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Despite cost of living concerns, Millennials and Gen Z are expected to increase spending on travel and tourism in 2023.

RESEARCH FROM consumer insight platform QuMind has revealed that Millennials and Gen Z are set to bring a much-needed boost to the travel and tourism industry in 2023, in spite of growing concerns over consumer spending in light of the cost of living crisis.

Research suggests that 42% of Millennials and Gen Z plan to increase spending on travel and tourism in 2023, compared to just 22% of over-45-year-olds.

This expected growth is projected in spite of 66% of the same group voicing concerns that the cost of living crisis has influenced their plans to travel – compared to 52% of over-55s.

CEO of QuMind, Mark Ursell, explained the findings: "Many British consumers are making serious cutbacks to their holiday spending as a way to save money in these trying times. However, younger people that may feel like they missed out on travel experiences during Covid-19 continue to

increase their spending on travel, despite heightened concerns over the cost-of-living crisis."

To capitalise on the young traveller market's eagerness to explore in 2023, the research revealed that 70% are enticed by free cancellations, 62% by included meals, and 58% by free hotel upgrades. The role of agents could not be more pivotal to assuring their clients with peace of mind and a point of contact during booking.

"It is critical that travel and tourism companies help their price-sensitive customers' money to stretch further.

Offering deals and added incentives will be key to helping many people get away and have special and memorable experiences.

However, there's not a one-size-fits-all approach, and travel companies need to understand what makes a holiday attractive to their different customer segments," concluded Ursell.



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Vietnam sees tourist numbers boost

THE NEW Year is looking bright for Vietnam after 2022 brought the much-anticipated return of inbound travel to the country, bringing with it a wave of more than 3.6 million tourists. From last year's success, 2023 is projected to boost inbound numbers up to a staggering 8 million.

Chairman of the Vietnam Tourism Advisory Board, Kien Tran Trong, said: "Last year's strong visitor numbers speak for themselves, and are a testament to the quality of product that Vietnam has to offer tourists.

"In 2023, we look forward to welcoming international travellers to our destination, as we continue to focus on improving our tourism offering throughout the year." www.vietnam.travel





Trade-only discounts available with Rocky Mountaineer

LUXURY TRAIN line Rocky Mountaineer has given agents an advance opportunity to sell the company's New Year promotions to their customers, with discounts of up to £255 available per couple.

Valid for selected bookings in both directions on all routes,

the promotions have been available for the trade sector to book through the Rocky Mountaineer's travel agent portal from January 16, 2023, with the consumer-facing marketing commencing on January 30, 2023. www.rockymountaineer.com

American announces biggestever London summer schedule

AMERICAN AIRLINES will continue to expand its presence across the Atlantic this year as the company announces its biggest-ever summer schedule to and from London Heathrow, with an extra 13% capacity to meet demand. Beginning in April 2023, 26 daily flights will be operating to 11 US destinations, with additional daily flights to Los Angeles and Charlotte Douglas International.

"As we saw in summer last year, people want to and are - travelling. At American we're excited to help introduce passengers to everything the US and beyond has to offer," said American's managing director, Strategic Performance and UK Operations, Rhett Workman.

www.aa.com

Amilla Maldives to welcome Baa Atoll biologist first

AMILLA MALDIVES Resort and Residences has joined forces with Maldives- and UK-registered sea turtle conservation organisation, the Olive Ridley Project (ORP) to host a sea turtle biologist on-island.

Working alongside Amilla's in-house resident marine biologist, Zoe Cox, Maldivian Afrah Abdul Sathaar will be the first ORP sea turtle biologist to be based in the UNESCO World Biosphere Reserve of Baa Atoll - a hotspot for turtles to feed, play and nest.

Afrah will work closely with the Amilla Maldives team to promote sea turtle conservation efforts by conducting research and educating guests and the local community on the importance of protecting marine life in the region. Specific scientific objectives of Afrah's work include expanding accurate non-contact recording of sea turtles and studying nesting on uninhabited islands that are vulnerable to poaching.





TAP WILL boost its flights from Porto airport next summer by increasing its offering on several routes and launching a new intercontinental operation.



JET2.COM AND Jet2holidays announced that their third summer of operations at Bristol Airport will be their biggest yet, and they are expanding their team to support this huge Summer 2023 programme.



Holiday bookings skyrocket on Sunshine Saturday

THE ADVANTAGE Travel Partnership has reported a soar in bookings since the beginning of 2023 with a particular spike in sales on January 7, known as 'Sunshine Saturday', with sales up on this day alone being 117% compared to the same Saturday in 2022.

Advantage says that 30% of holidays that were booked on January 7 are departing in the next 12 weeks. The top selling destinations being booked are Spain, followed by Greece, Turkey and the US. Sales were predicted to remain high into 'Blue Monday', the name given to the third Monday in January which has been coined as the 'most depressing day of the year'.

Slovakia's winter sports on show with new guide

VISIT LIPTOV & Enjoy Tatras
DMC has released a bespoke
and dedicated winter sports
travel guide to help raise
awareness of the destination.

The guide is used as a training tool for agents and operators, spotlighting the various active adventure, health and wellness, and winter activations on offer across the region.



www.sportstourismnews.co m/high-tatras-liptov-regionslovakia-winter-sports-travelguide



Record day of bookings for Blue Bay Travel

2023 IS off to a strong start for Blue Bay Travel, with the appointment of a new product manager, Chris Yianni, and a record-breaking day of bookings.

Blue Bay Travel saw bookings return to pre-pandemic peaks levels on January 5, which proved to be the busiest single day of trading in three years. Almost 32% of the bookings made were for departures in spring 2023, with autumn 2023 departures accounting for 31% of the bookings.

www.bluebaytravel.co.uk

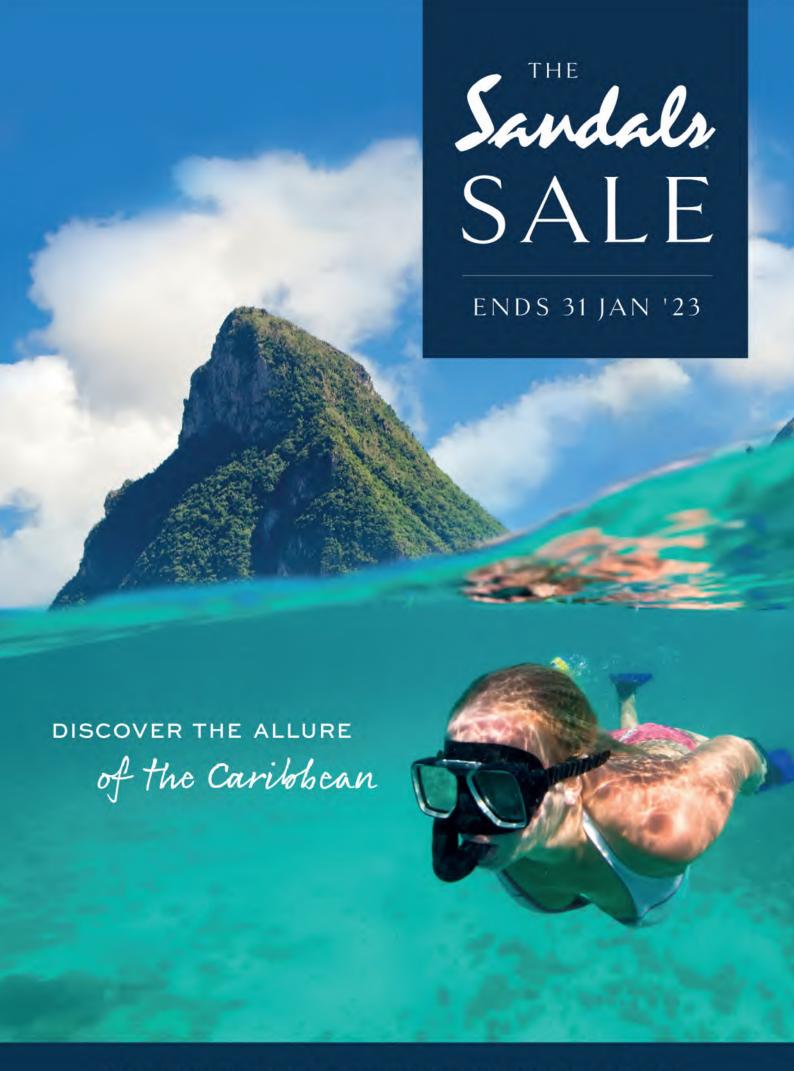


Corendon Airlines adds extra routes

CORENDON AIRLINES has added additional summer 2023 capacity, due to the success of its Summer 2023 'up to 50% off campaign', launched earlier this month.

Customers will save up to 50% on all flights purchased for travel between April 1 and October 31, 2023. The campaign is due to end on the January 29, 2023.

www.corendonairlines.com



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Fred.\ launches tailor-made, cruise holiday brochure

FRED.\ HOLIDAYS has launched its '2023/2024 Tailor-Made
Belgium, France & Netherlands' brochure featuring a selection of more than 20 of its most popular land, rail and river cruise holidays, as well as three exclusive escorted tours in partnership with Collette Escorted Tours.

Highlights include 'French Riviera in Partnership with Collette', a seven-night escorted tour packed full of culinary and



cultural experiences. Included are seven nights' four-star accommodation in Nice; seven breakfasts, one lunch and three dinners; dinner in Vieux Nice; French lunch in a tearoom of Villa Ephrussi de Rothschild; visits to Monaco, Saint-Honorat Island, Saint-Jean-Cap-Ferrat & St Paul de Vence; overseas escorted travel from arrival at hotel, and return flights or rail from the UK. Departures will be between March and December, with prices from £2,049 per person.

Other attractions are Paris and the Venice Simplon-Orient-Express; Ypres and Flanders Fields Battlefields by rail; 'Tulip Serenade' that includes sevennight cruise round trip from Amsterdam along the waterways of Holland and Belgium.

www.fredholidays.co.uk



EMIRATES IS set to increase its services to Sydney and Melbourne and reinstate services to Christchurch, New Zealand to meet growing demand for Australasian services. Flights to Melbourne will increase to three-daily services between Emirates' Dubai hub via Singapore from March 26, 2023, as well as an additional direct service to Sydney available from May 1, 2023. www.emirates.com

ABTA offering discounts on several programmes

ABTA HAS announced its events schedule for the first half of 2023 with a range of varied conferences and training days designed to keep the travel industry up-to-date and develop skills and knowledge within the travel sector.

The programme will provide insights and advice from key specialists and leaders in their fields, helping travel businesses continue their recovery from the pandemic and respond to emerging changes and

challenges. The training events will upskill new/existing staff and offer a great way for travel companies to show how they are investing in the development of their staff.

ABTA events are offering reduced rates to members and partners. It is also offering a 10% discount on all event bookings made before February 3, 2023 – those interested can use the code JANUARY23 while booking. For details, visit: www.abta.com/events.

Hyatt opens hotel in Albert Embankment

HYATT HOTELS Corporation has announced the opening of Hyatt Regency London Albert Embankment, situated a five-minute walk from Westminster, Trafalgar Square and Big Ben. A short stroll along the River Thames from the hotel leads to the South Bank, an area celebrated for its world-class arts and cultural venues, whilst nearby Vauxhall Station provides direct access to many of the city's major travel hubs.

On the 14th floor of the 142-room hotel, a range of executive suites offer king-size bedrooms, spacious, modern bathrooms, and relaxing lounge areas, accompanied by a private balcony for guests to enjoy exclusive panoramas across London.





James Villas expands in Croatia

JAMES VILLAS has added more than 3,200 new properties on sale in Croatia. Part of managed vacation rental company Awaze, James Villas has consolidated its growth plans in the last two years to focus on accommodation-only holidays with a dominance in Europe. For more information visit www.jamesvillas.co.uk

AGENT INCENTIVES

- IN CELEBRATION of the launch of its Summer 2023 turn of the year campaign, Inghams is offering its trade partners two tickets for the Crystal Maze Live Experience in London. Agents making a booking by February 5, 2023, and email dates and reference numbers to agency.sales@hotelplan.c o.uk to be entered into the prize draw. The winner will be announced via the 'Inghams Summer for Travel Agents' Facebook page, where agents will also find offers and assets for the campaign. www.inghams.co.uk
- WENDY WU Tours' new incentive programme, Wendy Wu Advocates, celebrates and rewards the hard work of their agent partners with a host of goodies. Agents can work their way up the Advocate leaderboard to become Bronze, Silver or Gold agents with each booking. Rewards include enhanced cash incentives, VIP fam trips, annual team events, and marketing funds. www.wendywutours.co.uk /agents/login.htm
- LE COUCOU, the five-star hotel in the ski resort of Méribel, is offering a bumper 12% commission on stays before February 10 and after March 4, www.lecoucoumeribel.com
- EARN £50 per booking to St. Kitts and Nevis as part of the St. Kitts Tourism Authority's agent rewards programme. With two weekly flights from London Gatwick, and all Covid-19 restrictions lifted last summer, agents can capitalise on the Caribbean demand and earn at www.stkittsrewards.co.uk



EXPERIENCE KISSIMMEE, the official tourism authority for Osceola County, hosted a group of 12 Kenwood Travel agents on a fam trip in partnership with Virgin Atlantic. The group visited Universal Resort Orlando, took a cycling tour of Celebration, and fed giraffes at the new drive-thru safari park at Wild Florida among a host of other excursions.



Win a five-night stay for two people at the Miraggio Thermal Spa Resort by answering three simple questions!

Find out more at

www.travelbulletin.co.uk/competitions

AGENT TRAINING

- THE CELESTYAL Stars training scheme gives agents everything they need to sell Celestyal's cruises around Greece and the Eastern Mediterranean. Five training modules, covering 'The Celestyal Experience', 'Pre-Bookable Extras', 'Three, four & five night cruises', 'Seven nights+ cruises', and 'Our Ships', offer a look at all corners of the Celestyal world, along with current offers, commissionable prebookable extras and exclusive trade rates. www.celestyalstars.com
- NEW SMYRNA Beach, on Florida's East coast, has spotlighted its offerings, variety of guest houses and holiday homes, and seaside surf charm with a new training course. Every agent completing the course in January and February will be entered into a prize draw for a £50 High Street shopping voucher. www.tourismgivesback.com/ course/travel-agents/
- LEARN AND earn with Sandos Smart Agents, the training programme from Sandos Hotels & Resorts, giving agents all they need to know to become certified Sandos specialists. The programme includes online training, a rewards system, information about the hotels and resorts, the latest offers, and agent assistance. www.sandossmartagents.com
- KENNEDY SPACE Center Visitor Complex, on Florida's Space Coast, brings to life the story of the U.S. space programme. Agents can earn complimentary entry passes upon completion of its training programme. www.onlinetraveltraining.com /free-courses/providers /KennedySpaceCenter
- PRINCESS CRUISES' agent site combines academy training via 10-15 minute modules, the POLAR ONLINE booking system, an 'Ask Isaac!' webchat for any queries, and events, competitions and incentives. www.onesourcecruises.com

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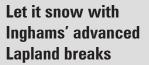
Leger Holidays launches Europe & Worldwide holiday brochure

LEGER HOLIDAYS has published its 'European & Worldwide Holidays' brochure, with over 300 itineraries and 20 new tours.

Leger Shearings Group's head of retail sales, Ashley Dellow, said: "The new Leger Holidays European & Worldwide brochure will give agents the most comprehensive guide to all things Leger. Covering much more than just Europe, our worldwide collection has some exciting bucket-list tours, including a journey across Route 66 and a 22-day tour of New Zealand."

www.leger.co.uk

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INGHAMS IS looking ahead to Christmas 2024, putting its Santa breaks on sale.

The Christmas packages include stays in Lapland, with the chances to ride a reindeer-or husky-drawn sleigh, take beginner ski or snowboard sessions, right through the winter landscapes on a snowmobile, and meet Santa and his elves.

Prices start from £3,379 per person for a family of three (two adults and a child aged five), staying at the Crazy Reindeer Hotel in Levi and departures from Bristol, Manchester or London Gatwick airports.

Inghams' CEO, Joe Ponte, said: "We are excited to already be taking Lapland bookings for Santa Breaks 2024 for one of our 'once in a life time experiences.

"With our 'In Safe Hands policy and snow guarantee guests bookings are safe to be made this far ahead."

Breaks are currently available from December 1 to 18, 2024.

www.inghams.co.uk





Save up to £970pp with Wendy Wu Tours

WENDY WU Tours is offering savings of up to £970 per person on 2023 and 2024 itineraries to celebrate 25 years in the business.

The 'Partner Flies Free' or 'Half Price Single Supplement' offer is available on selected tours with huge savings up for grabs. The discounted spaces are limited so the deal is on a first-come, first-serve basis until January 31, 2023.

Featured in the offer is a range of exclusively escorted tours across Japan, including 'Japan Uncovered', the company's most popular tour which takes tourists to the classic sights and allows them to partake in key cultural activities. Prices start at £7,090 per person for 17 days, boasting savings of £895pp. Up to 10% in savings can be enjoyed on the 'Japan by Rail' tour, offering an all-encompassing journey through Japan's main islands, with prices starting at £9,890pp for 21 days. 'Off-Beat Japan' allows visitors the once in a lifetime opportunity to explore the hidden gems of Japan's cultural heart with prices starting at £5,790pp for 13 days, featuring savings of up to £770pp.

www.wendywutours.co.uk

Fly Emirates for special complimentary attraction passes in Dubai

EXPERIENCE DUBAI like never before as Emirates launch its new incentive for travellers who purchase a return ticket to the city. Until January 29, 2023, visitors will receive a complimentary pass to three of the most popular attractions the city has to offer.

At the Top, Burj Khalifa, offers tourists the chance to see Dubai from the clouds atop of the world's tallest building, while travellers can get a closer look at the building's water

and light displayed on a 900 ft floating platform during the Dubai Fountains
Boardwalk Experience. For the thrill seekers, the Yellow Boats Atlantis Blast Tour takes you on to Atlantic Hotel atop Palm Jumeirah at exhilarating speeds. The offer is valid on bookings made through the Emirates website or through a dedicated agent for travel until March 31, 2023.

www.emirates.com



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

Fill in all the squares in the grid so that each row, column and each of the 3×3 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 email 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, February 9. Solution and new puzzle will appear next week.

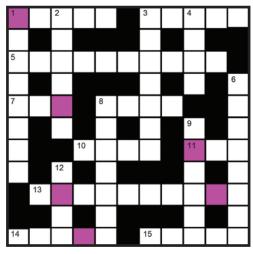
The winner for January 13 is Stuart Pritchard from Meon Valley Business Travel.

January 13 Solution: A = 3, B = 4, C = 5, D = 8

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D		6			2			4	



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Across

- 1 The latest addition to P&O's fleet (5)
- 3 Operator offering escorted holidays with VIP door-to-door transfers (5)
- 5 Baku is the capital (10)
- 7 Cancun international airport code (3)
- 8 Memory, is probably the most famous song from this Lloyd Webber musical (4)
- 10 One of the Great Lakes (4)
- 11 Popular Greek island destination (3)
- 13 Sarah, star of the Happy Valley TV series (10)
- 14 US state with a white star on its flag (5)
- 15 Flows through Lisbon (5)

Down

- 1 Comedian helping Amanda Holden renovate a property in the TV series, The Italian Job (4,4)
- 2 Popular Austrian city-break destination (6)
- 3 Hotel brand, sounds like a prickly Scottish
- 4 Bangkok based carrier, Airways (4)
- 6 European city, sounds like 1 of your 5-a-day (8)
- 8 Capital of Venezuela (7)
- 9 Alpine sport and popular winter holiday activity (6)
- 12 The people and language of the Isle of Man (4)

CROSSWORD

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Jules Verne launches to the trade and unveils new Pakistan itinerary

AFTER KICKING off 2023 by announcing that it would begin working with the trade for the first time in its 44-year history, Jules Verne, the escorted tour company, has announced a new Pakistan tour.

The operator is coming full circle after escorting the first Western groups across the Karakoram Mountain range from Pakistan to China in 1983.

'Pakistan, Mughals, Mystics & Mountains' has departure dates on June 2, September 8, and October 6, 2023, with Virgin Atlantic flights from London Heathrow included from £4,895 per person.



Jules Verne's general manager, Debbie O'Neill, says: "With Pakistan set to be one of the top travel destinations of 2023... we are proud to launch Jules Verne's new Mughals, Mystics & Mountains small group escorted tour that gets to the heart of the country, culture and people with genuine, authentic experiences."

IGLU Ski's new charitable partnership

IGLU SKI has partnered with the UK's leading adaptive snowsport charity, Disability Snowsport UK (DSUK), to raise funds to help disabled children and adults to be more active, make friends and have fun on the slopes.

The ski operator offers customers the opportunity to make small contributions at the time of booking and invites browsers on their site to donate, too.

CEO at Disability Snowsport UK, Virginia Anderson said: "DSUK is incredibly grateful for the support of Iglu Ski and their customers. There is much to be done to help the snowsport sector to include more disabled people.

"By supporting DSUK, Iglu Ski are helping a huge range of disabled people with a variety of life changing conditions to be able to build their fitness and confidence, and enjoy being part of the brilliant skiing and snowboarding community. It can be life changing."



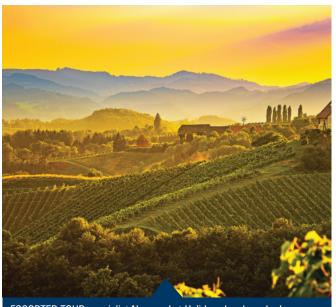
Fred. Olsen Travel smashes startof-year record

FRED. OLSEN Travel has rung in the New Year with a bang as every department within the brand has smashed its income budget weekly targets, and has produced record income levels for a single week.

Managing director, Fred. Olsen Travel, Steve Williams, said: "Our record week is especially pleasing as throughout the pandemic we took the decision to continue investing in the business, both in terms of the number of retail outlets which have increased by six since 2019, new products such as Rail and Discover within Fred. Holidays and the team itself. It's especially gratifying to see this investment paying off."



- FLYBE'S SUMMER schedule offers new routes and enhanced experiences to many destinations, with flight fares starting at £29.99.
- SANDALS & Beaches Resort Sale allows agents to save their clients £125 on all-inclusive holidays to the Caribbean on bookings made before January 31, 2023.
- GRECOTEL IS offering a number of early booking offers until February 28, 2023, including 20% off.



ESCORTED TOUR specialist Newmarket Holidays has launched a new Italian tour covering Rome, Tuscany and the Amalfi Coast, strengthening its European roster. The eleven-day group tour will explore iconic cities, such as Florence and Roman Pompeii, as well as fascinating landmarks, including the Spanish Steps and the Colosseum. www.newmarketholidays.co.uk

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OCEAN CRUISING

ALL AROUND THE WORLD

Viking's new 2024-2025 World Cruise itineraries see the introduction of Viking World Voyage I.



VIKING HAS launched its 2024-25 World Cruise itineraries, including the new Viking World Voyage I, which will set sail on December 19, 2024 from Fort Lauderdale on a 180-day voyage, visiting 37 countries and 85 ports, with overnight stays in 13 cities.

Highlights include a three-day stay in

Havila offers £500 savings on 2023/24 cruises

HAVILA VOYAGES is offering savings of £500 per cabin on a choice of itineraries, and on every departure until the end of March 2024.

Among the itineraries included in the offer is the 12-day round voyage from Bergen to Kirkenes in the Arctic Circle. Nine, 10- and 11-day options are also included in the offer. Savings of £250 per cabin are also available on every booking for the seven-day 'Voyage North from Bergen to Kirkenes' and six-day 'Voyage South from Kirkenes to Bergen'. In order to qualify, bookings must be made by March 31, 2023. www.havilavoyages.com

New Zealand's cosmopolitan capital of Auckland, set between the harbours of Waitematā and Manukau, trying out the city's renowned wines.

Singapore offers an insightful look into a true melting pot of cultures during an overnight stay, where guests can see the diversity on show from Little India to Arab Street.

Mumbai showcases the old and new, from the bustling metropolis to the picturesque old streets of Old Mumbai and its colourful markets.

New York, the city that never sleeps, is a bucket list, with both Viking World

Voyages calling in the city.

'Viking Sky' will call at ports across five continents and will circumnavigate the globe when it returns to the US for its final port in New York on June 17, 2025.

Until March 31, 2023, Viking is offering a range of savings including complimentary one-way business class flights from the UK.

Torstein Hagen, chairman of Viking, said: "Our previous World Cruises sold out in a matter of weeks, and we continue to see strong demand from our guests for extended voyages."

www.viking.com

SeaTrek heads to Indonesia for eclipse

SEATREK IS offering travellers the chance to see the total solar eclipse of the sun on a 10-day voyage to a remote Indonesian Island. From April 16-25, SeaTrek will be taking its passengers on a 10-day sea adventure on a traditional, wooden, pinisi liveaboard boats, sailing out over the eastern seas of Indonesia to the southern reaches of Indonesia's Banda Sea to witness the eclipse on April 20. Prices lead in at £6,495 per person.

www.SeaTrekbali.com





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Ambassador to host 17 ship visits

AMBASSADOR CRUISE Line has opened registrations for ship visits for agents and trade partners to experience two its ships, *Ambience*, which is currently in service, or *Ambition*, which launches in May.

From May 12, *Ambassador* will sail from seven UK ports, enabling UK guests to have easy access to sailings from across the country.



As part of the ship visit initiative, trade partners and agents can board the ships at London Tilbury, Newcastle, Dundee, Liverpool, Belfast, Bristol and Falmouth.

While onboard, trade partners and agents alike will have the chance to explore either *Ambience* or *Ambition*'s facilities, before enjoying a four-course lunch.

There are 17 ship visit dates available across the two ships, starting on March 9 running all the way through to December 11, 2023.

To register for a trade visit, agents should complete Ambassador's online form via the Trade Partners area on the website. www.ambassadorcruiseline.com/travelpartners/login

To register for a group visit, email groupsales@ambassadorcruiseline.com for a registration form.



Views worth cruising for from Sail Croatia

SAIL CROATIA has put its 2024 itineraries on sale. The itineraries, which span over 260 small-ship departures, operating from April to October via Split or Dubrovnik, can be secured with £50 deposits.

Along with the on-sale 2024 options, the cruise line has welcomed new additions including the 'Dubrovnik Return Hike' voyage, departing on September 30, 2023.

The seven-night voyage features hikes at every port of call, soaking in the impressive views in and around

Dubrovnik. The voyage calls at ipan (6km hike), Ston (3.7km hike), Ku ište (7km hike), Korcula (4.3km hike), Lastovo (5.5km hike), Mljet (6.8km hike), and Dubrovnik (5.3km hike).

'Dubrovnik Return Hike' includes seven nights' accommodation, the services of an experienced hike guide and a tour manager, buffet breakfast daily, three-course lunch, nature park entrance fees and Wi-Fi on-board from £1,049 per person. www.sail-croatia.com



Windstar offers slice of Tahitian Paradise

WINDSTAR HAS a number of new voyages for 2023 including a 10-night 'Overwater Bungalow and Tahitian Paradises Cruise Tour' featuring a seven-night cruise roundtrip from Papeete calling in Moorea, Raiatea, Motu Mahaea, Bora Bora and Huahine as well as three nights at the Hotel Manava Beach Resort on Moorea staying in an overwater bungalow in a Polynesian paradise. Prices start at £5,190 per person.

www.windstarcruises.com



Dates set for voyages to St Kilda

THE NORTHERN Light Cruising
Company has lined up four
itineraries that will sail the
rugged islands of the St Kilda
archipelago this year, the UK's
only dual UNESCO World
Heritage site. Cruises include:
the 'St Kilda and the Outer Isles'
voyage; the 'Abandoned Islands
of the West' cruise; and two sixnight 'Focus on St Kilda' sailings.
www.northernlight-uk.com



Cruise Critics teams up with cruise app

CRUISE-BOOKING app My Kind of Cruise has partnered with cruise reviews and information site Cruise Critic to expand its inapp resources to help UK travellers plan the perfect cruise.

By partnering with Cruise Critic to power its content, the app will offer new features, including: curated professional reviews; 50 million cruiser reviews; and integration of Cruise Critic and My Kind of Cruise accounts.

www.mykindofcruise.com/



Demand rising for cruise, says CLIA poll

A SURVEY by the Cruise Lines International Association of 4,500 travellers has found that 91% of respondents who have cruised previously said they intend to cruise again, a 14% increase from 2019; of those who have never cruised, 72% are open to cruising, 1% up on 2019; and of these two groups, 58% say they will book a cruise in the next two years. www.cruising.org/en-gb

Regent launches 2023 **Upgrade Your Horizon**

REGENT SEVEN Seas Cruises has launched the 'Upgrade Your Horizon' offer that offers the guests a two-category suite upgrade, up to a Penthouse suite, when booked by March 31, 2023.

Some 404 voyages are included in the offer, including cruises through to May 2025 sailing to Africa, the Arabian Peninsula, Alaska, Asia, Australia and New Zealand, the South Pacific, Canada and New England, the Caribbean and Panama Canal, the Mediterranean, Northern Europe and South America.

In addition, Regent Seven Seas Cruises is offering savings of up to 40% on 37 destination-immersive voyages as well as early booking offers including 10% deposits. 'Upgrade Your Horizon' gives guests the chance to enjoy suites that provide even more space and additional advantages such as an included one-night pre-cruise hotel stay when elevated to a



Concierge Suite, or the enhanced service that comes with a personal butler when staying in a Penthouse Suite. World Cruises and Grand Voyages are not included in the Upgrade Your Horizon offer.

www.rssc.com

New cruises from Swan Hellenic

SWAN HELLENIC has two new voyages for 2023 that take cruisers on explorations of the Pacific Islands.

The 13-day 'Pacific Islands: New Caledonia, Vanuatu and Solomon Islands' follows in the footsteps of Captain James Cook, cruising from Auckland, New Zealand on board the SH Minerva, stopping off to explore 10 different islands along the journey with highlights including snorkeling



in the pristine coral reefs around New Caledonia, meeting the descendants of The Bounty mutineers still living on the island to which Queen Victoria sent them, and learning about the Japanese occupation of the Solomon Islands during World War II. Prices lead in at £8,760 per person.

Meanwhile, the 13-day 'New Zealand in Depth' voyage kicks off in New Zealand starting in Dunedin, on the South Island, travelling round to Dusky Sound and Doubtful Sound before heading up to Kaikoura. Afterwards, explore the North Island, home to the famed Sauvignon Blanc of Picton, the most complete collections of art deco architecture in Napier, the Māori culture of Gisborne, and the nature off the Bay of Islands, before arriving at Auckland. The cruise departs on March 11, 2023, and costs from £10,274 per person.

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European Waterways serves up savings of 20% on hotel barge sailings.



EUROPEAN WATERWAYS has a spring in its step with 20% off a number of 2023 departures in Europe, applying to both charter and cabin bookings, giving cruise lovers the chance to experience a unique hotel barge cruise.

The deals include charters for the April 9 and 30 departures on the Finesse in Burgundy and April 2 and 9 departures on the Enchante on the

City Cruises celebrates a bumper 2022

IN LONDON, City Cruises has celebrated a record-breaking year for its Thames dining cruises, with over 100,000 passengers carried onboard, thanks to the Platinum Jubilee and summer weather bringing a boost in sightseeing.

The sightseeing, special event and dining cruise line also saw impressive growth at its ports in Poole (including a 200% increase in private charters compared to 2019) and York (with four new skippers joining the team).

www.cityexperiences.com/city-cruises/

Canal du Midi. Cabin specials are also available on the March 26 departures on Panache in Holland and May 14 departures on La Bella Vita in Italy.

Valid when booked by February 13, 2023, the 20% savings on eligible departures can be as much as £9,800 off the £49,000 charter price for the eight-passenger Finesse, which can now be booked for £39,200 for the April 30 departure. Charter of the April 2 departure starts from £33,600, a saving of £8,400 off the original £42,000 price. Cabins for the March 26 departure of the 12-passenger Panache are now available for £3,720 per person, a saving

of £930, based on double occupancy and a starting price of £4,650.

"People are ready to travel again after years of pandemic-related restrictions," said Derek Banks, European Waterways' managing director. "With 'relaxed luxury' experiences and multi-generational travel among the biggest trends this year, it's clear to see why the European Waterways' experience is more frequently found on travellers' bucket lists. We offer luxury accommodations, gourmet meals prepared onboard by a master chef, fine wine, as well as private excursions as part of our all-inclusive cruises."

Fred unveils Lake Como and Rhine cruise

FRED. OLSEN has launched a new cruise-and-stay package that combines a stay on Lake Como with a seven-night cruise along the Rhine from Basel to Amsterdam. The 10-night 'Lake Como and Rhine Cruise' package costs from £2,295 per person. The price includes flights, the three-night stay on Lake Como, rail travel from Como to Basel, the cruise, and ship transfers.





Emerald adds new port to Danube cruise

EMERALD CRUISES has added a new port in Upper Austria to one of its most popular cruises sailing on the Danube River. From April 16, guests can visit Engelhartszell and explore its historic cities, monasteries and

Guests booking this sailing or one of 17 European river cruises with Emerald Cruises before January 31, 2023 can take advantage of free business class flights and savings up to £1,400 per couple.

www.emeraldcruises.co.uk



American Cruise Lines enhances on-board Wi-Fi

AMERICAN CRUISE Lines has improved its Wi-Fi on board its ships with the introduction of the Starlink satellite internet to its 2023 fleet of riverboats and small cruise ships.

The new high-speed Starlink WiFi will be complimentary on all 2023 cruises.

American's small ship itineraries offer a variety of river and coastal cruises.

www.americancruiselines.com

A-ROSA hits the road with first 'Run the River' voyage

A-ROSA RIVER Cruises has partnered with tourism social enterprise Charitable Travel to launch a new running cruise holiday in October 2023, setting the challenge of running 10km a day, over five days, through some of the Danube River's most spectacular landscapes and cities.

This 'Run The River' charity cruise takes place under the guidance of Rory Coleman, one of the UK's leading lifestyle and marathon coaches. Runners will run a total of 50km along specially created running routes that will showcase the highlights of cities such as Vienna, Bratislava and Linz.

Every holiday booked with Charitable Travel includes a 5% donation to each customers chosen charity.

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After the 10km daily run, guests can head back to river cruise ship A-ROSA DONNA to relax and prepare for the next day's run.

Prices for this cruise, which departs on October 25, lead in at £1,099 per person and includes one-night's pre-cruise accommodation, five nights' on board A-ROSA DONNA on a premium all-inclusive basis plus the full 'Run The River' programme with Rory Coleman. www.charitable.travel/run-the-river



Seaside acquires four vessels

GERMAN HOTELIER Seaside Collection is expanding its Riverside Luxury Cruises' fleet with the acquisition of Bach, Ravel, Mahler and Debussy originally designed and operated by Crystal Cruises.

Beginning April 2023, the new line will offer Danube cruises on board Riverside Mozart. Riverside Ravel will include sailings on both the Rhône and Saône and Riverside Debussy will cruise along the Rhine.



Itineraries for Riverside Bach and Riverside Mahler are slated for 2024.

"We are thrilled by the expansion of our fleet to include these storied vessels," says Gregor Gerlach, who founded Riverside Luxury Cruises. Gerlach continued, "This acquisition allows us to expand our itinerary offerings, showcasing a level of space, personalised service and elegance not found with any other river cruise line."

Now available for bookings, Riverside Luxury Cruises claims to offer aggressive pricing, generous commissions and special introductory fam rates for travel advisors. Reservations and more information are available by contacting Riverside at reservations@riverside-cruises.com or www.riverside-cruises/TA.





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TITAN TRAVEL spotlights the 'Treasures of the Rhine' on an eightday itinerary, sailing from Basel to Düsseldorf

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After leaving Basel on day two, the river cruise calls at Breisach, a traditional pastel-hued town on day three, with an optional excursion to Lake Titisee, followed by a day at leisure in Strasbourg.

On day five, an early morning dock in Speyer gives guests a half-day in the walkable town, with an optional tour of the UNESCO World Heritagelisted Romanesque Cathedral.

Day six offers top-deck views along the Lorelei Passage before arriving in Koblenz for the afternoon.

The morning of day seven sees the ship arrive in Bonn for a guided walking tour, before heading to Cologne, where the ship departs on day eight for Düsseldorf.

'Treasures of the Rhine' starts from £999 per person, based on two sharing and departing on October 24, 2023 from London Heathrow. www.titantravel.co.uk



Newmarket Holidays reveals new river cruise brochure

NEWMARKET HOLIDAYS is taking to the rivers of Europe for 2023/24, unveiling a new touring collection of river cruises. The brochure includes three new itineraries: 'Rhine Cruise to Amsterdam', 'Experience the Rhine', and 'Romance on the Moselle'.

Mel Gambling, head of Cruise and Events, said: "In 2023 we're adding or changing up to 100 different aspects of our product, from incredible, entirely unique experiences ashore to a massively enhanced dining and drinks offering onboard." www.newmarketholidays.co.uk

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