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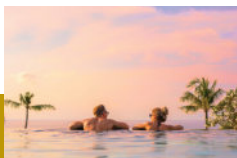
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# DESPITE IT ALL...

British millennials have continued to find ways of travelling this year and agents can make the most of this data, a survey reveals.



Millennials have continued travelling, despite the ongoing pandemic.

A EUROPE-WIDE survey, has revealed that 63% of its British respondents, the majority of whom are millennial (25-44 years) have continued to travel despite the challenges of the ongoing pandemic. The survey, conducted by HolidayPirates, found that even though 45% of the group had original holiday plans cancelled, 50% plan to travel again this year with 66% saying that they want to travel next month.

Meanwhile, a further 34% say they will wait until the end of the year. Around 66% of Brits hit the road by car this summer as 55% of respondents took a holiday within the United Kingdom. Similarly, 33% went on

holiday by plane, while 9% took the train.

The survey found that the most popular spot this summer for British travellers was the beach, with 56% taking trips to the coast in July and August. This has also been a good season for the countryside, with 30% of British holidaymakers making a rural trip, city breaks attracted 19% of travellers, and the mountains, 11%. Just over a quarter, 26%, enjoyed spending time with family.

Among the 37% who did not travel at all this summer, 42% postponed to travel later and a quarter of respondents don't want to travel anytime soon.

Of those saying that they want to travel again this year, 33% are yet to decide when they will and – of the 18% who have declared they won't travel any more in 2020 – 81% say they will not do so until spring 2021.

Concerning cancellations, 64% of respondents did not lose any money because of travel cancellation policies so far, while 14% lost up to £200 and 9% lost between £200 and £400. Of those whose trips were cancelled, 28% have already received a full refund, while 10% received a voucher and 12% have received nothing yet.

To read the full report, visit [www.holidaypirates.com](http://www.holidaypirates.com)



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## What's new in the Land Down Under

AGENTS WHO have clients keen to visit Australia will be happy to learn of a few new updates in the different states.

### New South Wales

- Crowne Plaza Sydney Coogee Beach reveals a multi-million-dollar redesign, including a purpose-built events centre with eight new flexible meeting spaces.
- Crowne Plaza Sydney Darling Harbour will be opening its doors on October 1. The hotel features seven event spaces, all with natural light.
- In New South Wales, Cairns' Wolf Lane is a new cocktail bar alongside its existing micro distillery. Their range includes a Tropical Gin, Navy Strength Gin and the locally



sourced, award-winning Davidson Plum gin.

### South Australia

- Adelaide welcomes a 1900s themed lounge bar, The Gatsby Lounge, which has opened in the basement of heritage listed Regent Arcade in Adelaide city centre.

### Victoria

- Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre (MCEC) welcomes a new studio that allows for scalable virtual and hybrid events.
- Melbourne's 'The District Docklands' precinct is set to welcome a new build hotel in 2023.

## South Africa to reopen international borders from October 1

SOUTH AFRICA'S president, Cyril Ramaphosa has announced that South Africa will open its borders to international travel from October 1.

The move comes as the country enters national lockdown alert level one from September 20, following a significant decrease in infections.

Travel may be restricted to and from certain countries that are deemed high risk, with a list of these countries set to be announced in the coming days, and all international travellers will be required to present a COVID-19 free

certificate dated no later than 72 hours within their date of arrival, or quarantine on arrival.

Kgomotso Ramoetha, acting hub head UK & Ireland, South African Tourism, commented on the announcement, "We are very encouraged by President Ramaphosa's announcement that South Africa will open its borders for international flights on October 1. This is an extremely positive step in the right direction for tourism in South Africa."

[www.southafrica.net/uk/en](http://www.southafrica.net/uk/en)

## Azamara announces new explorations for 2022-2023

DESTINATION-FOCUSED cruise line, Azamara has announced its new itineraries for 2022 and 2023, featuring more than 80 new itineraries, 170 overnights and 300 late night stays.

Carol Cabezas, chief operating officer, said, "When we were working on our itineraries for 2022/2023, our goal was to invite new and returning guests to explore places they have never visited before, or connect our guests to a country they have visited before, but adding in ports that are lesser known and considered hidden gems, which the country-intensives are designed to offer."



At present, Azamara has as many as 275 ports of call on offer, in more than 70 countries, of which 26 are in Greece, with the addition of two maiden ports this time: Syros, and Tinos.

[www.azamara.co.uk](http://www.azamara.co.uk)



## Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines' fleet complete with Bolette's arrival

FRED. OLSEN Cruise Lines has completed its fleet by welcoming Bolette to Rosyth, Scotland, two weeks after the delivery of another new ship, Borealis. Bolette arrived at Babcock's Rosyth Facilities on September 17 morning, sailing under the Forth and Queensferry bridges.

Peter Deer, managing director at Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines, said: "It is wonderful to have sister ships Bolette and Borealis together in the same place, joining the rest of our fleet." Meanwhile, cruises for Bolette and Borealis, scheduled to start from March 2021, are now on sale.

[www.fredolsencruises.com](http://www.fredolsencruises.com)

## Explore Britain with Hurtigruten's new voyages

HURTIGRUTEN HAS added a new British Isles itinerary to its Dover departures programme, with sailings departing on April 27, July 4 and August 1, 2021, aboard the MS Maud, which is currently undergoing refurbishment.

The new itinerary will be a round trip from Dover, which will allow guests to explore some beautiful ports and picturesque islands along the British coastline, such as Fort William, Isles of Scilly, Rathlin Island, and the Isle of Iona, as well as taking part in excursions.

Anthony Daniels, UK general manager Hurtigruten, said, "We're thrilled to be adding another adventurous itinerary to our existing British Isles departures from Dover in 2021. The changes reflect the significant positive demand



Hurtigruten is expected to resume all cruises in 2021.

we're experiencing for destinations closer to home."

Cruisers can enjoy the magnificent views of Ben Nevis and the Old Fort near the Glenfinnan town, and the famous railway viaduct, which has featured in a Harry Potter movie. A beautiful walking route through Nevis George and Steall Falls will

be yet another visual treat, along with Portland, located at the centre of the UNESCO World Heritage Jurassic Coast, and the Chesil Beach, which houses a wide variety of birds, moths and butterflies.

Visit [www.hurtigruten.com](http://www.hurtigruten.com) for more information.

## Titan Travel releases Europe 2021 brochure

TITAN TRAVEL has launched its latest European brochure, showcasing some European escorted tours, river cruises and UK short breaks for 2021.

The new brochure includes the following itineraries, 'Hidden Treasures of Sardinia' priced at £1,599 per person, 'Lakeside Austria - Magical Zell am' at £1,349 per person, and 'Discovering the Dalmatian Coast' besides 15 new European ocean cruises, 15 river cruises, 21 short breaks for 2021, and Oberammergau 2022. Early bookings will receive £49 Flexi-

Deposit on most of the holiday packages, until March 1, 2021 and unlimited booking changes will be available at no extra cost, until 75 days prior to departure.

Titan's Europe brochure also features 21 UK tours for 2021, including a five-day 'Norfolk Short Break' at £779 per person, which includes four nights hotel accommodation, eight meals, and three excursions, including a journey on the North Norfolk Railway.

[www.titanagents.co.uk/trade/current-brochures](http://www.titanagents.co.uk/trade/current-brochures).

## Jet2 adds more flights and holidays to Turkey

JET2 AND Jet2holidays have added more flights and holidays to Turkey, on the back of continued demand from British holidaymakers.

With the addition of more than 60 new flights, which equals more than 12,000 departing seats, the holiday specialist is giving customers even more choices than before, to plan their holidays and flights to visit Turkey.

Additional flights and holidays to Antalya, Dalaman, Izmir and Bodrum, have increased the company's overall capacity this summer. Last month, the company added 50 flights to Turkey in response to demand and the latest additions have only demonstrated just how popular Turkey is right now with travellers.



Jet2.com and Jet2holidays have also launched an insurance product for customers ahead of the holidays, which includes added COVID-19 cover for cancellations.

For additional information on the flights and holidays on offer, visit [www.jet2.com](http://www.jet2.com)



## Of kings, queens and castles with Saga Holidays

SAGA HOLIDAYS have come up with a six-day itinerary set in southern Sweden, featuring some famous water routes of the country. Guests will spend the first three nights in Stockholm, with a tour of the Vasa Museum, a cruise to the 17th century castle, Drottningholm Palace and a visit to the fishing town Vaxholm.

A journey to the Gota Canal in Linköping aboard the SS Mariefred comes next, followed by a visit to The Vadstena Castle, built in the style of early Renaissance architecture.

This holiday is priced at £1,249 per person. [www.travel.saga.co.uk](http://www.travel.saga.co.uk)





## AGENT INSIGHT

### SANDRA MURRAY NORMANTON, YORKSHIRE

I'VE JUST returned from 11 days in Gouves, Crete, and I had a great time as always. When I took a flight from Birmingham Airport with Jet2, everyone wore their masks as requested, which was really encouraging to see.

On return to Birmingham Airport, I couldn't believe that no checks were made, and no one asked to see the PLF form. Also, there was a confrontation with a man who was shouting and swearing and it took five policemen to hold him down – the reason, he was refusing to wear a mask!

I'm not going to go on about COVID-19, except to say it can be used positively to help fine-tune how we respond, not giving up but instead checking out ideas to keep afloat and encourage customers to come back to you. I know it doesn't help when tour operators are cancelling holidays either, so try to persuade your clients to rebook for next year, and give them something to look forward to.

This is also an opportunity to change your shop around if you have been wanting to update it but not had the time. The travel industry is one of the strongest and most determined industries to be in and people will always want to travel. Get creative – why not do something like get some masks made with a travel theme on them or your own logo? You have heard the saying 'when the going gets tough, the tough get going', so hang in there.

I was chatting to my friend Sandra Bruce who took a great educational trip to Casale Panayiotis Hotel up in the Troodos Mountains in Cyprus, which is an all-year-round destination and has the virus well under control at the moment, with a low incidence rate. The hotel is luxurious with a beautiful spa, and has locally sourced, delicious food and has fantastic opportunities to explore the surrounding nature on foot, bike or quad-bike. The hotel's local area has a treasure-trove of exquisite Byzantine monasteries and churches to explore too. If you're looking for some time away to get away from the everyday hustle and bustle, it might be worth checking them out for yourself!



CRYSTAL HAS scheduled a virtual ship visit at its boutique yacht, Crystal Esprit, on October 6, where a Crystal team member will take agents on a guided tour of the yacht and all its public areas. Participating agents will receive a few Crystal goodies in the post. Launched in July 2020, the first virtual ship visits took place 'onboard' one of Crystal's two ocean ships, Crystal Serenity, with 55 agents taking part.

## A confident collection with G Adventures' new trips

G ADVENTURES has added four new tours to its 'Travel with Confidence Plus' collection – 'Australia and New Zealand Encompassed Plus', 'Highlights of Madagascar Plus', 'Cuba Rhythms: Rum & Fun-Plus' and 'Cuba Explorer Plus'.

The 34-day trip to Australia and New Zealand will explore the lesser-visited rural gems, such as the Great Otway National Park, the Daintree Rainforest, and more well known ones, like the famous Sydney Opera House, while also including some water rafting and geothermal spa visits in Rotorua. Prices start at £7,559 per person, excluding flights.

The two week Madagascar trip is for the adventurous souls, who like to mingle with the local communities, listen to a ghost talker and enjoy a local dinner. Those interested can also visit Anja Community Reserve, the waterfalls in Ranohira, and Soa Zara Tree Planting Project, which is also supported by G Adventures. Prices start at £1,629 per person.



'Cuba Rhythms: Rum & Fun-Plus' and 'Cuba Explorer Plus' involves getting to know Havana's local tasting local rums and cigars and learning more about the salsa culture over the course of eight or nine days. Prices start at £619 per person and £1,029 per person.

G Adventures has extended its 'Book with Confidence' policy, meaning that travellers departing before December 31 can cancel and rebook up to 14 days prior to departure. [www.gadventures.com](http://www.gadventures.com)



**WOMEN IN Travel (CIC), the social enterprise dedicated to empowering women through employability in the travel industry, has announced it will partner with World Travel Market (WTM) London to host a series of webinars on race, allyship, risk and diversity in the travel industry. For more information, visit [www.womenintravelcic.com](http://www.womenintravelcic.com)**

## AGENT TRAINING

**BAHIA PRINCIPE Rewards loyalty programme aims to reward agents and recognise their efforts for selling Bahia Principe Hotels & Resorts, while increasing their knowledge of Bahia hotels. As a special welcome gift, agents will receive 1,000 welcome points. Some benefits include free stays and exclusive gifts, as well as special travel agent rates of up to 30% off. [www.travelbulletin.co.uk/travel-gym](http://www.travelbulletin.co.uk/travel-gym)**

**THE CENTRAL American Tourism Agency (CATA) is inviting all agents to take a (virtual) trip to Belize, Costa Rica, Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua, Panama and the Dominican Republic, in which they will witness the unique attractions on offer. For travel agents who register and attend all four webinars, there will be prizes raffled off during the webinars, as well as a thank you for attending, such as a flight for two people to any country of their choice. For more information, email [hello@taylormadepr.com](mailto:hello@taylormadepr.com)**



## AGENT INCENTIVES

- **AGENTS CAN** earn double reward points for Palladium Connect, Palladium Hotel’s agent rewards programme. Agents will have chances to win gifts and stays at Palladium’s luxury hotels around the world. For their chance to win, agents have to log all bookings until October 31, 2020, for travel until December 23, 2021. Reservations must be posted within 90 days of the confirmation and must be logged using the code HEROUK. For more information, contact [support.europe@palladiumconnect.com](mailto:support.europe@palladiumconnect.com)
- **AGENTS WHO** make a booking for the Adaaran Select Meedhupparu from September through to November, 2020, will be in with a chance of winning one of four GoPro HERO cameras. In addition, for every single booking for Adaaran Select Meedhupparu made throughout the month of September with If Only..., agents will receive £30 of Enhanced My Loyalty Card Earnings, taking the total amount up for grabs to £330 per booking. My Loyalty Card is If Only’s... in-house agent reward scheme, and usually offers agents the chance to earn up to £300 with Love2shop for every single booking. Contact the Indian Ocean reservations team to find out more on 0141 955 4000.



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## Intimate affairs with Riviera Travel, plus a trip to win

RIVIERA TRAVEL will be launching Small Group Tours and Private Tours for 2021. These will run in addition to Riviera's classic group tours, and offer the same kind of rich and immersive experiences.

Stuart Milan, Riviera's channel director, said, "To celebrate the launch of these two exciting programmes, we're delighted to offer a special incentive for agents. All agents who make a new booking on a Small Group Tour or Private Tour before the end of October, will be entered into a draw to win a place for themselves and a plus one on a small group tour in 2021. To enter the draw, agents should send the booking reference to [agencysales@rivieratravel.co.uk](mailto:agencysales@rivieratravel.co.uk)."

Small Group options are



'Marrakech and the Atlas Mountains' is a Small Group tour option.

available across Riviera's range of European tours, as well as 'Marrakech and the Atlas Mountains' and 'The Silk Road' tour through Uzbekistan. It is the same classic Riviera Travel holiday, but with less than 25 people. There will be spacious coaches filled to half their capacity, giving people more personal space. It is suited for individual bookings as

well as for private groups of friends or family members.

A Private Tour allows the client to move at their own pace, with a personal guide to help them explore the place. Riviera has added a total of 10 private tours in 2021, including client favourites such as India and Shimla as well as Costa Rica.

[www.rivieratravel.co.uk](http://www.rivieratravel.co.uk)

## Icelandair and easyJet join hands to share network

ICELANDAIR AND easyJet have entered into a partnership, with Icelandair joining Worldwide by easyJet, the flight connections platform.

The partnership will make it possible for travellers in the UK to visit Icelandair's extensive network in Europe and North America, as the service commences in the coming weeks.

Bogi Nils Bogason, president and CEO of Icelandair, said "We are very pleased to add easyJet to our portfolio of airline partners and provide their customers with easy access to our extensive network in Europe and North America."



Johan Lundgren, CEO of easyJet said, "We are confident this addition to Worldwide will be very popular with our customers who are looking for a seamless way to connect between Europe and North America."

Worldwide by easyJet offers self-connect and sales partnerships through a virtual hub, with more than 5,000 origins and destinations which can be booked in combination with easyJet's 17 partner airlines.

## Travel with Confidence: Wendy Wu's long-haul tours

WENDY WU Tours has launched a new 'Travel with Confidence' initiative, a travel safety programme developed in consultation with the UNWTO, WTTC and local government regulations across Asia and South America, which is available to travellers taking a long-haul holiday from the UK.

The new safety protocols cover accommodation and dining, to transport and sightseeing, as well as customers' health and safety overseas, and on return to the UK. Since the launch of the initiative, there has

been exceptional demand for long-haul travel over the next two years.

In response, Wendy Wu Tours has expanded its long-haul travel offering for 2021 and 2022, with a new collection of 150 specialist holidays across Japan, Southeast Asia, India, China, and new programmes to Central Asia and the Middle East, South America and Antarctica. There is also a 'Cruise and Beach' programme in Vietnam, which, alongside Japan and South Korea, carries full 'air bridge' status by the UK FCO.



## Small is beautiful: mini sailings with MSC

MSC CRUISES is offering mini sailings on MSC Armonia, MSC Magnifica and MSC Divina next year on the following dates respectively: May 3, May 28, and August 5. Your clients can choose to visit Miami for four days and nights aboard the Armonia at £359 per person, visit French and Belgian towns, or finally, visit Cherbourg and Bruges aboard Magnifica at prices from £424 per person. Those looking to plan their summer holidays can book a trip to Nassau, Bahama Islands, aboard the Divina at £976 for a family of four, for three nights.

Prices are based on double sharing, include a premium drinks package and service charges. [www.msccruises.co.uk](http://www.msccruises.co.uk)



SUDOKU

### Win a £50 M&S voucher in the **travelbulletin** Su Doku prize puzzle A

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

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

**competition@travelbulletin.co.uk**

Closing date for entries is Thursday, October 8th. Solution and new puzzle will appear in our next issue.

**The winner for September 11th is Dawn Hayman from 1 Up Travel.**

**September 11th Solution: A=5 B=4 C=6 D=9**

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9	3		5		2		7	4
<b>C</b>	1		8	4				3
2			5			1		
				9	5	6	7	
<b>D</b>					8			1



## WHERE AM I?

The city, located in a mountainous region, was founded in 1296 and served as the capital of the independent Lanna Kingdom until 1558. It is now the capital of its province and is still an important religious and cultural centre.

CROSSWORD

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

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**Across**

- Hotel brand, part of GLH (7)
- Spanish Manager of Manchester City FC, \_\_\_\_ Guardiola (3)
- Pomp and Circumstance composer (5)
- Up-market Colorado ski resort (5)
- Auckland international airport code (3)
- TV presenter Richard, now a best-selling author with his book, *The Thursday Murder Club* (5)
- Accommodation for campers (4)
- English county (4)
- Looks like a female relative but sounds like a French resort (5)
- Part of Australia, initially (3)
- Falls in Venezuela (5)
- Major hospitality company with HQ in Chicago (5)
- South African country, initially (3)
- Animated character with blue hair Marge \_\_\_\_ (7)

**Down**

- Nickname of a former wrestler recently listed as the highest paid actor in the world (3,4)
- Capital of Albania (6)
- Flag carrier of Israel (2,2)
- Capital of French Polynesia (4)
- Penang international airport code (3)
- Capital of Nicaragua (7)
- State capital of New Jersey (7)
- Royal Caribbean cruise ship, \_\_\_\_ of the Seas (6)
- European mountain range (4)
- Historic Scottish county town and resort (3)

Mystery Word: PATTAYA Where am I? - Chiang Mai, Thailand

Solution: Across: 1. THE ROCK, 2. TIRANA, 3. EL AL, 4. PAPERTE, 5. PEN, 10. MANAGUA, 12. TRENTON, 13. ANTHEM, 16. ALPS, 17. AFR. Down: 1. THISTLE, 4. PEP, 6. ELGAR, 7. ASPEN, 8. AKL, 9. OSMAN, 11. TENT, 14. KENT, 15. NIECE, 16. ACT, 17. ANGEL, 18. HYATT, 19. RSA, 20. SIMPSON.

# Industry insight by...



**Cherie Richards, chief business development officer, Not Just Travel, and The Travel Franchise, on getting back to business in the month of September.**

USUALLY SEPTEMBER rolls round in a flurry of back to school activity – and while we have still had to go out and buy new shoes and uniforms – I think it's fair to say that this September has been very different. After spending so much time together due to Covid, the 'Back to School' mantra has taken on a new meaning!

As an industry, we have had to get used to working from home and home-schooling, so with schools back and kids in the classrooms, you have to wonder, will we find ourselves less or more

distracted? Will we be more productive working from home or perhaps a bit lonely after all the hustle and bustle of the last few months?

September is also a time for looking forward in business. It's like the start of the new year all over again, and this year it means something different for us at

Not Just Travel.

With the new school year, we are looking to the future and looking to start this year again, with a positive outlook and new skills up our sleeves. We acknowledge it's been tough, and it may continue to be a bumpy road as we move to the 'new normal,' but as a company,

we wanted to say to our teams: "This is where we are now, and this is where we are going."

As part of this, we hosted our very first Virtual Conference for our Travel Consultants on September 5. The whole aim was to look to the future of travel and help our teams feel more positive and confident – giving them the skills to go out and be advocates for the travel industry. We heard practical tips from health and wellness coach Nic Woods, about how to change our mindsets and move past the stumbling blocks that Covid has created for many of us. It's about understanding that yes, the travel industry has had a setback, and it might not be 100% back right now, but we can show our customers we are there for them, so that when they are ready to discover the world again, we are ready and there to support them.

The New Year starts now at Not Just Travel. We have taken the Covid crisis as a chance to develop our business offering, to make us stronger for the future. So, whilst our children go back to school – we are very much back to business too!

**We have taken the Covid crisis as a chance to develop our business offering**







## SAVOURING SEYCHELLES

**Get your foodie clients excited about a trip to the Seychelles' North Island, now with an added layer of reassurance provided by the minister of tourism's special status for UK travellers.**

WITH TRAVEL beginning to open up, the North Island Seychelles team has prepared some epicurean experiences for your clients who want to enjoy fantastic food while on holiday.

The 'Dine Anywhere, Any Time' programme lets guests choose any point on the island to experience the world-class presentation and preparation of farm-to-table ingredients – or even their own catch of the day.

Now, guests can have their lunch in the lush and isolated rainforest situated on the far west side of the island with hammocks hung in the trees. Surrounded by nothing but nature, access to this new location makes guests feel like they have an



entire island to themselves, and all the freedom that comes with it. With any menu available anywhere, at any time, North Island has committed to offering their guests an unforgettable way to enjoy their meal.

As an added safety measure to reassure clients about their trip to the Seychelles, the authorities in Seychelles have decided to provide special status to the UK, among other key markets. The initiative aims to

provide more confidence to visitors, reassuring them that even when their country does not feature on the permitted list of countries, they will still be able to travel to Seychelles. Additionally, stringent sanitary measures will apply to ensure the safety of both visitors and the local population. The initiative will come into force as of October 1, when borders reopen to UK travellers.

The decision was made by the tourism task force, a committee chaired by tourism minister Didier Dogley, who will oversee all issues relating to the re-opening of the destination during this period.

[www.north-island.com](http://www.north-island.com)

### **Sheraton Maldives to reopen on October 1**

SHERATON MALDIVES Full Moon Resort & Spa is ready to reopen their doors to welcome guests again from October 1 onwards.

Sheraton Maldives Full Moon Resort & Spa is situated on the private Furana island in the Republic of Maldives, a 15-minute speedboat ride from Velana International Airport. The five-star resort offers 176 guest rooms designed to blend into the surrounding turquoise waters, pristine beaches and lush greenery. In addition to seven unique restaurants and bars, Shine Spa for Sheraton is located on its very own island, along with outdoor tropical freshwater pools.

Maldives' signature "one-island-one-resort" concept makes it convenient for guests to maintain social distancing. Furanafushi is one of the few larger islands in North Male Atoll, enabling the resort to enjoy a wide layout with ample space between facilities.

Nightly rates start from £315 per night, based on two people.

[www.sheratonmaldives.com](http://www.sheratonmaldives.com)



# MAURITIAN MAGIC

**Mauritius specialist, Sunset Faraway invites your clients for a sun-soaked escape to the white sand beaches of this safe Indian Ocean favourite.**



WITH LESS than 10 COVID-19 cases on the whole island at the time of going to press, your clients can enjoy a winter sun break, with Mauritian holiday specialist Sunset Faraway now offering luxury self-catering options for your clients – including five-star apartments and villas with butler service.

Additionally, Sunset has introduced boutique collection hotel options for those clients looking for a particular sense of isolation – these include 20 Degree Sud in Grande Baie, a colonial style boutique hotel, and the St Regis.

For your clients who are interested in getting to know the island better, the company has introduced self-drive and exploration experiences, which include a night on the private island, Ile des Deux Cocos, and the 'The Rum Diary' tour. This tour will encourage clients to explore the

more traditional side of Mauritius, visiting sugar factories and colonial heritage sites, as well as exploring the island's local gastronomy scene.

To make your clients' lives easier while travelling, Sunset will be launching a fast track immigration service which will offer travellers a seamless way through the airport's testing facilities and immigration, on arrival.

Sunset Faraway Holidays is offering a seven-night stay at The St. Regis Mauritius Resort from £1,795 per person. The price includes accommodation for two in an Ocean Junior Suite (exclusive) on full board basis.

The price includes economy return flights from Gatwick with Emirates, and transfers between airport and resort (with the fast track immigration package available at extra cost).

[www.sunset.co.uk](http://www.sunset.co.uk)

## Set your sights on the Seychelles

GOLD MEDAL is offering a seven-night stay at the five-star Constance Ephelia hotel in the Seychelles.

Surrounded by rainforest, plus two beaches, this is an ideal retreat for couples and families alike. Guests will be able to take advantage of the resort's U Spa and its many treatments on offer, while the kids are having their share of adventures at the Constance Kids Club.

The hotel's restaurants are strategically located on the beach itself, enabling guests to marvel at the Indian Ocean while they enjoy their private dinner or cocktails.

Priced at £2,059 per person, this includes a stay at the Junior Suite on a half board basis, and includes return economy flights with Qatar Airways from Gatwick.



The price also includes private transfers and is valid for travel between May 10, 2021, to June 21, 2021.

Agents must book by September 30 to avail of this deal.

Visit [www.goldmedal.co.uk](http://www.goldmedal.co.uk) for further information.



## Making memories – and savings – in the Maldives

AS PART of their current campaign, in conjunction with Adaaran Resorts, luxury tour operator If Only... is promoting an offer for Adaaran Select Meedhupparu, allowing guests to save 20% on accommodation. From £2,299 per person, guests can enjoy ten nights in a deluxe beach villa, dining options, return flights and complimentary domestic flight and speedboat transfers.

The If Only... Indian Ocean reservations team is also on hand to help agents offer price alternative durations, dates and room categories, making it easier for agents to craft a Maldives escape for their customers. As a bonus for agents, turn to Agent Bulletin on page 7 to find out how you can win prizes if you book a stay for your client at the Adaaran. For any further information, contact [Nicole.Baines@ifonly.net](mailto:Nicole.Baines@ifonly.net)





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# The Seychelles Islands

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# LUXURY HOLIDAYS



## THE BLUE DANUBE

**Soak up sights that inspired the likes of Mozart and Strauss on Riviera's luxurious 'Blue Danube River Cruise'.**

VISITING VIENNA, Budapest and Salzburg, your clients will have the opportunity to experience grand baroque architecture, medieval cities and picture perfect towns on Riviera Travel's 'Blue Danube River Cruise'.

Guests will be cruising for a total of seven nights on board in a luxury cabin or suite, with river views with spacious and well-appointed cabins or suites, private bathrooms and meticulously prepared fine cuisine.

The first part of the trip includes setting sail to Budapest, where travellers will head on their journey north to Esztergom, spending the morning exploring its historic centre. They will then continue westwards to the beautiful old town of Bratislava, the capital of Slovakia.

The company is now offering on-board credit on selected departures. Your



Salzburg, Austria is the birthplace of Mozart.

client's on-board credit can be redeemed against any on-board purchases – from drinks in the bistros to massages in the spa, from a new hair cut in the salon to any item from the boutique. Credit can also be used for gratuities.

Excursions to further explore the cities and towns are also available to guests, and include activities like

horse riding and hotel stays in Budapest.

Prices for the eight-day trip start from £1,289 per person, based on two people sharing a twin cabin with a limited number of single cabins available on all decks, at the relevant supplement.

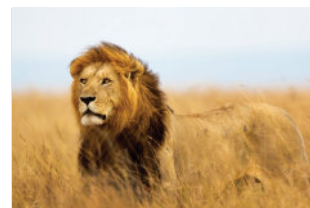
Visit [www.rivieratravel.co.uk](http://www.rivieratravel.co.uk) for any additional information.

### Mara bushtops with Kuoni

TRAVELLERS CAN experience luxury and tranquility at an exclusive tented camp raised above the Mara plains in Kenya on Kuoni's 'Masa Bushtops' trip.

There is a total of 12 lavish camps, which all have access to a 24-hour butler service, an expansive deck with a wildlife watching telescope, and an outdoor sunken bathtub.

While some camps serve as a base to explore surroundings, Masa Bushtops is a destination in itself. The camp borders the Masai Mara reserve and is surrounded by a private conservancy, which allows for off-road and night time game drives. All dining at the camp is à la carte, and there is even a wine cellar with a fine selection of wines from all over the world.



Prices start from £4,365 per person, for 2021 departures.

[www.kuoni.co.uk](http://www.kuoni.co.uk)



# EAT, PRAY, LOVE

Capella Ubud offers travellers a luxurious space of their own, for relaxation and reflection, far removed from the swathes of crowds.



CAPELLA UBUD, Bali and Nihi Sumba have created a one-of-a-kind experience for the enthusiastic traveller who likes to explore and discover new places and new ways of living.

A first-time traveller will enjoy the lush green forests forming the background to this property, which has different huts and tents created in the midst of nature, and the Wos River flowing close by.

An embodiment of Indonesian craftsmanship, Capella Ubud is the perfect place for the adventurous as well as the relaxed, as the place offers plenty of variety, in terms of style or decor of accommodation. Different categories of tents, including the terrace tent, the river tent, the rainforest tent, the Keliki Valley tent and the lodge are available to choose from.

Other than the basic amenities, the resort has special amenities, including outdoor showers and day beds. There is also a schedule of daily activities, which include learning Balinese calligraphy, Balinese dances,

Boreh and Canang making, yoga and meditation, biking around the Keliki Village and trekking the Keliki rice fields, and practising Sandikala.

Nihi Sumba, located on a lesser known island, is famous for a wide range of experiences, which restores balance to the body and mind. Snorkelling at the Nihiwatu Beach, rock pooling and stand up paddle boarding and swimming with the horses are just some of the activities and experiences that the property is famous for.

Open air restaurants and specially designed villas with their own private swimming pool, make for a carefree, rugged luxury, with a wide variety of experiences, such as surfing, hydrofoiling, survival apnea, Ikat weaving, and Japanese and Indonesian cooking.

All bookings at Capella Ubud under the 'Awaken to Magic' offer, will automatically receive an upgrade for stays booked until December 31, 2021, subject to the availability of tents.

[www.capellahotels.com](http://www.capellahotels.com)

## Scenic's trip to the land of the midnight sun and Vikings

SCENIC LUXURY Cruises and Tours' offering for June 2021 consists of a voyage along Norway's coastline, which includes breathtaking views of the fjords, cascading waterfalls and snow-capped mountains, and small picturesque towns and fishing villages.

The 17-day trip from Amsterdam to Oslo begins with a flight to Amsterdam, Netherlands, which is followed by embarking on the voyage.

The trip gives the UK traveller the opportunity to visit Bergen city, and discover Ålesund on a bicycle. The mountain of Torghatten and the Lofotr Viking Museum, will take visitors through a brief journey into Nordland legends and fairy tales.



The visit to the Arctic Cathedral in Tromsø, a trip to the northernmost point of Europe, Nordkapp and the natural landscapes of Svalbard Archipelago, comprising glaciers, frozen Tundras and Spitsbergen by zodiac/ kayak will make up the rest of the tour. The trip is priced at £11,844 for two people.

[www.scenic.co.uk](http://www.scenic.co.uk)



## Cook Islands' Aquatic Eco Trail at Pacific Resort Aitutaki

GUESTS AT Pacific Resort Aitutaki can participate in the Cook Islands' first Aquatic Eco Trail, made possible by the partnership of the Pacific Resort Hotel Group and the Pacific Islands Conservation Initiative (PICI); which aims to increase awareness about the fragile eco system and challenges to the coral reefs.

The self-guided snorkelling and educational tour has been designed as an educational activity for guests, who will visit five lagoon habitats, namely, Mature Porites Bommies, Regenerating Corals, Acropora Nursery, Holothurian Beds and Near Shore Sandy Nursery, where a wide variety of marine species, such as green sea turtle, angelfish, butterfly fish, blue starfish and giant clam can be found. [www.cookislands.travel/uk](http://www.cookislands.travel/uk)

# PRIVATE ISLAND BLISS

As part of a gradual reopening to tourists, Fiji is allowing travellers who arrive by private jet and hire an island access to the country.



WHILE FIJI remains predominantly closed to the outside world amid the COVID-19 crisis, clients with big travel budgets can experience the tropical island nation in true luxurious style.

The Fijian government is permitting high net worth individuals to come to Fiji so long as they arrive by private charter aircraft and buy out an island resort or charter a private yacht for a minimum of 14 days.

There are 333 islands that create the South Pacific paradise that is Fiji, which include many private island resorts to choose from for a COVID-safe holiday.

With the country's new initiatives, "VIP Lanes" for air travel and "Blue Lanes" for sea travel, the government is encouraging high-end travellers to escape to Fiji via private transportation. With enhanced safety measures, visitors can have peace of mind as they get off the grid with a two-week escape to paradise and enjoy the experience of a private island in complete isolation.

## Vatuvara Private Islands Resort

This is an enchanting escape located in the lesser travelled Lau Group of islands in Fiji's east. With just three, one-bedroom villas, it is located just off the coast of Fiji's main island of Viti Levu between the Mamanuca and Yasawa island chains.

## Tavarua Island Resort

A bucket list experience for your clients who are keen surfers. The heart-shaped island with just 16 bures is located just off the coast of Fiji's main island, Viti Levu.

## Wakaya Club & Spa

Wakaya Club is one of Fiji's oldest legacy resorts that has hosted Hollywood celebrities and musicians for decades, and has just completed extensive renovations, ready to cautiously welcome guests.

Visit [www.fiji.travel](http://www.fiji.travel) for more information.

## The Hilton opens first Conrad resort in Mexico

HILTON'S FIRST Conrad-branded resort in Mexico, the Conrad Punta de Mita, opened to guests recently.

The 325-room property is set on a two-mile-long beach on the Pacific coast of the Riviera Nayarit in Mexico. Drawing influence from Mexico's rich history and culture, indigenous artwork integrates with luxurious amenities and sophisticated, contemporary architectural design.

The Riviera Nayarit region includes the quaint seaside town of Sayulita, known for its surfing, picturesque beachside cafes and vibrant handmade arts and crafts. Additional destination activities include fish market tours and cooking demonstrations with local chefs in Punta Mita; catamaran snorkelling excursions exploring the areas of Bahia de Banderas;



luxury sailing adventures taking in the views of the coastline against the Sierra Madre mountains; and, sea safari journeys to Quimixto where guests can saddle up for a horseback trail ride to a waterfall and freshwater swimming hole.

[www.conradpuntademita.com](http://www.conradpuntademita.com)



## Travel well and stay well with Wilderness Safaris

WILDERNESS SAFARIS' new wellness spaces, DumaTau and Little Dumatau, in Botswana will be opening again.

In addition to upgrading DumaTau Camp, the company has announced the introduction of Little DumaTau, an exclusive camp featuring four tented suites. DumaTau and Little DumaTau will form part of Wilderness Safaris' premier portfolio.

There will be a new wellness space and spa scenically located between the two camps, including an inviting shaded deck, a lap pool, spa, snack deli and safari boutique.

The camps both provide expansive guest rooms and decks with indoor and outdoor showers and plunge pools, as well as a stylish 'star bed sleep-out' to experience unforgettable views of the Zibadianja Lagoon.

Agents have the opportunity to work with the Wilderness Safaris team to craft the perfect getaway for their clients. [www.wilderness-safaris.com](http://www.wilderness-safaris.com)



# SOUTHERN STYLE

**Luxury resort company Sandals Resorts International, has unveiled the design plans for a multi-million-dollar renovation at Sandals South Coast in Jamaica.**

SET TO debut this December, guests can expect a new era for the resort company with the addition of the world's first-ever Swim-up Rondoal Suites, positioned on a 17,040 sq. ft. pool oasis. The resort's 112-room Dutch Village will also be re-designed with direct access to two new expansive swim-up pools. A modern lush wedding venue is also being added to adorn the garden in the resort's Italian Village. Prices start from £2,015 per person, based on seven



nights in a Dutch Beachfront Luxury Room. This price includes Luxury Included (all-

inclusive) accommodation, return economy flights with Virgin Atlantic from Heathrow

and resort transfers. The price is valid for travel on selected dates between May 1 and June 27, 2021.

Sandals South Coast will reopen on October 1, 2020. The new Swim-Up Rondoal Suites and renovated Dutch Village suites are now accepting reservations for arrivals from December 10, 2020.

*Agents can book by calling the call centre on 0808 164 3459 or for more information about Sandals Resorts, visit [www.sellingsandals.co.uk](http://www.sellingsandals.co.uk)*

## Cunard's Classic World Voyage

CUNARD'S 2022 CLASSIC World Voyage aboard the famous Queen Mary 2 ship has gone on sale.

The ocean liner will make calls to Greece, Dubai, Sri Lanka, Singapore, Vietnam, Hong Kong, Australia, Bali, Abu Dhabi, Oman, Italy and Portugal. Sailings through the Suez Canal feature on the outbound and return journeys of this 104-night voyage.

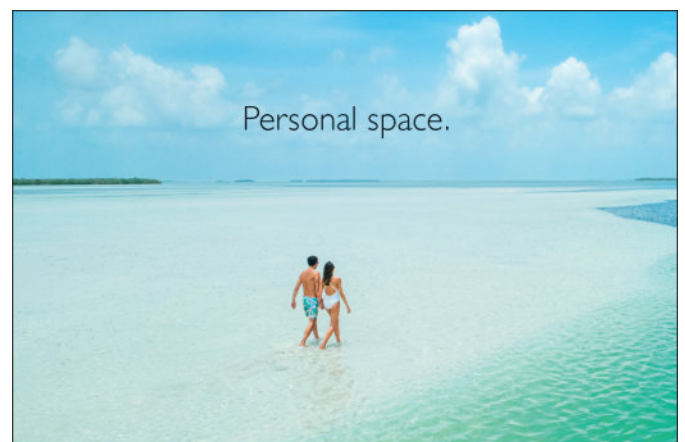
Cunard president, Simon Palethorpe, said, "This unique programme spans 16 countries, offering a combined 33 UNESCO World Heritage Sites, which we hope will combine the perfect blend of exploration on shore and relaxation on board."

Palethorpe continued, "This 104 night voyage can be split into six sectors and booked individually, which is tailored to those who want to fully immerse themselves in the Cunard experience for just a portion of the journey. It truly is the ultimate exploration of east meets west experienced from the magnificent setting of the world's only ocean liner, the Queen Mary 2. Those sailing the full World Voyage will receive a welcome onboard reception, services of a World Voyage Concierge and use of a private lounge in their package."

The voyage sets sail from Southampton on January 10, 2022 and returns on April 24, 2022. It will include overnight stops in Haifa, Dubai, Hong Kong, Sydney and Singapore, plus a late night departure from Colombo.

Prices start from £11,499 per person, for an inside stateroom.

[www.cunard.com/sailing-with-confidence](http://www.cunard.com/sailing-with-confidence)



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# THE SUITE LIFE

**Luxury cruising company, Regent Seven Seas has launched their 'Elevate Your Experience' offer, giving your clients the opportunity to experience more free upgrades while on board.**



REGENT SEVEN Seas Cruises has launched the 'Elevate Your Experience' promotional offer, which allows agents to book clients on voyages to Alaska, Northern Europe or the Mediterranean in 2021, with a free two-category suite upgrade, including a Penthouse Suite, if booked by September 30. Cruise travellers will get a free one-night stay at a pre-cruise hotel if the Concierge Suite is booked, while Penthouse Suite bookings will include a personal butler and additional perks and amenities.

A reduced 10% deposit is also applicable to bookings under the promotion, for flexible bookings of 2021 holidays.

"With our Elevate Your Experience promotion we have taken the unrivalled experience found across our fleet to new levels," said Jason Montague, president and

chief executive officer of Regent Seven Seas Cruises. "Whether sailing Alaska, Northern Europe or the Mediterranean, our guests can savour incredible value and the heightened service-levels of a Free Suite Upgrade."

In addition, Regent Reassurance, allows cancellations up to 15 days prior to the departure date, and guests will receive a 100% Future Cruise Credit on all bookings made by September 30, 2020, for all voyages departing until October 31, 2021.

Regent Seven Seas Cruises is also offering free unlimited shore excursions in every port, such as Regent Choice shore excursions, Small Group Tours, Go Local Tours, Gourmet Explorer Tours and Wellness Tours.

*For more information, visit [www.rssc.com](http://www.rssc.com)*

## PATA UK & Ireland highlights Far Eastern breaks for 2021

IN THE midst of uncertainty about the winter reopenings of borders to international travellers in Far East countries, travel from the end of March 2021 onwards now seems to be the trend, as recommended by PATA UK & Ireland.

David Kevan, partner at upscale CHIC Locations and luxury spokesperson for PATA UK & Ireland, said: "The real value on offer is fantastic. If you looked at many of the 2020 spring prices, we can now offer the same luxury hotel but with room and meal upgrade included."

Kevan added that he felt "Koh Samui in Thailand, and Bali would see the biggest demand, with both areas moving into their traditionally good summer weather."



CHIC Locations offers a luxurious 10-night Thailand holiday with three nights in Bangkok and seven nights in Samui at the Santiburi hotel on the Mae Nam beach. They also offer a seven-night Bali holiday at the romantic, adult-only Kayumanis Private Estate in Nusa Dua and Ubud.

*[www.PATA.org.uk](http://www.PATA.org.uk)*



## Family fun and Ionian delights with MarBella Corfu

IN LIGHT of COVID-19, MarBella Corfu is set to offer a brand new beach experience, 'Your Day At The Beach'.

This offer will see each group presented with a carefully designed picnic basket full of culinary delights, courtesy of MarBella Collection, together with an all-day free car hire so that your guests can take themselves on a beautiful day out at Halikounas. Halikounas is ranked among the top safest beaches in the world, located about 14km from the hotel.

MarBella Corfu is situated in the idyllic and tranquil south-east corner of Corfu, at Agios Ioannis Peristeron. Nestled in lush gardens and perched on a wooded hillside, the hotel overlooks the Ionian Sea.

*[www.marbella.gr](http://www.marbella.gr)*



## GOING IT SOLO

**Bedsonline, a booking engine for travel agents, reports on the top trends among those who travel alone in 2020.**

EACH YEAR, the number of people travelling alone rises dramatically, and with that, solo travel habits change too. Clearly the travel industry has been hit hard this year by COVID-19, but all other things being equal, solo trips are set to be a popular travelling choice. After a lockdown period which saw many flights and holidays being cancelled, single Brits are eager to get out and see the world again.

### **Solo on organised tours**

One of the biggest and growing trends for solo travellers is taking escorted tours. In 2018, 70% of Intrepid Travel's customers went solo on their US trips, and in a recent study over 70% of travellers said they had done escorted tours in the past, and 47% say they actually preferred them. In an extensive survey by Just You, almost a third of their respondents had taken four or more escorted tours solo.

This speaks to the breadth of the market, which is only set to get better in

2020. "Travel companies are developing new types of flexible and immersive touring products" says the Association of British Travel Agents 2020 trends report. From flexi-touring on tourist-specific bus networks to personalised escorted touring, like Intrepid Travel's women-only solo trips, the escorted tour market is getting ever more sophisticated and catering to all types of travellers.

### **Solo adventure over solo city breaks**

Statistics show that 30% of solo travellers love adventure travel, while only 23% favour urban trips. So the city break is out for solo travellers in 2020 and the adventure vacation is in. This could mean that your solo clients want to get close to nature, go on a safari or even explore some remote corners of the world.

Your solo clients might well be seeking voluntourism adventures, trips to developing nations where their tourist dollars can make a difference, or retreats in exotic locations.

### **Walking holidays**

In 2019, a survey of British travellers found that walking holidays were the most popular activity trip. Specialist solo tour operator Just You has also reported walking as a hugely popular activity, with 40% of their respondents saying they prefer hiking vacations.

In an Accord report, walking vacations were popular among the over 65s, and with solo travel being a big trend among senior travellers, it's likely your solo clients will be interested in these too.

As one of 2020's top trends, travelling alone is going to become a more commonplace activity in tourism, especially with a current, changing travel environment where travellers are concerned about being in large groups – solo travel as a trend could really be set to pick up.

*To read Bedsonline's full solo travel trends report, and to download their solo travel trends eBook, visit [www.discover.bedsonline.com/en-en/](http://www.discover.bedsonline.com/en-en/)*





# FESTIVE ESCAPE

**Newmarket has reduced the price of its 'Christmas in the Scottish Highlands' tour for your solo clients, who will be able to enjoy a Scottish-style getaway this festive season.**



CLIENTS CAN spend the festive season in a warm and welcoming hotel in the heart of the Highlands, with Newmarket's 'Christmas in the Scottish Highlands' tour, celebrating Christmas in one of Britain's most scenic corners.

As well as enjoying a full programme of festive meals and entertainment at their welcoming Highland hotel, guests will join fellow travellers to journey on the dramatic 42 miles of the West Highland line from Fort William to Mallaig – crossing the famous Glenfinnan Viaduct en route to the West Coast haven – and perhaps take an optional 'Boxing Day Mystery Tour' to a nearby place of interest.

Some tour highlights include four nights in the heart of the Highlands, enjoying good company and traditional festive cheer; a

welcome drink and get-together; a full programme of seasonal entertainment; and, four full nights in the heart of the Scottish Highlands.

Prices have fallen from £689 to £620 per person for Newmarket's 'Christmas in the Scottish Highlands' tour. Additionally, agents can save their customers a further £50 per person with Newmarket's September offer, which is the 'End of Summer Sale'.

The price includes four nights' accommodation and flights from five UK airports, although a tour-only option is available too.

Tours must be booked by September 30 to avail of the sale price.

[www.newmarketholidays.co.uk](http://www.newmarketholidays.co.uk)

## Solo cruising

AS THE solo travel market continues to expand, European Waterways has announced the return of its 'Solo Cruise'.

European Waterways is addressing this fast-growing trend with the return of its exclusive 'Solo Cruise' aboard Italy's 20-passenger La Bella Vita, the largest vessel in its fleet.

Spacious and stylish, with all the modern conveniences including en suite, air-conditioned cabins, La Bella Vita is the only hotel barge sailing out of Venice to the Renaissance city of Mantua along the Po River and Bianco Canal.

As with all European Waterways cruises, luxury, comfort, fine wine and gastronomic meals are prepared by the onboard master chef.



Currently European Waterways is offering 10% off on all advance bookings for this six-night, all-inclusive cruise, a saving of £399 off the original £3,999 single rate, now £3,591 per person.

La Bella Vita is scheduled to depart on October 10, 2021.



## All things Interlaken with Inghams

INGHAMS IS offering single travellers an opportunity to travel to the stunning Interlaken city in Switzerland.

A vibrant city with much to do and easy access to some beautiful areas, such as the Jungfrau, travellers will also be able to join the James Bond Schilthorn excursion, where they can take in the majestic views from the Schilthorn. Inghams recommends Hotel Metropole, as there is no single supplement and the hotel offers some stunning views.

With the attentive service of reps and partner hotels, your clients can be confident of a friendly face to provide them with expert advice and tips throughout their holiday. Additionally, there is a range of optional, daily excursions, which are a fantastic way to meet fellow travellers.

[www.agents.ingham.co.uk](http://www.agents.ingham.co.uk)



# MEXICO MAD

**Titan launched its 'Small Group & Solo Holidays' 2021 brochure earlier this summer, which includes inspiring solo trips such as 'Mexico's Mayan Trail' for your adventurous clients.**



TITAN OFFERS a number of solo tours exclusive for individual travellers, and for your clients wanting to travel alone, 'Mexico's Mayan Trail' could be an adventure of a life time.

Emerald jungles, sapphire-blue waters and powdery white sands meet towering ancient temples and colonial towns – these are just some of the things that your client will be able to see on a trip to Mexico.

Titan's comprehensive tour will have your clients combing through spectacular Mayan sites, uncovering the history of Mexico's ancient people – the Zapotecs, Mixtecs, and Aztecs – and the influence of Spanish settlers.

From £3,199 per person, the price includes

14 meals, 14 nights in hotels and international flights. Prices are based on return flights with British Airways from Heathrow or Gatwick – supplements may apply from other airports

With no single supplement included in its exclusive solo departures, all the solo holidays offered by Titan are perfect for individual travellers who wish to travel solo, but never alone. Alternatively, with single supplements from just £199, solo travellers also have the option of joining any other Titan tour, including its small-group tours.

*Titan's 'Small Group & Solo Holidays 2021' brochure can be requested, or downloaded via [www.titanagents.co.uk/trade/current-brochures](http://www.titanagents.co.uk/trade/current-brochures)*

## Off-the-beaten-track at Aristi Mountain Resort & Villas

SITUATED IN Zagori, Epirus in north-western Greece, Aristi Mountain Resort & Villas is nestled in a national park teeming with wildlife, untouched nature and idyllic enclaves, perfect for clients who want some time alone in nature.

Hardly on the tourist radar, the hotel is surrounded by the spectacular Zagori region, which is currently under consideration for the UNESCO World Heritage list and home to a myriad of hidden enclaves. The resort focuses upon connecting to nature and yourself, making it the perfect place for active solo travel that incorporates relaxation.

The hotel is home to luxurious accommodation, as well as a wild and rugged landscape – a perfect playground for solo adventure seekers who wish to explore their surroundings and do something different on their holidays.



Aristi Mountain Resort & Villas offers classic double rooms for one person from £416.17.

<https://aristimountainresort.reserve-online.net/?view=ta>



## Wendy Wu's wonderful week in Japan

WENDY WU is offering your clients a 50% discount off their airfare and no compulsory single supplements if they are travelling solo, a perfect opportunity to spend a week exploring the beauty of Mt Fuji.

On the 'A Week in Japan' tour, your clients will spend a total of eight days exploring the historical cities of Kyoto and Nara, ascending the slopes of Mt Fuji and experiencing the bright lights of Tokyo and Osaka.

Some highlights of the tour include a cruise on Tokyo Bay; taking part in a traditional tea ceremony; and, taking an ancient calligraphy class.

Japan is currently on the the UK government's Covid Safe List, meaning visitors do not have to quarantine on returning home.

To read more about this tour and others, visit [www.wendywutours.co.uk](http://www.wendywutours.co.uk)



## A Peruvian adventure with Cox & Kings

LUXURY SMALL group tour specialist Cox & Kings has reported an increase in demand for solo travel, with the 'Treasures of Peru' trip proving to be particularly popular.

Through research conducted in the height of the pandemic, solo travel came in the top three of the types of trip consumers would like to go on, highlighting solo travellers' desire to explore the world, post lockdown.

From the selection of dedicated solo tours, one of the most popular that Cox & Kings offers is the 'Treasures of Peru' trip. This holiday will be an introductory tour of Peru, and will include seeing the country's most celebrated sights.

Starting in Lima, travellers will



explore Peru's ancient, colonial and scenic wonders including Cuzco, the Sacred Valley of the Incas, Lake Titicaca and, of course, the famed Machu Picchu.

Current prices for this trip are from £2,495 and include accommodation and flights.

[www.coxandkings.co.uk](http://www.coxandkings.co.uk)

## What is one tip you have for solo travellers?



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