new brochure

MAKE YOUR holiday your own with Leger Holidays as the operator has increased its UK portfolio with the launch of its stand-alone UK brochure 'Discover Britain & Ireland 2023-2025 Collection'.

The brochure features 19 Self-Drive & Tour holidays which boast flexible travel options where customers can choose how they travel to the destination, if they would rather travel by their own car or public transport. Once they have arrived, they can then enjoy a fully escorted coach tour.

Within the collection there are 19 holidays, with prices beginning from £549 per person.

Leger Shearings Group's head of retail sales, Ashley Dellow, said: "Demand for staycations is still

growing and shows no signs of slowing down. With the launch of our new UK collection, we're excited to show customers the very best of the destinations on their doorstep, with 19 Self-Drive & Tour holidays to choose from, there really is something to suit every interest and budget."

www.leger.co.uk



Newmarket faces the music

WARM UP those vocal chords as Newmarket Holidays has launched its Andre Rieu Concert packages in London and Leeds, complete with tickets to the highly sought-after performance as well as tours of the local areas. The operator is offering two packages to London for three- and four-day short breaks with prices leading in at £326 per person, and a four-day package in Leeds with a guided tour of York and a visit to the James Herriot attraction included as well for £539 per person. Departures are from May 2024.

www.newmarketholidays.co.uk

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Constantinou Bros Hotels have upgraded their hotel facilities at the Athena Beach Hotel this summer with the addition of a superb new roof top adult only bar offering spectacular views over Paphos and beyond.



Athena Beach Hotel



Athena Beach Hotel - roof top bar



Athena Beach Hotel - Junior Suites

The new roof top adult only bar at the Athena Beach opened this summer for the exclusive use of Elite Class guests booking Superior rooms and Suites. The new roof top bar further enhances the focus on adults only and compliments the ever popular Adult only zone with separate pool, swim up bar and sun bathing area and provides couples a relaxing and child free environment.

The Athena Beach is also a very popular choice for families who have a great range of facilities to enjoy including the Oasis Splash water slides and water toys.

A range of family rooms and suite options are available with interconnecting rooms as well the ever popular Superior swim up rooms.



Athena Beach Hotel - Oasis Splash area



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