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6:30 PM: Client Presentations | **7:30 PM:** Hot Dinner | **8:15 PM:** Client Presentations
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GREECE IS THE WORD

Travel Counsellors' latest survey shows that Greece tops Spain as the UK's top choice holiday destination.



Greece has surpassed other popular destinations as a top holiday choice for Brits.

DESPITE SPAIN and Greece both remaining on the amber list, Greece has now overtaken Spain as the most popular destination for Brits in summer 2021, according to Travel Counsellors.

Travel Counsellors' latest statistics show that 16% of all new holiday bookings, made in the week commencing July 26, 2021 were for Greek destinations, narrowly surpassing Spain (15%) and UK staycations (15%).

The company has also experienced a 39% upsurge in new bookings for summer 2022 – with the top destinations being Greece, the USA and Spain – as well as a 20% increase in new bookings for winter 21/22 –

led by the USA, the Maldives and Barbados.

Kirsten Hughes, UK managing director at Travel Counsellors, commented: "With Spain and Greece remaining on the 'amber list', we are experiencing a considerable demand for both countries, in particular Greece, which has become our most popular summer sun destination. We also expect an upsurge in bookings to France now it's moved from 'amber plus' to 'amber', as-well as the UAE which has moved from 'red' to 'amber', meaning that Britons will no longer need to quarantine on return. On the whole, we feel the latest news is certainly a positive step forward, as the green list

increases and there are more countries turning to amber from red. However, people still need to ensure they are aware of the FCDO advice on entry requirements, as we await the UAE to align with the latest traffic light news, for example.

Our latest stats also show that customers are booking well ahead, which may bring a potential capacity issue for summer 2022, as holidaymakers are booking their breaks now instead of in early January. This is why it is key to get trusted travel advice from our Travel Counsellors, as they are in the best position to help customers navigate through the current challenges," Kristen concludes.

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Qatar Tourism and CLIA establish partnership

QATAR TOURISM and Cruise Lines International Association (CLIA) UK & Ireland have announced a partnership that will enhance Qatar's brand awareness across the region, and amongst CLIA's wider community of cruise lines, travel agents and stakeholders.

As part of the partnership, Qatar Tourism will be one of the main headline sponsors of the CLIA Selling Cruise Day on November 4, 2021 in Southampton and will sponsor the annual CLIA Cruise Forum in December 2021.

As of July 12, 2021, Qatar re-opened its borders to fully vaccinated international travellers by vaccines approved for use by the Ministry of Public Health.



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All eyes are on Qatar, as the country is set to host the 2022 FIFA World Cup.

Andy Harmer, CLIA UK & Ireland managing director, said: "We're very excited to welcome Qatar Tourism to the CLIA family. Their support for the trade is a clear indication they are looking to build positive cruise momentum. The region was proving

increasingly popular with cruisers and we're all looking forward to seeing ships start visiting the exceptional facilities of the Doha port and its surroundings again."

To find out more information, visit www.visitqatar.qa

Eurostar adds more high-speed services to Europe

EUROSTAR IS adding more trains between the UK and the continent, in response to growing demand following the removal of quarantine for fully vaccinated travellers.

From September 6 until November 1, eight daily return services will operate, with five in each direction on the London to Paris route and three in each direction between London and Brussels, with one each way extended to Rotterdam and Amsterdam.

The expanded timetable offers improved flexibility to both business and leisure travellers, with value fares from £39 each way.

Travellers can book with confidence knowing that all tickets are flexible, with no exchange fee up to seven days before departure, offering peace of mind should travel restrictions or plans change.

All travellers must wear a mask on board and in stations, this continues to apply after check-in at London St Pancras.

Travellers should ensure they comply with the requirements for their destination country.

www.Eurostar.com

The Harbor Club Saint Lucia highlights commitment to trade

THE HARBOR Club Saint Lucia is reinforcing its commitment to the UK and Irish trade with the aim of growing its presence and boosting agent knowledge.

The resort's newly appointed PR agency, Orbis PR, will work alongside the retained Trade Sales team at Silva Lining to ensure agents are always up to date on the hotel's latest developments, have access to information on its latest booking incentives and are aware of new opportunities for training and education.

The Harbor Club has plans to redefine its offering with a series of new developments launching in the coming months. With the aim of helping agents to secure sales, Silva Lining and Orbis PR will endeavour to boost awareness of



Image Credit: Harbor Club

these updates, clearly define The Harbor Club's positioning and offer agents key selling tips to help them successfully secure bookings.

For further information about The Harbor Club, Saint Lucia, visit www.theharborclub.com.



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Mauritius looks forward to October border reopening

THE REPUBLIC of Mauritius is looking forward to the full reopening of its borders on October 1, when vaccinated international travellers will be welcomed in without restrictions.

Visitors who present a negative PCR test taken in the 72 hours before their departure will be able to explore the island freely from the moment they arrive.

Mauritius opened for international travel in the middle of July, and currently, vaccinated guests spend 14 days in a 'resort bubble' hotel. www.mauritiusnow.com

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British Airways to resume services to St. Kitts & Nevis

BRITISH AIRWAYS has announced the resumption of service from Gatwick to the Federation, St. Kitts and Nevis on Sunday, October 3, 2021. St. Kitts & Nevis will welcome fully vaccinated international air travellers from the UK from September 1, 2021.

The flight will operate on two consecutive Sundays, October 3 and October 10, providing once a week service for those two weeks. Twice-weekly service on Saturdays and Wednesdays will commence from Saturday, October 16, 2021.

www.britishairways.com

AmaWaterways responds to growing demand for autumn 2023

AMAWATERWAYS HAS launched a third 'Seven River Journey' for autumn 2023. Taking guests through 14 countries over 47 days, the autumn sailing will take place during many regions' wine harvest and autumn foliage. Based on the popularity of spring and summer editions, AmaWaterways is providing another opportunity for guests to experience an extended holiday through Europe. The cruise will embark on August 24, 2023 from Paris, France, returning on October 9 to Giurgiu, Romania. Cruise fares start from £21,830 per guest.

"Our Seven River Journeys have generated such an amazing response from our guests, and we are delighted to offer yet another opportunity for travellers to immerse themselves in the



A biking tour through the town of Les Andelys is part of the programme.

beautiful regions of Europe during one of my favourite times of year, the delightful autumn season," said Kristin Karst, executive vice president and co-founder of AmaWaterways.

Guests sailing aboard the 'Seven River Journey - Autumn Edition' will enjoy many amenities, a host of cuisine choices, and new experiences. Guests embark

from Paris on AmaLyra to sail along the Seine River, before transferring to AmaCerto in Amsterdam to experience all the sites along the Scheldt, Maas, Rhine, Main and Moselle rivers. Travellers' journey concludes with two weeks on board AmaVerde sailing the full length of the Danube.

www.AmaWaterways.co.uk

Experience Oxfordshire launches Arts and Culture campaign

EXPERIENCE OXFORDSHIRE announced the launch of a new Arts and Culture campaign, in partnership with Oxfordshire's arts, heritage and culture sector, to promote Oxford and Oxfordshire as a world-renowned cultural destination.

The Inspirational Oxfordshire campaign, which launched on August 19, celebrates the wealth of arts and culture across the county and will run until October 2021. It involves 32 cultural organisations across Oxfordshire, ranging from museums and art galleries to

theatres and festivals. Experience Oxfordshire will highlight the Arts and Culture in Oxfordshire via a dedicated landing page on its website, which will also include a promotional video capturing the diversity and talent that can be found across the county. It will also promote the numerous events happening throughout the summer to an extensive audience through its website, social media channels and targeted e-mail campaigns, all using #InspirationalOx . www.experienceoxfordshire.org

Black Diamond is Slovenian Tourist Board's PR partner

THE SLOVENIAN Tourist Board (STB) has appointed Black Diamond as its PR agency for the UK.

Black Diamond will guide the STO through strategic activities, communicating the country's handling of Covid-19, while focusing on niche activities, such as outdoor adventure and nature, boutique five-star experiences, cities and culture, and gastronomy, all while positioning the country as an easy-to-reach destination this summer.

Guy Chambers, managing director of Black Diamond, said: "We are excited to have been chosen by the team at Slovenia to represent them during this recovery year. Our teams ability to



Image Credit: Slovenia.info

place the right media at the right time is well-placed to capitalise on UK visitation to this experience-led destination with its dynamic and untouched nature, and to ensure we meet current consumer demand."

Slovenia offers various outdoor experiences all year round.

www.slovenia.info



AGENT INSIGHT

SANDRA MURRAY
NORMANTON, YORKSHIRE

FIRST OF all, can I please ask everyone to support the 22nd Yorkshire Travel Ball on Thursday, September 23? The animal charities involved are desperate for our support. It is at the Village Hotel, junction 28, M62, South Leeds. Tables of 10 are £997, half a table of five is priced at £488 and single tickets are £97, which includes drinks on arrival, a three-course meal and half a bottle of wine. There will be great entertainment - Groovething sponsored by Jet2 and a Magic Mirror by Classic Collection. It will be a brilliant night, please support it! To book, email me at s.murray922@btinternet.com.

It is great to see Jet2 raising capacity to green list countries Malta, Madeira and Croatia from BHX, STN, MAN and NCL.

It is also good to see Kenya doing well with its conservation; they are making an effort to protect wildlife. I hope even more policies are implemented with regard to poaching and animal safety, especially the needless killing for Ivory. I have a soft spot for Kenya, as it was the first educational trip I went on in 1993, after just opening my shop 'Sandy Travel' in 1992, and fell in love with all the wildlife and became a keen supporter of wild animals and conservation.

It seems that I am not the only one fed up with the hype about testing and the costs associated with travel at the moment. I really think companies should not be able to charge what they want and hike prices up. It is bad enough having to follow all the rules without some companies being greedy! I bet I'm not the only one fed up of hearing about people refusing vaccinations.

Let's all remain positive that travel is going to get better. I, for one, am desperate to go to Crete! One thing I do believe is that perhaps more people will think twice about doing holiday bookings themselves. It seems increasingly safer and more convenient for people to use a travel agent, someone who is an expert, to book their holidays!

For any questions or comments, email Sandy at s.murray922@btinternet.com



JET2.COM HAS increased capacity to green list destinations throughout August and September, with extra Malta services on Tuesdays from Manchester; Fridays from Stansted; and, Sundays from Birmingham and Newcastle. Additional Croatia services will operate on Saturdays from Stansted and Sundays from Manchester. An extra Madeira Sunday service has launched from Stansted. www.jet2.com

Riviera Travel cruises return for 2021

FOR THE first time in 2021, Riviera Travel has operated its popular European river and yacht cruises.

'Douro, Porto & Salamanca' took to the seas on August 20, 2021, as guests arrived in Porto for the eight-day voyage.

Croatian yacht cruises will restart from August 28, with 'The Seine, Paris & Normandy' sailing on August 31, followed by 'Burgundy, the River Rhone & Provence' on September 6 and 'Medieval Germany' on September 9.

Sailings are available up to November 22, 2021, with departures exclusively for solo cruisers available.

To celebrate its return to the continent's rivers, the cruise line has unveiled a host of offers.

All river cruises include inbound and outbound testing and a free drinks package, covering all draught beer, house wines, non-alcoholic beer, soft drinks and juices.



The cruise line took to the continent's rivers once again on August 20, 2021.

An extra £100 off per person is available on all voyages, with no single supplement on selected cabins.

Yacht cruises include the courtesy testing offer and £100 per person saving.

www.rivieratravel.co.uk



LUXURY OPERATOR If Only... has teamed up with Atlantis The Palm, Dubai to offer a £100 Love2Shop voucher to the agent who makes the most bookings by October 31, 2021, as part of its 'Making Waves' campaign. www.ifonly.net

AGENT TRAINING

AS QATAR gears up to host the World Cup next year, find out all the destination has to offer with the **TAWASH Online Training Programme**. Five short modules let agents work at their own pace as they find out about the range of accommodation, from traditional souqs to luxury hotels, adventurous desert excursions and the art and culture behind the haven. www.tawashqatar.com

VISIT MALTA is engaging with its trade partners by incentivising its online training. While learning about all the island's expansive diving locations and underwater havens waiting to be explored in the 'Scuba Diving Training Course', agents will have the chance to win a gastronomy and gift hamper. The course must be completed by September 6, 2021 to be in with a chance of winning. www.malta-training.com

PATA HAS announced the return of its in-person training events, starting with 'Taste of PATA London' on September 15, 2021. Prizes available to attendees include Thailand or Taiwan fam trip places, an Ultimate Aussie hamper and a pair of tickets aboard a Malaysia Airlines flight to Kuala Lumpur. Register at <https://pata.org.uk/event/taste-of-pata-london-15th-september-2021/>

AGENT INCENTIVES

- **AFTER A 15-month hiatus**, Scenic and Emerald Cruises has relaunched its 'River Rewards & More' incentive scheme. For each river cruise booking, agents earn a minimum of 100 points, with 150 points awarded for escorted touring bookings and 200 for bookings aboard Scenic Eclipse of Emerald Azzurra. Points can be exchanged for perks, ranging from personalised gym towels to luxury items and cruises. Sign up at www.riverrewards.cruises
- **IN CELEBRATION** of its new Northern Lights flight experiences, Omega Breaks has launched an agent-exclusive competition, offering one lucky winner two seats aboard one of the flights. The fortunate agent will take to the sky with an expert astronomy team to search for the Aurora Borealis. Agents must send an e-mail to trade sales manager Claire Dutton (clairedutton@justgoholidays.co.uk) explaining who they would take with them and why, by August 31, 2021 to be in with a chance of winning.

- **JET2HOLIDAYS IS** giving independent agents the chance to make the most of e-shot sales with its new 'E-Shot Hotshots' campaign. The operator is distributing weekly content to help agents optimise their e-shots via its media library. By adding traderelations@jet2holidays.com to their e-shot mailing list, agents can earn one entry into a prize draw per e-shot distributed. Prizes include radio advertisements and office refits. Entries close on September 12, 2021.



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Win a three-night stay for two people on an all-inclusive basis at the Be Live Experience La Niña in Tenerife!

For all competitions visit <http://www.travelbulletin.co.uk/competitions>

LGBT Showcase

TRAVEL AGENTS from the Midlands were welcomed to the LGBT+ Showcase in Birmingham. Guests enjoyed training and updates from supplier partners including Florida Keys & Key West, Israel, Visit Malta, South Africa and Greater Miami CVB.

To round off the fun, some lucky agents won goody bags, spa products and an art piece!



Want to get in on the [#TBShowcases](https://twitter.com/TBShowcases) action? We have events coming up in September in Liverpool, Oxford, Cambridge, York, Chester, Manchester and Birmingham. To confirm your place, contact events@travelbulletin.co.uk

SUDOKU

Win a £20 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, September 9. Solution and new puzzle will appear in the next issue.

The winner for August 13 is Heidi Kemsley from Travel Counsellors

August 13 Solution: A=9 B=7 C=4 D=1

	9			8		5	4	2
		1			5		9	
6		2			9			1
B	1		6			2	5	
			7	3	2			
C		2	8			1		7
4			9			1		3
	3		5			9		
D	7	1	9		2		6	



WHERE AM I?

This capital city overlooks a large gulf in the Mediterranean Sea and is surrounded by hills and a coastal plain. Suburbs include historic Carthage, La Marsa and Sidi Bou Said, which is famous for its white architecture. French and Arabic are commonly spoken.

CROSSWORD

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

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Across

- 1 P&O cruise ship (5)
- 3 Scenic lake on the Nevada/California border (5)
- 5 African country, initially (3)
- 6 Major hotel organisation (5)
- 8 State capital of Oregon (5)
- 10 National carrier of Pakistan, initially (3)
- 11 Specialist tour operator for active holidaymakers (7)
- 13 Land of the free and home of the brave (7)
- 15 BBC magazine programme, The _____ Show (3)
- 16 Will, whose latest album is Crying on the Bathroom Floor (5)
- 19 Instrument played by Yo-Yo Ma (5)
- 20 London Heathrow international airport code (6)
- 21 Swedish shipping line (5)
- 22 Oranjestad is the capital (5)

Down

- 1 After winning gold in Tokyo, this swimmer has now set his sights on the Strictly Glitter Ball (4,5)
- 2 Island off the west coast of Scotland (5)
- 3 Australian state, initially (3)
- 4 Helsinki-Vantaa international airport code (3)
- 7 Irish county, sounds female (5)
- 9 US state bordering Canada and Lake Superior (9)
- 12 The award winning Incheon international airport serves this Asian city (5)
- 14 Capital of Ghana (5)
- 17 Etihad and Emirates are both flag carriers of this country (3)
- 18 Glasgow international airport code (3)

Solution: Across: 1 AZURA, 3 TAHORE, 5 RSA, 6 ACCOR, 8 SALEM, 10 PIA, 11 NEILSON, 13 AMERICA, 15 ONE, 16 YOUNG, 19 CELLO, 20 LHR, 21 STENA, 22 ARUBA. Down: 1 ADAM PEATY, 2 ARRAN, 3 TAS, 4 HEL, 7 CLARE, 9 MINNESOTA, 12 SEOUL, 14 ACRRA, 17 UAE, 18 GLA. Mystery Word: RIGA Where am I? - Tunis, Tunisia

In the hot seat with...

Phil Dickinson
Qatar Tourism



As Qatar gears up for the World Cup next year, Phil Dickinson, Global International Markets Development, Qatar Tourism, sat down with *Travel Bulletin* to talk about plans to come, and how the country is positioning itself to be a tourism hub.

PLANS FOR THIS YEAR

The focus for us is two fold – consumer awareness and market readiness.

Firstly, we want to get out there with some consumer awareness campaigns. A huge amount of surveys we conducted found that the awareness level is not where we want it to be – a lot of what we do at the moment is dispel myths people have about Qatar. From around September and October, we will see more awareness campaigns.

The UK & Ireland is obviously one of our key markets, and we will do this through paid marketing campaigns, media and PR activities.

In terms of market readiness, we've got a new team in Qatar who are sales leads that manage markets. They make sure we're market ready, selling the right packages, making sure hotels are at the right rates, and more. We're also talking to key tour operators in the market, to increase our

visitation numbers. This could be to promote luxury holiday package deals, sun and sand holidays, and even active holidays – we have a lot to offer. Canoeing through the mangroves, desert safaris, quad biking, parasailing, dune bashing, the list kind of goes on. We are also a huge stop over destination – we're perfect

for this, given our location. Right now, we're looking to organise partnership agreements with tour operators – it's about really getting the Qatar product on the shelf, so it's a bit of a

call to action for tour operators.

WORLD CUP 2022

We've been preparing for the last 6-7 years now for this. We have new road systems, new underground systems (metro), and have added an additional 100 hotels to our existing portfolio, to accommodate

for the huge number of people coming into the country. We want to build on the legacy and the momentum of the World Cup with additional inventory and more

attractions – the plan for us is to treble arrivals by 2030. We'll be doing a lot on social media space with digital advertising.

UK TRAVEL TRADE ENGAGEMENT

We're working closely with tour operators, and this of course will extend to travel agents too. We plan to run a series of fam trips down to Qatar, so that agents and the trade can experience a series of our products, when time and rules permit. We also have an agent training programme which is in the middle of being updated, our Tawash programme. Things have changed so dramatically, so we've had to update this with what to do, what to see, where to go, cuisine choices, hotels, theme parks, etc. That will launch in a month or so, and agents will be able to go in and register to get their certification.

www.qatartourism.com

“ We want to build on the legacy and the momentum of the World Cup... the plan for us is to treble arrivals by 2030



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SUMMER IN LARNAKA

Larnaka has released its summer 2021 newsletter, revealing a host of new openings and upgrades.

LARNAKA IS spotlighting a range of new experiences and upgrades across the region.

Better beaches

Voroklini's coastline has been beautified with the planting of palm trees, whilst a shade has been installed at the children's sand playground. On Yiannades (Gold Fish beach), sunbathers will soon be able to borrow books from the

new, wooden boat-shaped library to read as they lounge. The Community Council has also placed 240 new sunbeds and 120 new umbrellas on the beach.

Reef reveal

Larnaka region has released the name of its snorkelling reef located in the Voroklini Marine Protected Area, 'Dorida'. The reef is an underwater kingdom with a

wide variety of brightly-coloured marine life and sea plants such as octopi, crabs, oysters, moray eels, grouper, starfish, and Posidonia seagrass.

Finishing touches

The finishing flourishes have been added to the 'Larnaka Art Workshops Neighbourhood', creating an alternative experience in Larnaka's charming streets.

The neighbourhood – comprised of two streets that run parallel to the Piale Pasha coastal street – is home to the workshops of nine visual artists, including sculptors, ceramists and painters. New informative signs displaying a map of the area have been installed, allowing visitors to take a self-guided walk to visit the workshops and watch the artisans at work.

www.larnakaregion.com

Discover Aphrodite's birthplace with ToursByLocals

TRAVELLERS CAN join local guide Bambos as he guides groups through the ancient capital of Cyprus, Paphos, to visit the fabled birthplace of the Greek goddess of love, Aphrodite.

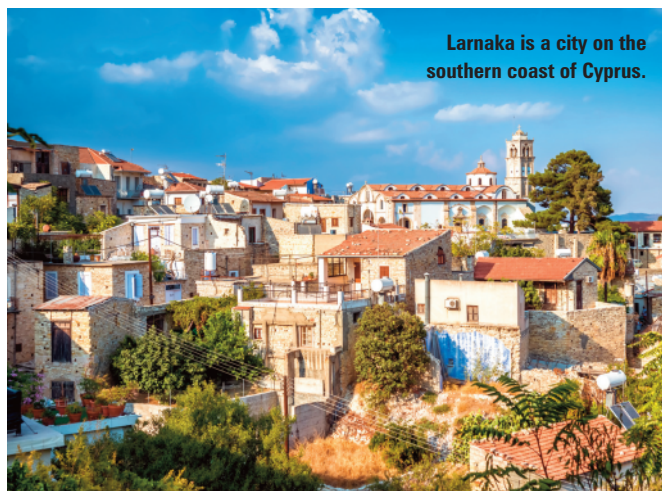
Along the way, guests will visit some of the island's most famous places and landmarks, such as the Kollissi Castle, the ancient city of Kourion, expansive views of the Mediterranean, and the stadium where the chariots used to compete.

There will also be visits to the temple of Apollo Hylates, where groups will have the opportunity for a revitalising swim in the crystal-clear waters.

Bambos is able to tell the story of historical Cyprus and will take groups on a journey through time, right up to the modern day.

ToursByLocals offers the 10-hour 'Discover Aphrodite's Birthplace' on this Limassol Private Tour from £395 per group, for up to six people (£65 per person). The tour includes guiding services and private transportation. Extra costs include food and personal expenses.

www.toursbylocals.com



Larnaka is a city on the southern coast of Cyprus.

Image Credit: Adobe Stock

BEACHSIDE BIBLIO

Biblio's Cyprus summer programme includes regional flights from Manchester, Birmingham and London Gatwick, with a triple-lock guarantee for customer confidence.



Image Credit: Pexels/Pixabay

BIBLIO TRAVEL launched its newest website alongside its summer Cyprus programme last month, offering a 'triple-lock' protection for consumer confidence. The programme spans a choice of two- to five-star options.

New York Plaza Hotel, Paphos

This self-catering break for two at the two-star New York Plaza Hotel, Paphos, includes seven nights' accommodation, return flights, return transfers from the airport and the services of a Biblio representative. Departures start from £375 per person.

Nelia Gardens, Ayia Napa

This offering includes seven nights in a pool-view room at the three-star Nelia Gardens, Ayia Napa, on a bed-and-breakfast basis, along with return flights, transfers and an in-resort Biblio representative. Departures are

available from £545 per person.

Grecian Park Hotel, Protaras

Seven nights at the five-star Grecian Park Hotel, Protaras start from £729 per person. Accommodation is on a self-catering basis with return flights, resort transfers and the services of a Biblio representative.

An 'Absolute Package' option is available, which includes a low deposit of £49 per person, 23kg luggage with 10kg hand luggage, free transfers and full-time resort representatives. Daily departures are available to Larnaca from Manchester, Birmingham and Gatwick.

Clare Tobin, UK MD of Biblio Travel, said: "We can't wait to welcome guests to Cyprus for sunshine holidays; they'll be in the safest hands while securing the best prices."

www.bibliotravel.co.uk

Elegant Resorts offers Amara Hotels' palatial paradise

AFTER ONLY completing a single season before the Covid-19 pandemic hit, Amara Cyprus is raring to go for summer 2021.

The Amara is a stylistic beach hideaway, ideal for a romantic break, with infinity pools overlooking volcanic beaches and spacious sea-view rooms offering all you could need from the comfort of a five-star resort.

Concealing ice baths, saunas and an ancient well unearthed during the resort's construction form a decadent spa that will leave guests feeling stress free.

Dining options are equally as luxurious, with Giorgio Locatelli's Italian restaurant offering a 300-bottle-strong wine cellar, or Armya by Papaioannou, with its expansive open-air seafood tavern.



Image Credit: AMARA Hotels

Elegant Resorts' package stay offers five nights in a Deluxe Bedroom on a bed-and-breakfast basis, with a 15% rate reduction, along with economy flights, private transfers and UK lounge passes, from £1,120 per person.

www.elegantresorts.co.uk

Visit Cyprus' expansive wine route

DESIGNED TO take wine-lovers back in time to discover the heritage of the island's most famous export, the dessert wine of Commandaria, Visit Cyprus has unveiled the 'Commandaria Wine Route'.

The route ticks off 14 Commandaria villages: Limassol, Kolossi, Erimi, Monagri, Agios Georgios, Silikou, Doros, Laneia, Trimilkini, Agios Mamas, Kapileo, Zoopigi, Kalo Chorio, Agios Pavlos, Agios Konstantinos, Louvaras, Gerasa and Apsiou. There are four wineries along the way, as well as a visit to the wine press of Laneia.

www.visitcyprus.com



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Flock to Larnaka for birdwatching

A VARIETY of birds – both migrating and indigenous – favour the region of Larnaka, making it a birdwatching haven for interested clients.

Over 350 indigenous and endemic species – along with the migrating species – can be seen on the island.

Thanks to its unique location on the migratory route from Europe, Asia and Africa, Cyprus is a key breeding spot that sees around 250 million birds passing through the island each autumn and spring, including bright pink flamingos in their numbers and wild fowls that frequent Larnaka Salt Lake and Voroklini Lake.

www.larnakaregion.com

ROBINSON CYPRUS

The new ROBINSON CYPRUS comes with an abundance of cultural and scenic highlights, offering a wide range of activities for families, couples and solo travellers.

IN A REGION that offers more than 300 days of sunshine a year, the new ROBINSON CYPRUS is situated on the island's south coast and is only 30 minutes from Larnaca International Airport and 90 minutes from Paphos Airport.

The hotel is ideally located in a large bay, with direct sea views of the expansive sandy beach.

Active holidaymakers will get their money's worth, with the wide range of sports and activities on offer, including a variety of treatments available at the WellFit Spa. The water conditions make this club an ideal spot for water sports, with options such as sailing, surfing or kitesurfing available directly through the water sports station located on site. Those looking to explore the island will be treated to landscapes, coastal towns and Mediterranean cuisine.

ROBINSON CYPRUS has implemented a comprehensive safety and hygiene concept in regards to Covid-19. The Club also offers rapid antigen tests for guests before their return journey and will do so for as long as is necessary.

Bernd Mäser, managing director and spokesman of ROBINSON, commented: "After the last few months, everyone has had a great desire to travel and we are therefore particularly pleased to offer our guests a completely new holiday destination and another option for their holidays in the form of the ROBINSON CYPRUS."

Prices for seven nights, full board at ROBINSON CYPRUS, start from £685 per person. Return flights from London Stanstead to Larnaca start from £195 per person with TUI.

www.robinson.com

Experience Elysium in Paphos

LOCATED IN the historical heartland of ancient Paphos and a short stroll from the UNESCO protected Tombs of the Kings (dating back to 300BC), the Elysium Hotel is a five-star getaway.

Guests can enjoy a private beach, and the hotel also features its own private gardens, which are embellished with water features, multi-level pools, an amphitheatre and its own sandy cove.



Image Credit: Elysium Hotel

The Elysium also offers a sumptuous collection of gourmet eateries, which use local produce, including vegetables from the hotel's garden. Lemonia Piazza, seaside Mediterraneo Tavern, Epicurean Restaurant, Ristorante Bacco and O'Shin Restaurant showcase a variety of cuisines, including Italian, Japanese, and Cypriot.

The 'Romantic Getaway for Two' package includes a three-night stay in a Royal Garden Villa with private pool, complete with a champagne in-room breakfast, two 60-minute spa treatments, one candlelit dinner and two buffet dinners.

Prices are available upon request from the hotel.

www.elysium-hotel.com

Image Credit: ROBINSON CYPRUS



PAPHOS PARADISE

Olympic Holidays is offering a luxury getaway to Sofianna Resort & Spa, offering clients a blend of relaxation and island adventure.

Image Credit: Olympic Holidays



LESS THAN two miles away from Paphos' city centre, Sofianna Resort & Spa offers a luxury stay for visitors wanting to explore the island of Cyprus.

With 172 rooms ranging through standard, superior and deluxe categories, the resort is equipped with many modern and convenient amenities. Each room offers a small terrace or balcony with views of the inland or the swimming pool.

The resort is nearby to the coastal walkways and also has excellent transport links to explore the wider island.

A short stroll from the resort will take visitors to the nearest beach, as well as the harbour. Holidaymakers can find a lot of shopping opportunities here, as well as plenty of restaurants serving both local- and international-inspired cuisine.

The Sofianna Resort & Spa offers an Aphrodite Wellness Centre, designed to

enhance guests' wellbeing, offering a range of treatments. There are three swimming pools, including one indoors, and a themed splash park for kids. The kids' club caters for children from three to 11 years old, and those aged 12 to 17 can enjoy a chill-out area for teens, which is kitted out with computers (with internet access), an activity table and a gaming room.

Inside the resort, there are six restaurants and bars, including an à la carte eatery serving Mediterranean fare for dinner, and a bar by the pool for refreshing drinks throughout the day.

A five-night stay starts from £502 per person, based on two people. The price includes seven-nights' all-inclusive accommodation in a Standard Room Inland View, with flights from London Gatwick airport. The price is based on a November 4, 2021 departure.

www.olympicholidays.com

Dive into Jason deCaires Taylor's Underwater Sculpture Park

PLANET HOLIDAYS is offering various packages in the eastern coastal area of Cyprus, to visit the Jason deCaires Taylor's Underwater Sculpture Park – ideal for snorkelling visitors as well as divers.

The park is located in a protected marine area, 200 meters off Perna beach, in 10 meters of water.

Musan (Museum of Underwater Sculpture Ayia Napa), by British sculptor Jason deCaires Taylor, is an underwater sculpture gallery with 93 artworks, some representing trees designed to attract marine life and to provide food and shelter for a variety of sea creatures.

A seven-night holiday departing October 11 2021, staying at the four-star Capo Bay in Fig Tree Bay, Protaras for two adults on a bed-and-breakfast basis, with return flights from Gatwick to Larnaka



Image Credit: Planet Holidays

and transfers in resort, is priced from £899.50 per person. The operator also offers early booking discounts on some hotels.

www.planet-holidays.co.uk

Image Credit: Adobe Stock



Hiking havens with Audley Travel

AUDLEY TRAVEL is offering a hiking tour to Cyprus for clients looking to take an active holiday on the island.

Guests will spend two nights in the Troodos mountains, with various activities such as a bee and honey workshop and a village tour to a UNESCO protected monastery.

Travellers will also enjoy tours of the archaeological site of Kourion and explore the remnants of this once powerful city.

A seven-night trip costs from £2,630 per person (based on two sharing) and includes flights, transfers, accommodation on a bed-and-breakfast basis and excursions. www.audleytravel.com



GO FOR GRAMPIANS

Grampians Peaks Trail, the natural and cultural walking experience in Victoria, will be opening to the public next month.

THE HOTLY anticipated Grampians Peaks Trail is opening in September 2021, providing a once-in-a-lifetime 13-day hike through the Grampians mountain range, famed for its dramatic scenery and Aboriginal heritage.

The 160-kilometre trail, located three hours west of Melbourne, will stretch the length of the Grampians National Park and feature mountain peaks, rugged rocky outcrops, panoramas and the ancient Aboriginal heritage of Gariwerd (Grampians).

The Grampians Peaks Trail will feature an array of tour experiences and camping options, allowing nature lovers and hiking enthusiasts to easily choose, access and enjoy Victoria's awe-inspiring scenery. North to South is recommended as the best way to experience this incredible new trail addition, for a more remote,



Image Credit: Grampians Peaks Trails

The trail will feature an array of tour experiences and camping options.

backcountry walking exploration. Hikers also have the option to easily manage hike-in campground and hut bookings, only in the North to South direction.

Grampians is one of Victoria's most significant Indigenous sites. Aboriginal people have maintained an association with the area for tens of thousands of years, leaving evidence of their

history across the region.

The new trail offers visitors a chance to immerse themselves in a cultural experience and witness the ancient oven mounds, scatterings of stone left over from tool making, a wealth of rock art sites, and creation stories handed down from one generation to the next.

www.visitgrampians.com

Heritage Expeditions spotlights new cruise and ship offerings

NEW ZEALAND-BUILT expedition yacht Heritage Explorer has created new opportunities of discovery around the shores of New Zealand.

An example of a trip is the 'Islands of the Hauraki Gulf' holiday, where guests will join Kennedy Warne as they venture through the famed waters, islands and coastlines of the Hauraki Gulf Marine Park and Bay of Islands on this eight-day partner voyage.

The holiday is priced from around £3,165 per person, based on a January 7, 2022 departure.

Heritage Explorer is a 30-metre, four-deck vessel, and features 10 cabins across three decks, a dining room boasting 180-degree panoramas and theatre capabilities; lounge and bar featuring a flight of regional New Zealand wines, beers and spirits; and, a well-stocked local library.

Kayaks and fishing equipment are available for use during the voyage, while two tenders allow for deeper exploration with the unforgettable wildlife synonymous with all Heritage Expeditions adventures.

www.heritage-expeditions.com

GET ADVENTUROUS

Victoria's Otway Fly Treetop Adventures has opened two new villages, making for the ultimate adventurous family day out.



LOCATED JUST 20 minutes from the iconic Great Ocean Road, Otway Fly Treetop Adventures allows visitors to reconnect with nature and be immersed within some of Australia's finest rainforest scenery.

As well as enjoying an eco-wilderness zip lining adventure and the famed 25m treetop walk surrounded by unrivalled views of the unique flora and fauna of the region, guests can now explore two new mystical villages: 'Troll Town' and 'Mermaid Brook'.

Crafted by the volunteers from Men's Shed Colac using recycled timber, Otway also offers its 'Enchanted Forest', which features

fairies and dragons for the whole family to enjoy. Here, children will be able to discover a whimsical neighborhood of fairy homes and their magical inhabitants, set within a magical nook in the Otway Fly Treetop Adventures trail. They will also have the chance to follow the dragon's footsteps and discover what's landed in the dragon's nest.

An ideal day out for parents and children alike, visitors can pre-book their tickets online with family tickets costing AUS\$67.50 (approximately £35) for two adults and two children.

www.otwayfly.com.au

Family fun in the Cook Islands

THE COOK Islands Corporation recommends a holiday to Rarotonga, with activity aplenty for families to enjoy.

Families can experience a four wheeled drive adventure tour, hire quad bikes or buggies, learn how to paddle board or scuba dive, go night diving, kitesurfing or big game fishing. The island also offers opportunities to enjoy a family day of mini-golf, where guests can play a few rounds and enjoy lunch or dinner after.

Scooters, cars or minivans can be hired for a reasonable amount, so that families can drive around the island's perimeter in under an hour.



On a Saturday morning, the Punanga Nui Markets in Avarua sell delicious cooked food, fresh produce and fish, as well as arts, crafts and souvenirs. A cultural display usually takes place on the main stage, where local kids entertain the Punanga Nui Market visitors.

www.cookislands.travel



Discover New Zealand on foot with EXPLORE

EXPLORE IS offering its 18-night Walking in New Zealand trip – an easy-graded trip that is suitable for all walkers.

The holiday features the North Island, which combines natural beauty with a rich Maori heritage, and the South Island, which is blessed with scenery. The trip takes in Milford Sound, Mount Cook, Wanaka, Queenstown, Tasman National Park, Tongariro and Rotarua.

Prices start from £4,550 per person (£5,647 including flights) including accommodation with breakfast and some additional meals, all transportation and excursions, and a local EXPLORE tour leader throughout.

www.explore.co.uk

INSIGHTS AT SEA

Regent Seven Seas Cruises offers a whole host of cruises stopping across Australia and New Zealand, with port calls and land excursions galore.



Image Credit: Regent Seven Seas Cruises

WITH EXPANSIVE fjords and oceans, Australasia makes for an ideal cruising destination, and is often a highlight of Regent Seven Seas Cruises' expansive world cruises.

Two of the most thorough Australasian cruises, 'Natural Marvels & Maori Culture' and 'A Golden Coast & Urban Wonders', tick off the continent's most popular spots.

Natural Marvels & Maori Culture

This 14-night tour explores Australasia's natural world and the heritage of the Maori.

Beginning in Auckland, the Seven Seas Mariner ventures north to New Zealand's Bay of Islands. A southward voyage on day three offers a glimpse of Maori culture in Rotorua.

Day four brings cruisers to the art-deco Napier and day five visits Wellington.

It's heritage galore on day six in Akaroa, with the unique chance to spot Hector's dolphins.

A trip to Dunedin on day seven offers one last cosmopolitan escape before the ship cruises the nearby fjords and Tasman sea, arriving in Burnie (Tasmania) on day 13. Guests visit Melbourne on day 14 and sail onwards to Sydney for a land stay.

This cruise starts from £10,495, based on a February 2022 sailing, including return flights, shore excursions, onboard Wi-Fi, unlimited drinks, and dining at speciality restaurants. www.rssc.com

Marriott Docklands opens in Melbourne

A NEW Marriott Hotel has just opened up in the Docklands, Melbourne, and will be home to a striking infinity-edge pool.

Located on the 15th floor of the building with submerged pool beds and an adjoining cocktail bar, the 28-metre infinity-edge swimming pool has 200-degree views over Melbourne, a city that is known for its range of rooftop bars and sky-high experiences, including hot air balloon rides.

The new \$250million hotel is located centrally, above the District Docklands on Waterfront Way, and features 189 rooms. The five-star property also boasts a laneway café, lobby bar and a rooftop bar called 'Sunset House'.



Image Credit: Marriott Hotels

Adding to the impressive culinary credentials for the city, the refined all-day dining venue, Archer's, will serve elevated Australian cuisine. Nestled beneath a vaulted cellar-esque ceiling, the restaurant is reminiscent of Melbourne's historic bridges and train stations.

www.marriott.co.uk/hotels/travel/meldl-melbourne-marriott-hotel-docklands/



Image Credit: Lions Rugby

Lions Tour launches first-chance passes for 2025

THE OFFICIAL travel company for the British & Lions Rugby Tour has launched priority access passes for the upcoming tour of Australia, set for 2025.

Beyond offering guaranteed entry to the games themselves, the early access passes also include unique experiences, from pre-matched events to hand-picked accommodations for keen rugby fans to enjoy down under.

Passes start from £300 per person, with the price deductible from any package options purchased.

www.lionsrugby.com/tours

HIDDEN TREASURES

Wendy Wu Tours showcases the hidden treasures of New Zealand, with off-the-beaten-track experiences in Wellington, New Plymouth and a host of other cities.



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'HIDDEN TREASURES of New Zealand' is Wendy Wu Tours' latest exploration of New Zealand.

Upon arrival, guests are let loose to enjoy all Wellington has to offer. After breakfast on day two, guests head to Weta Workshop, the studio behind the Lord of the Rings films, before a drive to the Zealandia Ecosanctuary.

The tour travels north to the Tawhiti Museum, with lunch in the museum's cafe and an onward journey to their New Plymouth accommodation. The stay in New Plymouth includes a coastal cycle journey and visits to Pukeiti Gardens, Mt Taranaki and the Govett-Brewster Gallery.

A relaxing couple of days offers guests a visit to Tongariro National Park, an alpaca experience at Nevelea Alpacas, a mountain hike, and an art deco tour of Napier.

En route to Taupo, the tour takes in the Huka Falls before continuing on to Hamilton for a two-night stay. After visiting the Waikato Hamilton Gardens, guests visit a highlight of

the tour, Hobbiton, the filming location from Lord of the Rings.

Onward to Auckland, the group stops off at the Fo Guang Shan Temple, and enjoy a Asian cooking class at Sachie's Kitchen. From Auckland, the tour travels to Dunedin, with a visit to the Peninsula to witness blue penguins coming ashore to find their nests.

Continuing to the Fiordland National Park and Arrowtown, guests have plenty of time to kick back and soak in their natural surroundings, then travelling on to the Wanaka waterfront for a guided nature walk.

Guests arrive in Mount Cook for an alpine walk before the tour draws to a close in Christchurch.

The tour is currently available with departure dates on February 9 and March 2, 2022, from £7,090 per person, with a £600 per person summer saving when booked before September 8, 2021.

www.wendywutours.co.uk

Coral Expeditions goes 'Across the Top' in 2022

AUSTRALIA'S SMALL ship cruise line, Coral Expeditions, has announced two departures 'Across the Top' of Australia in the new year.

The itineraries will sail between Broome and Cairns in January 2022, with two voyages currently planned aboard the cruise line's expedition ship, Coral Adventurer.

Highlights of the voyage include birdwatching at Lacepede Islands and Adele Island, home to Australia's rare seabirds, navigating the tidal rapids of Horizontal Falls aboard a Zodiac, stepping ashore to stand at the tip of Australia on Cape York, and diving with sharks and diverse marine life at Osprey and Holmes Reef.

"These voyages have been inspired by guest demand... this combined voyage brings together our greatest hits," explained Jeff Gillies, commercial director.

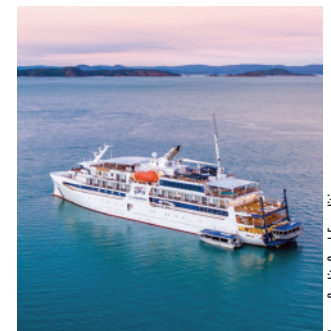


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Both voyages, departing on January 1 and January 20, 2022, start from approximately £7,146 per person.

www.coralexpeditions.com



Image Credit: Ovolo Hotels

Brisbane's 'best kept secret' – The Inchcolm

BLENDING ORIGINAL art deco architecture with modern avant-garde touches, Ovolo Hotel Group has recently launched 'The Inchcolm', a new boutique hotel with 50 rooms in the heart of Brisbane's city centre.

An ode to the roaring twenties, the hotel offers elegant furnishings and a classic aesthetic throughout.

The Inchcolm Bar offers timeless classics, as well as signature Martini Hour from 5:30pm-6:30pm daily.

Heritage Suite rooms start from approximately £152 per night.

www.ovolohotels.com/ovolo/inchcolm

Image Credit: Dolphinswims



Sea All Dolphins Swim at the Port Philip Bay

SEA ALL Dolphin Swims offers the chance to encounter and swim with dolphins and seals, enjoy wildlife sightseeing tours, embark on surf lessons, and more.

The company is located 30 minutes from the beginning of the Great Ocean Road, in the historic town of Queenscliff, Victoria.

Sea All also offers a range of further activities for your clients wishing to blend education with adventure, including 'South Channel Fort Tours', 'Shore Snorkel', 'Beachcombing & Coastal Revegetation', and an 'Introduction to Scuba' and 'Introduction to Snorkelling'.

www.dolphinswims.com.au

RED, RED WINE

Discover some of Australia's most innovative and exciting wineries in South Australia, with Small Batch Wine Tours, and explore what it means to enjoy sustainable wine.

SMALL BATCH Wine Tours, which offers private and small group touring in South Australia, has launched a new tour which explores what it means to be sustainable in wine – from vineyard management, landscape repatriation, and biodiversity enhancement.

One vineyard on offer is the McLaren Vale, a 40-minute drive from the vineyard city of Adelaide. The vineyard is located where the coast meets the vines, and is seen as a leader in sustainable and regenerative wine production.

The new experience includes a bio-dynamic tour and tasting at organic winery Gemtree, a tasting at Hither & Yon – South Australia's first certified carbon neutral winery, a seasonal tasting menu lunch at The Salopian Inn and tastings at other small family-owned sustainable wineries in the region.

Small Batch Wine Tours has partnered with

Ecologi, a social enterprise with a mission to reduce our carbon footprint.

In addition to the Ecologi partnership, Small Batch Wine Tours will donate \$50 per person to the McLaren Vale Biodiversity Project for each 'Sustainability in Wine Tour' booking.

The tour cost starts from US\$780 per person (approximately £400). In addition, a limited period discount offer of US\$200 per person has been applied on this experience, if booked by October 31, 2021.

Small Batch Wine Tours is fully commissionable and available for UK agents to book once borders reopen.

All tasting fees are included in the price of the tour. With a maximum of six guests on tour, visitors are guaranteed an intimate day whenever they plan to visit.

www.smallbatchwinetours.com.au

Image Credit: Gemtree Winery



Discover Aboriginal Experiences releases Media Kit

THE 'DISCOVER Aboriginal Experiences' collective, by Tourism Australia, has recently launched its Media Kit.

Tourism Australia's 'Discover Aboriginal Experiences' is a collective of inspiring Aboriginal experiences, guided by Aboriginal people who share personal stories about their own country to bring the landscape and their culture to life.



Image Credit: Adobe Stock

The media kit features a diverse range of more than 185 experiences, offered from 45 businesses across Australia, in both regional and urban locations.

The kit also contains a large amount of inspiration and ideas that all link back to bookable Aboriginal guided product experiences throughout Australia. In a nutshell, there are 48 story ideas, 26 deep dive product features, 20 story teller features, where there will be a chance to meet some of the guides up close and personal, and nine journey ideas around Australia.

www.tourism.australia.com/aboriginal

EGYPT

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CLASSIC EGYPT

Exsus Travel's luxury-focused Classic Highlights of Egypt holiday offers an all encompassing look into the historic region.

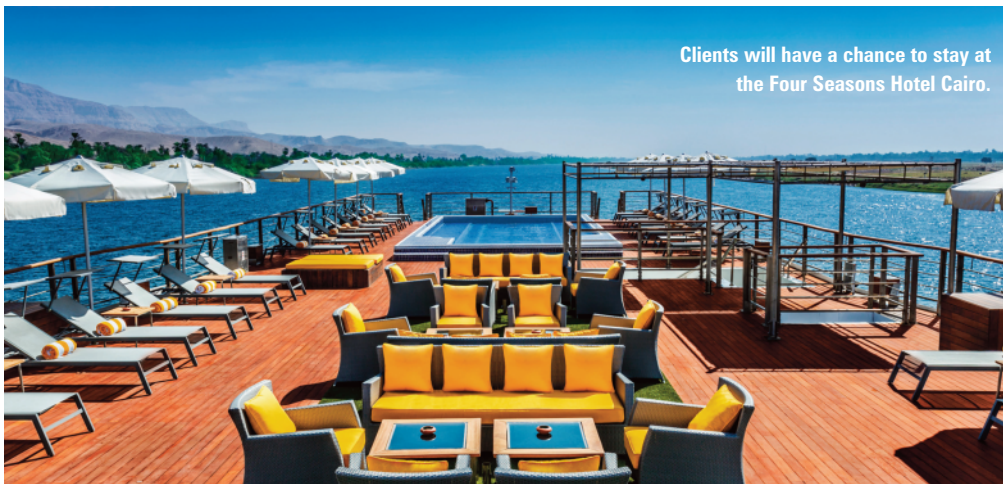


Image Credit: Exsus Travel

YOUR CLIENTS can immerse themselves in thousands of years of history on Exsus Travel's luxury highlights holiday to Egypt.

See the famous Pyramids and the Sphinx of Giza and discover the centuries-old secrets of the iconic boy-king Tutankhamun.

Guests will have the opportunity to come face to face with over 120,000 artefacts in one museum, and

explore Egypt's most important temple, which occupies five acres. There will also be an opportunity to visit the country's only Roman amphitheatre of its kind and its largest Roman burial site.

Beginning and ending in Cairo, during this highlights trip, there is the chance to spend a night in Alexandria, where Cleopatra made her home with Marc Antony, stay at the stylish Four Seasons

hotel in Cairo and spend five days on a luxury Nile River cruise aboard the Oberoi Philae – a perfect way to take in the many historic sights.

The nine-night Classic Highlights of Egypt holiday is priced from £3,690 per person, including flights, transfers, luxury accommodation and a Nile cruise.

www.exsus.com

Pharaohs & Pyramids with Viking Cruises

VIKING CRUISES' Pharaohs & Pyramids cruise-tour itinerary will see guests traverse the country over 12 days.

Travellers begin with a three-night stay at a first-class hotel in Cairo, where they can visit iconic sites, such as the Great Pyramids of Giza, the necropolis of Sakkara and the Mosque of Muhammad Ali. Guests then fly to Luxor, where they visit the Temples of Luxor and Karnak before boarding a Viking river ship for an eight-day roundtrip cruise on the Nile River, featuring access to the tomb of Nefertari in the Valley of the Queens and the tomb of Tutankhamun in the Valley of the Kings.

There will also be excursions to the Temple of Khnum in Esna, the Dendera Temple complex in Qena, and a visit to a colourful Nubian village, where guests can experience a traditional elementary school. Finally, the journey concludes with a flight back to Cairo for a final night in the ancient city.

Fares start from £4,665 per person.

www.vikingcruises.co.uk

CRUISE THE NILE

AmaWaterways is launching its newest river cruising itinerary: a 12-day adventure with a three night pre-cruise stay in Cairo, seven-night Nile roundtrip cruise and a final night's stay in Cairo.



Image Credit: AmaWaterways

SAILING ITS inaugural voyage in September 2021, AmaWaterways has unveiled an expansive 11-night river cruise with pre- and post-cruise stays in the historic capital of Cairo.

The cruise is centred around authentic Egyptian cuisine, experiences and service, all with the luxurious touches AmaWaterways is known for aboard AmaDahlia.

Guests will have a chance to visit the Temple of Luxor and Valley of the Kings and Queens, as well as the classic Pyramids of Giza and Great Sphinx.

The pre-cruise stay in Cairo ticks off the Egyptian Museum, lunch at the celebrated Naguib Mahfoux restaurant, Citadel of Salah El-Din, Pyramids of Giza and the Great Sphinx, before a flight to Luxor on day four brings guests aboard AmaDahlia.

Travelling along the Nile, guests' first point of call will be Luxor Temple, with the Valley of Kings and Queens awaiting on day five.

On day six, ancient history continue at the Temple of Horus in Edfu, with day seven

offering a Felucca ride to the Nubian Village of Hessa, in Aswan. Another day in Aswan ticks of the Unfinished Obelisk, High Dam and Philae Temple.

Heading towards Luxor once again, the boat calls at the Karnak Temple and the Great Temple of Abydos of Seti I on days 10 and 11.

A final day in Qena gives a final dose of ancient history at the Temple of Hathor, in Dendera, before the ship arrives back at Luxor on day 11 and cruisers disembark.

Upon disembarking, a flight to Cairo awaits, with an exclusive private tour of the Abdeen Presidential Palace with lunch and the Hanging Church, and Ben Ezra synagogue bringing the final stay in the capital to a close.

The cruise is available to book now from £4,030 per person, based on a June 2022 departure date. The price includes all visits, accommodation, cruise, and transfers.

For more itineraries and information, visit www.amawaterways.co.uk

Laid-back luxe at Casa Cook North Coast Egypt

ADULTS-ONLY LIFESTYLE brand Casa Cook has opened a new resort on Egypt's Mediterranean coast. The Casa Cook North Coast Egypt has welcomed guests from July 1, 2021 for an extended season until the end of October.

Sitting on the edge of an expansive saltwater lagoon, the resort offers its own private beach.

Guests have a choice of 38 stylish rooms, with two Beach Suites with terraces and direct beach access opening up directly onto the lagoon.

Alessandro Dassi, managing director of FTC Hotels & Resorts, the subsidiary that owns the Casa Cook brand, says: "The hotel carries the genuine and authentic feel of the Casa Cook brand, with its own distinct personality. We look forward to welcoming local and international guests to enjoy a true lifestyle experience."



Image Credit: Casa Cook Hotels

Rooms start from approximately £161 per night or £246 with half board for a Classic Double. Beach Suites start from £263 per night, or £348 with half board.

www.casacook.com



Image Credit: Adbhe Shark

Straight in at the deep end at Ras Mohammed

EGYPT'S FIRST protected area, the Ras Mohammed National Park, is an expansive landscape peppered with perfect diving spots.

Due to currents carrying out of the Gulf of Aqaba, the waters are home to a diverse marine life that give divers an insightful look into the area's underwater ecosystem, which is home to tunas, barracudas, jackfish, and sharks.

The area is also known for its extensive coral, featuring over 220 species in total.

Dives are available from approximately £51 a day. www.egypt.travel

Discover Egypt with Exodus

EXODUS TRAVELS is offering two separate trips to Egypt, for guests wanting to visit all the major sites and attractions along the Nile, experiencing the history and wealth of well-preserved monuments and treasures.

The Nile – Premium

Some of the highlights of this trip include venturing to the Great Pyramids and a journey through the Valley of the Kings. Boarding their cruise boat at Luxor, visitors will travel upstream, watching local life pass by. They will also see the spectacular Edfu and Kom Ombo temples along the way, with opportunities to see sunsets over the Nile while indulging in the excellent onboard facilities. This eight-night holiday is priced from £1,849 per person, including return flights, bed-and-breakfast accommodation, four lunches, four dinners, all transport and listed activities. Multiple departures are available for this trip, including November 6 and December 4 in 2021 and January 8, February 5, March 5 and April 9 in 2022.

Egypt: Alexandria to Aswan

On this two-week itinerary, visitors will explore Egypt's treasures such as the Pyramids and the Great Sphinx of



Giza. In the north they will visit the Mediterranean port city of Alexandria and El Alamein, the site of the famous Second World War battle. The journey then will lead the guests to the world-famous attractions of Cairo, where they will also experience bazaars and culinary delights on a food tour. Journeying south by sleeper train, the group will reach the Nubian city of Aswan to board a Nile cruise boat and discover the monuments and temples on the river to Luxor.

The 12-night trip is priced from £2,399 per person, including return flights, bed-and-breakfast accommodation, six lunches, five dinners, all transport and listed activities. Multiple departures are available for the trip, including November 5 and December 3 in 2021 and February 11, March 11 and April 8 in 2022.

www.exodus.co.uk

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Travel Bulletin is delighted to invite you to this informative and fun event, enabling you to learn more about the diverse range of cultural specialist tours and itineraries available. The evening will involve networking and presentations along with a delicious hot dinner, drinks, exciting entertainment and a free prize draw with prizes galore!

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6:00 PM: Registration & Refreshments | **6:25 PM:** Travel Bulletin Welcome
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Agents, come and join us at this informative, fun event and learn more about the accommodation and flight options available to this amazing part of the world. Soak up the North American ambience and update yourselves on the diverse range of activities, multi-centre holidays, fly drives, city breaks and tailor-made packages on offer to meet your customers' needs.

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