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Dear Readers,

Tourism will be among the hardest hit of all the economic sectors due the coronavirus pandemic, the movement around the world is almost restricted and at the moment it hard to imagine what travel will look like when it eventually ramps back up. In the new projection by World Tourism Organisation (UNWTO), in 2020 the number of international tourist arrivals will plummet by 20-30 per cent which might lead to an estimated loss in tourism receipts of between US\$300-450 billion. However, the industry is working together to narrow down the impact of the crisis and support wider recovery. But the travel industry intends to bounce back and we adhere to the saying that-Tough times never last, but tough people do!

Even if you are stuck at home you can still enjoy amazing sights and experiences by opting for an interactive online tour to gaze over the marvels which the world has to offer. Read Destination Diary for an immersive experience from the comfort of your couch. We list some of the enchanting road trips in the Cover Story which will make you wish that the journey never ends. Humanity's dream of flying came true with Volocopter which is the first manned, fully electric and safe VTOL in the world. Read Tech iT to know why it is so unique.

Family Cruises are designed to attract guests across multiple generations by providing incredible entertainment and unforgettable activities. The planning is taken care of so that you can focus on the bonding. Read Travel Tendency to get some solace during these testing times. Although the meetings industry is facing a major setback it will surely bounce back once the tide is over and there will be many convention and exhibition centres to welcome businesses. Read Meetings Point to know more. If you are not using a travel agent you are probably missing out on something or your valuable time is taken care of by the travel aggregators who are currently setting the trend of defining what you want out of a vacation. Read the Special Feature and decide by yourself!

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CONVENE IN TOUGH TIMES

Great Challenge To Organise A Safe & Productive Event

Coronavirus (COVID-19) continues to spread rapidly turning the world upside down. Travel and tourism industry is the first sector to feel the heat of the crisis. Event planners and meeting organisers are cancelling or postponing their events owing to the outbreak. Uncertainty looms over the future of the event industry. The financial losses incurred till now are huge and these gloomy days are to continue for some time now. However, with all governments gearing up to take stringent steps to curb the disease, there is hope that this too shall pass.

Hoping to get over this situation soon, it would help to have a list of meeting venues that you can consider for your next meeting. Besides, there are some areas that are either least affected or have successfully contained the spread that can be your meeting venue once the things get back to normal.

Millennium Hotel and Convention Centre, Kuwait

Millennium Hotel and Convention Centre is just 10 minutes away from the progressive Kuwait City. It is a luxurious 5-star hotel and the convention centre stands tall in the Salmiya area. It also provides easy access to the adjacent financial and business district. This city has maximum temperature of 52^o Celsius. May or June is normally the best time to organize an event here. It has 21 different function rooms including a stunning ballroom and more than 6,000 sq.m. of conference space.



Phoenix Convention Centre and Venues, Arizona, USA

Phoenix, Arizona's most popular city, boasts an average of 107 hot days per year with a temperature of at least 100°F (38°C). The city also records a staggering 122°F (50° degrees C). Here the Phoenix Convention Centre and Venues plays a major role by maintaining all the standards recommended by the World Health Organisation. This convention centre is located in the centre of a vibrant walkable downtown and here you can get a variety of urban eateries, live music, professional sports, art museums and much more to engage yourself after your hectic meeting schedule. The Phoenix Convention Center is 4 miles from the Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport and has more than 3,000 hotel rooms within walking distance.



Atta Centre, Riga, Latvia

After few months, you may organize an event here. Atta Centre is the largest business centre in the Baltics with a total area of 15,000 sq.m This hub of meeting industry will combine all the services necessary for the millennials, including 29 conference rooms, an office centre and co-working space, a restaurant with a terrace, as well as a large parking lot with charging stations for electric vehicles. Now Riga Tourism Development Bureau (RTAB) has composed a Crisis Management Council of its own and has commenced work on a tourism industry restoration plan to energise tourism industry.



Dubai International Convention & Exhibition Centre, Dubai, Abu Dhabi

Dubai every year experiences 54^o Celsius in summer. Dubai International Convention & Exhibition centre (DICEC) is one of largest event venues in the region. It was opened in 2003, and now Dubai International Convention & Exhibition Centre hosts mega consumer shows and prestigious conventions under one roof. It welcomes more than 3,000 000 visitors from 160 global markets every year in more than 111,000 sq. m. of its exhibition area.



Norway Convention Center, Oslo, Norway

Norway Convention Center is the biggest and most well known conference centre. If you are planning to host any exhibition in Oslo, then this convention centre will be your perfect destination. The Norway Convention Centre hosts a number of international events, tradeshow and business events. It can accommodate up to 12,000 delegates.

Oslo Congress Centre, Oslo, Norway

Another important conference site is the Oslo Spektrum or Oslo Congress centre. This is easily accessible by train and is located close to the airport. It boasts 20 meeting rooms, can handle up to 1,400 delegates and has an exhibition area of 1,100 sq.m.



Messukeskus Helsinki Expo and Convention Centre, Helsinki, Finland

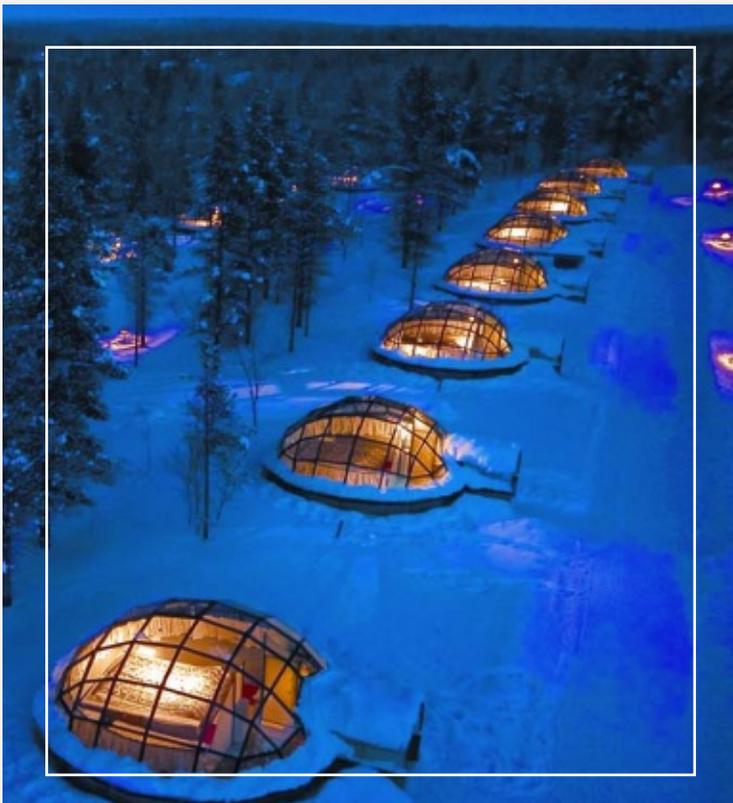
Helsinki promises to take all necessary measures to stop the spreading of COVID-19. Maybe things will get better and you can plan an event in the month of June, July and August. Messukeskus Helsinki Expo and Convention Centre is one of the popular convention centres in the country. The premises of this convention centre and exhibition hall include seven exhibition halls, 40 meeting rooms and the 4,400-seat Amfi Hall auditorium.

Let's hope the situation improves and everything gets back to normalcy soon!



United Nations named Finland as world's happiest country for the third time

For the third consecutive year, Finland has been named the world's happiest country. The annual United Nations World Happiness Report released its 2020 edition where Finland has been declared as the world's happiest country. As per the report the reasons for happiness is good social support networks, social trust, honest governments, safe environments and healthy lives. Four countries could claim the top spot since the first report in 2012- Denmark in 2012, 2013 and 2016, Switzerland in 2015, Norway in 2017 and Finland in 2018, 2019 and 2020.

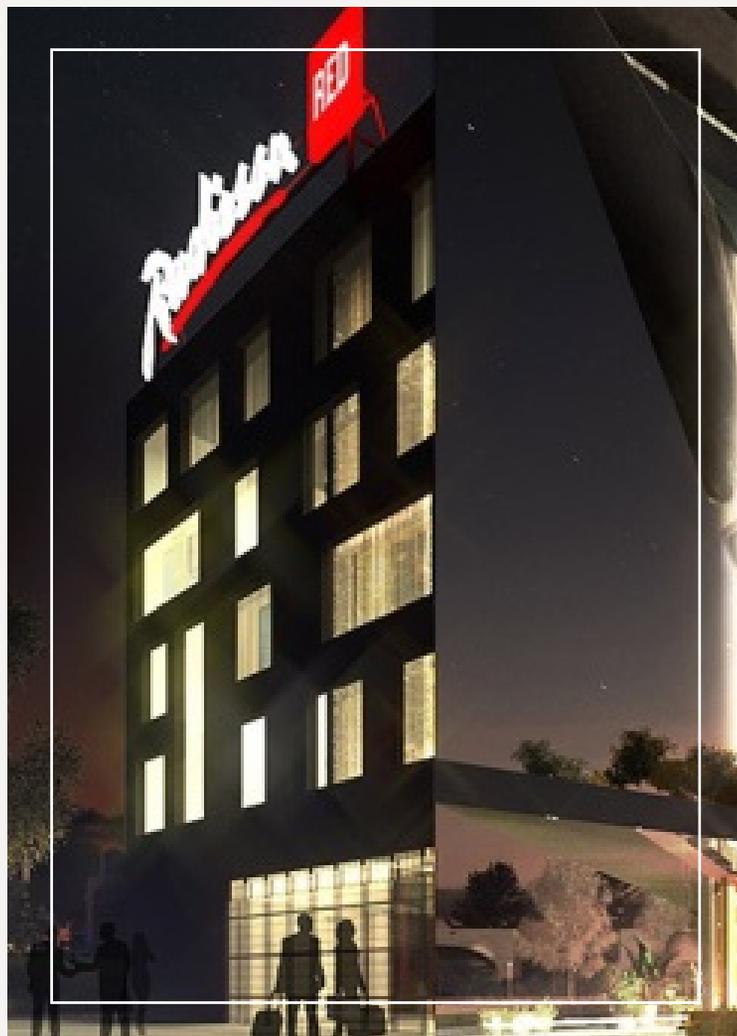


Longleat Safari Park opens with strict hygiene standards

Longleat has announced its drive-through safari park will be open for visitors from 20th March 2020. While Longleat House, walk through animal areas and other attractions are temporarily closed as a result of the Coronavirus (COVID-19), the world-famous Safari Park will continue to operate under strict hygiene standards.

60,00 flights saved annually due to current high-speed rail travel

Grant Shapps, the Transport Secretary said that HS1 is a true success story and they are fully committed to expanding international high-speed rail links between the UK and the rest of Europe as part of their work to be a truly Global Britain. The huge potential of high-speed rail is demonstrated in the new partnership to help the UK reach its net zero carbon emission target by 2050. Once the Eurostar's routes to Amsterdam and Rotterdam reach their full potential and all other international destination are added to the network passenger which could make up to 4.9 million more international train trips in a year.



Radisson Hotel Group opens its new hotel in Germany

Radisson Hotel Group has signed its first Radisson Red Hotel in Germany. In a central city location, the new Radisson Red Cologne will be located which is just a stone's throw from UNESCO World Heritage recognized Cologne Cathedral. A new building for the lifestyle brand of the Radisson Hotel Group with an existing listed hotel property is being redesigned and supplemented.

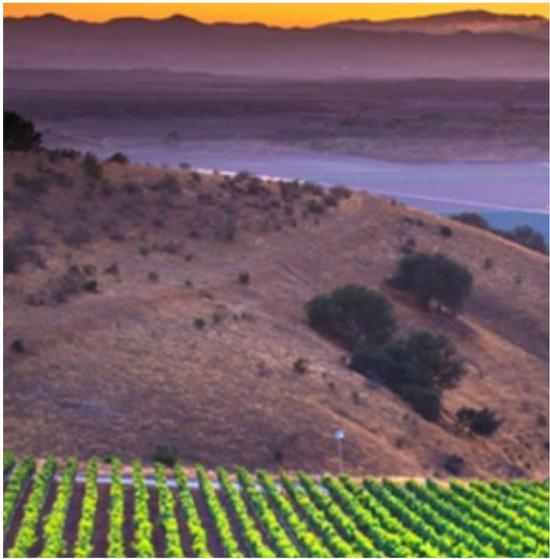


Cover Story

Breathtaking Road Trips for Your Perfect Adventure



Exploring destinations by road is more interesting than any other mode of travel. From California's mega-highway 1 to the twists and turns of Scotland's North Coast drive, TTW brings to you three most beautiful road trips which proves that journey is sometimes more important and interesting than the final destinations.



Highway One, Monterey County, California

Highway One is ranked first among the United States' most scenic roads. This coast hugging road runs from point south of Los Angeles to Mendocino County in the north. The most iconic stretch is the Monterey region. Heading south from Monterey, Highway One passes through the beautiful seaside haven of Carmel-by-the-Sea and on to the rugged Big Sur coastline. While you travel, you can see the magnificent cliffs, towering redwoods and the famous Bixby Creek Bridge – just one of Monterey County's spectacular curve bridges.

What to see here

County of Monterey

Monterey County offers you iconic experiences. Here you can book an ocean-view hotel on the beach, relax after a long drive and then explore the shops and attractions of the iconic Cannery Row. You can also taste handcrafted wines at tucked-away tasting rooms where the winemaker might just be the person pouring for you. Later you take a surfing lesson and catch a sight of a barefoot beach wedding as you ride your board to shore. And here you can play 18 holes at legendary golf courses in Monterey. Or else, pack a picnic and watch the sunset on the white sands of the Carmel Beach.

Distance you cover





Carmel-by-the-Sea

It is a beautiful small beach side city offering you plenty of options to unwind at any luxurious hotels. If you stay here for two days, this small hamlet will reward you with the finest scenery, historic sites, famous art galleries, bistros and boutique shops. Carmel Beach has always attracted beach-lovers from different parts of the world. People gather at the foot of the Ocean Avenue to catch a few rays, play in the surf and revel at nature's spectacular sunset. Carmel Beach is also canine-friendly, so dogs and their masters come every day to leap for joy at this California treasure..

Big Sur

Big Sur is California's pride. It is a rocky and mountainous section of the Central Coast of California located between Carmel Highlands and San Simeon. Big Sur is known as world's most unforgettable 90 miles long stretch of coastline. Stop at the lush green parks along the coastline, boost your energy and see the endangered California condors, largest birds of North America, or scan the swells for migrating whales or sea otters floating among the dense beds of kelp. Besides the sightseeing from the highway, Big Sur also offers hiking and outdoor activities.



The waterfall is situated near the foundation of a grand stone cliffside house built in 1940 by Lathrop and Hélène Hooper Brown. However, parking space is very limited and usually unavailable on summer weekends and holidays.



Atlantic Road, Norway

Atlantic Road in Norway is on every road racer's bucket list for its breathtaking, scenic route. Atlantic Road extends just over five miles, connecting the small hamlets of Vevang and Kårvåg via a beautiful archipelago and series of bridges. It is listed amongst the world's best road trips not only for its beauty but also for its adventure thrill.

This route was originally proposed as a railway line in the early 20th century, but this was abandoned. Later the serious planning of the road started during 1970s and construction was started on August 1, 1983. During construction, this Atlantic Road was hit by 12 European windstorms and strong blizzards. The road was opened on July 7, 1989. It is preserved as a cultural heritage site and is classified as a National Tourist Route.

This roadway is not for the fainthearted drivers. The Atlantic Road twists and turns through one of country's most dramatic, storm-prone seas and across the awe-inspiring Storseisundet Bridge. This bridge is the tallest of the road's eight bridges and a curved architectural feat that, when viewed from certain angles, appears to drop off straight into the sea.

Distance you cover





Where to start and where its ends

This Atlantic Road begins at Utheim on Averøy, close to the village of Kårvåg. This roadway runs onto the island of Kuholmen. Then it crosses the 115 m long Little Lauvøysund Bridge onto the island of Lille Lauvøy. Then this road continues across the 52 m long Store Lauvholmen Bridge onto Store Lauvøy. Next it crosses the Geitøysund Bridge to Geitøya, which features a viewpoint and parking. Take rest there and again start your journey. It then runs across Eldhusøya and Lyngholmen, before reaching Ildhusøya, where there are some local inns, parking and a viewpoint. Next stop is Storseisundet Bridge. It is a cantilever bridge of 260 m long. It then runs across Flatskjæret. The route reaches the mainland Norway over the 119 m long Vevangstraumen Bridge.

What Atlantic Road offers

Eldhusøya

The elevated trail goes over the roof of the service building, which twists along the south side of Eldhusøya. It is a pattern of specially designed windows that decorates the 150 m long façade.



Askevågen viewpoint

It is a small, yet cool viewing platform located at the tip of the breakwater. It offers you a close encounter with the Atlantic Ocean. The crude, rusty steel gives the viewpoint a distinct structure and the green glass walls protect you from the ocean spray.



North Coast 500, Scotland

“ Our silent love wanders in Glen
Fruin with butterflies and cuckoos –
Bring me the drowsy country thing!
Let it drift above the traffic

By the open window with a cloud of witnesses –
A sparkling burn, white lambs, the blaze of gorse,
The cuckoos calling madly, the real white clouds
over us,
White butterflies about your hand in the short hot
grass...

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(Taken from *A City Balcony* by Edwin Morgan)

It is a 500 miles long road trip that takes you to some of the beautiful coastal scenery of Scotland. Hopping into a car and heading towards the Scottish Highland will be an amazing experience. From the outstanding drive through Glencoe through the most astonishing landscapes of the Isle of Skye – there is absolutely no lack of incredible picturesque places in Scotland to enjoy a road trip. Perhaps the best way to enjoy Scotland is on the North Coast 500.

Distance you cover





Rough Guides to North Coast 500

This North Coast 500 route starts in Inverness and loops around the north coast. Here you will discover everything from Iron Age architectural buildings to white sandy beaches, ideal lochs, spectacular high mountains and winding roads. This route crosses along the west coast to Applecross and then northwards towards the towns of Torridon and Ullapool. You can visit some of the northern coastal areas in Scotland, passing by Caithness and John o' Groats before heading south. And then again come through Dingwall and finally back to Inverness.

What you see here

Easter Ross

Easter Ross is filled with history and romance. With its seaboard villages, this area is blessed with a fabulous past, unrivalled views from the Fyrish monument and seals basking along the coastal region. Here you can learn how whisky is made as Easter Ross is home to three malt whisky distilleries. This region offers some of the unparalleled views across the waters to Aberdeenshire which can be seen from the shores of Portmahomack, Milton and Cadboll.



Wester Ross

It is a land of magnificent landscapes, mysterious hilly regions, mist shrouded mountain peaks and Mediterranean styled calm sea beaches. Drive through the thriving rural communities and enjoy the vibrant rural Scottish culture stretching back thousands of years to the Neolithic ages. This region truly offers stunning area of extravagant landscapes, lochs and roads.



Inverness-Shire

Inverness is a cultural hub of Scotland. It is located astride the River Ness. While driving, you can uncover the city's fabulous Scottish cuisine, traditional live music and picturesque riverside walks. Stay here for few days and enjoy the peaceful scenery. The capital of the Highlands offers many a things to see and do, not to mention the unbelievable scenery and attractions. Here the Inverness Castle overlooks the flowing River Ness and can remind you of the Shakespearean drama "Macbeth". The laterite sand-stone castle was built in 1836, but its history dates back to the 1500s.

Sutherland

See here the spectacular north western scenery, where the mountains meet the sea, to the mixed lands of the east. You can also spot some of the fishing communities, golf courses, old castles, archaeological wonders and quaint harbours.

If you really want to know these places and want to experience the local livelihood and culture, renting a car and driving along the roads will be a good choice. While driving, you can have a chance to explore the hidden areas, which will surely be a breathtaking, awe-inspiring and unforgettable.

With the boom of internet technologies around the world, we are led to believe the role of travel agents would be endangered. Some say, travel agents are “useless”. They claim they can get all necessary information regarding destinations, tourist locations, weather updates of the regions, hotels and airlines from websites or from aggregators. But whatever may be the case, human travel agents are still indispensable as they offer a completely hassle-free and peaceful trip.

Evolution of travel agents

To be sure, many travel agents are no longer operational. In the U.S., there are about 13000 travel retail locations serving all over the nation. Now the question is are they on the verge of extinction? Are they losing importance? But as there is a boom of online bookings, new breeds of agents have emerged to serve the best. They target luxury, business and niche travellers who value personal relationships and expertise over savings. With that travellers get customized packages at a value price.

During General Recession in 2009, the luxury and business travel got the hardest hit. It took to serious losses, especially giving out several discounted packages. At that time, the traditional travel agents experienced a huge loss, which was nearly a quarter of their revenues.



Online Research, Bookings and Shared Economy

We are living in the age of Big Data and highly advanced Information Technology. Social media has developed largely. Here comes the bloggers. Travel bloggers travel a lot and pen down their own experiences. Most of the millennials while planning for any vacation conduct a lot of research. Blogs are important platform to know about destinations, places, and other necessary information about the destinations. The travellers research about the particular destinations and book hotels, flight tickets from websites.

Over the years, as online booking websites and sharing economy became more popular, travel agents diminished in importance. All those websites, travel aggregator portals and social media sites have made it easy for travellers to cut out the travel agents and plan their own trips by booking directly with airlines, hiring cars and booking hotels.

Complicated and Specialty Trips

However, there are times when travel agents prove extremely useful. Travel agents play a pivotal role if you are planning a costly trip, planning a honeymoon or something fancy or travelling with a large group. They have access to a number of deals and bulk buying options what the solo consumers do not have especially when it comes to group tours, high-end flights and cruises. They are also perfect for people who just don't want to handle a big, complicated trip themselves.

The tour operators have close relationships with airline companies, cruised, hotels and railways and can often get better rates and last-minute deals. The travel agents often can find much lower prices and can also act as relationship manager to the service providers when something goes wrong. The travel agents have regular contacts with the service providers.



Emerging Markets

Though there is a rapid rise in online travel market, still some people prefer offline platforms (travel agents or tour operators). People across China, Korea, India and Japan prefer offline bookings, especially when they don't speak the language of the destination they are planning to visit. In China, people travel in groups. They prefer travel agents for booking.

The social media platforms and mobile travel applications are expected to continue to whittle away the remaining agency share. But the travel agents who embrace technology can improve their client experience. There is a chance for survival.

It is predicted that the advent of new technologies would hide the necessity for human travel agents or tour operators which has underestimated the requirements of millennials, baby boomers, MICE executives, solo or family travellers and the super-niche travellers.

Are travel agents still useful?

The answer is Yes! Travel agents are for people who don't want to spend bulk hours researching for their trips (May it be for business or honeymoon). Travels agents come helpful for those who are not experienced travellers or those who are travelling in a large group. Now, there is a steady rise of travel agents, especially among millennials who try to outsource the time-intensive activities of researching and booking.





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and requirements of the European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA). The world's first full-scale air taxi vertiport was unveiled at the Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS) World Congress in Singapore. Volocopter collaborated with Skyports, the vertiport developer, owner and operator, to develop the VoloPort. Aircraft, infrastructure and the necessary regulation are the three main aspects. By using the most modern and safe processes, the VoloPort's design offers an exceptional passenger experience. Its modular design easily fits to the rooftops, railway stations, parking lots and other metropolitan locations. These ground-based infrastructure are very important for urban air mobility. VoloDrone is the fully electric utility drone with the capability of carrying an unprecedented payload. It is unmanned and has been designed and engineered to serve challenging missions across diverse industries.

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Volodrone increases productivity in the areas of plant protection, seed sowing, forest management, frost control and more. It can also assist in areas concerning daily operations, be it construction, maintenance or site planning.

Volocopter is just an app away -Catch a Volocopter at any time at one of the VoloPorts to fly to wherever you want to go. Simply call the air taxi by an app.

Be ready to get a new perspective of the city as traffic congestions and detours won't bother anymore.

Volocopters are extremely safe and adhere to the strictest international safety standards. However, experts still need to figure out how data will be stored if the number of air taxis increases.

The air taxis will require licensing and registration system of their own also as Volocopter is a Germany company it has to align with the EU's General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) requirements.

The helicopters have ferried the rich and famous for more than decades. It is now time to step into the age of future technology. Through advances in automation, battery power, and drone technology flying cars is now a reality so be ready to taste the technology.



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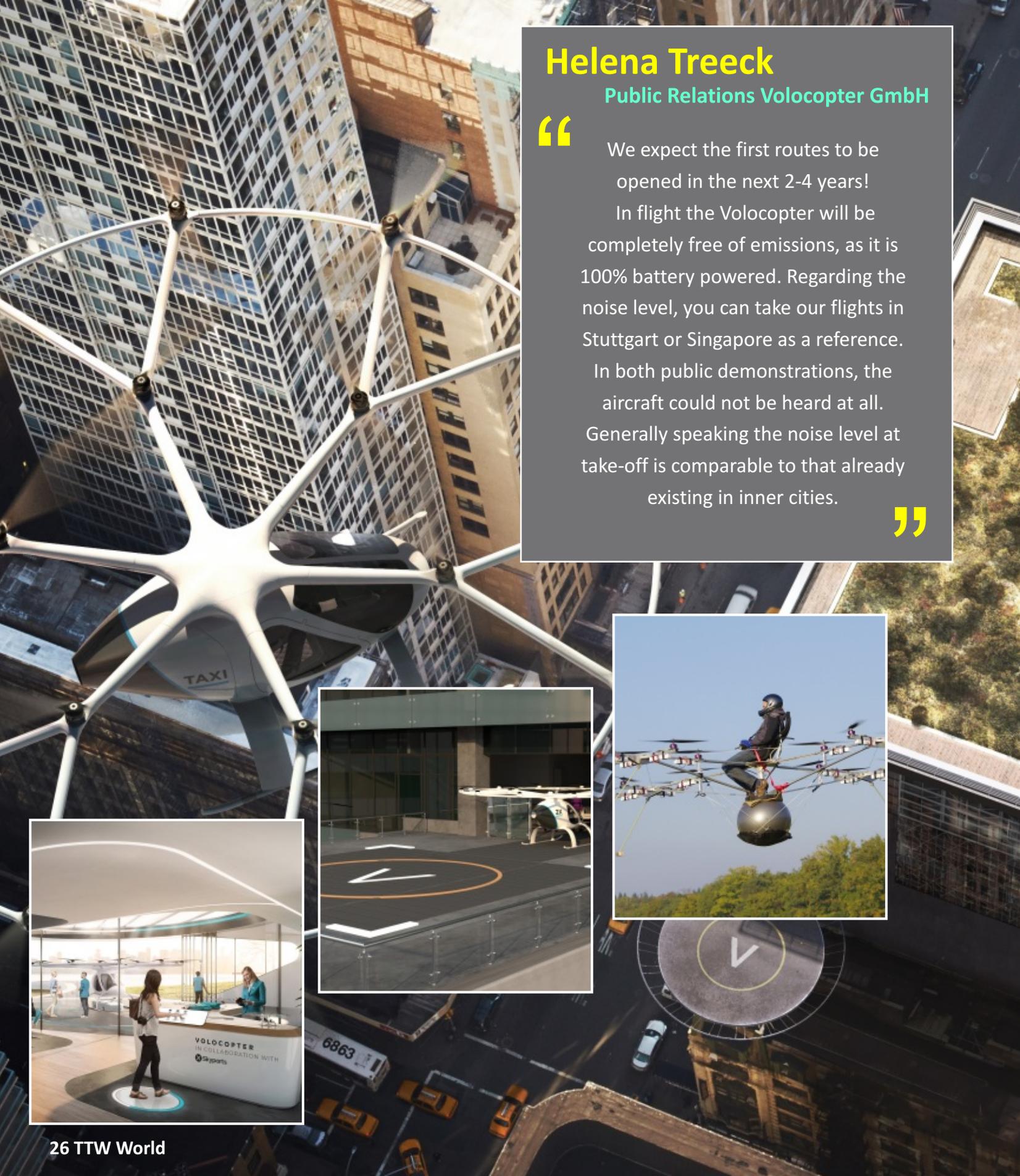
We expect the first routes to be opened in the next 2-4 years!

In flight the Volocopter will be completely free of emissions, as it is 100% battery powered. Regarding the noise level, you can take our flights in Stuttgart or Singapore as a reference.

In both public demonstrations, the aircraft could not be heard at all.

Generally speaking the noise level at take-off is comparable to that already existing in inner cities.

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Virtual tours

to keep tourism alive during testing times



People all over the world are practicing social distancing to contain the spread of coronavirus. Almost all public places like restaurants, bars, museums etc have been ordered to close down and tour operators are left with only a few options. Until May there will be no large gatherings and events with over 50 people are cancelled as suggested by the Centre of Disease Control and Prevention.

But there is a good news. We can still enjoy the signature experiences through virtual tours of some of the museums, historical sites and national parks .More than 2,500 museums and galleries around the world are in partnership with Google

Arts and Culture. One can easily get a virtual tour of the spaces. For those who wish to surround themselves with nature can travel through the trails of some of the most popular parks. Places like the San Diego Zoo, The Georgia Aquarium, the Monterey Bay Aquarium provide live webcam viewing of pandas, penguins and beluga whales. Those who have a more adventurous streak can take a virtual trip to Mars. A tour of a 3D replica of the martian surface recorded by the curiosity rover is provided by NASA in partnership with Google. If you find yourself stuck at home, then fret no more as you can still dream of having a virtual trip to these listed places:



Great Wall of China

- It is one of most impressive ancient structures on the planet with a history of more than 2,000 years. It stretches more than 3,000 miles across several provinces of Northern China. Virtual tour of some of the most visited sections of the wall can be done here.



Sistine Chapel- Explore the magnificent artwork without the crowds, even though Italy is in a lockdown mode. The Sistine Chapel is a part of the Pope's official residence, the Apostolic Palace. Its walls, ceilings and frescos are adorned by some of the great masterpieces in the history of art. Raphael, Bernini and Botticelli have contributed to it. The most popular is from the Book of Geneis which depicts the early scenes by Michelangelo and covers around 12,000 square feet. In actual tour, there is high possibility to not recognise some of the major scenes while during virtual tour you can spend all the time to thoroughly scan around and zoom in to see more details.



The British Museum London - The mind-blowing collection of the human history and culture is remarkably shown here. During the virtual tour, browse the exhibits by century, continent and themes like art, design, trade, conflict, religion and belief. In the multi-sensory Museum of the World, one would be spoilt for choice as each room highlights a particular exhibit of interest with links which will have further information about the artefacts. There is detailed biography, audio description and links to related objects. The Rosetta Stone, the Parthenon sculptures and the Egyptian mummies are must-see sights.



Anne Frank House, Amsterdam-It is time to put on the virtual reality glasses and discover more about the Secret Annex. See the place where Anne and her family lived before they started to hid. Visit an online exhibition to know more about Anne Frank's life. In the annex of the business premises at Prinsengracht 263, Anne's father in the spring of 1942 started making a hiding place and got help from his former colleagues. As the hiding place was cramped, Anne was afraid and remained quiet.



Louvre- Come along on a virtual tour and capture the essence of the history of Paris and the involvement of Napoleon in the most visited museum in the world. It was established in 1793 and many come to see Mona Lisa apart from the other breathtaking arts in the world. In 1993, the glass pyramids were built outside Louvre.

During the time of crisis, keep yourself hooked. Interesting places like National Palace Museum in Taiwan, The Metropolitan Opera, New York, Thyssen- Borne Misza Museum and many others provide online tours. So, stay home and take a virtual stroll in these attractions!

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Travel Tendency

Travelling with family creates memories of a lifetime. The key is to make the most out of a family getaway where there is adventure, convenience and diverse appeal for family members of different age groups. For kids, parents, teenagers and senior members, cruises can be a good choice for an impressive vacation where everyone has their own space.

Cruise ships are resorting to active pursuits and trying to make the day action packed in a safe environment. Kids can play freely and parents can be free from stress. There are security bracelets for younger children so that they can be easily tracked. Cruise Lines like Disney, Carnival, Royal Caribbean and Norwegian offer free child care. Most of them have baby care facility with parental participation for a nominal fee. Let's have a look at some of the exceptional services provided by some renowned cruise lines.

- MSC launched a new DOREBRO sports programme for 3-11 and 12-17 year old children. Also there are daily sessions for football, basketball, handball and dodgeball. There are DJ parties, talent shows and prom nights for the inquisitive teenagers.
- Animal lovers can go ahead with Galapagos cruises for a multi-generational encounter with the animals on land and in water.
- Among the younger customers character cruises are popular and many cruise lines have collaborations with animation brands. Kids can get close to characters like Shrek, Fiona and Po (Kung Fu Panda) during parades and workshops.
- Disney Cruise Lines is considered as children's Mecca and serves kids of different age groups. Flounders Reef Nursery is for children up to the age of 3 while the Oceaneer Club is for children between the age group of 3 to 7 and the Oceaneer Lab caters to children between the ages of 8 and 12. Apart from this there are other clubs. Aloft is an activity centre, Edge is teen's space and Vibe is an indoor lounge and sundeck. There are also age-appropriate pools, live shows and ports adventures.



- Carnival Cruise Lines offers Camp Carnival which is for children between the ages of 2 and 15. Activities are as per the age group and include cookie decorating, drawing, singing and splash pool. There are indoor fairs and outdoor games and activities including face painting. There is a special kid's menu to avail. Its popular route is Bermuda, so explore King's Wharf which is a green hilled island discovered 500 years ago.
- The Royal Caribbean offers Adventure Ocean for kids. The programme is named as the Royal Babies and Royal Tots, Aquanauts, Explorers and Voyagers. There are also teen-only venues. Rock climbing, surf simulator and ice-skating rinks are also there and Broadway-style shows are conducted here.
- The Holland America Line offers the programme Club. There are treasure hunts, puzzles and drawing contests, on-deck sports, golf putting and disco themed parties. The Loft and The Oasis has sports tournaments, trivia contests and movies for kids.



Things to consider before cruising with kids:

- ☀️ Make sure that the cruise you choose caters to kids of different age-groups. Also keep in mind the wide range of appeal, personality and pricing across different cruise lines.
- ☀️ Some cruises might have limited scope and have set age limits on most voyages such as there might be designated kid's club programmes for tots younger than 2 or kids who are not completely potty-trained might not be allowed. Some of the cruise lines prohibit diapered tots inside the pools.
- ☀️ It is suggested not to overschedule the trip. Keep your itinerary flexible as your kid might tire you out.
- ☀️ Consider the hygiene level of the pools.

Be right on board for an amazing trip. The grand list of programmes will keep the young ones occupied while you can get a chance to sneak in a few hours of warming up in the sun. Happily navigate the ebb and flow of life!

New Faces



Stephen Brown appointed as new General Manager of Crowne Plaza London – Docklands

Stephen Brown has been appointed as the new General Manager of Crowne Plaza London – Docklands. Stephen Brown will join the team at the centrally located 210-bedroom hotel, which is operated by the UK's leading hotel management company, RBH.

Ella Hagon has been promoted to Event Operations Manager of Science Museum

Ella Hagon has been promoted to Event Operations Manager, following a successful 18 months as Events Operation Executive. Her previous experience with the Science Museum will be invaluable when it comes to working with clients to create the most innovative events across the museum's spaces.



Rockliffe Hall appointed Teresa Kingston as Commercial Director

Rockliffe Hall has appointed Teresa Kingston as Commercial Director. Teresa Kingston will join the 61-bedroom hotel, in Hurworth, County Durham, on Monday 16th March to oversee the sales, marketing and events teams and deliver a new commercial plan for the resort, alongside Rockliffe Hall's Managing Director.





The Oetker Collection appoints Timo Gruenert as the new CEO

The Oetker Collection recently appointed Timo Gruenert as the new chief executive officer. The appointment follows the resignation of long-term chief executive Frank Marrenbach. After 23 long years of serving the hotel, he has decided to move on with a responsibility as the managing partner of Germany based Althoff Hotels.

Kevin Geanides appointed as General Manager of Little Palm Island Resort and Spa

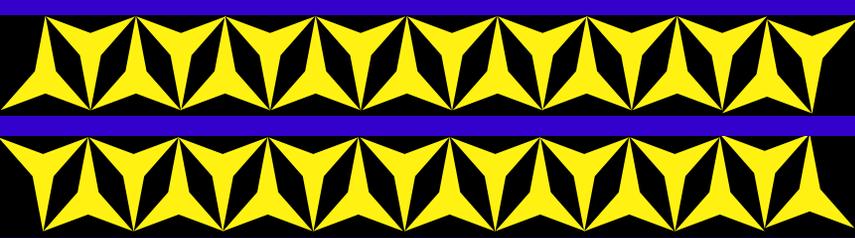
The luxury hotels and resorts collection, Noble House Hotels & Resorts recently announced the appointment of Kevin Geanides as the general manager of Little Palm Island Resort & Spa in the Florida Keys. The newly appointed Geanides will be bestowed with the responsibility of managing the resort's daily success, sales and marketing, budget as well as food and beverages. He will have the key role in overlooking all the operations of the ultra-luxurious resort and maintaining a focus on strategic goals.



Mona Juett appointed as the new Deputy Commissioner of Kentucky

Mona Juett has been nominated to act as the Deputy Commissioner for the Department of Tourism. She is the daughter of William Ernie and Charlotte Lewis. She is initially from Elliott County and was raised in Morehead. Mona most recently was associated as the Assistant Director for Resorts with the Department of Parks. Since 2007, she has worked for the Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet in various roles, including Research Director, Legislative Director and former Deputy Commissioner of the Department of Tourism.





World festival

From regional religious festivals to music and performing art fests, summer season welcomes everyone to celebrate. Here TTW lists some of the popular summer festivals around the world that can offer you extraordinary experiences and help you get to know a new country.

This is one of the most eclectic and beautiful Australian festivals set against the backdrop of Northern Territory's MacDonnell Ranges. This festival focuses on the aboriginal artists of the country. The objective of this music festival is to raise awareness about the ancient and yet unexplored art forms of the Aborigines that inhabited these lands.



Parrtjima

Place

Northern Territory, Australia



Date

3-12 April, 2020

Semana Santa

Semana Santa is one of the holy festivals in Brazil. With celebrations that date back to 1678, Ouro Preto in the Minas Gerais province of Brazil draws millions of people from far and wide each year to witness Semana Santa.

In this UNESCO World Heritage city, you can able to see the stories to clarify in the processions and performances, then visit exhibitions and film screenings of the event's history.



Place

Ouro Preto, Brazil

Date

9-15 April, 2020

Songkran

Songkran is Thailand's most popular festivals. Traditionally, people spent the festival period washing their homes and images of Lord Buddha with perfumed water, until it evolved into a nationwide water fight. As well as spraying each other with water, people take sand to the local temples to sculpt it into a stupa, which is then decorated with coloured flags and flowers, and small animals, like fish and birds are set free.



Place

Laos and Thailand

Date

13-15 April, 2020

AfrikaBurn

Set in the desert landscape of Tankwa on South Africa's northern Cape – similar to Nevada's Burning Man festival – AfrikaBurn includes the arts, sculpture, concerts and theatrical performances, with the main focus placed on large wooden structures that are sent up in flames.



Place

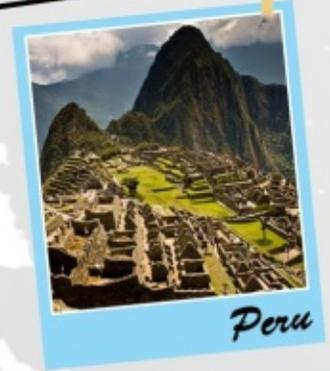
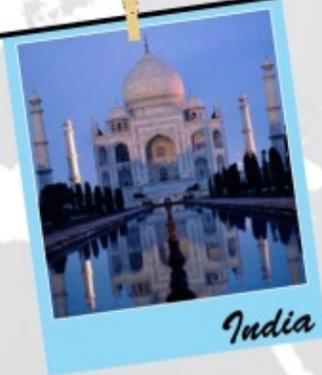
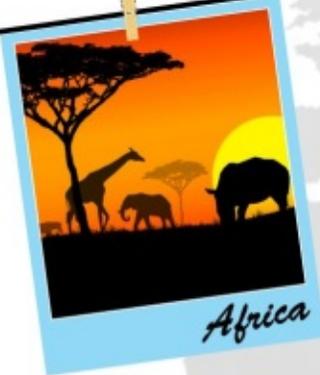
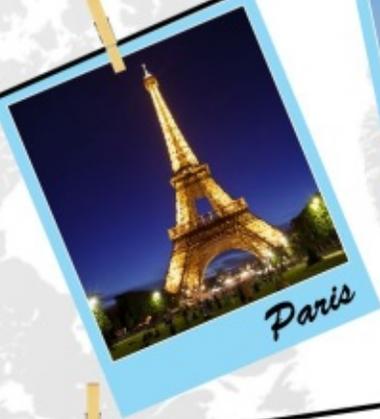
Tankwa, South Africa



Date

24-30, April 2020

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