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### HERE TO STAYCATION

A recent study has found that the demand for staycations has increased, indicating the booking trend is here to stay.

STAYCATIONS ARE firmly here to stay as research conducted by digital marketing company Adido has found that the demand for UK holidays has continued to increase, indicating that Brits are enjoying the prospect of holidaying closer to home.

Following a five-year study of more than four million visits to travel websites, staycation searches are now consistently above holidays abroad throughout the year. For 2023, data was collected and analysed across a variety of sectors, from mass travel businesses to sole trader agents, and the most notable spikes in demand have been in January, with search traffic doubling in comparison to 2019, and in April and May, with traffic up by more than a third.

Andy Headington, Adido CEO, commented: "We've seen seismic changes to how and where we take our breaks across the past few years, and the popularity of the UK staycation is unquestionably one of the

most significant. Positive feedback from holidaymakers who have opted for an escape closer to home is a major factor, as is an overall reduction in holiday budgets, as well as an increasing desire for travellers to reduce their carbon footprint."

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The most desired UK staycation hot spots have witnessed a stark shift over the last few years, with city breaks especially gaining popularity as opposed to the secluded coastal breaks that were in high demand during the pandemic. Searches for holidays in London, Bristol and Brighton have all increased by 100% or more year-on-year.

"Staycations now represent a year-round opportunity for agent sales, and the trade deserves enormous credit for capitalising on this latent demand. With no sign of the gap closing between demand for holidays at home compared to overseas, there are ample opportunities to continue capitalising on this appeal."



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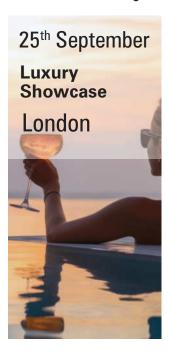
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### Agents get the Advantage with villa packages

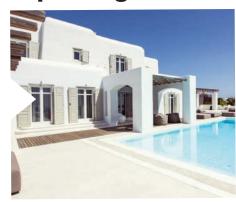
THE ADVANTAGE Travel Partnership's in-house tour operator, Advantage Holidays & Cruise, has teamed up with SPL Villas to announce a new 'Villa Holiday' product range.

Advantage members are now able to book 1,500 villa rentals in 100 destinations across Europe and Florida, with party sizes of up to 36 available.

Members will benefit from the ability

to package accommodation options with flights and ground arrangements with ATOL protection, regional flights from 34 UK airports, flexible durations of three nights or more, a flat £250 per person deposit, and preferential balance payment terms. A £50 incentive is on offer for new villa bookings made by August 31st, 2023.

www.advantageholidaysagents.com





### Gold Medal unveils fourth brochure of 2023

DNATA TRAVEL Group UK B2B's flagship brand, Gold Medal, has revealed its USA & Canada brochure, and kicked off agent promotion on July 6th, 2023.

More than 200 agents are set to receive the brochure, Gold Medal's fourth of the year, with five new properties and 21 new experiences on offer.

Agents can win a multi-centre 'Golden Triangle' holiday when making any USA or Canada package booking with Gold Medal by August 17th, 2023. www.goldmedal.co.uk

## Qatar Airways takes flight from Birmingham

A BOLSTERED summer for air capacity continues as Qatar Airways has returned to Birmingham Airport for daily services throughout the summer.

The schedule is part of Qatar Airways' larger reinstatement strategy, which will see it return to 10 destinations with four additional routes across two continents by the end of 2023.

In celebration of the programme's reinstatement and Qatar Airways' partnership with Formula 1, the airline's package holiday arm, Qatar Airways Holidays, is offering travel packages to the Qatar Grand Prix in October from £854 per person for three nights. The lead-in rate includes return flights, hotels, gourmet hospitality, Paddock Club or Grandstand F1 tickets and access to the Geneva International Motorshow, which is being held in Qatar for the first time this year. www.qatarairways.com



### Journey Through Time: **Explore the Swiss Museum of Transport!**

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Switzerland's most-visited museum with a wealth of interactive attractions is a place to experience the fascinating history and future of road-, rail-, water- and air-borne mobility, as well as that of space travel. In addition to the museum, the filmtheatre and the country's largest and most modern planetarium are sure to win you over. And there's even more: The Swiss Chocolate Adventure, explains the discovery, provenance, manufacture and transport of chocolate. Immerse yourself in the world of chocolate!



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### European Waterways unveils the hidden gems of Venice

DISCOVER VENICE like never before as European Waterways has announced the addition of a Venetian Lagoon island-hopping itinerary, allowing guests to explore the smaller, lesser known islands of the lagoon away from the city's bustle.

Onboard the hotel barge *La Bella Vita*, travellers have the



option to add the 'Venetian Lagoon' itinerary onto the standard cruise between Venice and Mantua, where they can explore the islands of Burano, known as the 'island of Lace'; Murano, renowned for its iconic glassware; and Lido, home to the Venice Film Festival.

'Venetian Lagoon' is offered at the same rate as *La Bella Vita*'s classic cruise on the River Po, starting at £3,290 per person.

Derek Banks, managing director of European
Waterways, said: "The islands of the lagoon are truly the 'hidden gems' of Venice. On our Venetian Lagoon cruise, guests don't have to worry about making their own arrangements to visit each of them. Instead, they can soak up the atmosphere as they cruise in comfort."



A GROUP of 23 Travel Counsellors completed the National Three Peak Challenge in two days in aid of the Reuben's Retreat organisation. The group exceeded their £10,000 target, raising £16,437 for the family charity. Matt Harding, general manager, said: "This was a mammoth challenge and an incredible adventure with hardly much sleep but we are proud to now say we did it and have smashed our fundraising target thanks to the generosity of our colleagues, friends and family."

## **Expedition Cruise Network unveils** dedicated trade discounts

THE EXPEDITION Cruise Network (ECN) has launched a dedicated travel trade discount page on its website to give agents unrivalled access to a large selection of trade offers from expedition cruise members.

Agents can earn savings of up to 75% off published rates to a large range of bucket list destinations including Antarctica, the Galapagos, Madagascar, and more.

Travel trade professionals must be a

member of the Expedition Cruise Network to access the page.

Martin Johnson, chairman of ECN, said: "These exceptional travel trade rates give our travel trade members an opportunity to immerse themselves in the world of expedition cruising, not to mention visiting some of the most remarkable corners of the world including Antarctica."

www.expeditioncruisenetwork.com/members

### Ambassador launch summer sale campaign

AMBASSADOR CRUISE Line has launched its scorching summer sale campaign, with savings of up to 60% available on 2023/24/25 cruises, among many other special offers.

For 2023 sailings, guest can save 59% on the 34-night 'Grand Canada & Greenland Experience' which is now priced at £1,599, and save 53% on the 13-night 'British Isles & Seine Discovery', now priced at £699. For 2024/25, 40% can be saved on both the 14-night 'Hidden Gems of France and Spain' and the 16-night Christmas & New Year Canary Islands & Madeira' itineraries. The offers are available to those who book before August 30th, 2023. 

\*\*www.ambassadorcruiseline.com\*\*





### LUX adds first East Africa property

THE LUX Collective has signed a hotel management agreement for the first LUX luxury hotel in East Africa. Set on a private beach in Zanzibar, the hotel has been renovated as Lux Marijani Zanzibar from July 1st, 2023.

\*\*www.luxcollective.com\*\*

### AGENT INCENTIVES

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- RIVIERA TRAVEL is offering agents the chance to win a 128GB iPad Pro every week in July. The incentive, which initially ran during the operator's peaks campaign at the start of the year, enters all agents booking a river cruise or escorted tour into a random weekly prize draw.

   www.rivieratravel.co.uk
- AS WINDSTAR launches its 2023/24 'Winter Sun' sale. offering up to 35% off Middle East and Caribbean cruises, agents can earn a free cruise for themselves. The 'Sell Three, Sail Free' incentive offers agents booking three or more cruises in the 'Winter Sun' sale during July a free spot of their own, excluding flights, taxes, port expenses, gratuities and alcoholic beverages. Agents can earn a cruise of up to 10 days departing through March 2024. www.windstarcruises.com
- ALONGSIDE ITS new Canada brochure, Prestige Travel is offering tiered incentives for Canadian bookings made throughout July. Bookings between £3,001 and £6,500 earn £25, between £6,501 and £10,000 earn £50, £10,001 and £15,000 earn £75, and £15,001 and £20,000 earn £100. All bookings will be automatically entered into two prize draws: one to win a £10,000 holiday and one to win a place on a Canada fam trip. Agents can claim the incentive and entries into the prize draws by emailing jlavers@prestigetravel.co.uk.
- IF ONLY is giving agents the chance to earn double rewards (up to £600) on bookings from its new Cruise Collection made by August 31st, 2023. Agents are also in with a chance of winning a luxury handbag or luggage item.
   www.ifonly.net

# AGENT BULLETIN



THE JETSET sales team served up aces to agents across the country in celebration of Wimbledon. Along with a hefty dose of Jetset joy, the airline's sales team delivered Pimm's and strawberries to give agents the advantage!



Join Travel Bulletin for our Family Holidays webinar on July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023!

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### AGENT TRAINING

- BLENDING ONLINE training, event invites and agent insights, the Spain Specialist Program is the one-stop shop for agents looking to broaden and test their Spanish know-how. Modules span top destinations, suggested itineraries, transportation options, local festivities and cultural events, and more. www.spainspecialistprogam. com/en
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   to agents who complete the
   AlUla Beginner Training
   course, which covers the
   natural and cultural
   experiences that await in
   north-west Saudi Arabia.
   Once graduating, agents can
   take the Advanced and MICE
   training courses to expand
   their knowledge.
   www.alulaspecialist.com
- ONE AGENT who completes the Miraggio B2B learning course will win a five-night stay at the Thermal Spa resort. www.miraggiob2b.com

## Las Vegas shifts it up a gear ahead of Formula 1

TRAVEL BULLETIN's Matt
Hayhoe caught up with the Las
Vegas Convention and Visitors
Authority (LVCVA)'s chief
marketing officer, Kate Wik, to
hear all things Vegas, what
awaits guests visiting ahead of
November's F1, and the
importance of the UK market to
the destination's success.





Las Vegas has recovered 65% of 2019's UK visitor numbers, with expectations to match or exceed that in 2023. This recovery has marked a sizeable chunk of the destination's rebound post-Covid, with 482,000 Brits visiting the 'entertainment capital of the world' last year.

"We love our Brit visitors, and they love Las Vegas!" Kate explained. "It's on the bucket list for so many British tourists.

"First-time visits often cement our status as the entertainment capital of the world. Guests realise we're... so much more than what they expect."

Agents can expect a whole host of trade initiatives from the LVCVA. "We are constantly brainstorming new ways to introduce Vegas to all our trade partners. I don't want to spoil the upcoming ideas... but the story is always changing, there's always something new, and we love to showcase those." Explore the LVCVA's official agent resource portal at www.visitlasvegas.com/travel-professionals.



## Star Clippers goes for six with bespoke cricket packages

STAR CLIPPERS' brand new 'Wickets and Waves' bespoke programme is offering cricket enthusiasts the chance to enjoy England's tour of the West Indies later this year.

The programme includes three itineraries, ranging from 11 to 16 nights with each featuring pre- or post-cruise stays in either Antigua or Barbados and match day tickets. Prices start at £6,629 per person including return flights, a full board service onboard the *Royal Clipper*, and premium match day tickets. Departures are scheduled on November 18<sup>th</sup>, December 2<sup>nd</sup> and December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

www.starclippers.co.uk

## News Bites

- NORSE ATLANTIC Airways has expanded its programme with Los Angeles and San Francisco services from London Gatwick.
- VUELING HAS flown into festival season with four partnerships on the horizon to elevate brand awareness, including sponsoring London's All Points East Festival.
- CELESTYAL CRUISES has unveiled more details on the next star of its fleet, Celestyal Journey, which will set sail on September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023.





RIVIERA
TRAVEL has
appointed
Sarah

Fowler as marketing director, comprising all aspects of the company's brand, web sales, insights and digital platforms.



ABTA'S RICHARD Slater, chair of the North

West region, has been appointed to the ABTA board of directors.



THE HONG
Kong Tourist
Board has
appointed

Anette Wendel-Menke as director for the UK, overseeing the board's strategic direction.



featuring nearly 100 escorted tours across the globe, showcasing the operator's huge portfolio as it celebrates its 40th anniversary. The brochure includes some fan-favourite destinations and itineraries as well as the debut of 17 new holidays for 2024 and 2025.

www.newmarketholidays.co.uk

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

Fill in all the squares in the grid so that each row, column and each of the 3 x 3 squares contains the digits 1-9. Once you have completed the puzzle, simply identify the numbers that relate to the letters, A, B, C and D then e-mail the solution, with your name, company name, and full postal address plus phone and ABTA number if applicable

### competition@travelbulletin.co.uk

Closing date for entries is Thursday, July 27th. Solution and new puzzle will appear in the next issue.

The winner for June 30th is Maddie Sanders from Millington Travel!

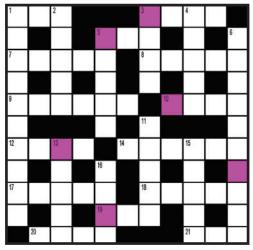
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This classic city was home to Travel Bulletin's Luxury Holidays Showcase earlier this year, and has become a must-do staycation spot for

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### **Across**

- Flag carrier of Japan, initially (3)
- Flows through Perth Australia (4) 3
- The rear of a vessel (3)
- You might think of this Disney ship while you sleep (5)
- Island in the southern Caribbean Sea (5)
- 9 Capital of Oman (6)
- 10 Airline trade association, initially (4)
- Capital of Latvia (4)
- Car Rental company, sounds ideal for 14 those watching their pennies (6)
- Island off the west coast of Scotland (5)
- Travel company whose catchphrase is: Adventure Made Effortless (5)
- Jomo Kenyatta (Nairobi) international airport code (3)
- Indonesian island (4)
- 21 San Francisco international airport code (3)

### Down

- Scottish tennis coach and author of The Wild Card (4.6)
- In 1884. Michael Marks of M&S fame. opened his first stall in this Yorkshire
- Airline alliance (4)
- Family friendly P&O cruise ship (5)
- Capital of Jordan (5)
- ĥ Texas city and Ibiza resort (3,7)
- Capital of Ecuador, (5) 11
- Italy's largest lake (5) 13
- 15 American business magnate and philanthropist, Bill (5)
- Pitch Perfect, actress and singer Kendrick (4)

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### Havila Voyages embraces the blues

HAVILA VOYAGES has announced its brand new 'Roots and Blues' cruise for Spring 2024, which will treat guests to a host of daily performances from the legendary Muddy Waters Blues Club, Bill Troiani and Kid Anderson while they take in the stunning views of the Norwegian coast.

The themed cruise has three options on offer; the Round Voyage, Voyage North or Voyage South, with departures from April 10<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024. Prices begin at £810 per person for the five-night Voyage South itinerary. Flights and excursions are not included.

www.havilavoyages.com

### A-ROSA extends 2023 season and plans earlier-than-ever kick-off

A-ROSA HAS extended its 2023 season to run until January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024, while its 2024 sailings will begin earlier than ever before.

On the Rhine, the five-night 'Rhine City Experience' departure is now scheduled to depart three weeks early in February 2024, meaning an extra four sailings are now on sale prior to the original slated departure date.

Similarly, on the Danube, all four-night itineraries will

now begin from March 4th, 2024, up to a month earlier than the original departure date.

Lucia Rowe, managing director, said: "Extending our season on the Rhine and Danube to feature even more departures offers agents an even greater choice of options to sell."

The season in France and on the Douro will end as planned in 2023, www.arosa-cruises.co.uk

### Wendy Wu Tours adds extra Japan departures

WENDY WU Tours has added extra departures for autumn 2023 for its wide collection of



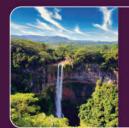
Japan itineraries. Visitors can still save up to £400 on 2023 and 2024 Japanese tours with the operator's 2024 Earlybird Sale, valid on tours such as the 17-day 'Japan Uncovered' and the 11-day 'Jewels of Japan'. www.wendywutours.co.uk



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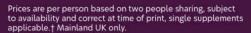
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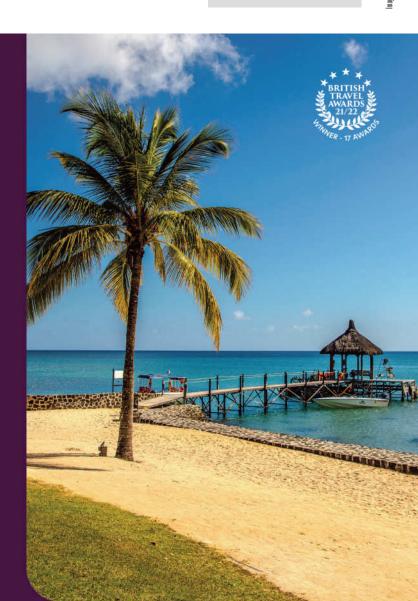
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### **MTTC Midlands Ball**

The great and the good gathered at Hogarths in Solihull on June 15th for the MTTC Midlands Ball. The event was sponsored by Emirates, JTA and *Travel Bulletin*.

















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### Leger Shearings Group opens 2025 bookings

BOOKINGS HAVE opened for Leger Holidays and Shearings' 2025 European Holidays, featuring more than 200 tours between the two operators. From short breaks to grand adventures, rail excursions and Alpine escapes, there is something for every traveller in the diverse collections on offer. Leger Shearings Group's head of retail sales, Ashley Dellow, said: "It's never too early for customers to start planning their next escape, and there are so many advantages agents can list when it comes to booking holidays for 2025." www.legershearings.com

### Windstar soaks up the winter sun in latest sale

WINDSTAR CRUISES has launched a UK-exclusive Winter Sun Sale to meet the market-wide demand for holidays under the sun. The sale features savings of up to 35% on more than 80 Middle Eastern and Caribbean cruises when booked before July 31st, 2023.

As part of the offer, agents who make three bookings for any Winter Sun Sale itineraries before July 31st will earn themselves a free sailing as part of the cruise

operator's 'Sell Three, Sail Free' incentive.

Prices for the itineraries featured in the Winter Sun Sale begin at £945 for Middle Eastern sailings and £1,224 for Caribbean cruises, including the 18-day 'Wonders of Arabia', eight-day 'Realm of the Queen of Sheba', seven-day 'Classic Caribbean' and six-day 'Windward Ways & Tobago Cays' tours. www.windstarcruises.com

### Sajorin offers 15% earlybird discount

THE SAROJIN is offering a 15% early bird savings offer for late summer and early autumn



escapes. Prices begin at £1,712 per person for a 10night stay based between September 1st and October 24th, 2023, including return flights with Emirates. www.sarojin.com

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## FAMILY HOLIDAYS

# Red Sea Holidays is spotlighting its firm family favourites as multi-generational enquiries rise.

EGYPT SPECIALIST Red Sea Holidays has seen an increase in demand for larger family holiday bookings, particularly in Hurghada.

"We have seen a significant rise in the number of larger families looking for suitable accommodation in recent

### Multi-generational Maldives

FOR FAMILIES looking to head a little further afield to enjoy some quality time together, the Kandima Resort in the Maldives offers an ideal escape for guests of all ages.

After a busy day, families can relax together with the 'We Time' spa package, offering coconut scrubs, hair wraps and scalp treatments at a family rate

Parent and child meditation sessions are available, as well as a fitness bootcamp with an in-house yogi master. Prices for the resort begin at £1,763 per person for a July departure.

www.kandima.com

months," said Nikki Bird, national trade manager. "Our all-inclusive holidays to Sharm el-Sheikh, Hurghada and Makadi Bay offer fantastic value for money, in particular for the larger family groups that we are able to accommodate – and especially when compared to similar European products where prices have recently rocketed. Our range of room sizes ensures we have something for everyone, ranging from rooms sleeping up to two adults and four children comfortably, to adjoining rooms for families with older children."

Red Sea Holidays' most popular resort is the Grand Waterworld Makadi

Hotel, home to versatile family-friendly accommodation options including junior suites, family star suites and family rooms, which include a lounge area with four single sofa beds.

The hotel also has a waterpark with five slides, a FlowRider artificial wave, rain fortress, waterfalls and a lazy river; a selection of three buffet restaurants and five à la carte options; and six bars. Prices lead in at £4,273 for seven nights all-inclusive for two adults and three children with return flights departing from London Gatwick on October 24th, 2023

www.redseaholidays.co.uk

### **Iberostar doubles down on family resorts**

IBEROSTAR HAS celebrated the opening of Iberostar Selection Albufera, a 'two-in-one' family resort made up of beachside Malloca properties Iberostar Selection Albufera Park and Iberostar Selection Albufera Playa.

The dual-resort is home to a Star Camp kids' club, adults-only rooftop pool for much-needed R&R, tennis courts and more. All-inclusive rates lead-in at £254 per person. www.iberostar.com





### Culture and tradition with a family focus

INSIDEJAPAN HAS created a family-focused inspiration page on its site. Spotlighting family-friendly itineraries, agents can explore options including the 10-night 'Zen and Now' itinerary, twin-based in Tokyo and Kyoto, starting from £5,330 for a family of four. www.insideasiatours.com

### Wind down at the refreshed Windjammer

ST LUCIA'S Windjammer Landing Villa Beach Resort welcomed a new look when it reopened this year following an extensive renovation.

Ideal for families, the new-build Ocean
Point Residences offer a choice of two- or
three-bedroom villas, with outdoor terraces,
a private pool, fully-equipped kitchens, and
more

The Jacquot Fun Club offers a diverse array of activities to keep young ones entertained, from sports lessons to performances and arts and crafts. Teens will find a variety of excursions on land or sea to keep them busy, and families can come together for a wide range of tours and experiences.

Parents can wind down at Windjammer at the Serene Wellness & Spa, which offers up



a number of rejuvenating treatments, or head for a tipple at the Dragonfly restaurant's new rooftop bar, with innovative cocktail and menu offerings.

Rooms start at £302 per night, with villas on offer from £492 per night.

www.windjammer-landing.com



### Santikos stays child-friendly

SANTIKOS COLLECTION offers a choice of family-friendly options across the Sporades. The family-owned brand with family values stays true to its history, catering for children and adults alike. Skiathos' The Princess Resort hosts a children's pool, supervised clubs for guests aged six months to 12 years, an indoor playroom and outdoor adventure garden, babysitting services, children's menus in all restaurants and a wide range of family and interconnecting room options.

For families with slightly order children, Marpunta Resort, on Alonnisos, offers paddle boarding, kayaking, tennis and basketball onsite, with hiking and scuba diving excursions on offer.

Santikos properties and island-hopping packages are available through a number of UK operators.

www.santikoscollection.com



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### **Child-friendly Chiva Som retreats**

ZULU WELLNESS Resort by Chiva-Som is offering an additional complimentary room for two children under 16 with any two adults booking until August 31st, 2023 at its family Zulal Discovery resort in Qatar.

The hotel has a range of child-specific retreats to encourage young guests to engage with healthy lifestyle habits. The Zulal Explore Junior (ages 4-8), Zulal Adventure Teens (ages 9-12) and Zulal Young Adults (ages 13-17) retreats are designed to be enjoyed as part of a family holiday.

In Zulal Explore, younger children are encouraged to explore their physicality with water activities including a family kayaking eco-safari, agility games and dancing; and nature activities. Zulal Adventure balances more structured activities such as photography and upcycling workshops, swimming lessons and

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badminton with sessions, all encouraging pre-teens to explore their social attitudes and values. Zulal Young Adults features a combination of holistic, fitness, recreation and spa treatments to achieve a health and wellbeing balance.

Elegant Resorts can arrange a five-night 'Kids on Us' package at Zulal Wellness Resort by Chiva-Som from £7,330 per family, based on two adults and two children.

www.elegantresorts.co.uk





### Ras Al Khaimah gets rave family reviews

RAS AL Khaimah offers an ideal family getaway destination with the addition of numerous family-focused hotels across the region. Major Travel is offering attractive deals to the destination from £859 per person, as well as a 50% discount on selected activities if travelling before September 15th, 2023. www.major.travel





## Jumeirah unites families with summer escapes

FAMILIES CAN take advantage of Jumeirah Hotels & Resorts' 'Exceptional Summer Escapes' packages to guarantee an ideal family escape.

Valid on bookings made before July 31st, kids can dine free in a selection of Jumeirah resorts, while Jumeirah Beach Hotel has compiled a FoodieKiDS menu to take aspiring foodies beyond the staple chicken nuggets. Families can also enjoy a fun-filled adventure at the Wild Wadi Waterpark and experience movie magic in the Cinema Under the Stars.

www.jumeirah.com



### Sharing Time offer from Angana Velavaru

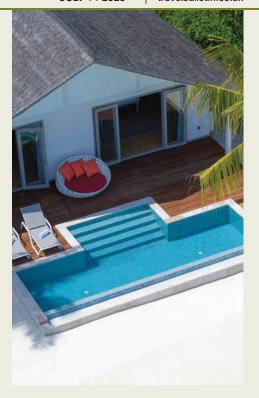
ANGSANA VELAVARU in the Maldives has put together a 'Sharing Time' deal for families which includes a number of perks such as 20% off the hotel's best available rate for stays, kids stay and dine for free, complimentary extra bed, free access to Kids' Club and selected activities and Maldivian cooking classes.

## Cora-Cora offers savings on multi-gen packages

THE FIVE-STAR Cora Cora Maldives is looking to cater for multi-generational family holidays with the new Get Together Offer which offers guests a 35% discount for the two-bedroom family beach villa and the two-bedroom family beach pool villa. Both villas sleep up to four adults plus two children under the age of 12.

This discount is available for guests looking to travel until October 31st, 2023 and applies to its Premium All-Inclusive Gourmet Meal Plan, which is available in each of its four restaurants and two bars and includes champagne, mocktails, freshly-roasted coffee, and homemade ice cream.

Cora Cora Maldives' activities that are included are non-motorised sports such as kayaking and paddleboarding, snorkelling, a fully equipped gym, yoga sessions and discovering the region's history at The Dutch Onion Museum and Outdoor Heritage Site.



For the young members of the family, the CoRa kids Club has a daily itinerary of activities including treasure hunts, beach sports, arts and crafts, and cooking lessons. For interactive family bonding sessions, guests can enjoy the hands-on "How To" classes to learn a new skill.

### Beaches to host autism week

BEACHES RESORTS is hosting its first Autism All-Inclusive Week from October 13th to 19th at Beaches Ocho Rios.

Home to the Caribbean's first advanced autism-friendly kids camps, Beaches Resorts is the first all-inclusive resort company in the world to complete the International Board of Credentialing and Continuing Education Standards (IBCCES) and Autism Certification.

Designed to enhance the holiday



experience for families with children on the autism spectrum, families are invited to come together for a inclusive week of activities.

With the help of a dedicated Beaches Buddy per family, guests can enjoy daily arts and crafts sessions with Sesame Street's Julia, a four-year-old character on the autism spectrum, plus sunrise yoga sessions, tableside chats with experts, a scavenger hunt, a Parents' Mixer event with respite care, a water-based activity and much more. Parents will also be able to liaise with the resort's dedicated Culinary Concierge team.

For agents with clients who wish to join in the Autism All-Inclusive Week event activities, they can pre-register for accommodation and package options at www.beaches.co.uk/special-events/autismallinclusive/

## THEME PARKS & ATTRACTIONS

### A ROYAL RETURN

Warwick Castle's 'Wars of the Roses LIVE!' medieval marvel returns this summer for its longest-ever run.

WITH CHARGING horses, clashing swords, jostling jousters and roaring crowds, it is no surprise that fan-favourite 'Wars of the Roses LIVE!' has made a royal return this summer due to popular demand.

The show kicked off its 100-day run in the May half-term, and continues throughout the summer for guests looking to immerse themselves in the medieval marvels of the historic castle.

The spectacle takes place multiple times a day to make sure crowds have a chance to experience it for themselves and get behind the houses of York or Lancaster.

Along with the live performance, which is included with admission, visitors to the castle can experience The Legend of the Trebuchet, a spectacle culminating with Britain's largest siege machine launching a projectile through the air; The Falconer's Quest, where 60 birds of prey swoop above guests'

### Those summer nights... Drayton Manor, disco style

DRAYTON MANOR has doubled down on thrills and spills this summer, kicking off its 'Summer Nights' festival on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023.

Events span July and August, with each weekend offering a theme of live acts and extended opening times.

July will see guests heading 'Back to the 90s' on July 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> and invites them to 'Rock Til You Drop' on July 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. August hosts 'Pop Mania Weekender', 'Family Dance' and the 'Ultimate Weekender' to see out the summer with some last-mintue thrills. Summer Nights tickets start from £20. www.draytonmanor.co.uk



heads; The Zog Live Show, a live performance developed by popular children's author Julia Donaldson bringing the loveable dragon to life; The Princess Tower, where guests can take part in an interactive mystery; and The Bowman Show, with the castle's

resident archer wowing visitors with his pinpoint archer's accuracy.

Admission starts from £26 per adult, with stays at the Knight's Village (admission included) starting from £43 per person.

www.merlinentertainments.biz





### Europa-Park completes track work

EUROPA-PARK, IN Germany, has completed the installation of the track for its upcoming rollercoaster.

The coming months will see theming and technology added to the attraction, which is planned for opening next year.

A new 360-degree film adventure will give guests a teaser of the upcoming rollercoaster, spotlighting Nikola Tesla's revolutionary innovations.

Tickets start from £42 per person. www.europapark.de/en



### Get a taste for the Danse Macabre at Efteling

EFTELING HAS unveiled a new self-service dining point in the park's new area surrounding the upcoming Danse Macabre attraction.

'In den Swarte Kat' offers spooky products in themed surroundings decorated as a former tavern.

Guests can also expect some haunts in the nearby bathrooms as Efteling turns the spooky dial up to 10 ahead of the attraction's opening next year.

Tickets to the Dutch theme park start from £32 per person. www.efteling.com/en

## A space-age, star-studded summer at Kennedy

VISITORS TO the Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex this summer can reach for the stars with a celebration of women in space, an anniversary event marking 10 years of the Space Shuttle Atlantis exhibit, and a sky-high saving available until August 30th, 2023.

Throughout the summer, the attraction is commemorating the 40th anniversary of Sally Ride's first space flight, which saw her become the first American woman in space. Artists will take over the space with unique chalk art installations, and guests can enjoy a fact-finding scavenger hunt.

The Space Shuttle Atlantis exhibit landed at the Visitor Complex 10 years ago, and hosts over 60 interactive exhibits celebrating the history of NASA's Space Shuttle programme.

Until August 30<sup>th</sup>, agents can save US\$7 on one-day admissions, applying to named-



date visits before December 31st, 2023.

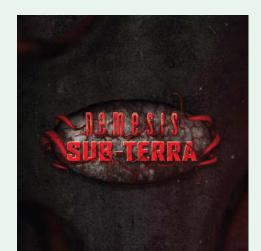
Agents must use the code SAVE7 during checkout to unlock the savings.

www.kennedyspacecenter.com/info/tickets

### **Head to the depths at Alton Towers**

WITH ITS landmark rollercoaster Nemesis closed for renovation until 2024, Alton Towers has reopened fan favourite dark ride Nemesis Sub-Terra in the park's Forbidden Valley area.

The ride, themed as the Phalanx Research Facility (headed up by the organisation currently 'investigating' the Nemesis rollercoaster), invites those brave enough to head deep into the Earth's core to discover a glimpse of a Nemesis egg.



After heading to the depths, guests can view the construction taking place on the Nemesis ride on a specially-constructed viewing platform.

Nemesis Sub-Terra marks the park's second dark ride opening for 2023; in March, The Curse at Alton Manor doubled down on the scares with a story revolving around the haunted Alton Manor as guests traverse a dozen dark ride scenes with cutting-edge audio and advanced 3D projection mapping.

It's not all scares at Alton Towers: for youngsters, CBeebies Land hosts a range of child-friendly rides and character meets, and nine currently open rollercoasters complete a diverse lineup of attractions.

Tickets to Alton Towers and the wider Merlin Entertainments theme park roster are available to book via www.login.attractionworldportal.com. JULY 14 2023 | travelbulletin.co.uk SEAWORLD PARKS



## SUMMER AND SURFING AT THE SEAWORLD PARKS

There is an ocean of excitement this summer across SeaWorld's three Florida theme parks, with thrills and spills for guests of all ages making a splash.

RIDE THE waves on the world's first surf coaster only at SeaWorld Orlando. Pipeline: The Surf Coaster takes riders on an unparalleled journey that will keep them coming back for more. The innovative design elements make this rollercoaster a first-ofits-kind, featuring surfing launch and 'wave jumping' motions. The unique surfboard-shaped ride vehicle gives riders an immersive experience from the moment it starts. Guests are secured in a surfing position and launched at top speeds, as if they are catching a wave, before feeling like they are hanging loose when their seats rise and fall to mimic the sensation of riding on a wave, sending them through several gnarly twists and turns. Reaching heights of 110 feet in the air, riders will feel like they are about to 'wipe out' when they go upside down on a wave curl along the 2,950-feet of



track. Pipeline reaches a maximum speed of 60-miles-per-hour, with five different airtime moments and lasting a total of 1 minute and 50 seconds.



OVER AT Busch Gardens, Tampa, is Serengeti Flyer, the world's tallest and fastest ride of its kind. With each swing of Serengeti Flyer, riders soar higher and higher above the expansive 65-acre Serengeti Plain while experiencing multiple negative-G moments before plunging back towards the Earth. Serengeti Flyer features twin duelling arms that soar progressively higher, reaching speeds of 68 mph and a maximum height of 135 feet at the ride's peak. The park's new thrill features the capability to adjust the ride's intensity level, giving guests the opportunity for a milder or wilder experience. Serengeti Flyer allows 40 guests to experience the ride at once, seated back-to-back in rows of 10 across

two gondolas. This new attraction joins a world-class portfolio of attractions at Busch Gardens, Tampa, offering breath-taking views of the park and a one-of-a-kind experience.

### 3-Visits for the Price of Two Ticket + Eat Free

BE SURE to recommend the 3-Visit Ticket to clients This includes a day each at SeaWorld, Aquatica PLUS Busch Gardens and access to all the rides and experiences they have to offer. Guests also get to eat FREE at the parks with three All-Day Dines included - one for each park. PLUS, don't forget to remind your clients to take advantage of the FREE return bus to Busch Gardens on the Shuttle Express service. With the 3-Visit Ticket costing the same as the 2-Visit Ticket, this really does provide exceptional value with a whole extra park and day of eating for free. It really is the must have ticket for your customers. Prices start from below £183 when booked through Attraction World. Terms & Conditions apply. For more information or to book tickets, go to login.attractionworldportal.com or visit your preferred ticket provider.

GUESTS CAN cool down in the summer sun at Aquatica where there are 50 waterslides, as well as beaches and lounge chairs. A new attraction for younger visitors is the recently opened Turi's Kid Cove, where children can enjoy spraying jets, tipping buckets and the new Tamariki Twirl waterslide — a kid-sized slide that riders can race down in an inflatable ring.





### Brick by brick in D.C. with new **Discovery Center**

**LEGO DISCOVERY Center** Washington, D.C., an interactive indoor LEGO play attraction for families, is set to host its opening ceremony on August 9th, 2023.

'First to Play' days are taking place throughout opening weekend, before doors open to the public on August 14th.

Zones include DUPLO Park. Mini World, Make Your Minifigure, the LEGO Cafe, and more. www.legodiscoverycenter.com/w ashington-dc/



### **Brave the Adventure** in Blackpool

THE REFRESHED version of Blackpool Pleasure Beach's Valhalla ride opened this year. The water ride blends state-ofthe-art special effects and storytelling.

Alongside the new experience, August hosts the 'Summer of Slime' at Nickelodeon Land, Twilight Thrills with extended park hours, and Late Night Riding with Fireworks.

Tickets start from £36 for adults and £32 for juniors. www.blackpoolpleasurebeach.com

### Get 'Together' at Disneyland Paris

DISNEYLAND PARIS is launching an original and exclusive production, 'Together: A Pixar Musical Adventure', at its Studio Theatre stage at the Walt Disney Studios Park this summer.

Supported by a live orchestra, the show invites lucky attendees to embark on a poetic journey into the worlds of hit Pixar films, including Toy Story; Coco; Up; Monsters, Inc.; and Finding Nemo.

The show will run five times a day and is

included in admission to the park.

'Together' comes at a transformative time to the park. Disneyland Paris is nearing the first anniversary of its Avengers Campus land, which was the first phase of regeneration for the Walt Disney Studios Park.

The Disney Village area is confirmed to be transforming the atmosphere and guest experience, with a Parisien-inspired brasserie, Rosalie, opening towards the end of the year as part of a two-year reimagining of the area.

Agents can register as a trade partner with the wider Walt Disney Travel Company to make direct online bookings at www.disneyholidays.co.uk/disneylandparis/travel-agents.



### The youngest of us and The Last of Us at Universal

**UNIVERSAL DESTINATIONS & Experiences** has confirmed two new additions for its Orlando theme park in 2023.

The first, Minion Land, features a new Villain-Con Minion Blast attraction and a host of retail and dining outlets.

Villain-Con Minion Blast allows holidaymakers to put their villainous skills to the test on an interactive gaming experience as they travel through scenes from the Villain-Con location from the Minions films.

Guests will also find a Minion Cafe, with Despicable Me-inspired snacks and dining offerings, in the new land.

On a scarier note, the resort confirmed a horror maze inspired by 'The Last of Us', the popular video game, will be coming to the Halloween Horror Nights events at Universal Orlando Resort and Universal Studios Hollywood. Kicking off in Orlando on September 1st and Hollywood on September 7th, the events will feature a variety of themed mazes and scare zones throughout September and October in the run-up to Halloween.

Agents can book tickets for Universal Orlando Resort via Attraction World at www.login.attractionworldportal.com or direct via www.universalorlando.com.







SHAKE OFF the winter jackets, lather on that sun cream and join JW Marriott in one of its three luxury resorts tucked away into the postcard-perfect Mauritian landscape this winter. Set against the backdrop of the 'Pearl of the Indian Ocean', the JW Marriott Mauritius Resort boasts five-star luxury among a haven of protected coral reefs. Offering

Island experiences await with Fairmont Maldives

FROM MARINE conservation efforts to bespoke pampering, the Fairmont Maldives encourages guests to recharge and reconnect with nature as it unveils its latest Island Experiences.

Travellers wishing to immerse themselves fully into the island life, there are plenty of opportunities to join the resort's sustainability team in community-focused endeavours. Such activities include a guided tour of the Coralarium, a unique coral regeneration project, or turning plastic into wonderous creations in the Sustainability Lab. Rates for the resort begin at £601. www.fairmont-maldives.com

idyllic views from each of its 172 suites, the resort offers its guests an escape from day-to-day life on their own slice of island luxury. The resort features a bespoke dining experience, complete with a Southeast Asian inspired Floating Market, and houses one of the largest private villas in the Indian Ocean.

Le Méridien lle Maurice has undergone a \$60 million transformation to ensure guests experience a perfect blend between timeless elegance and tropical paradise. Guests can engage in a wide array of complimentary activities for all the family, from kayaking and pedal boating to tennis and swimming with dolphins. Adults can also enjoy a

child-free zone in the Nirvana wing, home to 51 suites and a private pool. Prices for the resort begin at £500 per night.

For travellers looking to put their wellbeing first, the Westin Turtle Bay Resort promises the ultimate luxury wellness retreat, complete with a state-of-the-art spa designed to soothe and invigorate the senses. Boasting 190 spacious suites overlooking the historic Balaclava village, the resort offers the idyllic oasis where guests can rejuvenate, relax and recharge in ocean paradise. Prices for the resort begin at £423 per night.

www.jw-marriott.marriott.com

### Lux's luscious luxury offering

THE LUX Belle Mare, Mauritius resort is set to open its doors once again to guests from October 1st, 2023, following extensive renovations after its closure last July. The resort will elevate the guest experience to new heights with more creative culinary wonders and a refreshed design, all the while capturing the true spirit of island living. Inspiring Travel is offering a seven-night package priced at £2,579 per person for travel between October 1st and November 30th 2023. www.inspiringtravel.co.uk



### **Discover paradise with Swan Hellenic**

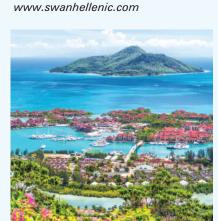
NAVIGATE THE waters around more than 100 of the Indian Ocean's stunning paradise islands aboard Swan Hellenic's new 11-night cruise. Departing on October 24th, 2023, guests can marvel at the incredible biodiversity the region has to offer, housing 75% of the world's coral reef fish species, before docking at Poivre, Bijoutier and the Aldabra Islands to witness marine life unlike anywhere else in the world.

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The cruise features numerous excursions and activities to make the most of this tranquil paradise, including snorkelling in the clear waters of Poivre or Bijoutier Island, and a Zodiac cruise along the coral limestone formations in the Aldabra Islands.

The 11-night 'Paradise Islands in

the Indian Ocean' itinerary begins on Mahe Island before weaving its way through the islands that make up the Indian Ocean archipelago to Mombasa. Prices begin at £7,302 per person and includes group transfers, one-night pre-cruise accommodation, one selected excursion per port, and onboard accommodation.





### **Nova's Summer of Soul**

REVITALISE THE soul this summer at Nova Maldives as the resort is offering a host of summer offers boasting savings of up to 52% off all rooms types. The Summer of Soul offer is available for stays until October 31st, 2023, and includes a 20% discount at à la carte restaurants, a complimentary three-course dinner on the beach, and daily Sunrise Yoga with the stunning Indian Ocean as a backdrop. Prices begin at £2,920 per person for seven-nights for an August departure. www.nova-maldives.com

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- Our own Independence (and not just 4th July!)
- Being 55 years young in 2023
- 'The Big Reveal' delivering the next stage of JETS evolution
- AND having so many great friends in this industry!

# July Jetset Powerball

Jetset want as many agents to celebrate with us and what better way than having 4 major jackpot winners....EACH WEEK!



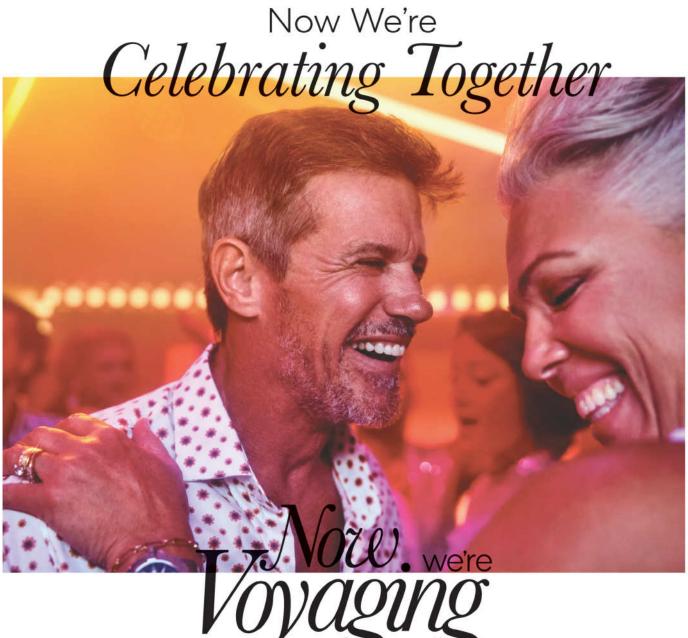
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