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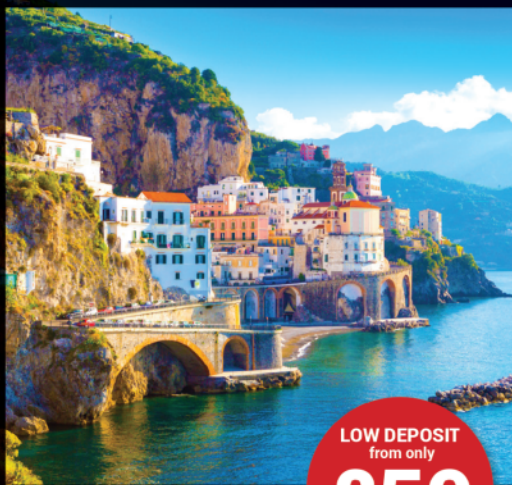


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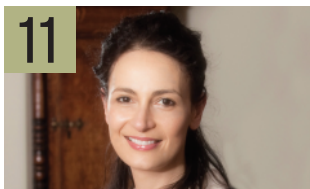
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Sri Lanka opens to tourism once again, and more updates.



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All the wonders and hidden gems of this region.



LASTING IMPACTS

Research from Post Office Travel Insurance has found how much ongoing travel issues have changed UK sunseekers' attitudes towards travel.

OVERALL FINDINGS from Post Office Travel Insurance suggest holidaymakers are well informed whilst remaining moderately cautious.

65% of British travellers are aware of Covid regulations at their holiday destination. Nearly 6 in 10 (59%) know how to find out about C-19 regulations in the country they're travelling to, an important skill when rules and regulations are regularly changing. Holidaymakers are looking up official travel guidance from the Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO) to keep informed.

Post Office findings show that 60% of holidaymakers know what activities their travel insurance covers them for, with 56% knowing their insurance excess, and 54% knowing what their insurance doesn't cover them for. 56% also know the total monetary value of personal possessions

they're covered for.

Holidaymakers are also urged to do further research before heading overseas: less than half of those polled (46%) are aware of key differences in laws where they are travelling to compared to the UK. Younger travellers are slightly better informed, with 52% of 18–24-year-olds knowing key differences.

60% of the holidaymakers polled are aware of the passport requirements of the country they plan on visiting, such as EU countries (except Ireland) requiring passports to be valid for at least three months after the day you plan to leave.

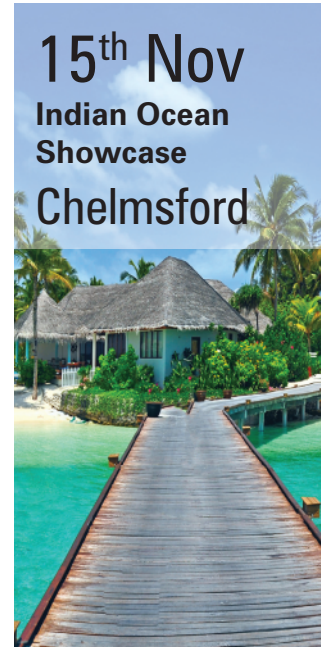
Paul Paddock, head of travel and protection at Post Office, said; "...After two years of travel uncertainty, there's little surprise that tourists are having to become more travel insurance savvy when planning their trips abroad..."



11th Oct
Escorted Tours Showcase
Liverpool



18th Oct
Cruise Showcase
Hull



15th Nov
Indian Ocean Showcase
Chelmsford



12th Oct
Family Holidays Showcase
Leeds

'Travel for Good' with Newmarket Holidays

NEWMARKET HOLIDAYS has launched a new 'Travel for Good' hub which will share the steps that the operator is taking to improve its global impact.

The new 'Travel for Good' hub will highlight Newmarket Holidays' sustainability journey, including current projects, partnerships, and programmes, and will track the operator's progress in ensuring that its holidays have a positive impact on both people and the planet.

The new hub will provide information on initiatives the escorted touring company is taking to reduce its carbon footprint and will explore how its holidays contribute to global wealth redistribution and the wellbeing and mental health of its customers. 'Travel for Good' also features a Q&A with Newmarket Holidays' CEO, Niel Alobaidi, on responsibility and wellbeing in the travel industry.

www.newmarketholidays.co.uk/travelforgood



Princess Cruises unveils new ship

PRINCESS CRUISES has unveiled details of its new and bespoke ship, Sun Princess.

As the brand's largest-ever ship, Sun Princess will accommodate 4,300 guests and boasts entertainment venues, multi-storey dining rooms and stateroom accommodations.

Sun Princess will sail an inaugural spring/summer season of

Mediterranean cruises from February 2024 followed by Western and Eastern Caribbean voyages out of Port Everglades, Florida in autumn 2024.

The ship is currently under construction at the Fincantieri shipyard and is scheduled to debut in February 2024.

www.princess.com

G Adventures relaunches trips to Japan

FOLLOWING THE recent news that Japan has reopened its borders to tourism, G Adventures will reintroduce 12 tours from October 2022, offering travellers the opportunity to explore the big cities of Tokyo, Kyoto and Osaka, as well as lesser-visited regions.

"The relaxation of entry restrictions has been eagerly awaited by G Adventures, our travellers and the local communities we work with in Japan, who have been keen to welcome back tourism as soon as possible. October is a fantastic time for us to restart our trips, with 'Aki' (Autumn) being one of the most beautiful times to visit..." says Julie Fitzgerald, general manager for Asia at G Adventures.

Trips start from £2,349 per person.
www.gadventures.com

Arctic adventures with Hurtigruten

HURTIGRUTEN EXPEDITIONS has expanded its 2023 Arctic summer season with seven new adventures.

Spanning 11 to 19 days, the new departures from June to September 2023 will take in areas beyond and above the Arctic circle on board the small-size expedition cruise MS Maud.

The new itineraries will depart from either

Dover or Reykjavik, and will take guests to Greenland, Svalbard, the British Isles, the Faroe Islands, and Iceland.

With the addition of MS Maud to the Arctic region throughout summer 2023, Hurtigruten Expeditions will offer a wider-than-ever selection of Arctic expedition cruises – with five different ships exploring the Arctic.

www.hurtigruten.com



EuroResorts targets the trade

AS PART of its evolution, EuroResorts is aiming to grow the number of destinations it offers from 10 to 15, and increase the number of UK travel agents it works with.

Rod Jones, EuroResorts director, said: "Travel agents will play a key role in helping us reach new audiences. In return, we can offer them direct links into our live availability or their own exclusive allocations."

www.euroresorts.co.uk



SunExpress increases Turkey flights

SUNEXPRESS HAS announced a new service from Newcastle Airport to the Turkish resort of Antalya, three times a week, for summer 2023.

The new service, will depart Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from March 28 through to October 28, 2023.

The airline has recently expanded services from across the UK, and Newcastle International Airport will be its sixth UK gateway.

www.sunexpress.com

MOVERS & SHAKERS



HUMMINGBIRD TRAVEL has announced a new addition to the team with the appointment of Elsa Bacry as business development director for Europe & Latin America.



THE LUX Collective has confirmed the appointment of Andrew Morgan as head of sales & marketing for the UK, Ireland, Scandinavia and North America.



BRANDON TOWNSLEY has been appointed as vice president of sales and trade partnerships for Celestyal Cruises.

Croisieurope offers last-minute deals

CROISIEUROPE IS offering deals on select sailings of its popular hotel barge itineraries along the French canals with reduced prices and a 50% discount for the second passenger sharing a cabin and a 25% discount for solo travellers.

This offer is available on the seven-day cruise on the Marne-Rhine Canal; the seven-day Seine cruise from Paris to Petite Seine; the seven-day cruise along the Burgundy, Saône and Centre Canal between Dijon and Saint-Leger-sur-Dheune; and, the seven-day cruise on the Rhone Canal.

www.croisieurope.co.uk

Celebrate Christmas by the sea in Blackpool

BLACKPOOL'S CHRISTMAS village is returning this winter.

Situated on the Tower Festival Headland opposite The Blackpool Tower, the Christmas village will once again include a free-to-use skating rink, festive light installations and projection shows, themed log cabins, artificial snowfalls, Christmas trees and Christmas tram rides.

The village, which will operate from November 18 to January 2, will also see

themed children's attractions and the return of the Star Flyer which stands at 260ft.

www.visitblackpool.com





AGENT INSIGHT

DAVID GAMBIER

GREAT EXPERIENCE TRAVEL GROUP

OVER RECENT weeks, hours of broadcasting have been devoted to The Queen and her impact on different areas of life and I just wanted to take some time to thank Her Majesty for her contribution to the travel industry.

We have all seen pictures of her stay in Kenya in 1952 when she learned that she had become Queen. At that time, my parents were working there as missionaries and visited Tree Tops a week or so after the Royal couple. Mum said that they could still smell the fresh paint. When my Mum and Dad travelled out, it took over three weeks by sea from Tilbury to Mombasa. In 1953, they had to fly back urgently because Mum was ill with malaria. It took them two days with stops in Cairo and Rome – a similar journey to that undertaken by The Queen and Prince Philip a year earlier.

The Royal couple proceeded to travel the world, visiting more than 120 countries. Flying out to Australia for the first of her 16 visits took more than 55 hours and the fare in today's money, at over £27,000, is more than a year's pay of many people in the travel industry. Before travelling to Kenya, the only things that my parents knew about the country came from a few magazine articles and some Pathe newsreels. Now, there is not a point on the globe that we can't show clients within a few mouse clicks.

At the start of her reign, international travel was the preserve of the rich and famous. Soon, clients will fly non-stop from London to Sydney at a price that will be a fraction of an annual salary. In her life, The Queen was a quiet trendsetter, but for those of us who make our careers in travel, we can be nothing other than grateful to her for showing people places across the globe that they could aspire to visit, and which are now – thankfully for us – accessible to almost everyone, not just royalty.



Just Go! Holidays launches close-to-home 'Britain & Ireland Collection'

JUST GO! Holidays has unveiled its 2023 collection of British and Irish escapes, comprising 20 new itineraries and popular existing holidays.

New options include a five-day 'Gentleman Jack's Charming Yorkshire' tour between April and October 2023, and a five-day 'Weymouth, the Jurassic Coast & Swanage Steam Railway' option.

Explore the full brochure at www.justgoholidays.com/agents

News Bites

- UNIVERSAL RESORT Orlando is commemorating spooky season with the launch of 'Dark Arts at Hogwarts Castle', an event that will run until Halloween, seeing 'Death Eaters' roam the Wizarding World of Harry Potter and a projection mapping and special effects show.
- RADISSON HOTEL Group has announced the opening of Radisson Blu Hotel, Perth, in the Scottish city on the River Tay.
- FLYBE FARES to the Isle of Man are now on sale from London Heathrow and Belfast City.



CELESTYAL HAS announced the removal of all Covid-19 vaccination, recovery, and testing requirements for guests embarking on its cruises across the Greek Islands and Eastern Mediterranean. Chief commercial officer Leslie Peden said: "Our crew will continue to maintain our stringent hygiene protocols based upon the most up-to-date guidelines." www.celestial.com/gb

AGENT INCENTIVES

- STAR CLIPPERS** is celebrating its new brochure with a 'Flavours of Star Clippers' competition, with winning agents offered restaurant vouchers up to the value of £25 per person, with a maximum of four vouchers per branch, for the most innovative and creative celebrations of the launch. Agents can submit photos demonstrating their celebrations of the launch with activities such as window displays, social media mentions, and customer engagements to agency.sales@starclippers.co.uk
- A-ROSA River Cruises** has kicked off its new autumn booking incentive. Applicable across its entire portfolio of cruises, until October 23, 2022, any agent booking a 2022 or 2023 flight, or rail, directly through A-ROSA will earn a £50 Love2shop voucher. The more bookings made, the more vouchers agents will earn. In celebration of CLIA Cruise Week, agents who make direct A-ROSA bookings during the same period will be entered into a prize draw for a five-night 'Christmas Markets' cruise for two on A-ROSA SENA, the ship launched in June 2022. www.arosa-cruises.co.uk
- MSC CRUISES** has announced the launch of a new booking incentive for UK based travel agents as part of CLIA Cruise Week 2022. Customer bookings made exclusively during CLIA Cruise Week, from now until October 2, 2022, will receive up to £200 in on board credit for their trip on MSC Virtuosa. The onboard credit will be based on the length of the sailing booked and will be valid on MSC Virtuosa sailings departing Southampton between October 2022 to October 2023. www.msobook.com



Hummingbird Travel welcomed around 120 agents and 40 suppliers from all four of its destinations for product training and prize giveaways in London on September 20, 2022.

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COMPETITION

Win an Australian hamper filled with wine and gourmet treats with Anzcro!

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AGENT TRAINING

- APT & TRAVELMARVEL** has joined training specialist Bright to deliver a new programme of in-person training events for independent agents across the UK. The events will showcase the most exciting product for the 2022 and 2023 seasons, ensuring agents have the right tools for sales success. Brad Bennetts, head of sales and business development for APT & Travelmarvel, said: "This is a perfect opportunity for agents to upskill ahead of what we predict will be a fantastic peaks period." Bookings for the events at Barnett Hill Hotel, Guildford (October 11) and Salomons Estate, Tunbridge Wells (October 12) are open now. www.APTagentclub.co.uk
- FOR AGENTS** looking to increase their Australia knowledge, travel trade training site, Aussie Specialist is running two webinars, 'Australia's Nature Coast Drive' on October 4 at 10am, and 'What's new in Queensland' on October 18 on 9am. Agents who complete or re-do the Queensland module on the Aussie Specialist Program by October 31 will be in with the chance to win an epic 4x4 Adventure Driving Experience in the UK. One lucky agent will get a taste of Australia's Nature Coast Drive and the world of off-roading. Visit www.training.aussiespecialist.com for more on this.



- COMPLETE THE Abu Dhabi Specialist Programme** for the chance to win £50 Love2shop vouchers or a pair of Manchester City tickets. Monthly giveaways are running until December 31, 2022. www.abudhabispecialist.com

Fred. Holidays Rail Journeys introduces 'Cities of the Great Composers' package

A NEW no-fly package has been introduced to Fred. Holidays Rail Journeys' portfolio.

The 10-night trip includes two nights in Leipzig, home of Bach and the birthplace of Wagner, with a guided tour showcasing Bach's legacy. Three nights in Vienna spotlight the resting place of Beethoven and the home of Strauss, followed by three nights in Salzburg, birthplace of Mozart, drawing to a close in Bonn, birthplace of Beethoven. The tour starts from £1,989 per person, with daily departures between April and October 2023. www.fredholidays.co.uk



H10 Hotels opens the H10 Croma Málaga, a city-first

H10 HOTELS has opened its first property in Málaga, located in the Anadalusian city's historic centre.

The new property boasts 138 rooms, two restaurants, three exclusive bars, three fully-equipped meeting rooms and a gym.

The hotel also features a rooftop with a plunge pool and sun lounge area, offering views overlooking the city that

stretch out to the sea.

The hotel sits next to the Plaza Hoyo de Esparteros, on the doorstep of many of the city's attractions, including the Mercado Central de Atarazanas and Marqués de Larios Street, boasting the city's shopping hotspots and a wide range of restaurants.

www.h10hotels.com



Lift off with the 'Gateway' experience at Kennedy Space Center

FOLLOWING THE liftoff of the first in a series of 'Artemis' missions, Kennedy Space Center is shooting for the stars with 'Gateway: The Deep Space Launch Complex'.

The experience focuses on the present and future of space exploration, showcasing NASA and commercial spacecraft hardware with immersive displays forming a 'journey' through space.

www.kennedyspacecenter.com



MSC Virtuosa announces new 2023 itineraries

MSC CRUISES has launched its new 2023 itineraries aboard MSC Virtuosa.

The ship will be based in the UK for the 2022/23 season, with a number of January itineraries helping guests escape the British winter for continental cruising.

Bank Holiday escapes in May spotlights the gems of the British coast, before June welcomes an Icelandic cruise.

www.msccruises.co.uk/cruise-deals/cruise-from/southampton

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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 13. Solution and new puzzle will appear in the next issue.

The winner for September 16 is Gemma Eckersley from Hays Travel Billingham.

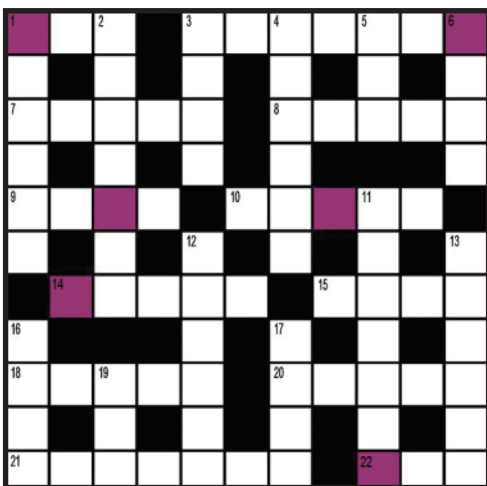
September 16 Solution: A=4 B=7 C=9 D=8

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



This Middle Eastern country is nicknamed "The Pearl of Arabia" and politically has an absolute monarchy ruled by a sultan.

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



- Across**
- 1 Opera and Orchestra are part of this cruise company's fleet (3)
 - 3 St John's is the capital (7)
 - 7 English town and airport (5)
 - 8 Radio station, sounds romantic (5)
 - 9 Scandinavian capital city(4)
 - 10 Country shaped like a boot (5)
 - 14 Libreville is the capital (5)
 - 15 Capital of Samoa (4)
 - 18 It's nicknamed The Lone Star State (5)
 - 20 Oklahoma city once dubbed the oil capital of the world (5)
 - 21 Accor hotel brand (7)
 - 22 Amsterdam Schiphol international airport code (3)

- Down**
- 1 Will, of Two Pints of Lager fame, now appearing on Strictly (6)
 - 2 Tour operator specialising in holidays to 10 Across (7)
 - 3 Flows through Tuscany (4)
 - 4 Island home of Papeete (6)
 - 5 This Indian state on the Arabian Sea is a popular holiday destination (3)
 - 6 Piedmont town which gave its name to Spumante wine (4)
 - 11 One of the Canary Islands (2,5)
 - 12 English county (6)
 - 13 French ferry port (6)
 - 16 Town and famous school of the same name, just across the bridge from Windsor (4)
 - 17 Organisation offering financial protection for travellers (4)
 - 19 Robbie Williams latest album which celebrates twenty five years as a solo artist (3)

CROSSWORD

Mystery Word: MALAGA

Down: 1 MELLOW, 2 CITALEA, 3 ARNO, 4 TAHITI, 5 GOA, 6 ASTI, 11 LA PALMA, 12 DORSET, 13 CALAIS, 16 ETON, 17 ATOL, 19 XXV.
Across: 1 MSC, 3 ANTIGUA, 7 LUTON, 8 HEART, 9 OSLO, 10 ITALY, 14 GABON, 15 APIA, 18 TEXAS, 20 TULSA, 21 NOVOTEL, 22 AMS.

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INDUSTRY insight by...



Tracey Poggio, chairman of ANTOR, offers a roundup of cruise updates from member countries.

I'D LIKE to start by saying that the 60-nation membership of ANTOR (the association of national tourist offices and representatives) includes the UK, Ireland and many commonwealth countries, and wishes to pledge its support to His Majesty King Charles III.

Gibraltar's cruise sector is recovering well, with 184 calls booked in 2022. The Government is working proactively towards energy transition and is working closely with industry partners in adopting sustainable practices.

Future planning includes a new fully-sustainable terminal building and a transition to electric-powered services for bus and transport fleets. A broader programme of tours will continue to be rolled out to complement existing tours to the Upper Rock.

An environmental tax for visiting cruise passengers will be introduced in 2023.

The Dominican Republic aims to become the Caribbean's top cruise destination with the construction of the new Cabo Rojo cruise port. Set to open towards the end of 2023, the new cruise port is a \$126 million project that will have space for four cruise ships at any one time, and is filled with activities close by, while the area itself is one of the top destinations on the island. The country is also investing in the Samaná cruise port, hoping to bring back ships from Norwegian Cruise Line and Royal Caribbean. While the Dominican Republic is investing heavily in its cruise infrastructure, it already hosts some of the busiest cruise ports in the area, including Amber Cove, Puerto Plata, Isla Catalina, La Romana, Punta Cana, and the capital of Santo Domingo.

PortMiami, known as the 'Cruise Capital of the World', is poised for yet another exceptionally strong cruise season as it welcomes a host of new cruise brands and new build ships that rank among the most innovative vessels on the seas. In 2021, PortMiami welcomed more than 252,000 cruise vacationers, this coming after the CDC placed a pause on the cruising industry due to the Covid-19 pandemic. 12 cruise

lines homeport in Miami, many with their own terminal, including the Virgin Voyager terminal opened in 2021. A further 11 cruise lines make Miami a port of call.

Meanwhile, back in Europe, the Greek National Tourism Organisation is utterly excited about the inclusion of two new ports on the Star Clippers summer 2024 sailing programme in the Mediterranean. The port of Milos will feature on the 11-night Suez Canal sailing on Star Clipper in June 2024 and Sifnos will be a port of call on a new 14-night Rome-Athens sailing on Star Flyer in September 2024. Milos, with its breath-taking beaches and lunar landscapes, and Sifnos, with its mouth-watering food and renowned pottery, would be ideal destinations for cruise lovers to explore.

Off to the South Pacific, and after years of the Covid-19 pandemic throwing international travel into turmoil, on August 1, Samoa's shorelines have once again welcomed international travellers on the first direct flights from Fiji, Australia and New Zealand, and look forward to welcoming back their first cruise passengers.

To connect with cruise ports worldwide see www.antor.com



Adventure & Activity Showcase

Travel Bulletin hit the road once again, joined by Ras Al-Khaimah Tourism, Destination Canada, South African Tourism, Israel Government Tourist Office, Andorra Tourist Office, ASB Tanzania Ltd, and the Tunisian National Tourist Office for two Adventure & Activity Showcases.

Lucky agents in Birmingham and Cambridge on September 20 and 21 left with prizes including goodie bags, Prosecco and Champagne, and destination-inspired cookbooks.



Want to get in on the [#TBShowcases](https://twitter.com/TBShowcases) action?
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MAURITIUS MAGNIFIED

Beachcomber Tours has added Trou aux Biches Beachcomber, Mauritius, to its offerings.



BEACHCOMBER TOURS is offering stays at the new, all inclusive, Trou aux Biches Beachcomber Golf Resort & Spa in Mauritius.

See the Seychelles the Classic way

CLASSIC COLLECTION Holidays offers seven nights at the Constance Ephelia Seychelles in Mahe from £2,250 per person.

The price is based on two adults sharing a Junior Suite, on a half-board basis with return flights from Heathrow. Prebooked seats, hold luggage and private transfers included, for a May 7, 2023 departure.

Clients can save 25% when they book 45 days in advance across a range of 2022 and 2023 dates. There is also a complimentary upgrade from bed-and-breakfast to half-board for stays between May 1, 2023 and July 17, 2023.

www.classic-collection.co.uk

Clients can indulge in a new all-inclusive package, which includes dining at six restaurants including Asian and Mediterranean cuisines, plus a wide range of imported wines and spirits.

Amenities include garden pools and access to complimentary land and water sports.

For stays of seven nights or more, clients can choose an exclusive

experience, ranging from spa, golf, diving, wine tasting or cooking.

Prices start from £3,565 per person, for departures from London Heathrow, flying with Air Mauritius.

The price includes 10 nights in a Junior Suite, return economy flights and private transfers in Mauritius.

This trip departs April 30, 2023.

To book, call 01483 445610 or email holidays@beachcombertours.uk

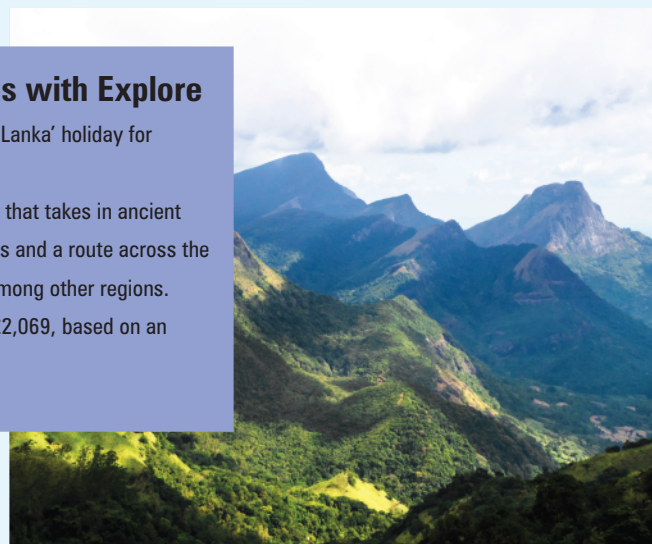
Sri Lanka on two wheels with Explore

EXPLORE IS highlighting its 'Cycle Sri Lanka' holiday for active clients.

Guests can enjoy a circular journey that takes in ancient temples and fortresses, tea plantations and a route across the scenic trails of the Knuckles Range, among other regions.

The 14-day holiday is priced from £2,069, based on an April 2, 2023 departure.

www.explore.co.uk



Sheraton Maldives Full Moon Resort & Spa invites families to reconnect 'Side-by-Side'

SHERATON MALDIVES Full Moon Resort & Spa has introduced a 'Side-by-Side' package, bringing families together to spend quality time at the resort.

Immersive activities are on offer, from spa relaxation to sports.

Emilio Fortini, general manager of Sheraton Maldives Full Moon Resort & Spa said: "The importance for families to stay connected and enjoy shared experiences and memories is growing as multi-generational families are spending less time together. The Side-by-Side offer can be adapted for all ages to help families create priceless memories for many years to come."

Families can come together and take part in a coral plantation experience, 'Adopt a Coral', for which the resort has collated with

Reefscapers, a coral propagation organisation.

Groups can take to the spa to create their own facial masks, gather over an interactive cooking class or explore the island with a private picnic.

The programme is available for guests until December 24, 2022.

www.travelagents.marriott.com/travelagents/default.mi



Beeline for Braganza House in Sri Lanka

FOR THOSE seeking a coastal break, Eden Villas is promoting its Braganza House property.

The house, verandas and pool area span over 6,000 square feet, with plenty of space for families or groups of friends. Braganza is a few minutes away from some of Sri Lanka's best beaches and is also 20 minutes from historical Galle Fort. The house, verandas and pool area span over 6,000 square feet, with plenty of space for families or groups of friends.

Braganza has four guest suites accommodating up to eight guests. It is fully staffed, including a chef.

Eden Villas offers nightly rates at Braganza House from £532. Minimum stays range between two to five nights depending on dates, and the villa can sleep up to eight people.

www.edenvillas.com/travel-agents

Pick of the bunch with Fairmont Maldives' offers

A CHOICE of offers are available at Fairmont Maldives, an Indian Ocean haven, with Hummingbird Travel.

30% off contracted rates along with a complimentary upgrade to full board for two adults and children aged 11 and below is available on stays until December 20, 2022.

The savings continue through 2023, with 40% off stays between May 1 and September 30, 2023, and 35% off stays between January 11 and April 30 and October 1 and December 20, 2023. Both offers include complimentary upgrades to half board for two adults and children aged 11 and below.

All offers are applicable on stays booked by October 16, 2022.

www.hummingbird.travel





Authentic adventures and stunning scenery in Sri Lanka with Wendy Wu Tours

WENDY WU Tours' 'Highlights of Sri Lanka' showcases just that on a 15-day itinerary.

Sri Lanka's tropical paradise is on show throughout the tour, which includes visits to some of the nation's most impressive temples, the Rock Fortress at Sigirya, elephant-spotting excursions at the Yala National Park and explorations through the ruined cities of Polonnaruwa and Anuradhapura.

Authentic experiences en route include a tour of a tea plantation in the Central

Highlands, a visit to the Kosgoda Turtle Hatchery conservation project, and an authentic Kandy dance performance at the island's cultural capital.

The tour starts from £3,590 per person, including all international airfares, three-star-plus or four-star accommodation, entrance fees, guides and daily tours, all domestic transportation, all meals, and Visa fees for UK passport holders. Price is based on departures from London Heathrow.

www.wendywutours.co.uk



Saga showcases enchantment in the Maldives

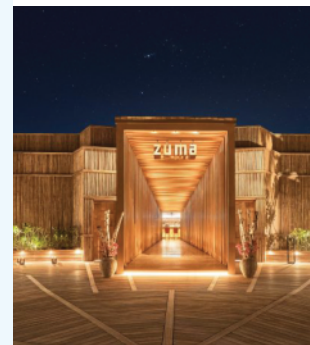
SAGA'S 'ENCHANTING Mauritius' itinerary combines the relaxation and exploration that the island is famed for, with five nights on the south island, five nights overlooking Turtle Bay, and four nights in Belle Mare.

Guests will experience a rum distillery

tasting session, a tour of a family-run biscuit producer, a visit to a tea plantation and a tour of La Vallée de Ferney Nature Reserve among other excursions.

The 16-night itinerary starts from £3,499 per person, based on a couple sharing.

www.travel.saga.co.uk



Waldorf Astoria Maldives Ithaafushi debuts the Indian Ocean's first Zuma restaurant

AN INDIAN Ocean first has arrived at Waldorf Astoria Maldives Ithaafushi, with its collection of 10 culinary experiences welcoming the contemporary Japanese concept Zuma.

Offering impressive views of the surrounding ocean, the new Zuma restaurant is set to deliver an unforgettable experience.

Zuma Maldives will serve speciality dishes made famous in its international outposts. The restaurant will also host a dedicated lounge area, offering Zuma's signature beverages such as Lychee Rose Petal Martinis and Zuma Coladas.

"We are thrilled to be bringing Zuma's international cuisine to the Maldives on the shores of such a breathtaking and iconic destination," said Zuma creator and co-founder Rainer Becker.

"We share Waldorf Astoria's focus on exceptional attention to detail and look forward to delivering unmatched culinary experiences to resort guests."

www.waldorfastoriamaldives.com



ANCIENT SPLENDOUR

Discover Egypt is offering autumn and Christmas holidays in the region.

AGENTS WHO have clients interested seeing Egypt in all its splendour can book with Discover Egypt, which currently has a 10-night 'Classic Egypt' holiday, comprising a seven-night cruise and three nights in Cairo to see the magnificent treasures of the Egyptian capital including the Pyramids and Sphinx. The trip departs on October 21 and 28 and November 11, 2022.

The full-board cruise takes place on the five-star MS Tulip, with the three nights in Cairo on a bed-and-breakfast basis at the Ramses Hilton, overlooking the Nile and five minutes' walk from the Cairo Museum. Return flights from Heathrow and all transfers in Egypt are included. The price starts from £1,695 per person based on two people sharing a twin/double room.

For an extra special Christmas and New Year, Discover Egypt also as an Christmas and New Year departure for its 10-night 'Classic Egypt' holiday departing December 23, which

includes the cruise and three nights bed-and-breakfast at the Steigenberger Palace for £2,445 per person. Additionally, there is a Boxing Day departure for a seven-night cruise for £1,995 per person.

The MS Tulip cruise ship has been refurbished. It offers contemporary themed cabins and spacious communal areas with panoramic views from the large windows to be able to see life on the Nile. Most standard cabins have a panoramic opening window with balcony rail while the upper deck terrace has private sit-on balconies.

www.discoveregypt.co.uk

Tunisia's 'Our Gastronomy' project

TUNISIA'S MINISTRY of Tourism has introduced a new project called 'Our Gastronomy/Mekletna'.

The programme will launch in the following regions: Zaghuan, Mahdia, Tozeur, Tabarka and Ain Drahem. The objective is to promote the regions as sustainable and cultural hubs.

Tui is offering stays at the Iberostar Selection Royal El Mansour in Mahdia, Tunisia, from £506 per person, based on a four-night stay departing October 10, 2022.

www.retailagents.tui.co.uk

Red Sea Holidays promotes winter bookings

RED SEA Holidays is highlighting its cruise-and-stay winter getaways in Egypt, for clients looking for hybrid holidays.

Red Sea Holidays' 14-night, cruise-and-stay package, staying at Makadi Spa Hotel in Makadi Bay, Hurgahda, is priced from £1,425 per person.

www.redseaholidays.co.uk



Exodus' adventures with Aldo

ADVENTURE TOUR specialist Exodus Travels has partnered with world record holder Aldo Kane to showcase the operator's sustainability initiatives and adventures. The partnership blends Kane's ethos for responsible travel with Exodus' aim to ensure local communities are supported and a positive impact is left once the adventure is over.

Along with hosting consumer and media events, Aldo Kane will lead Exodus Travels' 'Atlas Descent' tour in March 2023. The tour features an eight-day, off-road cycling fest through Morocco's Anti-Atlas Mountains, featuring a chance for participants to cycle

past the famous blue rocks of Tafraoute and the impressive walls of Tiznit for £1,899 per person, including flights and accommodation.

Sam Seward, managing director for Exodus Travels said "We are delighted to be working with Aldo to highlight the positive impact that adventure travel can have, not only creating long-lasting memories but also supporting the communities that they visit...we are excited to have him lead one of our most exciting trips, the Atlas Descent, where he will accompany visitors along mountain biking trails to visit the Berber people."

www.exodus.co.uk/aldo-kane



Exsus adds Cairo and Nile Cruise package for 2023

EXSUS TRAVEL offers a seven-night 'Cairo and Nile Cruise' package holiday from February 1 to July 31, 2023.

For £2,320 per person, holidaymakers can witness the majestic Egyptian landscapes of Cairo, Aswan, Edfu and Luxor, with a three-night full-board Nile cruise.

Also included are numerous sightseeing opportunities, from visits to the Great Pyramids, the Sphinx, the Citadel of Salah El Din to the West Bank (including the Valley of the Kings, Hatshepsut Temple and the Colossi of Memnon).

www.exsus.com



Stay at the Kasbah Tamadot with Inspiring Travel

INSPIRING TRAVEL IS offering two free nights at the Kasbah Tamadot resort in Morocco, as part of a seven-night package. Bought by Sir Richard Branson's Hotel Group, the complex resides in the foothills of the Atlas Mountains, with stunning courtyards, landscaped gardens and rooms that offer guests 360-degree panoramic views of the mountain scenery.

Guests can spend the day unwinding in the heated infinity pool or being pampered in the hammam, with evenings spent enjoying classic movies at the resort's outdoor cinema. Guided walks and mule treks through the Atlas Mountains are also available.

Prices start at £3,739 per person, including private transfers and return flights from London Gatwick. Guests can save up to £510 per person with this deal at the Moroccan resort that eludes luxury while retaining a oneness with nature. The offer is valid between July 1 and August 31, 2023.

Agents can email inspiringagentenquiries@itc-uk.com for more details.

SIGNATURE OZ

ANZCRO's 'Signature Australian Experiences' collection is on sale now.



TRAVEL AGENTS now have access to more than 20 curated, ready-to-sell Australian holiday packages in the 'Signature Australian Experiences' collection from ANZCRO.

South Australian destinations such as Port Lincoln and the Eyre Peninsula can be explored as part of the four-day 'Wildlife and Ocean Encounter', on which travellers can swim with bottlenose dolphins and sea lions, and sample ocean-fresh local oysters, with the holiday priced from £2,109.

In Western Australia, clients can enjoy one of the Great Walks of Australia with the six-day 'Cape to Cape Walk' package, including four days' guided hiking through forested and coastal

landscapes, three nights at Injidup Spa Retreat and a winery lunch at Vasse Felix, from £2,255 per person.

For an authentic experience, Tara Buckler, ANZCRO Australian product coordinator, suggests the 'Bucket-List Fishing Adventure,' priced from £815 per person. "Picture this: four days up north, enjoying a privately chartered flight to discover tucked-away creeks and estuaries and catch Barramundi, Salmon and more. This is the dream Aussie holiday for any fishing enthusiast!", says Tara Buckler, ANZCRO Australian product coordinator.

Other packages include the four-day 'Hobart Luxury Stay', indulging in the renowned food and art scene of the

Tasmanian capital, including three nights at the waterfront Macq 01 Hotel, return ferry to Mona for the Posh Pit experience and a private tour and tasting at Moorilla Vineyard, priced from £679 per person.

Agents can book via
www.anzcro.co.uk/login

Putt your way through New Zealand and Australia

AZAMARA IS expanding the company's partnership with provider of international golf tours, PerryGolf, in 2024.

Highlights include Azamara Journey's 16-night 'New Zealand & Australia Voyage', where travellers will discover natural wonders, Indigenous cultures, and extraordinary wildlife on this journey from New Zealand to Australia, sailing through the Milford Sound. PerryGolf offers six rounds of golf at some of the most renowned courses in the region, including Cape Kidnappers.

Prices start from around £3,095.
www.azamara.co.uk

Cook Islands removes COVID requirements

COVID-19 VACCINATION requirements has been removed and no longer apply for travel and entry to the Cook Islands by aircraft and sea vessels.

This welcome news follows the Cook Islands borders re-opening to international visitors in May.

www.cookislands.travel



Budj Bim Cultural Landscape opens

THE FIRST Nation-owned Budj Bim Cultural Landscape Tourism Experience launched on July 1, 2022 on Gunditjmarra Country in Victoria's southwest.

The new Indigenous cultural experience is an ideal recommendation to clients as a new add-on experience if they are taking part in the iconic Great Ocean Road drive, or if they're interested in Indigenous culture.

Small groups will be led by Gunditjmarra cultural guides, allowing visitors the chance to immerse themselves in the landscape through the eyes of the First Nation people.

State-of-the-art infrastructure has been developed by Gunditj Mirring Traditional Owners Aboriginal Corporation (GMTOAC) to offer visitors the most enriching experience of the landscape and its people.



Included in the experience is a two hour tour of Tae Rak (Lake Condah), a half- or full-day tour of Tungatt Mirring (Stone Country), or a full-day tour of Yarkeen Yaang (Swamp Dreaming), allowing visitors to choose if they want to opt for a shorter day visit, or a longer, deeper dive into the culture.

www.budjbim.com.au.



New Zealand ends traveller restrictions

AS OF September 13, 2022, all COVID-19 vaccination and testing requirements have ended for travellers entering New Zealand.

People arriving from overseas will continue to receive free rapid antigen tests (RATs) upon arrival and will still be encouraged to test on days one, five and six. All travellers must complete the traveller declaration form prior to entry.

The country's traffic light system, a protective framework laying out Covid-19 protocols, has also ended.

People who test positive for the virus are still required to isolate for one week, with household members and close contacts recommended to take a RAT test every day for five days. If displaying a negative result with no symptoms, those people will be able to go about their daily lives as normal.

It is mandatory to wear masks in certain healthcare facilities, such as hospitals, GPs, residential homes and so on, however they are not a requirement anywhere else, subject to personal/business preferences.

www.covid19.govt.nz/next-phase-of-our-covid-19-response



Discover New Zealand by rail

GREAT RAIL Journeys has announced the 2023 'Grand Tour of New Zealand', giving visitors a chance to discover the scenery and submerge themselves in the culture of New Zealand's North and South Islands.

For £5,195 per person, visitors can expect scenic rail tours on the Glenbrook Vintage Railway, experience a traditional

Maori evening with a hangi feast and haka performance, indulge in local produce and visit Wellington's chocolate factory, among many other activities. All accommodation and transport is provided throughout the tour.

www.greatrail.com/tours/adventures-in-new-zealand/

Coral Expeditions unveils 'Passages at Sea' series

AUSTRALIA'S PIONEERING cruise line Coral Expeditions has unveiled a new series of voyages that showcase authentic seafaring experiences.

The 'Passages at Sea' voyages aboard its Australian-flagged fleet allow guests to experience itineraries aboard working expedition ships.

'Passages at Sea' feature entirely seabound cruises, offering guests an all-inclusive experience with all meals prepared fresh on-board, 'Showcase' wines, selected beers and soft drinks with lunch and dinner, a 24-hour coffee and tea selection, and Open Bridge access with the Captain.

The series' itineraries include

'Australia's Pacific Passage: Hobart to Cairns', an eight-night, all inclusive voyage navigating the Pacific, with seven carefree days at sea after departing Cairns. Guests can kick back with classic Australian hospitality, with nighttime offering light pollution-free stargazing. This itinerary starts from approximately £2,345 per person.

A similar trip is on offer with the eight-night 'Adelaide to Auckland' itinerary, bringing guests from the capital of South Australia to the warm Kiwi sun of Auckland. This cruise starts from £2,380 per person.

www.coralexpeditions.com



Samoa updates travel restrictions

SAMOA'S ENTRY conditions has been eased, meaning guests over the age of 12 must now be fully-vaccinated (with proof of two doses) and complete a pre-departure negative Covid-19 test in the form of a supervised rapid antigen test within 24 hours of departure or PCR test within 48 hours of departure.

Flights to Samoa are currently operating direct from Auckland with Air New Zealand, Sydney and Brisbane with Qantas, Nadi (Fiji) and Honolulu (Hawaii) with Fiji Airways. www.samoa.travel

What's the greatest risk you've taken?

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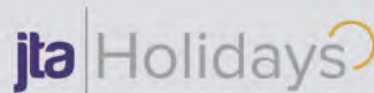
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