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2024 HOLIDAYS NOW ON SALE!

Happy new year! A new year brings new adventures, and we're certainly looking forward to seeing what 2024 has to bring. So, with that, in this Winter 2024 issue of Journeys magazine, we turn our focus to the year ahead and have a whole host of holiday styles for all budgets to excite you about your next holiday. Whether you're deciding which beach destination to head to with the family, are craving a bucket-list adventure or you'd like to splash out on something ultra-luxury, you'll find holiday ideas and recommendations on every page. In fact, each holiday style has its own section so that you can easily find the inspiration you need.

Standout features include road-tripping through the USA with the family, tips on making the most out of your long weekends, and where you can spend them, and we share some of the world's best diving spots, which can be added on to your wider holiday.

We appreciate that not everyone will know how 2024's going to pan out and, for some of us, holiday budgets may not stretch as far as we would like them to...but, as you turn each page, we hope our value packed tips will help you pick out the best holiday deals for you, and provide you with ideas on how your money can go that little bit further.

In addition, we have created a Value Packed Guarantee – to assure you that we'll find the best value holiday possible, whether that be price, added inclusions and, of course, how we can save you valuable time with our expert knowledge. Turn to page 5 to find out more.

We hope you enjoy reading this issue of Journeys magazine and look forward to helping you book your next holiday.

Best wishes from the team at

Road tripping through USA with the family



Ultimate diving destinations across the globe



Unforgettable experiences in Australia



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WHAT'S IN STORE FOR 2024?

With a new year comes excitement and anticipation for what's ahead...including (we think most importantly) what travel plans will be on the agenda!

As travel professionals, we know that the early months of the year are centred around searching for holiday deals for many of our customers, and we're here to provide just that, alongside holiday inspiration for all budgets.

We do, however, recognise the level of uncertainty that's still looming amongst us as the cost of living increases; but it's our job to ensure that you get as much bang for your buck on the holidays we book on your behalf. There are still fantastic deals to be bagged!

Whether you're dreaming of a week in sunny Greece, a long-haul adventure to Vietnam, an ultra-luxury cruise to the Caribbean or anything in between, we understand that value for money is an important factor for everyone when booking their much-needed holiday, and it's our mission to make sure that you get just that. And it

doesn't stop at value for money – booking with us saves you valuable time, too!

Throughout this issue of Journeys, we've shared a range of 'Value Packed' tips to help you get the most out of your 2024 holiday, so as you turn each page do take a look out for our recommendations. We've even created our very own Value Packed Guarantee, to showcase to you the excellent value we provide to our customers.

Inside this issue, you'll find a range of holiday ideas to help you decide where this year may take you. Whatever's in store for 2024, we're on-hand to share our expertise – if you have questions or would like to book your next trip, don't hesitate to get in touch with us.



La Digue, Seychelles

DID YOU KNOW?

We're a member of The Advantage Travel Partnership, the UK's largest group of independently owned travel agents, meaning we have access to the widest choice of great value, financially protected holidays. So, whether you're looking for culture, adventure or relaxation, we are ideally placed to help you find your dream holiday.



BREAKAWAYS FOR EVERY BUDGET

Sometimes all we need in a holiday is some straightforward relaxation and zero fuss, without breaking the bank, rather than a holiday that, whilst still fun and exciting, leaves you needing another holiday to recover!

As travel experts, we're well versed in finding the best holidays to suit every budget without compromising on the standard of holiday. Whether that be complimentary room or board basis upgrades, free nights or an excursion or two added onto your holiday package, we'll do what we can to make sure you get the best possible value! Whether you're looking for a family getaway or high-end couples' escape, there are two standout destinations that you can't go wrong with when looking for a great deal this year.

TURKEY IS A FANTASTIC ALL-INCLUSIVE OPTION FOR FAMILIES

Turkey's a pretty big country offering a variety of holiday types but, no matter where you go, it's renowned for its wide choice of all-inclusive family options. Arguably one of the most popular destinations is Antalya; with affordable 5* hotels such as the Granada Luxury Belek hotel, featuring as many as many as 14 pools including an adults-only pool and kid-friendly pools with 15 water slides, a private beach, kids' club, spa, a cinema, entertainment and sport facilities – hotels like Granada Luxury Belek have families down to a tee!

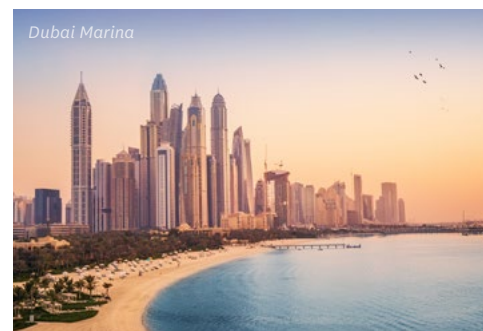
In addition to incredible hotels, there is also so much family fun to be had in Antalya. Boasting one of the leading sand sculpture events at Sandland during May to October, a literal toy museum (yes, you read that right), amusement parks and stunning natural landscapes such as the Kursunlu Waterfalls, Antalya is a strong family favourite.



Turkey is blessed with 300 days of sunshine a year and temperatures reaching 20°C as early as May. Travel earlier in the season and prices will be far lower than July and August – and you'll likely have more spare cash for excursions and room upgrades.

Not only will you get more for your money, but the weather won't be as intense for the kids, and the hotels will be less crowded too!

There are plenty of other options available and still a bargain to be had all over Europe including in Spain, Greece, Portugal and Bulgaria – some even offer free child places! Simply ask us, your local travel agent, and we'll do all the leg work for you until we find something perfect for you and the kids.



WITH A LIVELY NIGHTLIFE AND STRIKING SKYSCRAPERS AND ARCHITECTURE, DUBAI MAKES A GREAT CHOICE FOR COUPLES

With its striking skyscrapers and architecture, man-made islands, lively nightlife and entertainment, it's no wonder people rave about Dubai. Rightly so, it's coined as a playground for all ages, but we're here to tell you why it's the perfect destination for couples.



Excursions include desert safari tours in a myriad of ways, whether that be via camel, dune buggies, sandboarding or even a romantic hot air balloon ride. Some options even provide a trip to a luxurious desert oasis for a gourmet meal or a rare in-flight falcon show as part of the package for something extra special.

But what makes Dubai a great value holiday, we hear you say? Well, let's start at the all-inclusive options... of which there are many! A couple of our favourites include Five Palm Jumeirah – perfect for couples who enjoy beach parties, popular DJs and VIP pool cabanas. Or if you're looking for something a little more unique, Al Maha, A Luxury Collection Desert Resort & Spa has gained a reputation for being one of the most romantic desert escapes in Dubai and is set away from the hustle and bustle of central Dubai. Only accepting guests over the age of 10, each tented suite comes with its own private plunge pool, and you'll have the best view of the night sky.



If you can handle the heat, staying between June and August will provide the best value options where you'll often be swayed by board basis upgrades, room upgrades and complimentary room nights. Temperatures are usually way into the 40s, but Dubai's well equipped with air-conditioned bars and restaurants, if you're in need of a bit of respite.

There are lots of all-inclusive options in Dubai, with many hotels offering it as part of their board basis options. Plus, just a 7-hour flight and a 3-hour time difference during our summer months makes it easy to pop over to Dubai for just a few days should you wish!

SUN HOLIDAYS

Let the waves wash away your worries and immerse yourself in the beauty of a coastal getaway with your loved ones. Whether you seek romance or adventure, you can discover a beach holiday to fit your budget and create unforgettable moments.



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VALUE PACKED
HOLIDAYS

We can even include free experiences worth up to \$549* with every Orlando holiday and, for a limited time, you can save up to £400 each, to make that holiday feel even sweeter!

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*\$549 saving is based on a family of 4. Price based on 14 nights to Orlando departing in June 2025, subject to availability. Prices correct at time of going to print.

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HOLIDAYS

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Santa Giulia beach

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INDIAN OCEAN VS CARIBBEAN

The Indian Ocean and the Caribbean are home to some of the most stunning destinations this world has to offer, and often rival each other for picturesque beach holidays with a difference. Popular Indian Ocean destinations include the Maldives, Mauritius and the Seychelles for their secluded, white sandy beaches and high-end resorts, where the Caribbean islands offer a charismatic charm, relaxing atmosphere and exciting history.

We've given ourselves the tricky task of picking two worthy destinations from the Indian Ocean and the Caribbean and putting them head-to-head...both of which offer a tropical paradise. Which one will come out victorious? We'll let you decide!

INDIAN OCEAN PICK: THE SEYCHELLES

The Seychelles is hard to beat when it comes to beautiful beaches; not only does it have the powder-white sandy beaches lapped by dazzling, clear blue waters of the Indian Ocean, but they're dotted with coconut palms and gorgeous granite rock formations which differentiates it from its neighbouring destinations. Anse Source d'Argent in La Digue (one of the three main islands) is one of the most sought-after beaches – which, in addition to the beautiful scenery, has clear-bottom kayak rentals for a relaxing glide on the water. For those who like to explore, take a hike to the Romeo & Juliet viewpoint and hire a bicycle (the most popular mode of transport) to see all that the island has to offer.



Made up from an archipelago of 115 islands offering miles of sandy white beaches, lush wilderness, an abundance of colourful coral reefs, vivid and rare wildlife and high-end, luxury accommodation, the Seychelles is the stuff of dreams!

If you're looking for an extra special getaway and with your own slice of heaven, there are a number of private islands in the Seychelles offering a secluded experience. North Island Seychelles is renowned for being a honeymoon destination, with just 11 incredible villas. Another favourite is Félicité island, perfectly placed just a short speedboat ride from neighbouring Praslin and La Digue, which features just one resort: Six Senses Zil Pasyon. The barefoot luxury resort brings you back to nature and is home to a world-class spa, chic villas and views that will never fail to disappoint.

Whilst these luxury resorts will come with a hefty price tag, the service and value included is impressive; with complimentary water spots, guided tours, your



own infinity pool and tailor-made menus designed with you in mind – this takes luxury island retreat to a whole new level.

VALUE PACKED SAVINGS TIP

Travel to the Seychelles in April, May, October or November where the weather is at its best. December to March can experience heavy winds, but accommodation prices are likely to be lower.

CARIBBEAN PICK: BARBADOS

Whilst the Seychelles may be home to unique rock formations on its beaches, Barbados offers a ton of variety! Find unique pink sand at Crane Beach, ride the waves and enjoy some surf at Bathsheba Beach or, for those who enjoy snorkelling or scuba diving, the Carlisle Bay can't be missed, where you'll also find shipwrecks and marine life –

anything from adorable seahorses and bizarre frogfish to moray eels and majestic manta rays. With over 80 beaches, there's one that will cater to everyone in Barbados. But it doesn't stop there...

Bridgetown's an essential visit for history buffs; its stunning British colonial architecture and UNESCO World Heritage status will impress – and for those who'd like to try some of the local flavours, take a ride on the steam railway for local rum tasting experiences with a view. There are four famous rum distilleries on the island, including the prestigious Mount Gay Rum Distillery which shouldn't be missed.

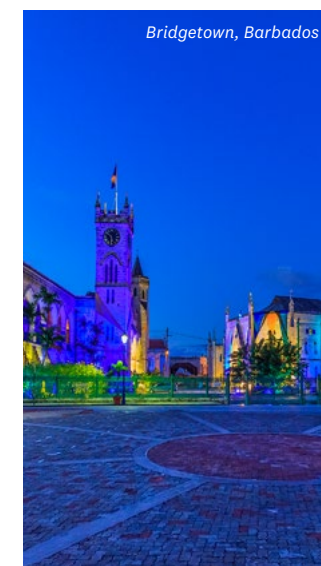
Nature lovers have plenty of choice and can choose to visit Harrison's Cave, a dramatic crystallised limestone cave, by tram, as well as get the adrenaline pumping at the eco-adventure park which features a 14-element challenge course, including ziplining over nature trails and more! Hunte's Gardens is also worthy of a visit and full to the brim with colourful flowers and

extraordinary birds and animals.

Tear yourself away from your all-inclusive resort on a Friday or Saturday evening for a taster of mahi-mahi at Oistins Fish Fry. Mix in with the locals whilst here and appreciate the traditional Caribbean music, shop for locally made souvenirs or simply people watch and take in the culture.

VALUE PACKED SAVINGS TIP

July through to November would be considered low season, where prices will be more affordable and you'll likely bag more for your money and have a higher chance for room upgrades. However Caribbean destinations are famed for their fantastic all-inclusive offerings, meaning that once you arrive you can sit back, relax...and enjoy!



Félicité island, Seychelles

Bridgetown, Barbados

EXPERIENCE THE OTHER SIDE OF GREECE

Kalymnos climbing

When it comes to picking Greece as a holiday destination, most people automatically think about the iconic Greek islands, and they'd be right in thinking that they offer sun, relaxation and picturesque scenery. But there's more to this destination than meets the eye – so if you're looking to add adventure and outdoor activities onto your beach holiday, this could be the place for you!

CLIMBING METEORA & KALYMNOS

For climbing enthusiasts, Kalymnos has become something of a mecca in the last two decades, with thousands of routes and incredible Aegean views for all to enjoy. On the Greek mainland, there's the unmissable Meteora, a stunning rock formation with one of the largest and most precipitously constructed Eastern Orthodox monasteries.

WATER SPORTS

In the Northern Sporades, visitors will find the largest natural marine park in the Mediterranean as well

as first-class diving experiences in Alonissos, which has recently opened Greece's first underwater museum on the islet of Peristera.

CYCLING IN KOS & KALAMATA

Cycling lovers might just find their idea of heaven exploring Kos. This island is a truly bicycle-friendly destination which has even earned itself the nickname 'the cycling island' due to its exceptional conditions for cyclists of all skill levels. Kalamata is another gem of a destination for road cyclists of all ages and abilities – so much so, that in 2020, Kalamata hosted the 'Jeroboam Kalamata Gravel Challenge'.



Vasiliki beach windsurfing, Lefkada

"Arachthos and Voidomatis have incredible river rafting routes which are accessible to beginners and practised rafters, providing plenty of challenging, white-knuckle rides."

Nestos river and the calm coastal waters around Samos are perfect for kayaking, whilst Lefkada offers excellent conditions for surfing and windsurfing; seasoned windsurfers will love Vasiliki beach, the ultimate windsurfing playground.

Explore more of Greece

We hope we've shown you a little more of what's on offer in Greece, for active outdoor and year-round adventures. Contact us today to discuss and start planning your trip to see and experience the other side of Greece.

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Hamburg, Germany



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It doesn't always have to just be about the cruise you've booked; in fact, wouldn't it be great to spend a few days in the destination you're sailing from?

Virgin Voyages is a great example, who offer some fantastic itineraries starting in Athens and Barcelona during the summer months. Book through Advantage Holidays & Cruise, and pre-stay hotels can be added onto your holiday – giving you the best of both worlds! Taking a few nights in either of these cities at the start or end of your chosen cruise itinerary will certainly add to your cruise holiday!



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Athens, Greece



Lake of Seven Cities, Azores Island, Portugal



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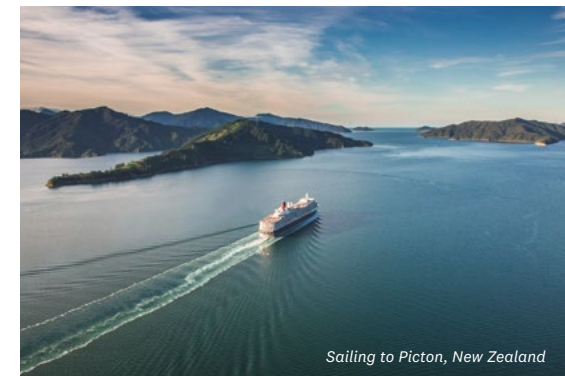
Spend days on board however you please, knowing that each moment of your voyage is packed with special Cunard touches that come as standard with your cruise fare, including learning something new about the world around you from a Cunard Insights speaker. With a range of expert speakers, you'll come away armed with plenty of surprising facts to delight your friends and family with!

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Mekong River, Vietnam



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price that represents marvellous value, in addition to a perfect balance of inclusions and leisure time. Your price covers everything you need, including return flights from the UK, all sightseeing, hand-picked accommodation, quality dining plus portage, transfers and tipping.

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Emerald Cruises' inclusions care for all necessities and comforts, including return flights, airport transfers, gratuities on board and onshore, on-board meals and excursions. Plus, enjoy a free drinks package when booking selected dates.

Save up to 35%, plus enjoy a free drinks package on selected dates: 05 May, 25 May, 16 June, 27 June and 29 October 2024. Ask us, your local travel agent, for full details, terms and conditions.

*Price stated based on 29 October 2024 departure.



Poolside, Budapest

TIME SPENT ASHORE

As cruise ships improve so, too, does the quality of shore excursions. Here are three of our favourites that help elevate the off-board experience.

Sure, life on a cruise ship is great, but have you ever tried getting off? There's a whole world out there! From luxury beach clubs to going backstage at a Broadway smash hit, the quality of shore excursions has increased dramatically in recent years as cruise lines compete for better access to incredible sites and higher-quality experiences. Here, we share three that are not to be missed...

EXPLORA JOURNEYS AND ITS PARTNERSHIP WITH PELORUS

New ultra-luxury cruise line Explora Journeys has partnered with Pelorus, the luxury travel experience company, to offer a series of shore excursions that are sure to fire up the imagination. These include everything from a forest hike in Sweden followed by a meditation session to joining a soul tram ride in Rotterdam. In New York, guests will get the opportunity to go behind the curtain and meet a Broadway star.



UNIWORLD IN VENICE

For luxury cruises, access is everything. And, with Uniworld Boutique River Cruises' Venice itinerary, it doesn't come much better than this. Guests can enjoy a private, after-hours tour of St Mark's Basilica. The doors of the iconic building are opened especially for Uniworld guests who will enjoy seeing the glorious church, which sits in Saint Mark's Square, in the evening light and without the crowds. A truly spectacular experience and one of a number offered by the luxury river cruise line to help elevate its guests' experiences.

PERFECT DAY BY COCOCAY

When it comes to holiday experiences, visiting a private island will feature pretty highly on most people's bucket lists, and they don't come much more jaw-dropping than Royal Caribbean's Perfect Day by CocoCay. The island, which features on a number of Royal Caribbean International, and now Celebrity Cruises, itineraries,

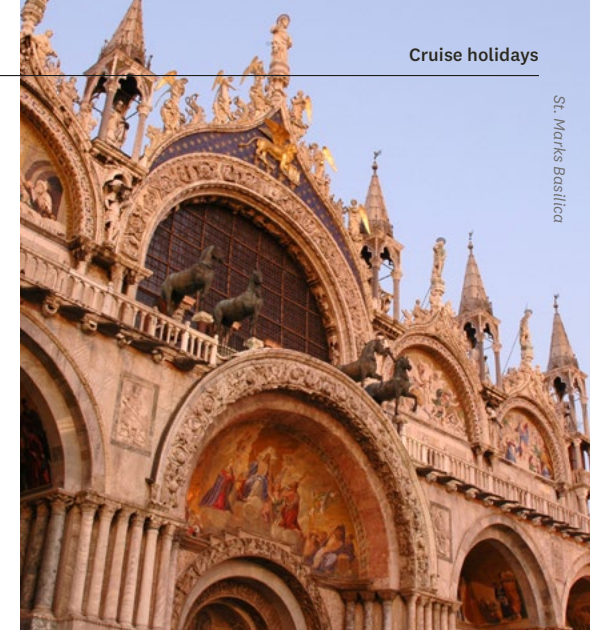


CocoCay Island

has everything from the tallest waterslide in North America to luxury beach clubs where guests can chill out in the Bahamas' first overwater cabanas.

Want an exclusive cruising experience?

If the off-board experience is as important as being on board, then we hope we've helped you choose your next cruise! Contact us today to find out more.



EUROPEAN ELEGANCE INTRODUCED TO THE OCEANS OF THE WORLD



Bridgetown, Barbados

Explora Journeys is set to transform ocean travel through a synergy of the chicest ships and the most immersive itineraries that allow guests to discover further, travel deeper and linger a little longer at each destination. These are enriching holidays for the curious, cosmopolitan traveller who wants to create connections that last long beyond the cruise itself.

Designed in partnership with the world's foremost superyacht specialists and harnessing cutting-edge maritime technology, Explora

Journeys ships offer refined yet effortless luxury and, thanks to their size, they offer an incredible richness of experiences, all whilst maintaining a feeling of intimacy and exclusivity. The first ship in the Explora Journeys fleet, EXPLORA I, is now sailing, with EXPLORA II to set sail in 2024.

On board, European elegance permeates every detail. The 461 suites, penthouses and residences – each with sweeping ocean views from their floor-to-ceiling windows and private sun terraces – offer guests comfortable homes at sea.

Each suite is thoughtfully designed to stimulate the senses and reflect the brand's philosophy of creating an 'Ocean State of Mind' owing with carefully considered elements such as natural light, colour, space, privacy and connection with the sea. Explora Journeys has worked meticulously to ensure every guest experiences an opulent, yet intimate, retreat as they embark on their own ocean journey.

More than 27,000 sq feet of outdoor space includes three swimming pools and 64 private cabanas, whilst an indoor pool with a retractable

glass roof allows for relaxation poolside whatever the weather, and 9,700 sq feet for the spa and fitness studios ensures guests can do as much (or as little) as they like.

A celebration of global culinary talents, cultures and passions, EXPLORA I and EXPLORA II will showcase sophisticated and varied

culinary experiences across six vibrant restaurants plus in-suite dining, as well as in five of the twelve bars and lounges on board (eight indoor and four outdoor), and a chef's kitchen where guests can discover and enjoy diverse flavours from around the world – a truly unique culinary and beverage 'Journey of discovery', inspired by the Ocean State of Mind.

Explora Journeys also extends a very special welcome to families, with a dedicated programme that caters for multi-generations travelling together. Offering 78 interconnecting suites, a Nautilus Club for young children and teenagers, and special destination experiences created to maximise enjoyment for all generations, families embarking on the trip of a lifetime on board EXPLORA I and EXPLORA II can expect an inspiring journey and wonderful memories.

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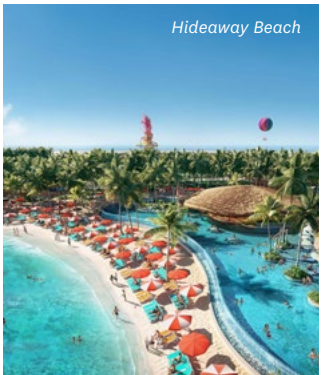
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New Zealand is a country of two halves: the lush landscapes of the North Island will appeal to your inner sense of peace and tranquillity, whilst, in the south, it's much more dramatic, with scenery that will take your breath away.

Of course, New Zealand is so much more than its diverse and outstanding nature. You will find more to do here than you ever dreamed possible, such as wining and dining at the Mission Estate Winery in Napier, indulging in the mesmerising views of Lake Taupo, cruising on the stunning Milford Sound, visiting Te Puia Thermal Reserve and riding on the TransAlpine Train – where the views are incredible!

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Australia is home to unforgettable luxury experiences within some of the world's most inspiring landscapes. Whether it is tropical rainforests, incredible beaches or red deserts of the outback, there is truly something for everyone.

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A WILDLIFE JOURNEY LIKE NOWHERE ELSE ON EARTH

Australia's wildlife is admired the world over for its incredible variety, from cuddly marsupials and exotic birds to the prehistoric predators that are saltwater crocodiles. With more than 80% of Australia's native species found nowhere else on Earth, Australian Wildlife Journeys guides travellers over land, sea and sky to showcase not only the country's unique animals but how wildlife populations are being preserved for years to come.

South Australia's Eyre Peninsula is a haven for wildlife, including much-loved marsupials such as kangaroos, koalas and wombats. With Australian Coastal Safaris, you can see some of these animals on its three-day Eyre Peninsula Wildlife & Ocean Encounters tour.



Wula Gura Nyinda Eco Cultural Adventures

CONNECTING WITH AUSTRALIA'S FIRST PEOPLE

With a deep spiritual connection to land and sea that dates back 60,000 years, Australian Aboriginal peoples maintain the oldest living culture on the planet. This ancient relationship between Australia's First Peoples and the land to which they belong is so unique that travellers increasingly seek to understand and experience the stories, customs and wisdom that help maintain that connection.

To truly understand the Australian landscape through the lens of its Traditional Owners, you must first become acquainted with each region's Dreamtime stories, which are central to Indigenous culture.

Dreamtime stories can be heard right across the continent, like in Western Australia's dazzling Shark Bay, more than 800 kilometres (497 miles) north of Perth. Shark Bay is known as Gutharraguda (meaning 'two waters') in the local Aboriginal Malgana language. Here Darren 'Capes' Capewell, a descendant of the land's First Peoples and the guide of Wula Gura Nyinda Eco Cultural Adventures, part of Discover Aboriginal Experiences, shows travellers around the

spectacular bay as part of the Kayak & Wildlife Adventure, whilst sharing ancient stories passed down to him.

FRESH TAKE ON AUSTRALIA

From freshly shucked oysters and handcrafted cheeses to multicultural fine dining with award-winning wines and whiskies to match, Australia's food and drink scene is renowned the world over. But as Aussie produce continues to be refined and reinvented, more and more operators are finding creative ways to produce and incorporate their own homegrown ingredients, adding a whole new flavour to Australia's finest foodie experiences.

Strengthening Australia's thriving farm-to-table dining scene and supporting efforts to reduce food mileage, many Luxury Lodges of Australia are not only featuring local produce on menus but growing their own fare and engaging local experts to create hands-on experiences. On Tasmania's spectacular east coast, Saffire Freycinet ensures 80% of produce served to guests is locally sourced. Guests can also connect with local

fare via the lodge's Beekeeping Experience. Led by Saffire's local beekeeper, this photo-friendly experience takes place at hives overlooking The Hazards mountains. If that doesn't satisfy your appetite, the Freycinet Marine Oyster Farm experience takes Saffire guests to a nearby oyster farm. Here, you will step into the water and learn about the local ecology whilst tasting prized Pacific oysters.

Immerse yourself in Australia

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Oyster shucking at Saffire Freycinet, Coles Bay, TAS



Australian Coastal Safaris

SUNRISES AT THEIR PEAK

As the first rays of dawn break over the Earth's horizon, there are few vantage points more awe-inspiring than the mountain peaks that kiss the sky. Sunrises from these lofty summits offer a breathtaking symphony of nature, where a world below awakens in a glorious display of colours and light.

Whilst there are many extraordinary destinations across the globe that offer incredible sunrises, we've picked out a few that we believe are extra special...

THE PERFECT BACKDROP FOR A DAILY SHOW OF DAZZLING COLOURS - MOUNT BROMO, INDONESIA

Located in East Java, this active volcano provides a breathtaking backdrop for a daily show of dazzling colours and exquisite beauty.

As dawn breaks, the sky over Bromo transforms into a canvas of pinks, purples and oranges. The sun gradually peeks above the horizon, casting a warm glow on the rugged landscape. The silhouettes of nearby volcanoes and the iconic

horsemen who guide visitors add to the mesmerising scene.

What makes the Bromo sunrise particularly remarkable is the contrast between the serene, otherworldly beauty of the moment and the raw, untamed energy of the volcano. The juxtaposition of the peaceful sunrise and the geological forces that lie beneath the Earth's surface is a powerful reminder of nature's duality.

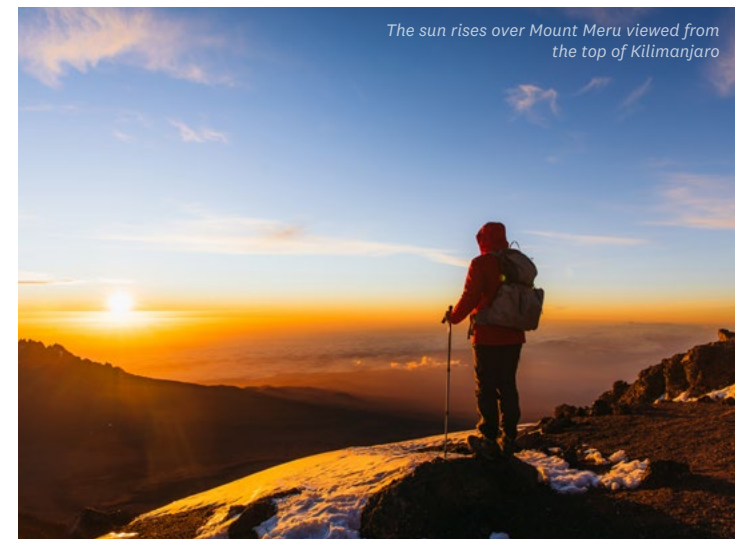
Sunrise over Bromo and Sameru volcanoes, Indonesia

WITNESSING KILIMANJARO'S LOFTY PEAKS PROVIDES A PROFOUND SENSE OF ACCOMPLISHMENT

As the tallest free-standing mountain in the world provides a profound sense of accomplishment and connection to nature. Hikers and climbers from all over the world make the challenging journey to reach Kilimanjaro's summit, enduring strenuous treks through diverse ecosystems and altitude challenges.

When they finally stand at Uhuru Peak, the highest point, they are rewarded with a sunrise that bathes the landscape in an ethereal, golden glow, casting a spell on all who witness it. It feels almost as if you are suspended between heaven and earth with the clouds below you.

"This experience will leave you humbled and filled with a sense of wonder at the majesty and magnificence of the world we live in."



The sun rises over Mount Meru viewed from the top of Kilimanjaro

THE GRAND CANYON'S IMMENSE SCALE AND DEPTH COMES TO LIFE AT SUNRISE

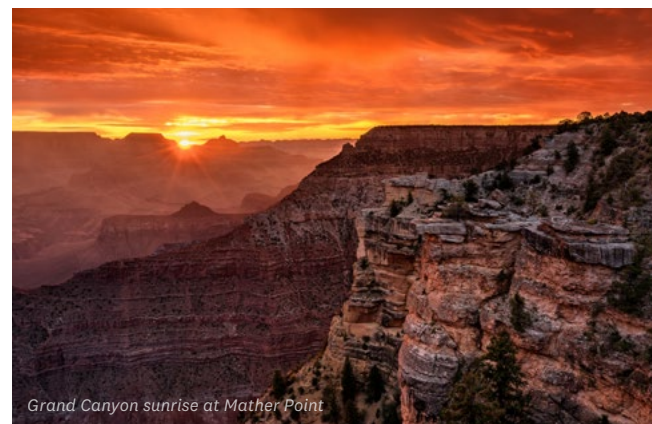
Each morning as the first rays of sunlight pierce the horizon, the canyon's vast expanse is transformed into a canvas of warm, golden hues and dramatic shadows. As the sun gradually ascends, its radiant glow casts a spotlight on the deep, multilayered rock formations, unveiling their hidden intricacies and vibrant colours.

The Grand Canyon's immense scale and depth comes to life, leaving visitors amazed and dazzled by the forces of erosion and time. Hikers and photographers from the world over gather at various viewpoints, waiting patiently for the grand reveal. The sight of the sun's first rays emerging from behind the canyon's walls is a moment of pure magic, sparking feelings of wonder and tranquillity.

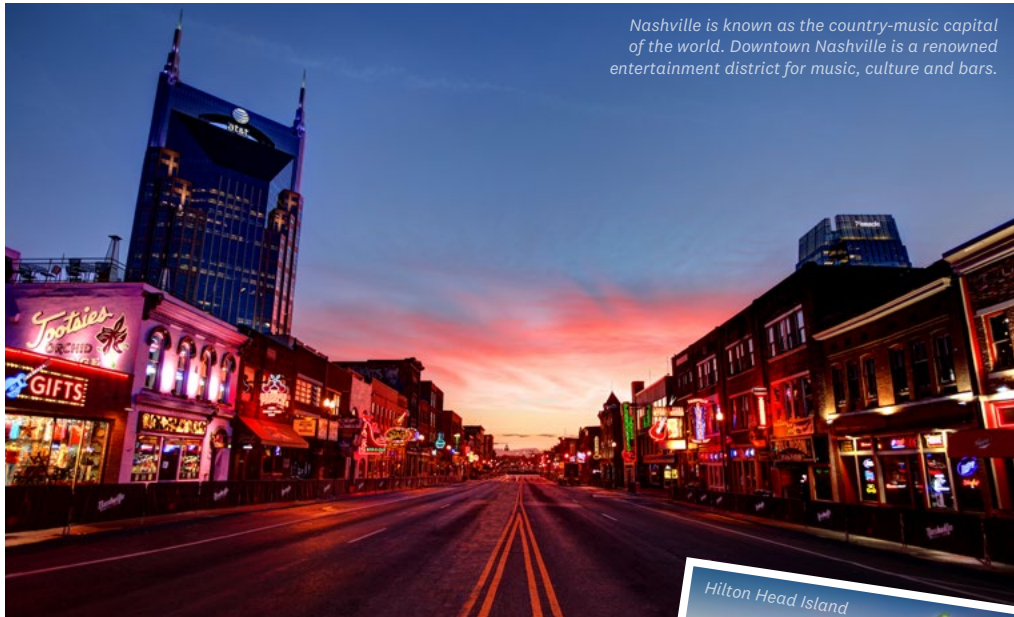
Witnessing a Grand Canyon sunrise is an unforgettable experience that will renew your appreciation for our world's astonishing natural beauty.

Experience a sunrise you'll never forget

These destinations all offer sunrises you won't forget in a hurry, and in addition offer nature, history and a range of activities, making witnessing the sunrise just one part of your holiday. Contact us today to find out more.



Grand Canyon sunrise at Mather Point

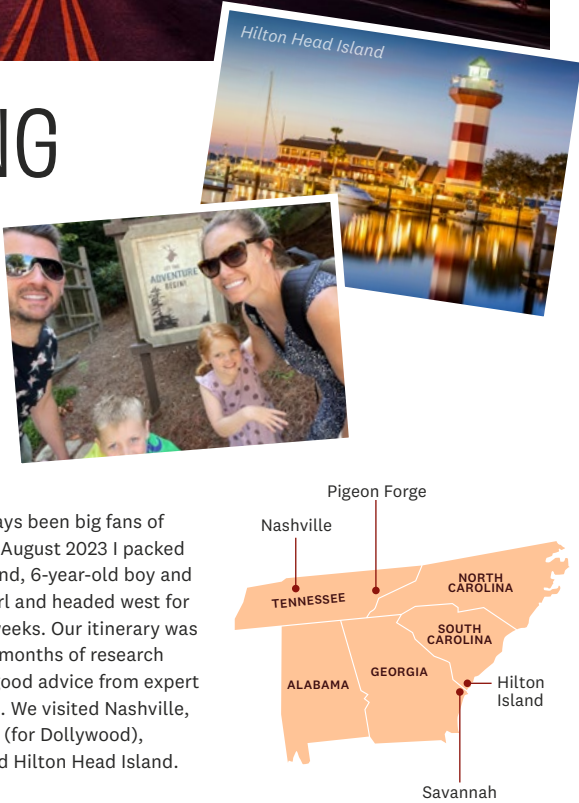


ROAD TRIPPING THROUGH THE USA (WITH THE FAMILY!)

Road tripping with children; does the idea fill you with fear or does hitting the open road with the family appeal to your sense of adventure?

Seasoned traveller Kelly Cookes embarked on exactly this during 2023's summer holidays and gives you her top tips to make sure that it is a trip to remember...

We have always been big fans of the US, so in August 2023 I packed up my husband, 6-year-old boy and 4-year-old girl and headed west for a couple of weeks. Our itinerary was the result of months of research and a lot of good advice from expert travel agents. We visited Nashville, Pigeon Forge (for Dollywood), Savannah and Hilton Head Island.



Overall, it was great mixture of city, theme park and beach. Would I do it again? Absolutely! But that is not to say that we didn't learn a lot, so here are my top tips for those looking at doing something similar.

Involve the children in planning!

Before the holiday, we involved the children in the planning of the trip by telling them where we were going, what we might see there and by showing them each place on the map. This helped to get them excited about each stop on the itinerary.

Create a plane pack for the kids

This was made up of activities, toys and snacks that they hadn't seen before, and they were not allowed to open it until we were on the flight. It helped to keep them entertained (at least for a while!).

Take minimal hand luggage

After a long flight children will be tired, so try to plan for the fact that you are likely to be carrying them at some point, and having little hand luggage will allow this. The less hand luggage the better, but always have a spare set of clothes and PJs just in case of delays.

Be realistic

You won't be able to spend hours walking around a city. When in a city, plan in kid-friendly stops like local parks and play areas. If you can find a restaurant with a play area, then even better!



Plan child-friendly stops

For long journeys, make sure you plan in some child-friendly stops – the quirkier the better. We found the most bizarre rock city out at a church in the middle of nowhere that was a big hit. The kids also developed a love for Dollar Tree so we made some pit stops there.

Choose suitable places to eat

We spent a lot of time researching the best spots to eat, and on the trip visited an ice cream shop holding an afternoon fete to celebrate its birthday, a country bar with live music and a creek-side restaurant with wild gators.



Plan games

We played license plate bingo trying to find a license plate from every state as we were driving along. We made it to 45 states and had a lot of fun with the challenge!

Digital parenting

Sometimes digital parenting is ok! When you have exhausted everything else, have an iPad with games and films on it for the journeys.

Wear the kids out!

A couple of hours in the pool before we hit the road did the trick!

My advice would be – go for it!

Doing a road trip with young children is certainly different from doing one as a couple, but we had an incredible time, having made some amazing memories. Booking with a travel agent like we did will mean that they'll also share their recommendations, book your accommodation and help plan out your itinerary for you, to help make the trip run seamlessly from start to finish.

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BANK HOLIDAY BREAKAWAYS MAKING LONG WEEKENDS EVEN BETTER

Whether it be hopping across the channel, exploring hidden gems in the UK or flying across the pond to the Big Apple, bank holidays are a great excuse for a short getaway and that well-deserved break from the daily grind. The options are endless, but we've highlighted a few destinations that offer excitement and something different, making your long weekends even better!



Amsterdam, Netherlands

VISIT AMSTERDAM FOR PICTURESQUE CANALS, HISTORY AND A VIBRANT ART SCENE

Known for its picturesque canals, historic architecture and vibrant art scene, Amsterdam offers something for every traveller. Flight times from

the UK are super short too (around 1 hour 30 minutes!), making this a destination that's easy to explore in two or three days with minimal travel time.

Top sights include the Anne Frank House, a touching and moving journey through World War II history (we can book your tickets in advance to avoid long queues), Van Gogh Museum, where you'll learn about the artist's troubled life and view many of his paintings close up, and Keukenhof Gardens – which in the spring is extra special as it's filled with the country's trademark flower, the tulip.

Meandering and strolling through the city is just as great too; Amsterdam has canals galore and tons of charming back streets with cute bakeries, restaurants and bars. Neighbourhood De Pijp is worth exploring for just that. And for the foodies amongst us, a must-try Dutch delicacy is a traditional pooffertjes (mini pancakes) which you'll find in many restaurants – so don't miss out!

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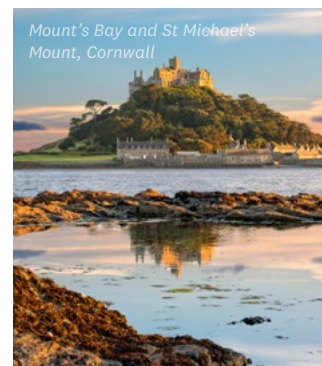
For those looking to stay on British soil, a visit to Cornwall offers over 400 miles of coastline,



Brooklyn Bridge, New York

gorgeous scenery, countryside and dramatic shorelines. Sitting on the south-western tip of the UK, for some this could be a destination that's, in fact, further away than neighbouring countries – but don't discount it for that reason... Cornwall has a lot to offer!

It's also home to a vibrant artistic community, with galleries, studios and festivals such as the Cornwall Street Food Festival, which is due to return to Newquay over



Mount's Bay and St Michael's Mount, Cornwall



Statue of Liberty and Manhattan skyline

the May holiday weekend and gives the opportunity to indulge in some of the best street food in the south-west, as well as great entertainment.

Other attractions include the charming seaside towns and villages of St Ives, Polperro and Tintagel, which showcase breathtaking coastal scenery, perfect for strolls along the beach. One of the most iconic landmarks in Cornwall for its scenic beauty, medieval castle and close association with legends and folklore is St Michael's Mount, a small island that is accessible by foot or by boat during low tide – it's worth the trip!

FOR SOMEWHERE A BIT FURTHER AFIELD, VISIT THE CITY THAT NEVER SLEEPS

This iconic metropolis, with its unmistakable skyline and pulsating energy, is an ideal destination for an extended weekend. With a time difference of 5 hours, and an approx. flight time of 8 hours, this isn't a destination that you'll get to in a flash, but it packs a punch when it comes to excitement, sights and attractions! Plus...if you can tag an extra day or two onto your bank holiday weekend, you'll have more

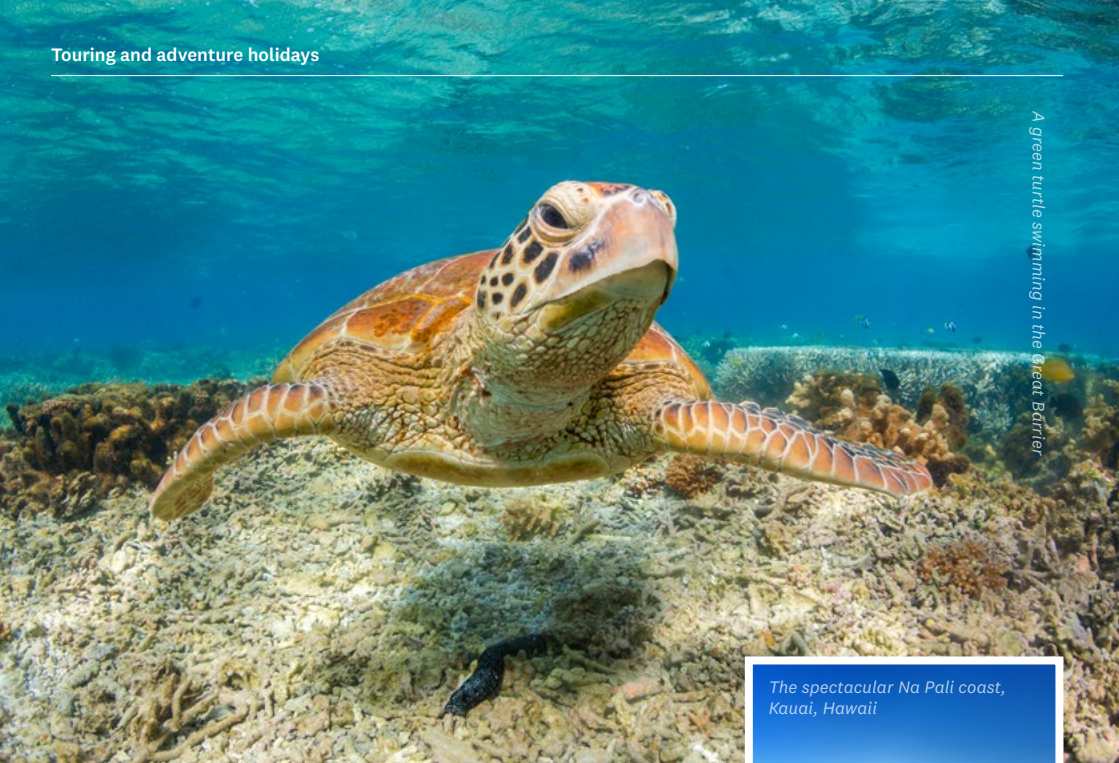
time to soak up the city's vibrant atmosphere.

Start with a visit to the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island, which is a small island located in the New York Harbour and is renowned for its historical significance as an immigration inspection station in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Today, it's home to the Ellis Island National Museum of Immigration where you can immerse yourself in the immigrant history of the city. The Empire State Building, Central Park and Times Square are must-see landmarks that encapsulate different aspects of the city's spirit, from its financial power to its appreciation of green spaces and its dynamic, fast-paced lifestyle – all of which New York offers. After exploring the landmarks, head to Broadway to catch a world-renowned show – just like London's West End, there you'll be spoilt for choice of musicals and plays to see!

Top it off by immersing yourself in the foodie culture – whether it be treating yourself to a slice of the iconic New York style pizza for a quick bite or heading somewhere a little more special...the options are endless. And we haven't even started on the shopping; our top tip is to leave space in your suitcase!

How will you spend your next bank holiday?

Whether you're indulging in European culture, basking in British beauty or jetting off to the city that never sleeps, bank holiday getaways always ensure you're making the most of your time off. But where will you choose? Let us know today, and we'll help you plan a great value deal!



A green turtle swimming in the Great Barrier



The spectacular Na Pali coast, Kauai, Hawaii

DIVE INTO PARADISE

If you're a diving enthusiast, you'll understand that there's nothing quite like exploring the underwater world and encountering vibrant marine life, coral reefs and shipwrecks. With numerous diving destinations around the globe, it's not easy to pick just one.

However, if you're seeking top-tier diving experiences, consider adding these four incredible destinations to your bucket list – which are suitable for both dive experts or those looking to experience it for the first time.

GREAT BARRIER REEF, AUSTRALIA

When it comes to diving, the Great Barrier Reef needs no introduction. It's the world's largest coral reef system and is renowned for its stunning biodiversity and vibrant coral formations.

“ Located off the coast of Queensland, Australia, the Great Barrier Reef is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World. ”

Divers can explore a multitude of dive sites teeming with marine life, from tiny clownfish to massive manta rays and reef sharks. The

underwater visibility is excellent, and the warm waters are perfect for divers of all levels. The Great Barrier Reef offers wall dives, drift dives, and the opportunity to see the mesmerising coral spawning, making it an unparalleled diving experience.

HAWAII

Hawaii, an island paradise known for its lush landscapes and welcoming culture, also boasts some of the world's most captivating dive sites. The Hawaiian Islands offer

diverse diving opportunities, with each island providing a unique underwater experience.

On the Big Island, you can encounter graceful manta rays, whilst Molokini Crater near Maui offers crystal-clear waters and thriving marine ecosystems. Oahu is famous for its wreck dives, including the sunken YO-257 and San Pedro. Lanai and Kauai provide excellent opportunities to explore lava formations and encounter spinner dolphins. Hawaii is the perfect destination to combine thrilling dives with a taste of aloha spirit.

RAJA AMPAT, INDONESIA

Raja Ampat, an archipelago in Indonesia, is a delight for divers who dream of vibrant coral gardens and some of the most biodiverse marine ecosystems on the planet. This remote destination is often called the ‘Last Paradise on Earth’.

Be prepared to swim with majestic manta rays, wobbegong sharks and schools of fish that paint the ocean with their colours. Don't miss exploring the labyrinthine limestone formations of Wayag and experiencing the rich cultural heritage of the local communities.

YUCATÁN PENINSULA, MEXICO

When it comes to underwater adventures, Mexico is a top contender for divers seeking an extraordinary experience. With its crystal-clear waters, diverse marine life and unique underwater attractions, there's a lot to offer! In the Yucatán Peninsula, discover a hidden gem for divers: the cenotes. These natural sinkholes, formed by the collapse of cave systems, offer a surreal and mystical diving experience. The cenotes' crystal-clear fresh water is a magical playground, adorned with intricate limestone formations



Diving the underwater cenotes in Puerto Aventuras, Mexico

and illuminated by rays of sunlight penetrating the depths.

Another must-visit destination is the MUSA museum. Located off the coast of Cancun and Isla Mujeres, this unique underwater museum features an incredible collection of over 500 life-sized sculptures which have been purposefully placed on the ocean floor to promote coral growth and marine life. It's a mesmerising blend of art and nature that you can explore whilst scuba diving or snorkelling.

These are just a glimpse of the aquatic wonders waiting to be discovered in the captivating country!

Dive into adventure with us!

Whether you would like a diving adventure as part of your holiday or your whole holiday, we can make it happen! Contact us today to find out more.



Coral and marine life - Raja Ampat, Indonesia



EXPLORE OFF THE BEATEN TRACK IN 2024

For those who have 'been there and done it all', but are still craving an adventure, then look no further! We've showcased our top three lesser-known destinations that you should put on your radar for 2024!

PLOVDIV, BULGARIA: BEST FOR CITY BREAKS

The 6th most ancient city in the world, Plovdiv is a charming city of quaint cobblestone roads and quirky architecture. The city received the title of European Capital of Culture back in 2019, but still remains largely undiscovered. Whilst there, check out the Roman Amphitheatre which regularly holds live concerts, and, if you time your trip well, visit during one of the many festivals such as the Spring Fair of Crafts, International Folklore Festival in the summer, and beer and music festivals of all kinds throughout the year!

2 SUKHOTHAI, THAILAND – BEST FOR CULTURE

A treat at any time of the year, but especially magical during the Loy Krathong festival which changes every year according to the Thai lunar calendar. Most well-travelled Brits will head to the popular Chiang Mai for the festival, whilst Sukhothai remains a hidden gem. Hardly heard of by tourists, but very popular with the locals, the celebrations include releasing pretty rice

paper lanterns in the sky (for the Yi Peng festival which overlaps), as well as water lanterns made from tree trunks and leaves – and it's all done at the gorgeous Sukhothai Historical Park, where a show is put on and enchanting decorations are displayed! We always encourage responsible travel and we can provide you with tips on how you can best do this whilst at the festival. Speak to us to find out more.



3 NORMANDY, FRANCE: BEST FOR DRIVING HOLIDAYS

For those who prefer not to venture too far from home and travel in their own set of wheels, there is a lot to be discovered in Normandy. Within easy reach, you can get to Normandy by catching a ferry or shuttle from Folkestone and arriving into Calais. Stop by Etretat to see the Jardins d'Etretat, a neo-futuristic garden perched atop a cliff overlooking the Alabaster Coast, where Monet did many a painting. Close by, head to Rouen where you'll find picturesque buildings, an impressive cathedral, clock tower and history for days. A little further out, check out fairytale-esque

Mont-Saint-Michel – it's certainly more well-known, but still well worth the visit.



Get in touch to find out what else you can see and do in these wonderful destinations. We can add value to your holiday by helping you book car hire, guided tours and more to ensure your journey is well planned.

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