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BATH NEWS – 2022/2023



Images: World Heritage Centre, Hampton by Hilton, The Cleveland Pools

ATTRACTIONS

World Heritage Centre, Roman Baths

Opening Spring 2022

The Bath World Heritage Centre will be located in the heart of the city centre and will have free access for all. It will be filled with imaginative interpretation that will show people why Bath is so special and inspire and equip them with the information they need to go out and explore the amazing World Heritage City of Bath.

[World Heritage Centre | The Roman Baths](#)

The Cleveland Pools

Opening Summer 2022

The Cleveland Pools, Britain's oldest lido dating back over 200 years, is set to open once again! Restoration to make the facility fit for the future has started, to create a unique open-air public swimming pool, with the energy for heating the water coming from heat pumps in the adjacent river.

[Cleveland Pools](#)

Bath Abbey Discovery Centre

Opening September 2022

Telling the story of the Abbey's fascinating history through a brand-new Discovery Centre. Creating an inspiring new learning space for schoolchildren right up to mature students. Building a brand-new Song School; home for the Abbey's choirs and where visiting musicians can rehearse and be made welcome

[Footprint - Bath Abbey](#)

Sydney Gardens Project

Starts Spring 2022

Landscape and garden renovations and new children's play area

[The Sydney Gardens project – a National Lottery Heritage Funded park restoration | by Susan Palmer | Sydney Gardens Bath | Medium](#)

EVENTS/FESTIVALS/EXHIBITIONS

Bath Bach Festival

17-19 February 2022

10-year anniversary

[Classical Music Festival in Historic Bath \(bathbachfest.co.uk\)](#)

The Holburne

The Tudors: Passion, Power and Politics

28 January - 8 May 2022

In partnership with the National Portrait Gallery, London, and the Walker Art Gallery, Liverpool, the Holburne Museum will present a major new exhibition featuring 25 famous Tudor portraits.

Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Bank Holiday Weekend June 2022

Plans still to be unveiled but will consist of a city parade involving Bath Carnival, a service at Bath Abbey, a musical celebration and a picnic on the Sunday in Parade Gardens.

Bath Festivals

Dates to be confirmed – established music and literature festivals are likely to be May 2022 with the Finale weekend later in the summer.

[Home - Bath Festivals : Bath Festivals](#)

The Great Bath Feast

Returning to the city centre with chef demonstrations, producer markets, fringe events and the Bath Bites trail.

[The Great Bath Feast](#)

The 7 Hills Festival

September 2022

Launched in 2021, The 7 Hills Festival celebrated Americana music in the grounds of a Georgian mansion on the edge of the city.

<https://www.the7hills.com>

NEW HOTELS

Hampton by Hilton Hotel

Opens Spring 2022

Brand new city centre development with 202 rooms along with some meeting and event space available

[Hampton by Hilton Hotel](#)

BATH ON SCREEN

Jane Austen's Persuasion with Dakota Johnson due to air on Netflix Spring 2022

Bridgerton Season 2 – Netflix end of 2022

WONKA with Timothee Chalamet (currently filming in Bath) – released Spring 2023

FURTHER AHEAD

Bath Fashion Museum will move from its home at The Assembly Rooms in 2023. The Assembly Rooms will be taken back in-house by The National Trust and a new Georgian visitor attraction will be developed for 2024 – details tbc

Fragrance Hotels are redeveloping The Mineral Water Hospital building in the centre of Bath with 160 rooms – likely to complete in 2024.

For all press and media enquiries for Bath please contact press@visitwest.co.uk

BRISTOL NEWS 2022

Images: Clayton Hotel, Box

Hall, Artist Residence**New Openings:**

[Planet Ice](#) opens in Autumn 2021 and is the UK's largest ice skating rink with capacity to seat 1300 spectators and kitted out with international standard skating facilities, Planet Ice is located near Cribbs Causeway in North Bristol.

New places to eat and drink include [KIBOU restaurant \(Oct, 2021\)](#) a new Japanese kitchen and bar in Clifton village with hand painted murals visually depicting Japanese street life, this restaurant is set to turn heads with its décor as much as its food.

[Dirty Martini](#) is set to open at the end of 2021 in Corn Street in the heart of Bristol's Old City and [Box Hall](#) will be a new destination dining hub and event space on Welshback waterfront, opening June 2022. BoxPark has been a huge success in London, and BoxHall is the new concept from the same team. The food hall will host independent restaurants, street food traders and pop-ups for all-day dining, live music and events including art shows, film screenings and gaming.

New Accommodation:

[Artist Residence](#), an eclectic fusion of art and vintage chic, is in a former boot factory now fully restored with 23 stylish rooms, garden, events space, café and bar. Opens November 2021.

[Clayton Hotel](#) opens in early 2022. This 255 room, 4* hotel in Bristol city centre is where the former Edward Everard printworks was situated. It's said that William Morris had some of his wallpapers and textiles printed here, including his famous Strawberry Thief design.

[Moxy Hotel](#) opens in February 2022 and is located at the end of the M32 in St Pauls, the 160-room boutique, affordable hotel will be in a convenient location for visitors looking to stay close to the city centre and Bristol Shopping Quarter.

Events and Exhibitions**Slapstick Festival**

26-30 January 2022

Slapstick Festival will be returning to Bristol venues for its 18th edition in January 2022 for a five-day hybrid festival.

[Bristol Light Festival](#)

Date tbc, likely end of February - March

After a hugely successful inaugural event in 2020, Bristol Light Festival returns in 2022 (date tbc, likely end of February - March).

[Upfest](#)

May/June 2022 (tbc, date not to be made public)

The annual celebration of street art returns to the streets and parks of south Bristol. Europe's biggest free street art and graffiti art festival, attracts 250 international artists and over 25,000 visitors.

[Bristol Harbour Festival](#)

15-17 July 2022

The city's iconic festival takes place in July 2022, celebrating its 50th anniversary. Expect the usual mix of music, maritime fun and markets based around Bristol's historic and beautiful harbourside with live performances, family entertainment, circus acts, children's events, street food and market stalls, and hundreds of sailing ships in the harbour.

[The World Reimagined](#)

August-October 2022

A ground-breaking, national art education project to transform how we understand Transatlantic Slavery.

[Bristol International Balloon Fiesta](#)

11-14 August 2022 (tbc, date not to be made public)

Bristol's largest free fiesta returns in August at Ashton Court Estate. Over 100 hot air balloons gather for mass ascents, tethered displays and the highly anticipated Night Glow spectacles at the largest event of its kind in Europe.

[Bristol Museum & Art Gallery](#)

4 December 2021 – 4 September 2022

An exhibition of works selected by leading artist Grayson Perry during season two of the popular TV series, Grayson's Art Club.

[M Shed Museum](#)

Various dates

Think Global, Act Bristol - an exhibition and public engagement programme addressing Bristol's role in the climate and ecological crises, past present and future (25 June – October 2022). Also, the hugely popular Wildlife Photographer of the Year exhibition will be at M Shed from 27 Nov 2021 – 5 June 2022.

[Spike Island](#)

Various dates

World-renowned pioneering creatives exhibiting including Candice Lin's 'Pigs and Poison' exploring marginalised histories and colonial legacies (5 February – 8 May) and Eric Baudelaire and Alvin Curran's exhibition 'When There is No More Music to Write' (28 May – 18 September).

For all press and media enquiries for Bristol please contact press@visitwest.co.uk



BIG BUS TOURS: BIG NEWS

Big Bus Tours is the largest operator of open-top sightseeing bus tours in the world. Fuelling the spirit of adventure in over 20 cities, across four continents. Beginning with a fleet of three, today hundreds of buses are helping over four million tourists explore each year.

The Big Bus mission is to make hop-on, hop-off sightseeing the number one thing to do on your city break. To help you tick off the best bits our world-famous cities have to offer. You hop on and discover your destination from open-top buses, with commentary guiding you along the way, then hop off to explore even further.

Then the pandemic hit. Watching each of the 23 city operations close down during the month of March 2020 was a sight that no one at Big Bus Tours thought they'd ever witness. While the buses parked up for an indefinite amount of time, internally the team did anything but stand still. Lockdown was used as a real opportunity to slow down, reset and refocus on what is most important to the company: customer experience. To use this quiet time to roll out significant change across the business that would have been riskier while carrying pre-Covid passenger volumes.

The focus was on accelerating digital development and offering. Within the last 18 months, the following new features have launched:

- A new single-ticketing platform and direct API integration that offers customers a seamless and effortless experience between purchasing their ticket and starting their tour. Simply select your ticket, choose a date and time, then hop on and enjoy! And for many attractions, you can head straight for the gate with easier connectivity with trade partners.
- Live bus arrival times on the Big Bus Tours app, allowing customers to better plan their day, spend more time exploring and less time waiting at the bus stop. Simply launch the app and you can see exactly where the fleet are and how many minutes it'll take the bus to reach your stop.
- Brand new, engaging audio commentary debuted in New York, Chicago and London, bringing the fun facts and fascinating stories of the city to life through animated characters. It's entertainment that the whole family will love. With 6 more cities due to roll out in time for Easter.

Prioritising customer satisfaction has seen the Big Bus Tours NPS score climb and has strengthened the company's market position. Growth and expansion beyond pre-Covid levels is the aim, through acquisitions and partnerships. A new, more flexible, model of brand licensing has been introduced, where the company's expertise and brand strength can help local operators start up, broaden their distribution, delight customers, and implement proven and successful operating models. Big Bus Tours expects at least one new city to be live under this model early in 2022, with more to follow.

Please contact pressenquiries@bigbustours.com for more information on Big Bus Tours and for television media opportunities.



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Notes to editors:

Big Bus Tours is the world's largest operator of open-top sightseeing tours, fueling the spirit of adventure in 23 world-famous cities across four continents. Beginning its journey 28 years' ago, with a fleet of only three buses, Big Bus Tours has swiftly expanded to a global fleet of hundreds of open-top buses, turning 6 million tourists into explorers, every year. Big Bus Tours operates in Los Angeles, Singapore, Dublin, London, Dubai, Hong Kong, New York, Las Vegas, Chicago, Abu Dhabi, Budapest, Istanbul, Miami, Muscat, Rome, Paris, Philadelphia, San Francisco, Darwin, Sydney, Vienna, Washington DC, and Berlin, with a sightseeing concept designed to provide a flexible approach to city discovery. Each open-top bus tour provides a hop-on, hop-off facility at a variety of interesting locations, with complimentary additions to enhance the visitor sightseeing experience. In February 2015, private equity firm Exponent purchased Big Bus Tours, with a shared vision to make Big Bus Tours the number 1 thing to do in each world-famous city. In 2016, Merlin Entertainments PLC became a shareholder, offering a natural synergy with Big Bus Tours and Merlin attractions and experiences around the world. With entertaining guides and commentary and knowledge of the latest events in each city, the Big Bus City Crew leaves every passenger with a story to tell. A perfect city companion, The Big Bus Tours app includes tour highlights, city guides and map and real-time bus tracking, downloadable in the Apple and Android App stores. For more information log onto the Big Bus Tours website www.bigbustours.com.

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20th anniversary trip down memory lane written by James Aitken, founder.

Cashel Travel turned twenty years old this year!

On the day Cashel Travel was launched, I noticed an article in the Times newspaper about a disease affecting cattle in England called foot and mouth. I recall being slightly concerned but thinking it shouldn't make any difference to travel. Sound familiar?

That was in Dublin and it was a different world then. The internet was new and Cashel Travel had one of the earliest websites in the industry.

The website had a counter to show how many visits it had had. I wrote all the content myself and added a couple of pages I thought may be of interest like "stag night in Dublin".

A couple of years later Cashel Travel was the biggest stag and hen operator in Ireland off the back of that page. It was ranked number one on a new search engine called google. We had a staff of eight at that time.

We also handled all the bookings for a relatively new airline called Easyjet which had a state of the art online system for hotel bookings until they reached our office.

Roll forward a few years and the Celtic Tiger made running a business in Ireland impossibly expensive (I remember my landlord asking for a twenty one year lease for our office).

At that point, I had been joined by Marta who kept the company functioning. We had an office in London and decided to open one in Scotland too.

Back home to Edinburgh and the crash happened.

The stag and hens stopped travelling and so did everyone else.

During that period we were buying 4 star hotels in London for £22.00 dinner bed and breakfast and still no one was coming.

Luckily we had some big contracts like the Gathering. Which brought 20,000 expat Scots back home for a couple of weeks and fortunately, we managed to get paid as it went bust not long after.

We also did the accommodation every year for the Jazz festival and the Science festival in Edinburgh and we still had our faithful and loyal clients who kept coming.

During those years we struggled to make a profit and keep the company afloat. It was not a happy time.

Then in 2013 we managed to secure some very large tour operator contracts and things started to look up. We also secured some large pieces of business and gradually our financial position improved.

We also opened our Incentive travel and conference department.

In 2017 Manchester based Great British Trips became part of the Cashel Travel family - adding a highly innovative tour operator specialising in the B2C self-guided holidays and independent travel in the UK and Ireland to the Cashel portfolio.

In 2018 we were the DMC for the M&I Forum.

In 2019 we were the DMC for the Global Incentive Summit.

At that point we had a team of 35 staff and 4 offices.

Over the last twenty years we have contributed over £70 million to the economy.

Employed and trained 282 staff members.

Trained over 140 interns.

Supported numerous suppliers, many of whom we have worked with since day one.

Had over 250,000 clients.

Organised over 10000 groups.

Run over 400 conferences and incentives.

This year we also welcomed Tiernan Travel to the Cashel Travel Family - Tiernan Travel is a highly respected tour operator specialising in bespoke tours for the luxury marketer of Great Britain and Ireland for groups and individuals and joins us with a loyal following amongst their clients.

Post pandemic we are gearing up to what we hope will be a busy season ahead.

We still have clients who have been with us for the last 20 years which I think says it all.

In a way, the last year has had positive aspects (not very many admittedly) it has allowed Cashel Travel to re-focus on its core objectives which is to be client-focused and bring the very best service at a fair cost.

The company is a lot more streamlined and we are all looking forward eagerly to being back in business again in the next few months.

For press inquiries, please send an e-mail to info@casheltravel.com



Evan Evans Media Kit

About: Evan Evans is the longest-established and best reviewed sightseeing company in London that has been accompanying visitors on city tours and out-of-town excursions since 1933. Our exciting range of tours bring you the best Britain has to offer, from majestic palaces and castles and quaint country villages to the historic cities of Bath, Oxford, and Canterbury.

What Makes Us Different: All Evan Evans tours are authentic, immersive, and operated to the highest standard of quality on our newest fleet of ultra-modern, Mercedes-Benz coaches - complete with free Wi-Fi, USB chargers and full air conditioning. Our tours are escorted by professional, Blue Badge local guides, who have so many stories and history to tell. That's why we're the only tour operator that provides digital audio headsets to all our guests.



Our Wellbeing Commitment: We have implemented enhanced hygiene and distancing measures across our coach tours as outlined by the World Travel & Tourism Council for global tour operators. As part of The Travel Corporation (TTC), Evan Evans is always in the know, and kept up to date with all government advisories and travel alerts on a daily basis.

Book with Confidence: You can rest assured that your money is safe with Evan Evans. As part of TTC, we are today a financially strong and solvent company. For peace of mind, we also offer a flexible booking policy - most of our tours have a 24- or 48-hour cancellation period.

Exciting, New Tours for 2022

[Peppa Pig World Express from London](#) - Visit the UK exclusive, and the world's first, Peppa Pig World. Explore 5 acres of Peppa Pig themed fun including 9 fabulous rides and a huge in-door play area, visit the world's largest, and only, dedicated Peppa Pig shop in the World, discover 'Lost Kingdom': an amazing Dinosaur Theme Park World and experience the new 'Tornado Springs' which opened in April 2021. Includes comfortable & convenient return transfers to the theme park from London on a superior coach, with colouring, videoscreen and Peppa Pig toys for use onboard.



[Hard Rock London Tour](#) - Discover the Rock capital of the world in this exclusive, small group Hard Rock London Rock Tour. Explore six decades of London's monumental rock 'n roll landmarks - from the famous Abbey Road zebra-crossing, recording studios, and homes of legendary rock artists. Discover the quiet backstreets frequented by the stars, led by an expert Rock guide and includes VIP exclusive access to 'The Vault' - London's only Rock 'n' roll museum - before it opens to the public.

[Spy & Espionage Tour](#) - Experience London's world of international espionage. Discover the real-life sites, both past and present, used as headquarters for Britain's top intelligence services, MI6, and learn

about some of the most infamous double agents of the Cold War. Your Expert Guide shines a light on some of the city's darkest mysteries, as you explore the real-life sites that staged the Cold War's secret battles.



[Wartime London Tour](#) - This emotive and unique small group tour is exclusive to Evan Evans. Step back in time and see how the Blitz shaped modern London using an exclusive photo brochure. See evidence of bomb damage on buildings today, surviving signs for life-saving air raid shelters, and the monuments dedicated to our wartime heroes. With radio news broadcasts, sound effects & period music you will uncover an incredible period of history.

Most Popular, High-Rated Tours

[London Tours](#) - Our London tours are the perfect way to explore famous attractions and iconic landmarks such as Big Ben, the London Eye, the Tower of London, Westminster Abbey and so much more. Join a Blue Badge guide as they bring the history behind some of London's most incredible sights to life. Alternatively, head off the beaten path on a guided walking tour through the streets and hidden corners of London, with our Jack the Ripper & Haunted London tour-or Secrets of the London Underground tour.



[Day Tours from London](#) - Our day tours from London are the perfect way to explore destinations that are a bit further afield. From the majestic Windsor Castle, the historic city of Bath, to the mystery of Stonehenge, our expert guides bring Britain's most iconic locations to life.

[Warner Bros. Studio Tour London. The Making of Harry Potter](#) - Explore the sets from the Harry Potter movies, including the Great Hall, Forbidden Forest, and Diagon Alley. Explore the collection of iconic props, step on board the Hogwarts Express, discover original costumes, including the uniforms from the wizarding sport of Quidditch, and visit the special and visual effects department to see how scenes from J. K. Rowling's books were brought to life.

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UK's #1 Adventure Company

Go Ape is the UK's #1 outdoor adventure company, with 35 sites across the UK and a whole host of exciting activities, from the tops of the trees all the way down to the forest floor.

Established in 2002, Go Ape has since branched out from the early days in Thetford Forest all the way to Scotland, Wales and even the US, where we continue to encourage people of all ages to live life adventurously in the great outdoors.

19 years later, on the 22nd of October 2021, the founders Tristram and Rebecca Mayhew announced that 90% of their Go Ape shares have been transferred into a John Lewis-style trust, turning Go Ape into an Employee-Owned Trust and putting its employees at the heart of the business like never before.

We have locations all over the UK, with our newest site opening just this summer (2021) in Dalkeith, Edinburgh. We've got the classic Treetop Challenge to test your head for heights, a stunning 3km-long Zip Trek in the heart of the Lake District and all-terrain Segways for those of who prefer to stay on the ground.

Bring the family along to our fantastic Adventure and Adventure Plus courses, or enjoy some friendly competition on our axe-throwing lanes and release your inner warrior.

And to top it all off, we also host large group gatherings including School and Corporate groups, Stag and Hen Parties, Birthday Parties and Team Development.

There's nothing quite like getting outside, embracing nature and living life adventurously.

Website: <https://goape.co.uk/>

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November 2021

Enjoy the festive period with Golden Tours

London's leading sightseeing company Golden Tours Gray Line London are embracing the festive season with their special Christmas period sightseeing tours, Christmas Lights London by Night Open Top Bus Tour and a New Year's Eve Party Cruise to see in 2022.

Festive Sightseeing Tours

Day trips to popular destinations across the UK is where it all began, today Golden Tours offer a wide range of fully organised and professionally guided tours to must see destinations throughout the year, and the Christmas period is no exception! With a selection of carefully crafted tours designed to ensure guests have an extra special Christmas experience.

Festive period experiences include fully guided panoramic tours of London's iconic landmarks dressed in Christmas lights, midnight mass at St-Martin-in-the-Fields on Christmas eve, 'Sung Eucharist' service on Christmas Day at Canterbury Cathedral, a chance to visit magical Christmas markets, traditional Christmas dinners and Christmas themed cruises on the River Thames.

Christmas Lights London by Night Tour

The Christmas Lights London by Night Tour route weaves through the heart of the city allowing passengers the chance to see some of London's most spectacular Christmas light displays. The magic of Christmas time in London is something that must be experienced, as thousands of twinkling lights bring a whole new level of excitement and wonder to London's iconic landmarks.

Golden Tours Marketing Manager, Lorraine Sheret said, "After what has been a difficult 20 months for most, with many missing out on getting together with loved ones last Christmas, our festive tours are the perfect activity to ignite your Christmas spirit". The Christmas Lights London by Night Tour begins on 15th November, tours last approximately 90 minutes, departing from the London Eye four times a day. All tours have a live guide on board ready to entertain and fascinate visitors with fun facts and stories about London.

New Year's Eve Party Cruise

Guests on board Golden Tours' New Year's Eve Party Cruise can celebrate the arrival of 2022 in style as their Silver Sockeye boat cruises down the River Thames past some of London's most popular sights. A live DJ will be on board playing crowd pleasers as guests party the night away.

The Party Cruise is strictly over 18s only and will depart from Embankment Pier at 9.30pm returning around 1.15am. Guests will receive a complimentary glass of prosecco on arrival, and a second to toast the New Year.

Christmas Lights London by Night Open Top Bus Tour - Starts 15th November 2021 to 3rd January 2022, departing daily at 5pm, 6pm, 7pm and 8pm.

Prices: Adult £24.00, Child (5-15) £13.00, Family £64.00

New Year's Eve Cruise on board the Silver Sockeye – Departs on 31st December 2021 from Embankment Pier at 9:30pm

Prices: Adult £225.00

Visit goldentours.com to find out more about our festive tours.

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Golden Tours is London's leading sightseeing company and part of the Gray Line Worldwide Association. Since 1984, Golden Tours have been the local sightseeing experts offering a range of luxury day excursions to destinations across the country including Stonehenge, Windsor, Bath, Stratford-upon-Avon, Oxford, Canterbury, Liverpool, Edinburgh and many more. In addition, Golden Tours offer their own open-top sightseeing bus tours in London, York, Windsor and Bournemouth, as well as attraction tickets, airport transfers, overnight trips by train to Paris and Brussels, walking tours, afternoon tea experiences, trips to Warner Bros. Studio Tour London – The Making of Harry Potter, river cruises, theatre tickets and everything else in between.

MEDIA RELEASE
1 November 2021

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“GREENWICH AND THE CITY” RETURNS TO WORLD TRAVEL MARKET: NEW WAYS TO EXPERIENCE LONDON

Visit Greenwich is delighted to be back in person at World Travel Market this year and back together on the stand with **City of London** supported by Up at The O2, Uber Boat by Thames Clippers and Thames River Sightseeing to promote new ways for visitors to experience the best of London: **Greenwich and the City**.

Greenwich and the City of London are two of London’s must-visit destinations offering incredible heritage and cultural experiences, architectural wonders, vibrant and modern culture with a year-round programme of live events and exhibitions. These two unmissable areas of London provide brand new ideas for new and thrilling itineraries for 2022.

Barrie Kelly, CEO Visit Greenwich said “We are delighted to be back at the real WTM in partnership with City of London and supported by key partners, Up at The O2, Uber Boat by Thames Clippers and Thames River Sightseeing. It’s important for London that major events like this start to happen again. Greenwich is recovering well and will become an increasingly important driver for London’s recovery over the next two years.”

The **City of London**, also known as the Square Mile, is the financial district and the oldest part of London. The area mixes Roman ruins with modern icons and is home to some of London’s most popular attractions, including Tower Bridge, St Paul’s Cathedral, the Museum of London, The Monument, The Guildhall Galleries, Billingsgate Roman House & Baths as well as iconic modern buildings such as "The Gherkin" and "The Cheesegrater". Explore fascinating and unusual museums, find world-class art at its galleries, and relax in green spaces, bars, restaurants and shops.

Greenwich is one of London’s most popular places to visit and an easy hop from the City of London by river or rail. Beautifully set on the bank of the River Thames, it is easy to get to so many top visitor experiences all in close proximity and makes for a jam-packed day out and a brilliant base for a longer London break. Take to the river with **Uber Boat by Thames Clippers** or **Thames River Sightseeing** to explore the museums and attractions at the Maritime Greenwich World Heritage Site; go for an exhilarating walk over the iconic roof of The O2 at **Up at The O2**; and see a spectacular show at the brand-new **Woolwich Works** at Royal Arsenal Woolwich.

The teams at **Visit Greenwich and City of London** are ready and waiting to help you with planning your visit to experience the best of London, with a range of example itineraries that can best package this new twin destination to your audiences.

For more information, visit us at UKinbound stand UKI100, Premium Table 29 – ‘Greenwich and the City’.

See next page for What’s New in Greenwich and City of London 2022

The new **East Zone River Roamer by Uber Boat by Thames Clippers** is the must-have ticket for ease of travel around the destination, with amazing views along the way. Hop on and hop off around the area with unlimited travel between Canary Wharf, Greenwich, Greenwich Peninsula and Woolwich.

Up at The O2 will celebrate its 10th birthday in June 2022. A range of unique activations will run throughout the year and available on the day upgrades include the Celebration Climb and Climb and Dine packages.

Thames River Sightseeing will operate sightseeing river cruises between Westminster, Tower Bridge Quay and Greenwich calling also at Embankment, Festival and Bankside. In summer months, don't miss the roundtrips from Greenwich to the Thames Barrier.

Woolwich Works is the new landmark creative district located in the beautifully restored Royal Arsenal at Woolwich. Woolwich Works has an exciting and diverse line-up of events, showcasing new music, dance, theatre and art performances alongside community workshops and classes. For the astute culture lover, this is already on the 'must-do' list for 2022.

A new adventure at **Cutty Sark** is launching in 2022. Climb from the Main Deck up the ship's rigging to experience the heights that the crew would have had to brave on a daily basis when out at sea, before your zip line ascent to the ground below.

The **City Visitor Trail** is a new app, featuring walking routes and hidden stories from the Square Mile. Take on world famous attractions, uncover the capital's hidden gems and feast on the culture, history and heritage.

Musicity x Sculpture in the City. Sounds and sculptures come together for a very different style of architectural tour. Bringing a new perspective and sonic appreciation to the heart of the City of London.

Events. From contemporary performing arts to spectacular historic parades, the annual The Lord Mayor's Show, free outdoor events, food and drink festivals to family-friendly fun days, yoga to Mexican wrestling and gladiatorial combat, there is something for everyone to enjoy in the City of London at any time of year.

The Elizabeth line is due to open in the first half of 2022. The new Crossrail service will reduce the journey time between Woolwich and the West End. The route will eventually pass through 41 stations from Reading and Heathrow in the west, through new twin-bore 21 km tunnels to Shenfield and Abbey Wood in the east.

All this and more can be seen in our [What's New](#) guide.

This essential guide is frequently updated so it is recommended that you bookmark this page and check in regularly.

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Coming soon: New Visitor Experience featuring the world famous Isle of Man TT Races

Issued: October 2021

The world famous Isle of Man TT Races are set to feature in a new visitor experience opening at the Manx Museum in Autumn 2022. This exciting new permanent exhibition will tell the story of the Isle of Man TT from its inception in 1907 to the present day.

The gallery will feature everything from famous motorcycles to a burnt out sidecar and mannequins like no others, with racing leathers dramatically posed over motorcycles in realistic racing positions. For those with a love of silverware, the iconic Senior TT Trophy featuring Mercury, the winged messenger of gods from Roman mythology, standing on a winged wheel crafted in solid silver, is set to be on display, thanks to the dedicated Isle of Man based Motorsport team responsible for the races.

Almost 300 riders have taken victory at the Isle of Man TT over the last 112 years. The all-time TT winners list features some of the biggest names in motorcycle racing history, including the most successful Grand Prix racer of all time, Giacomo Agostini and legends such as Geoff Duke, Mike Hailwood and Joey Dunlop.

The basement floor of the Manx Museum is being fully refurbished and upgraded to house the new permanent exhibition which will celebrate and showcase the incredible story of the world's most famous motorcycle race.

Plan your group visits for Autumn 2022 and beyond, by contacting lynn.mckibbin@mnh.im or call 01624 648017.

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Plymouth

Britain's Ocean City

Plymouth on course for tantalising 2022

On the Water

National Marine Park – Plymouth Sound, home of UK's first National Marine Park, has been awarded £9.5 million from The National Lottery Heritage Fund to make its vision of a park in the sea a reality. A 2022 Plymouth Sound National Marine Park festival will celebrate the development with free events across the city enabling everyone to try getting in, on and under the water.

The Park will reconnect an entire city to the sea, the marine environment and its history by:

- creating new gateways to the park and improving facilities at Tinside cove and pool, Mount Batten Peninsula and watersports centre, the National Marine Aquarium, Mount Edgcumbe
- launching a city-wide community engagement programme to get all Plymothians out in, on, under and next to the water and develop new 'green' marine employment opportunities
- designing a digital park using the latest tech to create new ways of engaging people with the park and learning about its hidden treasures without getting wet

The park will also encourage people to protect the ocean and pilot projects to help tackle our greatest challenges such as climate change.

Water sports

Visitors can take full advantage of Plymouth's waterfront location with its many sea-based activities and experiences:

[South West SUP Paddleboarding at Royal William Yard](#) – explore the coastline by renting a paddleboard from this award-winning stand-up paddleboard school or book a guided excursion from day to night.

[Jet Ski Safaris on Plymouth Waterfront](#) – for thrill-seekers looking for a new watersport experience, Jet Ski Safaris are the perfect adrenaline-packed activity. Based at Commercial Wharf, they offer thrilling [jet ski safari experiences](#) around the picturesque Plymouth Sound – perfect for groups, families and company away days. No experience necessary: all you need is to be able to swim, meet the booking requirements and arrive prepared for plenty of fun and adventure.

[Plymouth Boat Trips](#) – set sail with the South West's premier cruising, ferry and fishing company. From sight-seeing cruises, private charters and party nights to connecting ferries and fun packed fishing trips – there's something for everyone.

[Mount Batten Watersports and Activities Centre](#) – commanding stunning views looking out towards Plymouth's historic Barbican area, the Hoe and across to Mount Edgcumbe, the centre is perfectly situated on the tidal estuary of The Sound, making it an ideal, safe location for a diverse range of activities including coasteering, caving, rock climbing or water sports including sailing, kayaking, windsurfing and more.

Arts and Culture

[The Box](#) – UK's most influential contemporary art exhibition, the **British Art Show, October 8 to December 23, 2022**

Held every five years to showcase the work of British artists who have made a significant contribution to international contemporary art, *BAS9* will be shown across four city venues – The Box, KARST, The

Levinsky Gallery at the University of Plymouth and The Gallery at Plymouth College of Art. Many of the artists are developing new works for the exhibition which will include sculpture, film, installation, performance, painting and photography.

[Market Hall - Dome Experiences](#)

The next big thing in immersive tech – nestled in the heart of one of Plymouth’s most historic neighbourhoods Market Hall was formerly the market for the whole of Devonport.

Inspired by the dome at SAT in Montreal and the first of its kind in Europe, the dome invites you to explore immersive realities, without the need for a VR headset, opening up a world of incredible creative and immersive experiences for all ages. Take a trip to space to wonder at the stars, visit an animated world and learn new things or enjoy an evening of cutting-edge cultural.

[New openings and exciting developments for 2022](#)

[Moxy Hotel Plymouth](#)

Plymouth welcomes Moxy Hotel – six storeys, 200-bedrooms plus restaurant and bar with underground parking. Scheduled hotel to open in June 2022, it will be a great addition to the accommodation stock in the city.

[Ocean View Bar & Dining at the Dome](#)

A fabulous new restaurant in an unbeatable location on Plymouth Hoe and due to open November 2021. Designed with the Art Deco feel and opulence of a 1930s ocean liner, the venue’s bar will feature an extensive wine and gin list, a selection of cocktails plus a full range of beers, ciders and soft drinks.

The restaurant’s menu will feature fresh, local and seasonal produce and fish sourced from local day boats. There will be opportunities for private dining, small weddings and business meetings – all set against a spectacular ocean view backdrop.

Plymouth Railway Station

Work has begun on the £80 million transformation of Plymouth’s main railway station into a modern transport hub with shops and offices.

Construction is underway on the station’s main concourse as part of a huge package to completely transform a key entrance to the city, which will be renamed Brunel Plaza. The current entrance will become a café due for completion by the end of 2021

For a range of Plymouth images see <https://englandimages.isebox.net/plymouth/plymouth>

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The award-winning '**The Beatles Story**' is the world's largest permanent exhibition devoted to telling the story of The Beatles' rise to fame. Located in the Fab Four's hometown of Liverpool on the stunning waterfront at the Royal Albert Dock, The Beatles Story takes visitors on an immersive journey through the lives, times, culture and music of the world's greatest band.

Join The Beatles on their journey; first conquering Liverpool, and then the world, through recreations of key locations from the band's career including The Casbah Club, The Cavern Club, and Abbey Road Studios.

Multi-media guides are available in twelve different languages including English, Brazilian Portuguese, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Mandarin, Polish, Russian, Spanish, Korean and Cantonese. The FREE guides are packed with information, imagery, and features video interviews with Paul McCartney and Ringo Starr, giving visitors a unique insight into the story of the Fab Four, and are narrated (with subtitles) by John Lennon's sister, Julia Baird.

There's also a Discovery Zone, where children of all ages are invited to learn about The Beatles' lives, times, music and influential legacy using fun interactive screens, a giant floor piano and sing along to Beatles songs on the mini Cavern Club karaoke stage!

New for 2021/2022

Kids Cavern Karaoke stage

Great for family fun and new for 2021, children can sing along to a range of Beatles' hits and do their best impressions of the Fab Four on our replica Kids Cavern Karaoke stage.

Interactive Cavern stage

Be transported back to early 1960s Liverpool with a video showcasing key moments from the Cavern club, all projected on to our replica cavern stage.

Immersive lighting display in the white room

End the exhibition with by enjoying emotive and moving light display in the John Lennon Imagine 'White Room', featuring a white piano and a pair of John's iconic spectacles.

Animation cels from yellow submarine film

See four stills from the Yellow Submarine movie, all on display in our fun underwater world!

Updated Quarrymen display

See where it all started with The Quarrymen truck, where the band famously performed at the Woolton Village Fete.

Ringo Starr t shirts in drum kit

Featuring original designs from Ringo himself, these four t shirts were worn by the star and now sit proudly on display in their own drum themed exhibit.

#JohnLennon80 Sgt. Pepper Way

To mark what would have been John Lennon's 80th Birthday, our Sgt. Pepper Way photography display showcases never before seen images of John, all snapped by New York photographer Bob Deutsch.

Coming Soon...

An exciting campaign especially for 2022.

New never-before seen display items!

Paul McCartney's 80th birthday celebrations.

Finish your perfect historical experience in one of two Beatles-themed [Fab4 Cafes](#) or browse through a fantastic range of products available from the [Fab4 Store](#).

For more information and to buy tickets please visit beatlesstory.com

30-word copy: The award-winning 'The Beatles Story' is the world's largest permanent exhibition purely devoted to telling the story of The Beatles' rise to fame, located in the band's hometown of Liverpool.

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Dare to take on the Ultimate Challenge at the Skywalk Edge

The Club is delighted to introduce The Dare Skywalk Edge – the latest visitor attraction to arrive at Hotspur Stadium.

This exciting addition to our existing Dare Skywalk experience includes an exhilarating 42m controlled descent over the edge of the stadium.

After climbing the exterior of the stadium and embarking on a journey to the iconic golden cockerel 46.8 metres above the football pitch, visitors will be able to enjoy breath-taking views of the London skyline.

What goes up, must come down! Feel the adrenaline as you strap on your harness and lean tantalisingly over the peak of the stadium, facing either forwards or backwards. You will then experience an exhilarating initial drop from the platform, before a controlled descent down to ground level. This is not for the faint-hearted!

The Dare Skywalk Edge is the only experience of its kind at a stadium in the UK, offering an unparalleled aerial adventure.

To make sure this is an adventure you will never forget, photos that capture key moments of this exhilarating journey will be available to purchase pre- and post-experience. You will also be able to toast to your bravery with a sparkling glass of prosecco or Beavertown craft beer on the sensational viewing platform.

The existing Dare Skywalk experience - enabling you to descend to ground level via our walkway - including night climbs and our new wheelchair accessible climbs, is also available.

The Dare Skywalk recently received the 'Badge of Excellence' on Viator, the world's largest online

marketplace for tours, activities and attractions. The Badge of Excellence is rewarded to experiences that meet the highest standards and provide an excellent customer experience.

The Dare Skywalk Edge is the latest in a growing list of visitor attractions at Tottenham Hotspur Stadium. The Tottenham Experience – home to The Dare Skywalk Basecamp – already houses Europe’s largest football club retail store and is the starting point for Stadium Tours.

The attractions form part of the Club’s wider aims to create a sport and leisure destination in Tottenham, with its stadium home to a range of major events – including concerts, NFL, rugby and boxing – alongside Tottenham Hotspur football matches, helping increase the number of visitors to the area and drive local spending.

All visitors to The Dare Skywalk Edge will be provided with full safety equipment and a briefing on arrival – no specific training will be required in advance. All climbs are subject to weather conditions on the day.

As an outdoor attraction, has received ‘Good To Go’ certification from Visit Britain, adhering to all health and safety guidelines in relation to COVID-19.

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**Interview questions to Vera Lett, Group Marketing & People Strategy Director,
Tour Partner Group**

Ms. Lett, how have you got through the crisis so far and what are the main effects of the pandemic on Tour Partner Group as a specialist for Great Britain, Ireland and the Nordic countries?

According to the circumstances well. We have used the government support options in all countries in which Tour Partner Group has offices. In particular, this enabled flexible short-time work for our employees. All our staff are back to full-time work now and we offer a hybrid set-up which allows a combination of working in the office and at home. We have been very fortunate to have the full support of our financial investor. We have used the last 19 months intensively, for example, to introduce the latest version of our booking software, to completely revise our website and to restructure our internal organisation to be able to serve our clients even more efficiently. Overall, we are better off in many areas than we were at the beginning of the pandemic. That was our goal from the beginning: not only to survive this challenging period but to emerge from it as a stronger company.



How does Tour Partner Group work as a destination management company (DMC) in the corona pandemic?

Somehow like always and yet completely different. Of course, we make sure that our customer care continues to run smoothly, even with short-time work and home office that worked technically and organisationally well. We write offers, advise customers, negotiate with service providers, and produce brochures. My current project is to develop a sustainability strategy for the Tour Partner Group. This is a very important topic for us and we will report more on it in due course. So there is no shortage of work. Unfortunately, the many bookings for 2021 have so far hardly been reflected in sales. Fortunately, the vast majority of trips are not cancelled, but rather rebooked, either for this year or for the coming travel season. That is why we have been very busy and we hope that the effort will be worth it. The need to catch up is enormous and judging by the current advance bookings, 2022 will be a really good year.

How does the restart in tourism work for you? Which travel destinations/travel programs are booked? Do the current developments/events in Great Britain around Corona have an impact on the booking behaviour of your clients?

The decisive criterion for travel at the moment is which conditions apply to entry into a destination area or to return to the country of origin. The Nordic countries opened to travel weeks ago, and vaccinated travellers have been able to travel to Ireland since July. Great Britain abolished the quarantine requirement for example for travellers from Germany, in August. Overall the UK red list has been reduced and the test requirements have been simplified which makes entering the country much easier. We have a pleasing number of bookings for the next few months and of course, we hope that the tours can also be carried out. Round trips, often combined with group activities, come first. So far, we do not see any country-specific effects on-demand behaviour for 2022. After all, every European country was more or less affected by the pandemic. It will also be important in the future that cross-border travel is again possible without restrictions.

As a group and FIT travel specialist with decades of well-founded expertise and experience, you have made it your business to design and manage authentic travel tailored to the requirements of group and FIT travel operators. Authentic travel and experience are particularly emphasized at Tour Partner

Group. What does authenticity look like when traveling with Tour Partner Group? And how authentic can group trips be?

For us, authentic means that we want to offer our guests experiences that can only be discovered in the UK, Ireland or the Nordics. Thanks to our extensive knowledge of our destinations, we have a wide selection of program modules that are typical for each of the countries. We see it as our responsibility and task to match the possibilities and opportunities on-site to the wishes of the client to put together the right trip for the respective target group of the client. The client decides for him/herself how authentic it can be. Take Ireland for example it doesn't always have to be the Ring of Kerry, the well-known panoramic road in the southwest of Ireland. The Ring of Dingle with its original landscape is at least as impressive. Or why not visit the Slieve League in northwest Ireland instead of the much-visited Cliffs of Moher, the highest cliffs in Ireland at 609 meters? We have made the experience that special program modules are more and more in demand to differentiate the respective offer and to stand out from the competition. As a destination specialist with local offices, we know our product and look forward to passing on our enthusiasm for our travel destinations to our customers.

How did you adapt your offer to Corona conditions? How flexibly can you adapt to the almost daily changing situation and framework conditions? And how do you support tour operators in minimising their customers' uncertainties?

We are fortunate that our green destinations correspond to the current zeitgeist, especially now 'after' Corona. Our round trips combine the pure landscape experience with the most important sights of a region. In this respect, we are already well-positioned. What we noticed is a desire to travel in smaller groups. For this purpose, we have developed tailor-made travel routes for a maximum group size of 25 guests in our brochures for 2022, on which hidden treasures can be explored off the beaten track. We have just published our additional guaranteed departures for 2022. Each tour impresses with its quality and character and also offers the advantage of including our destinations in the offer without having to fill groups exclusively and still benefit from the attractive group price. Of course, we are always up to date on the travel conditions, which unfortunately still change very quickly, and inform our clients accordingly. Flexibility is our ultimate goal. Whatever we can do to make a trip possible, we do it. We would also like to thank our long-term service providers, who not only often support us with their cooperation, but have also committed themselves, within the framework of our "Travel Safe" policy, to ensure the reliable implementation of the applicable hygiene measures. Our clients also feel supported as we are always available on our 24-hour hotline to assist with last-minute changes. That has always been the case, but it is all the more important these days and helps to restore confidence in traveling.

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We are a group of leading B2B destination management companies for the United Kingdom, Ireland, the Nordics and Baltics. Formerly we were known as Hotels & More, Irish Welcome Tours and Trans Nordic Tours, but now we have come together under one identity to unite as one strong brand. We bring together more than 150 destination specialists, designing B2B travel for groups, FIT and the MICE industry with offices in London, Edinburgh, Dublin and Copenhagen. Here at Tour Partner Group, partnerships with clients and suppliers are highly valued because developing tours is not just a set of dates and locations. As destination experts, we know all the ins and the outs and the ways around for developing European tours. We are passionate about creating authentic experiences and memories that last a lifetime. Our mission is to deliver personally tailored, authentic tours. Perfectly.

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What's new on the island break?

Whether you want a relaxing escape or a holiday of adventure, here's what's new for 2021 in Jersey. Inspire your clients to discover the island break

See & Do

Jersey Fine Tea

Come and find out more about the island's first ever tea farm with Jersey Fine Tea. During their new 2.5-hour Jersey Tea Tour, you will explore one of their three tea gardens and learn how tea has come to flourish in Jersey.

www.jerseyfinetea.com

Strive

This state-of-the-art academy, already used this year by the British & Irish Lions and the England Rugby Team, features one of Europe's best equipped gym. It also boasts a hydrotherapy pool for resistance swimming and running, altitude chambers, a dojo and a lecture theatre, as well as a member's health club.

www.strive.je

The Jersey National Park

In 2021 the Jersey National Park launched two new campaigns to encourage islanders and visitors to get out and enjoy all the Park has to offer. "Walk in the Park" launched in May, with a programme of guided walks which highlighted various areas of the Park. "Time in the Park" followed in September and October showcasing the natural, cultural, and historical heritage existing within the Park's boundaries. "Picnic in the Park" returned for 2021 encouraging everyone to enjoy the warmer days and lighter nights in the Parks surroundings. All these activities are set to be annual events for the Jersey National Park.

www.jerseynationalpark



The Little Red Squirrel Count

This autumn a new conservation campaign invites the public to count every adorable red squirrel spotted in Jersey. Visit Jersey has launched the campaign in partnership with The National Trust for Jersey and Ben Fogle, calling for families to get outdoors this autumn and spot the island's cutest inhabitant as part of the Little Red Squirrel Count, recording their sightings and tagging their images using #LittleRedSquirrelCount.

www.jersey.com/squirrel

The Trading Point

A fabulous shopping experience in the heart of Jersey. A creative hub of local businesses in an historic building, displaying a wide range of beautiful products.

www.jersey.com/see-and-do/trading-point

Stay

Millbrook House Hotel

CCA Galleries International Ltd, a commercial gallery in St. Helier, has been given planning permission to restore the current Millbrook House site's buildings to create an exceptional and characterful Art Hotel. The Hotel will offer a unique experience for visitors and guests to immerse themselves in arts, culture and cooking courses, along with fine dining and a spa.

www.millbrookhousehotel.co.uk

Premier Inn, St. Helier

The construction of the island's second Premier Inn in Bath Street is progressing as planned. The Bath Street development, known as Merchant's Square, will have 122 guest rooms. Due to open spring 2022.



Be Coorie – A way of life

Offering luxury campervans for those who prefer to be able to make their own way. Be Coorie have a selection of brand new T6.1 2020 model VW Transporters available to hire in Jersey. With spacious pop top roofs, the contemporary design of the Be Coorie T6.1 vans brings an an über cool edge to these iconic campers, whilst being made by one of the safest manufacturers in the UK.

www.becoorie.com

Eat & Drink



Jersey Seafaris Picnic Packages

Jersey Seafaris has partnered with some fantastic local businesses and now offers the option of adding a unique dining option as part of its private charter RIB boat trips. A delicious barbecue can be organised with The Good Stone, an experience-based catering crew cooking up wood fired feasts. or The [Jersey Grazing Company](http://www.jerseygrazingcompany.com) creates artisan grazing platters and boards, whilst the Binney and Boarder picnic is a delightful spread of local, seasonal offerings

www.jerseyseafaris.com/charter-picnic

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Kent's Heritage Coast recognised as one of the world's best regions to visit in 2022 as part of Lonely Planet's 'Best in Travel' round-up

28th October 2021

Kent celebrates international acclaim this week, after the county was placed number four on a list of the world's best regions to visit in 2022 by Lonely Planet.

This announcement forms part of the global travel authority's release of **Lonely Planet's Best in Travel 2022**, which unveils its top 10 countries, cities, and regions to visit next year. The county of Kent, often referred to as The Garden of England, is the only UK destination to feature within this year's illustrious round-up with a particular focus on **Kent's Heritage Coast**.

Kent's Heritage Coast, part of the Kent Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB), was praised for its commitment to sustainable tourism initiatives, combined with the regeneration of the historic town of Dover, Creative Folkestone, and plans to establish a UNESCO Global Geopark recognised within the region's entry.

The publisher also highlighted Kent's involvement in two Interreg funded projects; the EXPERIENCE project, which supports local tourism and hospitality businesses in developing new, low-environmental impact, year-round tourism experiences including accessibility improvements in the Kent countryside. In addition, the UNESCO Sites Across the Channel project aims to boost sustainable development and inclusion through seeking UNESCO designation.

Best in Travel 2022 is Lonely Planet's 17th annual collection of the world's hottest destinations and the must-have travel experiences for the year ahead. Nominations are received from Lonely Planet's vast community of staff, writers, and publishing partners, before being whittled down by a panel of travel experts. Each destination is chosen for its topicality, unique experiences, 'wow' factor, and ongoing commitment to sustainable tourism practices.

Deirdre Wells OBE, Visit Kent Chief Executive, said: "We are incredibly excited and hugely honoured to see Kent's Heritage Coast cited as one of Lonely Planet's best travel destinations for 2022. This stretch of our glorious county is home to sandy beaches and iconic chalk faces, alongside thriving cultural hotspots and an exciting, rolling programme of events.

Our ongoing work with Kent's tourism businesses and colleagues at the Kent Downs AONB - as part of the Interreg EXPERIENCE project - has allowed us to develop a host of brand-new products for market, which support our destination's green recovery following the significant effects of the Covid-19 pandemic. We are continuing to strive for new, low-impact ways that visitors can experience the Garden of England in-line with changes in consumer demand, and ultimately look forward to welcoming visitors to enjoy Kent's Heritage Coast first-hand in 2022 and beyond."

Nick Johannsen FLI, Director of the Kent Downs AONB Unit said: "We are absolutely delighted that Kent's Heritage Coast has been recognised globally and are honoured that this part of Kent is flying the flag for sustainable tourism in the UK. This is a real testament to the beauty of our landscape and a reminder of how important it is to tread lightly as we enjoy the countryside and coastline.

Our team and partnership are dedicated to promoting careful, inclusive, sustainable tourism so that the visitor economy benefits us all, our businesses, our visitors, our communities, and the extraordinary landscapes we are here to conserve and enhance. The Lonely Planet's recognition of the landscape and our work is just so important and empowers us to have even greater ambition.

Kent's Heritage Coast is well connected by train, including the high-speed link to London, and we encourage people to travel sustainably and think of taking slow ways, like walking or cycling. Explore hidden gems away from the crowds, particularly during the beautiful off-season in Autumn and Winter, and join authentic experiences with local experts knowing that by visiting responsibly you're helping to support the landscape and local economy."

Lonely Planet's VP of Experience Tom Hall commented: 'Over the last year we have truly come to appreciate the beauty on our doorstep and the need to travel more responsibly. Kent's Heritage Coast offers a unique combination of history, heritage, stunning and iconic natural landscapes and is now a leader in sustainable tourism initiatives. Already recognised as an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, the county is implementing ambitious plans to establish a Global Geo Park, has created a cross-channel collaboration with regions in France to protect shared nature and heritage as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, as well as developing community projects to benefit locals and visitors alike. It is this forward-thinking approach and commitment to regenerative tourism that has rated the region so highly in this year's Best in Travel list."

This latest accolade comes at a particularly pertinent time as Kent's tourism and hospitality sector, **worth £4.1 billion to the local economy pre-pandemic**, works to rebuild a vibrant and resilient industry for the future.

Visit Kent, the county's official destination management organisation, will shortly be launching a partnership with AccessAble to continue to improve accessibility across the county. This, along with plans to launch a sustainability pledge encouraging consumers to make small changes whilst visiting the destination, are two examples of the ongoing commitment from Kent's tourism and hospitality industry to ensure that visitors receive a welcoming, inclusive, and enjoyable experience, whilst ensuring that travellers have a positive impact for the future.

The Kent Downs AONB are supporting new Changing Places toilets in Kent Country Parks so that severely disabled people, their carers, and their families are able to enjoy a day out in the Kent countryside, confident in the knowledge that there is a toilet nearby that will meet their needs. This is part of an ongoing commitment to understanding and addressing the barriers to accessing the countryside and supporting greater inclusion in access so that more people can enjoy the health and wellbeing benefits of nature. The new toilets are funded by the EXPERIENCE project.

The Kent Downs AONB will soon launch new bookable sustainable rural tourism experiences and itineraries on their website for visitors to explore wellbeing in nature, delicious food and drink, outdoor adventures, transformative pilgrimage, relaxing tranquillity, family fun, and everything in between.

The Lonely Planet's Best in Travel 2022 guidebook is available now where all good books are sold or online at www.lonelyplanet.com. UK £11.99 | Hardback.

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What's new for Liverpool in 2022

Liverpool doubles as Gotham City

Release date TBC

For his Gotham City, *The Batman* director Matt Reeves wanted to create “an American city you’ve never been to”. Step in Liverpool, the waterfront city in northern England more commonly associated with football and The Beatles. Batman fans will see the city double up as Gotham throughout the 2022 blockbuster, with Robert Pattinson and Zoe Kravitz filming at several of its most famous sites. With many scenes from the new series of *Peaky Blinders* also shot in the city and a brand-new film studios opening, Liverpool’s film tours will have a couple of new chapters in 2022.

<https://theguideliverpool.com/filmed-in-liverpool-9-things-we-know-about-the-batman/>

Doctor Who is coming as well

27 May – 30 October 2022

From epic monsters to costumes and props, science is brought to life exploring some of the Doctor’s many adventures and encounters through space and time. This world premiere exhibition will see visitors engage with original artefacts, sets and much more – it’s a must-see for any fan of Doctor Who and science enthusiasts too. Journeying through the world of Doctor Who, visitors will discover the science that weaves its way through the history of the longest-running sci-fi TV show in the world, which has been on our screens for almost 60 years. Explore the past, present and future of the Earth and the vast reaches of the cosmos in this imaginative new exhibition, presented by Sarnier International under license from BBC Studios.

<https://www.liverpoolmuseums.org.uk/whatson/world-museum/exhibition/doctor-who-worlds-of-wonder>

Curtain raises on Shakespeare North

Summer 2022

10 miles east of Liverpool city centre, Knowsley has a historic connection to William Shakespeare, through the support he received from the Earls of Derby. Now, four-and-a-half centuries later sees the arrival of Shakespeare North Playhouse - at its core is a 350-seat theatre, modelled on the cockpit-in-court design popular during the Elizabethan era. Alongside the theatre will be an outdoor performance garden, exhibition and visitor centre and educational facilities.

<https://www.shakespearenorthplayhouse.co.uk/>

World Gymnastics Championships 2022

29 October – 6 November 2022

There will be a show like never before on the Liverpool waterfront next autumn, as more than 500 of the world’s best gymnasts from 75 countries descend on the M&S Bank Arena. They will battle it out across a full range of artistic gymnastic disciplines, to be crowned world champion and qualify for the Paris Olympics in 2024.

<https://2022worldgymnastics.com/>

The Turner Prize comes to Liverpool

20 October 2022 – 19 March 2023

Liverpool will also be bolstering its reputation as a hub for contemporary art when it welcomes the Turner Prize, the most famous award in the UK, which comes to Tate Liverpool on the waterfront in October 2022. There will also be the 12th edition of Liverpool Biennial, which commissions artists from around the world to create and present work across the city.

<https://www.visitliverpool.com/whats-on/turner-prize-2022-p476061>

Eureka! Discovery Autumn 2022

An extremely exciting new opening on the River Mersey, this interactive science and discovery centre is specially designed with and for inquisitive children between 7-14. Building on the immense success of Eureka! in Yorkshire, the Merseyside centre will reimagine a ferry terminal and focus even more on innovation and connecting the everyday with the extraordinary. This is due to open its doors in autumn 2022.

<https://www.eurekadiscovery.org.uk/>

New Hotels for Liverpool

Liverpool has welcomed two new hotels to the city centre over the last few months. INNSiDE Liverpool part of the Meliá group, opened in the former Echo and Post Building in September 2021. Complete with rooftop SkyBar and Gino D'Acampo Old Hall Street restaurant, it's the perfect location for a trip to Liverpool. We also welcomed The Baltic Hotel to the trendy Baltic Triangle district of the city, the first hotel in the area. 2022 will see Radisson Red open in North Western Hall a 1871 Grade II listed building linked to Lime Street Station.

Liverpool Groups Guide

Marketing Liverpool launched the brand new Liverpool for Groups Guide in September which covers itinerary ideas for groups, new tourism products, events, accommodation and information. [See the digital version here.](#)

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Scotland is calling for a unique winter break

As the nights close in, thoughts drift to staying home and keeping cosy. However, there are still many opportunities to extend the holiday season with a unique trip to Scotland in 2021.

From winter festivals to experiencing the world's first Dark Sky Park (and perhaps even seeing the Northern Lights); to outdoor theatre, brand-new restaurants, as well as campfires under the stars, there is certainly something unique to a trip to Scotland.

Dark skies and Northern Lights

From Dark Sky Parks to purpose-built public observatories, visitors will find plenty of perfect stargazing spots. And with over 7000 stars and planets visible each night, every visit is a different experience:

Galloway Forest Park, Dumfries and Galloway

Not only Britain's largest park, Galloway Forest Park was also the UK's first Dark Sky Park. Stretching across the Southwest of Scotland, it is home to glens, lochs, hills and only a few buildings which means it has very little light pollution. On clear nights it is possible to observe thousands of stars, making it one of the best places to stargaze in Europe.

Outer Hebrides

With little light pollution, the Outer Hebrides is one of the best places to catch the Northern Lights. Visitors can take their pick from Lewis, Harris, Uist or Barra. With the right weather conditions, each island can provide a mesmerising dancing display of the Aurora Borealis at the right time.

Isle of Coll, Inner Hebrides

With no streetlights and its geographic isolation, Coll is one of the best places in the UK for stargazing. In fact, Coll is the first official Dark Sky island in Scotland, and one of only two in the UK.

Foodie heaven

Winter Chefs' Residencies, Glen Dye Cabins & Lodges, Aberdeenshire, November & December 2021

Guests and friends of Glen Dye can enjoy supper clubs and food demos this season from four top chefs, including Whyte Rushen and Pippa Middlehurst. They will be challenged to cook over fire, forage for seasonal ingredients and find new perspectives on their food as they cook in new surroundings at the heart of this beautiful 15,000 acre private estate. For more information please go to: www.glendyecabinsandcottages.com/winter-chef-residencies

New restaurants: The Dipping Lugger in Ullapool and Killiecrankie House, Perthshire

Scotland is upping its gastronomic game with the opening of two new restaurants. The Dipping Lugger in Ullapool is a coastal restaurant, in the historical former parish manse, overlooking Loch Broom and out to the Western Isles; whilst Killiecrankie House, which opened its doors in October, is nestled in woodlands in The Cairngorm National Park - both offering their own unique gastronomic slice of luxury in the Highlands of Scotland. For more information, see www.killiecrankiehouse.com and <https://thedippinglugger.co.uk/>

Vegan Trail, Argyll & Bute

Scotland is home to the UK's first vegan trail, launched in 2021. Cafes, hotels, restaurants and B&Bs

across Argyll and the Isles are constantly growing their vegan options to give visitors a well-considered and exciting choice. From the Argyll Hotel in Kintyre, to the Lodge on Loch Lomond in Luss, vegan choices are in abundance. [Check out the interactive map here.](#)

Amazing theatre

Pitlochry Festival Theatre to premiere three new outdoor Ghost Stories

20 October – 7 November 2021

Things are set to get darker at the gardens of renowned Pitlochry Festival Theatre when the Perthshire venue premieres Ghost Stories, three brand new haunting promenade monologues. Written by Scottish based playwrights Maryam Hamidi, Martin McCormick and Jen McGregor, Ghost Stories will thrill audiences with an evening of mysteries, apparitions, and lost souls, all found under the spectacular autumn canopy of the woodland of the theatre. Ticket prices: £18-20. For more information visit <https://pitlochryfestivaltheatre.com/>

Disney's Beauty and the Beast, Edinburgh Playhouse

26 October – 27 November 2021

Anyone missing a trip to the theatre and looking to combine a visit with a top city break should head to Scotland's capital where the Edinburgh Playhouse will be showing Disney's Beauty and the Beast (Edinburgh is the only Scottish city Beauty and the Beast will be playing at). Disney first debuted Beauty and the Beast on Broadway 26 years ago. Members of the original creative team have reunited on this new production that features all of the spellbinding music and lyrics of Alan Menken, Howard Ashman and Tim Rice.

Tickets available from £20. To find out more and book online

visit: www.atgtickets.com/shows/disneys-beauty-and-the-beast/edinburgh-playhouse/

Perfect hideaway

Eshaness Lighthouse, Shetland

Looking to get away from it all somewhere special? A stay in a lighthouse in the northernmost region of the British Isles might be the perfect treat. Situated an hour's drive from Shetland's capital town Lerwick and perched atop some of the most dramatic cliffs, Eshaness Lighthouse is on the North West coast of mainland Shetland. There are no visible neighbours and the warm cosy feel inside the lighthouse on a wild and stormy night is an experience never to be forgotten. Priced at £438 for 6 nights, sleeps 6 people. www.shetlandlighthouse.com/eshaness-lighthouse

Christmas & Hogmanay Escape at Dunalastair Hotel Suites, Perthshire

Anyone hoping for a storybook 'white Christmas' or a hearty Highlands Hogmanay, Dunalastair Hotel Suites is offering a range of packages that promise an unforgettable winter break for couples and families. Dunalastair's offering includes crisp country hikes and sumptuous feasting. Other highlights and experiences to look forward to this festive season include a private landscape photography tour or perhaps heading to nearby Rannoch Moor, one of Scotland's prime spots for viewing the magical Northern Lights in the night skies from October to March. Visit www.dunalastairhotel.com for more information and to book.

For more on trips to Scotland, including forthcoming winter festivals, go to:

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Visit Wales Celebrating 10 Years of the Wales Coast Path

On Thursday 5 May 2022, the Wales Coast Path will celebrate its 10-year anniversary since it was officially launched in 2012.

From sunset picnics on the Gower Peninsula to stargazing in Snowdonia's international Dark-Sky reserve, the 870-mile long Path already offers hundreds of unique walking experiences across the country – but after a decade of adventure, 2022 is set to be its most memorable year yet.

To mark the milestone occasion, the Wales Coast Path will next year, launch a brand-new calendar of celebratory events, filled with opportunities for people from across the world to join the festivities and discover the Path a-new.

A series of guided tours along Wales' coastline are also planned, as well as the release of fresh walking itineraries and educational resources, among other coast-side surprises.

This will include the launch of a suite of new unique walking itineraries, created in partnership with the Welsh Government historic environment service, Cadw. Combining the Path's offering with visits to some of the country's most iconic castles and historical landmarks.

It's all part of a special 10-year anniversary marketing campaign, with more information expected to be revealed in coming months.



Three Cliffs Bay, Gower Peninsular

What's more, [research by Ramblers UK](#) shows that 89% of people find that walking amongst nature helps them to unwind and relax – improving health, wellbeing and feelings of positivity.

Therefore, 2022 will not only act as a celebration of the iconic walking route, but as an opportunity for the people of Wales – and beyond – to share their positive experiences and memories of the Path over the last ten years.

Finally, for the first time ever, walkers will be able to track their walking adventures on the official Wales Coast Path app – which is being updated to make the route as open and accessible for exploration during its 10th anniversary year – for as many people as possible.

Eve Nicholson of Wales Coast Path, said: "Since its official opening in 2012, the Wales Coast Path has established itself as a beacon of Wales's natural beauty.

“And, during its tenth year, we’re inviting everybody who has ever experienced the wonder of Wales’ coastline to join us in celebrating everything that the Path has to offer, not just for people living in Wales, but all over the world”.

The Wales Coast Path – five fast facts:

- Spanning 870 miles of Welsh coastline – Wales is one of a few countries in the world to have a continuous coastal path stretching it’s entire length.
- Wales has more Blue Flag beaches per mile than anywhere else in the UK.
- There are more than 100 beaches dotted along the Wales Coast Path.
- Over 43 million visits are made to the Welsh coastline of which walking was the most popular activity.
- Rhossili Bay on the Gower Peninsula, south Wales, has been voted among the top 10 beaches in the world.

Media enquires

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EXHIBITION



Warner Bros. to launch UK exhibition of magical behind-the-scenes images from the Harry Potter film series, complete with London's only bottled Butterbeer Bar

The Harry Potter Photographic Exhibition will take fans behind-the-scenes of their favourite Harry Potter and Fantastic Beasts film moments and memories.

For immediate release: June 17th, 9.30am BST

The Wizarding World is recognised as one of the world's best-loved franchises, representing a vast, interconnected universe which touches all aspects of fans' lives. From 12th July, fans are invited to journey through the memories of the 10 years spent creating filmmaking magic in a display of behind-the-scenes images, never before seen in one place. Housing hundreds of iconic photographs, the Harry Potter Photographic Exhibition will take fans behind the camera during key moments in the film series, from Harry's first journey from Platform 9 ¾ (one of many iconic moments from the first film, which this year celebrates its 20th Anniversary) through to the Battle of Hogwarts from the final film in the series.

Located in Covent Garden, the brand-new attraction will showcase hundreds of exclusive images never before seen together. Fans will discover areas inspired by the Ministry of Magic and Platform 9 ¾. The Exhibition will also showcase how the magic lives on in the Muggle world with areas dedicated to *Harry Potter and the Cursed Child* and *Fantastic Beasts*.

After taking in the behind-the-scenes imagery, fans will be invited to strike a pose themselves in a number of green screen photo opportunities. Fans will be able to pose just like Harry and his friends, using green screen technology, to ride a broomstick over London. Aspiring witches and wizards can put on a Hogwarts robe, climb on to a broomstick and see how Harry and his friends

were made to fly. For the first time ever, fans will even be able to pose for their very own Ministry of Magic Identification Card. Souvenir photos and videos of their adventures will be available to purchase in a variety of packages.

The Photographic Exhibition will also be home to London's only bottled Butterbeer bar! Fans can enjoy the wizard's drink of choice served in a souvenir tankard at the exhibition's Butterbeer bar or take a bottle away to enjoy at home. Made and brewed in the U.K, bottled Butterbeer has a style which is entirely unique and comes in beautifully crafted souvenir glass bottles, each one featuring an exclusive collectible label designed by Minalima, the design duo behind the graphic props of the *Harry Potter* and *Fantastic Beasts* films.



Best served chilled and poured straight from the bottle, the delicious soft drink features a new take on the butterscotch flavour fans know and love. The unique blend of top-secret ingredients makes bottled Butterbeer a must try for any aspiring witch or wizard.

Fans will enter the Butterbeer bar, a space inspired by the medieval Butterbeer label, and be invited to take a seat inside a Butterbeer barrel or a copper brewing tank to enjoy their refreshing wizarding drink and treats inspired by the wizarding world.

The experience will end with a gift shop packed full of fan-favourite products including house robes, character wands and bottled Butterbeer.

The Harry Potter Photographic Exhibition, including the bottled Butterbeer Bar, will open to fans on 12th July. Tickets are available to purchase now at www.harrypotteronlocation.co.uk and must be booked in advance.

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Notes to Editors

About Wizarding World

In the years since Harry Potter was whisked from King's Cross Station onto Platform 9 ¾, his incredible adventures have left a unique and lasting mark on popular culture. Eight blockbuster Harry Potter films have brought the magical stories to life and today, the Wizarding World is recognised as one of the world's best-loved franchises.

Representing a vast interconnected universe, it includes two epic *Fantastic Beasts* films, (the third releasing in 2022), *Harry Potter & The Cursed Child* – the multi-award-winning stage-play, state-of-the-art video and mobile games from Portkey Games, innovative consumer products, thrilling live entertainment (including three theme parks) and insightful exhibitions.

This expanding portfolio of Warner Bros. owned Wizarding World experiences also includes *Harry Potter New York* – a brand new flagship store, *Warner Bros. Studio Tour London – The Making of Harry Potter*, *Warner Bros. Studio Tour Tokyo*, and the *Platform 9 ¾* retail shops.

The Wizarding World continues to evolve to provide Harry Potter fans with fresh and exciting ways to engage. For the worldwide fan community, and for generations to come, it welcomes everyone in to explore and discover the magic for themselves.

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