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Dear Readers,

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In our Cover Story we decode science behind the mystical surprise of nature, Sea of Stars in Maldives. The glowing and sparkling of sea is spectacular, imagine spending a day there resting on the beaches, gazing into the sky, seeing countless stars in the world’s best landscapes. Christmas markets will evoke your senses to soak up in the Yuletide atmosphere, walking around the markets and sampling the delicious offerings so turn your Christmas shopping into a memorable experience. Read Destination Diary to get into the festive mood as we list some of the markets set up across the world.

Even though the crystal blue waters and beaches of fine sand in Corsica drifts one to a more relaxed atmosphere but it is no less when it comes to organising seminars, incentives and meetings etc. Meetings Point show how the island is ideally suited taking into consideration the climate, landscape, atmosphere and people to get an unforgettable business trip. Special Feature on Wine tourism recognises it as a main component of gastronomy tourism which is an excellent opportunity for destinations to diversify and facilitate key actions.

Space technology has a positive impact today and the space economy is expected to rocket to $805 billion by 2020 from $244 billion in 2010. There might be risks associated with it but the lure of uncovering and increasing interest in space tourism has led many to tap into the boom. Go through Tech iT to get a surreal experience!

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Better known for its crystal clear beaches, Corsica is sure to woo you if you are looking for organising business-related seminars, meetings, incentives, conventions or congresses. The island provides an authentic adventure as one gets to see places surrounded by the sea and the mountains. The best part is that apart from exploring the beauty of the region, guests can witness some remarkable traditions. The geographical location of the city also makes it perfect for hosting business events. It is 170 km from mainland France and 80 km from the Italian coast and it is easily accessible from European outbound markets.
Accessible all year round by air or by sea, it has four international markets which are directly linked to the Marseille Provence Airport, Nice, Paris Orly and Lyon-Saint Exupery airports.

The island is also linked with seven maritime ports. Visitors are assured of high-quality ferry services. The ferry services are also equipped to host business meetings. The business travellers can mix their work sessions with fun activities like a boat trip looking for dolphins.
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Features:
- Seven meeting rooms sprawled over 500 square metres
- Accommodate around 250 guests
- Terrace with a backdrop of the Mediterranean
Radisson Blue Resort & Spa

The hotel is ideal for organising seminars and conference. The business classroom provides great privacy and additional amenities.

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Top experiences business travellers can take back home

Bastia-Cop Corse region

Forests, mountains and perched villages on the mountainside make the top view of the region. You can visit the Ethnography Museum in former Governor's Palace, fortress, St. Mary's Church, St. John- the Baptist's Church and the Chapel of the Immaculate Conception. The American Palaces having neo-classical Tuscan style architecture should also not be missed out.
**Porto Vecchio**

It is the topmost tourist attraction in Corsica. Its Palombaggia and Santa Giulia beaches have been categorized as the nicest beaches in the world by UNESCO. At Gulf of Porto Vecchio, you will find long beaches of fine sand and wonderful pine trees and the majestic Bavella needles, also known as “Horne of Asinao”.

**Saint Florent**

Saleccia and Loto beach at the coast of Saint Florent provides you arid landscape of the Agriates desert in the background. You can reach on foot or by boat. Both the beaches are not very crowded.

**Aiguilles de Bavella**

Situated in the regional nature park of Corsica, the mountain is impressive in shape and colour as it ranges from red to grey and is covered with immense forests. Keep three hours in hand to reach Trou de La Bombe, an accessible hike.
Sea of Stars in Maldives

A mesmerising shining beach, transporting to fairyland
The sparkling Sea of Stars in the Mudhdhoo Island or the Vaadhoo Island of Maldives glows at night. Amazed? Yes, the view is more than scenic giving the impression that stars have come down to meet the ocean. It gives a dreamy feel of the sea full of mysterious and unknown creatures which light up the sea's shorelines.

The Vaadhoo Island is a small island with not more than 500 people and is one of the islands of the Raa Atoll in Maldives. This island has been Maldives's most sought-after place for this spectacular phenomenon and has good connection with the rest of the country. Vaadhoo is only 8 km from Male, the capital city of Maldives and the main airport. It takes only 15 minutes to reach here by a speedboat.

The secret behind the shining beach is a microorganism called the Phytoplankton or plankton, the aquatic microbes which are bioluminescent in nature and under the sea it radiates the vibrant blue light. Bioluminescence is a natural phenomenon where light is emitted by a living organism. Chemical science is involved in the glowing process.

The translucent water is an absolute paradise that provides a lifetime experience. Dinoflagellates is the most common type of phytoplankton whose movements in the surrounding water generates electrical impulses around a proton-filled compartment within them. Scintillons is the flashing unit inside dinoflagellates. When the electrical pulses open the voltage-sensitive proton ion channels, it opens. Protein flows into the scintillon and pH in the cytoplasm changes creating a series of chemical reactions that activates a protein named luciferase.
A neon blue light is generated when Luciferase together with luciferin (combined in scintillons) and oxygen joins them. However, the dinoflagellates may produce toxin and are harmful to fish, humans and other creatures. It is believed that the blue glow is some type of defense mechanism for the marine organisms. As the phytoplankton keeps glowing inside another creature, predators which eat the glowing dinoflagellates may attract bigger predators. Apart from dinoflagellates, other marine animals like krill, deep-sea squids and anglerfish also produce bioluminescence and have reasons for producing their own lights. The marine phenomenon can be best seen on moonless nights while the best season to spot the plankton is mid-summer through winter. However, chances are it can appear anytime.

Bioluminescent planktons are also known to occur in counties like Australia, Vietnam, Thailand, Puerto Rico, Jamaica, on the shores of Lakshadweep Islands in India and Mosquito Bay in Vieques. In California, in the coast of Leucadia, bursts of light come from the rolling waves during red tide.
Maldives has the largest selection of marine life in the world as 90% of the country constitutes of water. Night fishing can be in your bucket list but check the laws and regulations applicable which protects the area from overfishing. Swim or walk in the sea just to leave behind the glowing footprints after an ultimate otherworldly experience!

Other attractions

Although Maldivian islands are best-known for the luxury beach escape but there are other activities to keep you glued like scuba diving excursions, water sports activities, etc.

Open-air cinema has become very popular. Watch classic cinemas while relaxing and sipping your favourite juice. Some resorts offer private open-air cinema screenings and some can set up a private hideaway for two. You can get a different experience when scuba diving at night., There are several benefits as many new species come out after nightfall. Alimatha is a popular spot for night diving with an incredible array of marine life like sharks, turtles, rays, deals and colourful tropical fish. Large tawny reef sharks up to 3 m in length can also be spotted.
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The sand is exactly as white as shown in this picture.
The ocean of white sand stands out stark and pristine in its
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Activities involving the consumption, tasting or purchase of wine mostly near the vineyard that grows the ingredients is known as wine tourism. Wine connoisseurs around the world either visit restaurants to try their hands on unique blends or attend wine festival to get an amazing experience. If you are still wondering how to select a wine, then first look out for its colour, opacity and viscosity. You can get a lot of clues about a wine through its appearance. Smell the wine to find its age and quality. The wine may have primary aromas like the smell of grape derivatives or herbs. The winemaking processes built up the secondary aromas. These aromas are mostly of yeast-derivative and can be easily spotted in white wines, cheese rind or stale beer. Tertiary aromas are mostly due to aging, most possibly in bottle or in oak. The aromas are mostly savoured like roasted nuts, baking spices, vanilla, etc.

Walking through the vineyards, sipping and slurping!
The taste of the wine depends on individual senses. The sourness of the wine varies with climate and grape type. Some are known to be bitter while some white table wines have small portion of grape sugar retained which imparts natural sweetness. Some might taste salty and in rare cases, salty reds and whites might exist.

The texture of the wine basically increases in riper wine and ethanol makes it 'richer' than water. The presence of tannin can be detected with our tongue and the taste of the wine is time-based. Lastly, check for the characteristics that impressed you the most. Did the wine taste balanced or was it out of balance? Did you like the wine and was it unique?

Don't forget to spit a small quantity of your wine. It is seen that many seasoned tasters spit as they swallow the wine so that they can taste the flavor. Alternatively, you may eat something so that you have something to absorb the wine. Smell is an important aspect in wine tasting, so don't smoke and avoid strong perfumes. It is suggested to wear comfortable shoes as you will have to stand and walk a lot for tasting on a wine tour.
The **Okanagan Valley in British Columbia** starting from the Canada/U.S border, Highway 97, Osoyoos valley, Penticton’s viticulture center in Penticton, the blooming mountain-framed shores of Okanagan Lake till Vernon, offers a variety of wineries. More than 60 grape varietals like Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Pinot Noir, Reisling etc are grown here. The wines here are far from ordinary!

Indulge in some of the finest table wines to the most expensive and prestigious bottles in **Bordeaux** in France, with grand estates holding the tasting rooms. There are verdant vineyards with fine chateaus like St-Emilion, Graves and Medoc. More than 100 wineries dot the **Finger Lakes, New York**, the largest producing wine region. Here the varietals like Chardonnay, Pinot Noir, Vidal Blank and Riesling can be found. The Cayuga Wine Travel and the Saneca Wine Trail are two popular ones to check out.

The gentle sloping hills of **Tuscany** are filled with medieval houses and castles along with acres of grape vines and vineries. Experience the Old World wine culture at its best where the wine-makers still crush the grapes with their feet and the wine is stored in vaulted basement cellar made of rock.

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More than four million visitors come to the **Napa Valley** in the United States each year which has more than 450 wineries for tasting the world-class wines. Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Pinot Noir, Zinfandel, Chardonnay and Sauvignon Blanc are some of the varieties produced in the region. Sonoma is the second popular region in the U.S known for wine bars, restaurants and hundreds of wineries.

The **Yarra Valley** in Australia is known for classic sparkling wines in its rolling landscape where Chardonnay, Pinot Noir and Syrah are the main varietals. Yarra Glen, Healesville and Warburton are the major regions here. The first decade of the 21st century saw significant growth in enotourism. Tasting is a multisensory activity where emotions also play a major part. This sector promises a bright future ahead and has much to offer in the years to come.
Australia's first-ever Glass Bridge opened

Australia's first-ever glass bridge has been inaugurated at Cobbold Gorge in the Gulf Savannah region of north-west Queensland. The gorge, which is on the private land, is around 900 metres long and in some places is only 2 metres wide—evidence that labelled in the state's youngest gorge. The 19 metres high bridge is located 60 km west of Forsayth. It provides visitors with a 360-degree view of the gorge. The tourists have the opportunity to walk over the sandstone cliffs and look down to the waters below, spanning the width of the gorge, on the new bridge. The glass bridge, made at a cost of $600,000, was unveiled on Saturday in front of 75 people with traditional ceremonies and a ribbon-cutting.

Melbourne Convention Bureau delivered more than $64 million to the Victoria's economy

Melbourne Convention Bureau (MCB) has achieved the highest ever result for business events in Victoria, with a 28 per cent increase in economic contribution from secured business events in 2018-2019 financial year from the previous year, exceeding all targets and cementing business events position as the highest yielding sector in Victoria's visitor economy. The economic contribution for the Victoria has reached an impressive $507 million from 229 events secured, which is expected to bring over 136,000 new visitors to the state, and significantly fill over 226,000 room nights injecting $45 million in direct revenue into the accommodation sector.
Fáilte Ireland's golf tourism generates €270 million to its economy

The number of golf tourists to Ireland has remained constant and contributing €270 million to the Irish economy annually. The high-end tourists in Ireland are mostly from North America. These are high-end tourists, with Fáilte Ireland data confirms that golf tourists typically spend three times more than the average tourist and account for over 1.7 million in accommodations. Indeed, the average spending of a golf tourist is €2,000 during their stay, with some 80 per cent of that going on non-golf related activity in the hospitality sector. Fáilte Ireland chief executive Paul Kelly said that the United States is one of our most important markets for golf tourism, and the North American market alone makes up 47 per cent of the total number of tourists who come to Ireland on a golfing holiday.

Spirit AeroSystems to create 33,500 opportunities for American workers

Spirit AeroSystems committed to create 33,500 opportunities for American workers as President and CEO Tom Gentile signed the White House Pledge to America's Workers. He joined U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo and Advisor to the President Ivanka Trump to sign the pledge at an event hosted on the campus of WSU Tech. Over a five year period, Spirit pledged to create 33,500 opportunities for workers by investing in initiatives such as apprenticeships, paid internships that lead toward full-time job offers, specialised on-the-job training for new technologies, and work-based learning programs offered at no cost to its employees.
"If the future does not include being out there among the stars and being a multi-planet species, I find that incredibly depressing." - Elon Musk.

Star gazing is the new fad among investors. A multi-planetary society will no longer be a dream, as decades of development that have gone into space is finally showing some result. Though space tourism has seen a lot of ups and downs, as companies have come and gone that offered everything from trips to the Moon to a new home on Mars, some positive changes have been found in the sector of late. For the first time, exciting space journeys are being offered by various companies in US.

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A frontier worth exploring

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One of the companies, Virgin Galactic, recently tested the company's spaceships. A pair of pilots flew the aircraft to an altitude of 51 miles above California's Mojave Desert before landing safely. As per experts, space begins at the Karman Line, an imaginary boundary at the far edge of the Earth's atmosphere, some 62 miles above average sea level.

According to the plan, each flight will have six passengers. The passengers will be experiencing several minutes of weightlessness besides witnessing incredible views of the Earth as the space plane enters space, before returning to a runway landing.

An adventure journalist, who purchased the ticket number 610 back in 2010, is still thrilled despite the wait. Virgin Galactic is not the only company to venture into space tourism. Blue Origin, with Amazon CEO Jeff Bezos at the helm, has also planned exciting space journeys.

The company has started the New Shepard flight test programme and it is slowly inching towards flying humans into space. Its New Shepard vehicle is a rocket with a passenger capsule attached at the tip, aimed to facilitate the fancies of well-off tourists. The vehicle will offer six reclining seats accompanied by large windows to soak up the sights of going to the edge of space. The New Shepard will offer its riders a few minutes of weightlessness and a view of the curvature of the Earth, nothing less than icing on the cake for both Instagram addicts and flat Earth zealots.
Even celebrities can’t wait to see themselves in the orbit. Virgin Galactic has signed up celebrities like Tom Hanks, Leonardo DiCaprio and Katy Perry for a journey in space. They will experience a journey through zero-G and the everyday life of an astronaut.

A host of celebrities looking for the SPACE ADVENTURE
Space tourism is indeed full of risks. It can affect health of the passengers to a great extent with potential dangers from higher gravitational forces during acceleration. The passengers are also likely to face space motion sickness that affects some due to low and zero gravity. Space radiation may also pose a risk to implanted medical devices. Space travel is also dangerous because there is always a risk of rocket crash involved but as people say, no risk no gain. Space tourism is worth trying once in a lifetime. The companies investing in space tourism are also taking note of the risks of space tourism and are trying hard to enhance their technology before finally starting the programme.

You cannot expect a five-star hotel's luxuries in a space station. So, forget about the luxuries if you are really eying space travel. You might have to cook and do other works as well. Nonetheless, the space experience goes beyond any luxury. It will be the ultimate experience and destination. Just imagine a journey with your loved one where you can see 18 sunrises and 18 sunsets every day besides experiencing zero-gravity!
Several companies are planning to launch mega constellations into low Earth orbit in the next few years, which will be composed of miniature satellites. This will be done to dodge the space junk from mega constellations.

Not only the medical standard for spaceflights has been fixed but training and risk management systems have also been put in place for space tourists so as to avert any problem. So far as the cost of space tourism is concerned, a single ticket will cost around $200,000. You can also buy the most expensive holiday, a 12-day stay at a price of $9.5 million offered by a company. However, in the nearby future, prices are likely to fall. Almost every week, there is another rocket-launch company that’s starting up with a new way to get to orbit cheaper, faster and better.

Ireland has set its eyes on its space mission, which aims to gain new understanding of space weather, its effect on society, the planet and technology. Under the space mission, a sculpture will also be taken to space, which would be made using space-qualified materials.

NASA has been working on a project in which it is trying to find out ways to keep humans healthy for periods of time in space, mitigating health risks, such as bone density loss and muscle atrophy.

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For the first time, meat has been created in space using 3D bioprinted “space beef”. An Israeli company announced on October 7 that its experiment aboard the international space station resulted in the first-ever meat in space.

NASA is funding a variety of projects, aimed at the exploration of the moon and Mars, focussing on issues such as cryogenics, energy production and independent mobility.
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Are you infected by a pandemonium of huge work stress? As jobs become difficult to find and keep, we are also becoming increasingly concerned about our income. We end up investing long hours at office at the cost of other important aspects of our lives. If you too have relegated vacations down your list of priorities, it is time to recognise that taking vacation is as important as good food and exercise. Taking a long or short vacation will make you happy and free and it will open you to a new perspective of life.
With the world in a state of maximum political turmoil, many people want to feel as if they are making a difference even when they are vacationing. It feels good to help other people and that is the travel trend in 2020 which is going to take off in a big way. The transformative element might not just be about helping others, but also helping oneself. This could be by taking a small break from your career or your work station or by choosing destinations that are away from the touristy norm. We see this in community work trips and yoga retreats.

The countries like Brazil, Sweden, Austria, Norway and Switzerland allow its citizens to take vacations while on work. Brazil, Finland and France offer an average of 30 days vacation. That’s an entire month of vacation! Workers in countries like the U.K., France, Italy, Spain and Germany get plenty of time to enjoy long breaks from work. According to the World Economic Forum, the European countries have to reward their workforce with more than 30 days annual vacation entitlement. The U.K. enjoys the highest number of days off work with 28 statutory days and 9 public holidays. However, employers are entitled to some or all of the public days in the overall vacation entitlement.

Australia also has a holiday culture with employees enjoying 20 statutory days holiday each year, topped up with eight public holidays. The public attitudes to holidays differ from country to country. In some nations, long working hours are accompanied by lower minimum holiday allowances. South Korea gives its workers 15 days annual leave and in Japan the figure drops to 10 days, although both economies have 15 annual public holidays.
Couples, too, need to bond with each other away from home and work demands. Sharing travel experiences can ignite fresh sparks that last long after the couple returns home. Travel is a special way to deepen friendships as well. Whether it’s a quick ski break with co-workers or a week-long sun-and-sand getaway with your high school gang, travel will remind you to the good old times and help you spend quality time together. Travelling is also a great opportunity to make new friends – either fellow travellers or locals. Meeting and befriending new people is a valuable travel benefit. And once you've bonded, new possibilities for future travel unfold – either to visit them or to undertake a journey with them.
There is a new trend for taking a break from technology too. However, instead of looking at technology as something to be shunned, why not embrace it as something that can make your vacation even more fun? Whether you only need the technology to book your departure and return flights or a bunch of connecting flights, all you need is your mobile or tab and the internet. Simply visit the website of your chosen airline, pick the dates and flight times and you are set. You can even pre-pay any extra luggage you're checking in. Also, you can buy an in-flight meal in advance or pre-select that coveted window seat. You can also book the accommodation online along with foods. There are online aggregators where you don't need to call hotels. See some of the popular hotel deals and book your rooms. You can use your laptop or smartphone, whichever is the most convenient. You can even pay for your bookings online. Then, your booking confirmation or voucher will be delivered to your email. Once at the hotel, you can just flash that email and check in. Really that easy!
Escape from humdrum life

People seek from their travels what they don't have back home: better weather, nice scenery, the freedom to do what they want, experiences they can't normally have, a slow, relaxing pace. Admiring masterpieces in the Louvre or lying on a Hawaiian beach are wonderful breaks from the regular grind.

Taking vacation is chiefly helpful for workaholics who have trouble leaving their job behind. Stepping away from the workplace is good for you both mentally and physically. When you return to the job, you'll have had the space to look at the issues with fresh eyes. Travelling lets you to not only escape from the daily chores of life but also heal your mind. A new place with lots of fun distractions can work wonders. You'll return home more at peace with yourself and your challenging situations.
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Charismatic Christmas Markets
As Christmas bells are about to chime, the youngsters across the world are gearing up for the greatest festivity of the year. A Christmas market sets the right mood of the festival as it invites more and more people to browse for gift and taste the delicious seasonal treats.

The roots of the Christmas market can be found in Germany and it dates from the medieval age. From top-notch European cities to bizarre and brilliant Australian destination, New South Wales, check out the best Christmas markets happening around the world. Festive, joyful and brimming with a chock-full of delicious Christmas treats and more, soak up the holiday spirit with some of the most delightful Christmas markets around the world happening this year.
Lindau is one of the romantic gateways in Germany. In winter, this German island looks spectacular for its Christmas preparation and natural setting. Located in the state of Bavaria, Lindau is located on the eastern side of the Lake Constance (known as “Bodensee” in German), the third-biggest lake in Europe. The Christmas market in Lindau which takes place right on the harbour side, with stunning views of the snow-covered Alpine Mountains, is best enjoyed with a glass of “glühwein” (mulled wine).

Sir Winston Churchill once said, “Christmas is a season not only of rejoicing but of reflection.” Here at Lindau, you see that reflection of colour and happiness. Lindau is well connected to the mainland by a bridge. This German island is a showpiece with its magnificent harbour, guarded by a Bavarian lion and ancient lighthouse.

Lindau, Germany
This southern Polish Christmas market has its reference from 19th century. Today, Rynek Glowny (Main Market Square) is home to hundreds of wooden stalls selling wares from local toymakers, homeware designers and metalworkers. Here you can pick up a traditional Christmas decoration for your tree, like one of the hand-painted glass baubles (a Polish specialty). The Krakow Christmas market starts from the last weekend of November till early January. When you visit this Christmas market, you can also choose to see some of the most important landmarks of the city. Some of the popular tourist attractions are Cloth Hall, St. Mary's Basilica, Town Hall Tower, Rynek Underground Museum, Florianska Street and Barbican Fort. Hall Tower, Rynek Underground Museum, Florianska Street and Barbican Fort.

**Krakow, Poland**
Arlington, one of Texas' largest cities, also puts on one of the state's most popular Christmas markets. This family-friendly German-inspired market is nestled next to Globe Life Park and features holiday gifts, decorations and other traditional festive goods, as well as an array of live entertainment. The visitors can ensconce themselves in the Warming Haus while kids can enjoy watching the Christkindl Angel and get a selfie with Santa himself. This Christmas market also claims to be the only place in the southwest where you can find exclusive KätheWohlfahrt Christmas decorations and designs from the renowned Rothenburgob der Tauber Christmas Village in Germany.
his German-styled Asian Christmas market in Japan's busiest city, Tokyo, Roppongi Hills Christmas Market never fails to bring the Christmas spirit alive. This attractive market features some of the extravagant decorations that are sure to make you feel like you have stumbled onto Santa's sack of toys! From fancy bistros to hundreds of shopping options, exhibitions to upscale restaurants, Tokyo's Roppongi Hills is one of the modern landmarks in the country. If you visit Roppongi Hills, make a plan to visit Maman. Roppongi Hills' friendly, scary spider landmark and Mori Garden are other prominent landmarks. Tokyo's oldest Christmas market is held at Roppongi Hills's Oyane Plaza. The Christmas market has been held to recreate the one in Stuttgart, Germany, which is known as the largest Christmas market in the world. At the market, traditional German Christmas food, beverage and over 2,000 Christmas crafts are sold. Along with the jolly Christmas atmosphere in the market, enjoy the romantic illuminations at Roppongi Hills held at the same period, including the huge Christmas trees and the famous Keyakizaka Street illumination.
Carriageworks Christmas Farmers Market is one of the most important attractions here. This market is held on the last Friday night before December 25, providing more than 160 stalls loaded with fresh seasonal produce and gourmet gifts ready to be picked up just in time for Santa's arrival. Visit the converted train sheds in inner-city Eveleigh to secure ham, seafood, cherries, cheese and plum pudding before the big day. Carriageworks Christmas Market is the perfect place to buy food and gifts from 120 local producers and artisans. The local food and produce has been confirmed as the key focus for the event this year. So, expect a bounty of fresh hams, lambs and seafood, as well as cheese and Christmas puddings, among others, all sourced from New South Wales. In short, the Christmas market is one-stop destination for all your Christmas entertaining needs. When you visit here, you can go to some of the tourist hotspots like Sydney Opera House, Royal Botanic Gardens, Bondi Beach, Blue Mountains, Wentworth Falls, Wollumbin National Park, Lord Howe Island and Hunter Valley Gardens.
Boeing appoints Beth Pasztor to supervise safety security and compliance

Boeing has appointed a 34-year company veteran to head a new organisation designed to streamline safety responsibilities across the company. The former Boeing Commercial Airplanes safety security and compliance vice president Beth Pasztor will head a new unit that aims unify safety-related responsibilities now managed by teams across several business and operating units. The Product Safety and Services organization will be responsible for reviewing all aspects of product safety, including investigating cases of undue pressure and anonymous concerns raised by employees. Beth Pasztor will also oversee the company's accident investigation team and safety review boards as well as the system that allows Boeing staff to represent the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration in airplane certification activities. Beth Pasztor and other engineers throughout the company will report to Boeing chief engineer Greg Hyslop.

New Appointments

European Waterways appoints Julie Garratt as Reservations Manager

European Waterways has announced the appointment of Julie Garratt as the company's new Sales and Reservations Manager, effective October 14, 2019. She replaces Mark Robinson, who will be stepping down from the position after five years and continue to assist the company on future projects. Garratt will work out of the company's headquarters in Datchet, Berkshire, United Kingdom.
Cvent appoints Graham Pope as Head of European Sales for its Hospitality Cloud Platform

Cvent has announced the hiring of Graham Pope as Head of European Sales for its Hospitality Cloud platform, which offers hoteliers digital advertising and software solutions for their MICE business. Graham Pope has nearly 14 years of experience in the event and software-as-a-service (SaaS) spaces and will be based at Cvent's European headquarters in London. As the head of European Sales for Cvent's Hospitality Cloud, Graham Pope will drive continued growth in Europe and support the company's expansion into new and emerging markets. Pope and his team will look to develop and deepen relationships with both new and existing Cvent customers to address their needs and find new ways to support their MICE and corporate business goals.

Molitor appoints Laura Cuinier as director of sales

The iconic Parisian five-star hotel, Molitor has welcomed Laura Cuinier as its new Director of Sales, joining the team during an exciting year as the hotel celebrates its 90th anniversary. Laura Cuinier's appointment follows the most recent additions to the Molitor team which includes Gregory Millon as General Manager and Chef Nader Hassan, who oversees the vibrant dining options, Brasserie Urbaine and the seasonal roof-terrace. Laura brings extensive sales experience with a focus on MICE, leisure and corporate clients, and business development with a particular focus on the UK, French and US markets. She has previously worked with a number of prestigious Parisian hotels including The Peninsula Paris where she was Director of Sales for over five years, and prior to that, International Sales Manager at Hotel Plaza Athenée.
Festivals around the world are the most entertaining happenings, where you can let your hair down and literally take a chill pill.

Iceland Airwaves

Iceland Airwaves is one of the popular music festivals that started 15 years ago as a party in an airplane hangar. It has now become a favourite for in-the-know festival fans looking for a more intimate, authentic experience.

Venue: Reykjavik, Iceland
Date: 2-6 November, 2019
Kenu and Kundu Festival offers live music, traditional dancing, local art & craft displays and drama performances for all ages. This music extravaganza is also the celebration of customary Papuan ways of living, but it's the impeccably crafted kundu drums and canoes that steal the show.

Venue: Alotau, Papua New Guinea
Date: 4-6 November, 2019
Guy Fawkes Night is one of the popular events in U.K. attracting millions of tourists. Annually held on November 5, Guy Fawkes Night or Bonfire Night marks the anniversary of the discovery of a plot organized by Catholic conspirators to blow up the Houses of Parliament in London in 1605.

**Venue:** London, U.K.

**Date:** 5th November, 2019
GSoNoRo International Festival celebrates the vibrant part of world classical music. The concert was held in Iasi, Bucharest, Cluj-Napoca and Arad. This quite intellectual music festival was first held in 2006 and was the brainchild of the violinist Răzvan Popovici, from Romania (who had spent much of his life in Bavaria) and Latvian pianist Diana Ketler.

Venue: Romania
Date: 1st to 17th November, 2019
Palden Lhamo festival is celebrated on the 15th day of the 10th lunar month in the Tibetan calendar. This festival marks the honour of a wrathful deity called Palden Lhamo. She is thought of as Tibet's protector deity, a defender of Tibetan Buddhism in Tibet and Mongolia, and the special protector of the Panchen Lama and the Dalai Lama who are the religion's traditional main leaders.

Venue: Tibet and China
Date: 23 November, 2019
EVENTS CALENDAR 2019-20

**Pune**
29, 30 Nov, Dec 01 2019

**Hyderabad**
06, 07, 08 Dec 2019

**Kochi**
23, 24, 25 Jan 2020

**Kolkata**
21, 22, 23 Feb 2020

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The annual ITE Hong Kong, the city's only travel fair, has 2 days for trade and professionals requiring registration for admission. Despite protest marches on the previous Sunday, the day before opening and the last day, ITE 2019 held as scheduled and drew 11613 buyers and trade visitors, down some 6%, of whom 63% from Hong Kong, 22% from Guangdong, 4% from other parts of China, and 11% from other Asia. By sectors, over 6000 from travel agents, while some 2200 from MICE and corporation.

ITE MICE is the only MICE show in the Greater Bay Area (the Bay), which includes three of China’s top five cities of Hong Kong, Shenzhen and Guangzhou and 8 other major cities in the Pearl River Delta. The Bay has a cumulative GDP of US$1.69 trillion and population of 68 million. Attending ITE's 2 public days were 73665 quality visitors, of whom 85% FIT or private tour, while 67% book at fairground and 61% online booking directly with suppliers like airlines and hotels, so accessible to overseas sellers.

With international tourism expenditure in 2018 totaling US$26.5 billion, up 4.3%, Hong Kong ranked World's 11st & Asia 3rd largest Source Market! Apparently, Hong Kong citizens keep traveling abroad despite recent social unrest, and made in July this year 7.973 million departures, up 2.3%, of which 1.233 million via Airport though inbound has been seriously affected!
Highly international, 87.5% of ITE's 675 exhibitors from 56 international destinations including mainland China (over half from outside Asia), and 141 exhibitors present MICE travel products! A pioneer in Asia, ITE also highlight theme travels popular with up market travelers.

ITE offers exhibitors B2B, B2 MICE, B2C programs each with free and optional services, which can include e-newsletter promotions, Business Matching for quick dating between buyers and sellers, assistance in holding trade seminar or workshop, sponsorship, online and onsite advertising etc.

Organized by TKS Exhibition Services Ltd., for examples, ITE is supported by the Ministry of Culture and Tourism of the People's Republic of China and Hong Kong Tourism Board, other tourism authorities, trade associations of Travel and MICE industries etc.
China remains the world's biggest market in outbound tourism with nearly 150 million outbound visits made by Chinese travellers in 2018, up 14.7 percent year-on-year, according to a newly-released report by the China Tourism Academy and Ctrip.

Apart from those visitors bound for Hong Kong, Taiwan, and Macao, about 71.25 million were outbound to international destinations, according to statistics by the National Immigration Administration.

Shanghai, Beijing and Guangzhou are China’s three major export ports, but the "new first-tier cities” such as Chengdu and Chongqing have contributed the largest number of new outbound tourists, and their tourism spending has been comparable to that of the first-tier cities.

Chengdu, the host city of Chengdu International Tourism Expo (CITE) remained the fourth largest outbound source market, just behind Shanghai, Beijing and Guangzhou. Chongqing catapulted from 10th in 2017 to the 5th position in 2018. The rest of the top 10 cities were Shenzhen, Nanjing, Wuhan, Xi'an and Hangzhou.

CITE 2019 brings you hosted buyers from some of the top 10 generating outbound markets including Chengdu, Chongqing, Wuhan and Xi'an among the rest.

Be it an attraction or a popular filming location; a destination management company or NTO/RTO; hotels, resorts or safaris, the CITE Buyers are ready and eager to “MEET YOU” in CITE 2019 as they seek partner overseas travel and tour stakeholders to expand their travel products worldwide in order to cater to the burgeoning travel demands.

Our hosted buyers are selected and pre-qualified by a specialised team, and profiled according to your business requirements. You can expect to meet them during the two days of networking lunches and curated B2B sessions.

Into its 7th edition, the Chengdu International Tourism Expo (CITE) takes place from 28 to 30 November 2019 at the Century City New International Convention & Exhibition Center.

The three-day show spanning 10,000 square metres features 300 exhibitors from more than 30 countries and regions.
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

4th – 6th
WTM LONDON
LONDON, UK
london.wtm.com

6th – 7th
LEISURE, HOSPITALITY & TOURISM WORLD 2019
Sao Paulo, Brazil
www.iltmlatinamerica.com

7th – 10th
THE LUXURY TRAVEL FAIR 2019
London, Olympia
luxurytravelfair.com

8th – 10th
PHILOXENIA 2019
Thessaloniki, Greece
philoxenia.helexpo.gr/en

14th
HOTEL MANAGEMENT INDONESIA SUMMIT
Jakarta, Indonesia
questexevent.com/HotelManagementSummit/2019/indonesia
16th – 17th
SALON INTERNATIONAL DU TOURISME DE LA CÔTE D’AZUR 2019
Cannes, France
cannes-destination.com/cannes/salon-international-du-tourisme/fmapaca06v50azlf

19th – 21st
IBTM World
Barcelona, Spain
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21st – 24th
INTUR 2019
Valladolid, Spain
feriavalladolid.com/intur/

21st – 23rd
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Warsaw, Poland
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28th – 30th
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