

## MOST LOVED HOT SPOTS

SPAIN, Italy, Greece, the US and the Caribbean are the top choices for British holidaymakers this summer.

Portugal and France are also seeing a bookings bounce-back post-pandemic and are just behind 2019 levels. Not surprisingly, Qatar is proving popular, thanks to the World Cup in November, and Egypt's Red Sea resorts are gaining popularity.

The data from travel research firm Forward Keys revealed at the World Travel and Tourism Council summit shows travellers from the UK, Germany and France are driving the recovery – while there has also been a 350 per cent surge in travellers coming to Europe this year in comparison to 2021.

But flight bookings globally are still down 46 per cent compared to pre-pandemic, and bookings could fall again as the cost-of-living crisis at home and abroad hits.

And it seems the UK has fallen out of favour with international visitors and does not even make it into the top 20 worldwide destinations for travellers this summer.

Olivier Ponti, of Forward Keys, said: "The recovery in the UK has been a long process.

"Changes to restrictions and testing hampered it but now the UK is more consistent in its approach." And he did reveal that demand for city breaks in the UK is growing.



POPULAR... Saint Kitts, Caribbean

### Solution for Scars sunburn cream, £18.99, scienceofskin.com

IF you got caught short in the mini Easter heatwave last weekend, you'll want a bit of this stuff.

It's a scar cream, but also works wonders on sunburn and is a necessary companion on a holiday to any sun-soaked destination.

Not only will it help soothe the skin, it also aids high-chafing and razor rash. The natural ingredients, which include green tea, magnolia bark and vitamin E, help to eliminate redness by reducing inflammation at cellular level.

It prevents further damage and hydrates skin too, so you don't have to deal with any peeling or flaking either.



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**THAILAND:** Seven nights' B&B at the 4★ Paradise Koh Yao is from £749pp including flights from Gatwick on selected dates in May and June. Book by April 30 at [bluebaytravel.co.uk](http://bluebaytravel.co.uk) or call 01782 645 080.

**YORKSHIRE:** Four nights' self-catering at Haven's Reighton Sands resort is from £79 in total, based on four sharing Saver accommodation, arriving May 2. See [haven.com](http://haven.com) or call 0333 202 5250.

**KOS:** Seven nights' half-board at the 5★ Grecotel Kos Imperial is from £585pp including flights from East Midlands on May 6. Call 020 8492 6868 or visit [olympicholidays.com](http://olympicholidays.com).

**MAJORCA:** Seven nights' self-catering at the three-bed Villa Can Pericas in Pollensa is from £1,307 in total or £218pp, with private pool, arriving May 15. See [villaselect.com](http://villaselect.com) or call 0800 270 0050. Book flights separately with TUI from £59 return. See [tui.co.uk](http://tui.co.uk).

**CYPRUS:** Seven nights' self-catering at the 4★ Katerina Heights Villas is from £439pp including flights from East Midlands on May 4. Based on six sharing. Visit [jet2holidays.com](http://jet2holidays.com).

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## UAE: Dubai & Ras Al-Khaimah

TEMPERATURES reach a sizzling 35C in Dubai around October time.

And you can be in the perfect spot to soak it all up from your sun lounger at the Four Points by Sheraton Downtown Dubai.

The hotel has a rooftop swimming pool offering top-notch views of the Burj Khalifa skyscraper.

Enjoy three nights' B&B here, before venturing to the nearby emirate of Ras Al-Khaimah, 'home to the worlds'

longest zip wire, the Jebel Jais Flight, which carries thrill-seekers over dusty mountain peaks at speeds of up to 90mph.

You'll be spending four nights' B&B at the 4★ Hampton by Hilton Marjan Island, right on the beachfront and with a luxury spa.

The seven-night package costs from £901pp, based on two adults sharing and including flights from Heathrow on October 1. See [destination2.co.uk](http://destination2.co.uk).



## Channel Islands: Jersey & Guernsey

YOU don't need to venture far for impressive coastlines, rural horizons and great food.

Holidaymakers can immerse themselves in a blend of French and British culture on this seven-day adventure to Jersey and Guernsey.

Spend three nights' half-board at the 3★ Hotel de Normandie which sits in the heart of Jersey's capital St Helier, where cobblestone streets are lined with quaint pubs and cafes.

After that you'll sail to Guernsey,

from where you can join an excursion to the isle of Sark, known to many as the 'crown jewel of the Channel Islands'. Its skies are so dark you won't even need a telescope to admire the sparkling stars.

Seven nights' half-board costs from £839pp, including ferry travel, a horse and carriage ride to Sark's La Seigneurie Gardens and flights from Gatwick, Southampton or Bristol on September 30. See [justgoholidays.com](http://justgoholidays.com).

## Mexico: Cancun & Tulum

COUPLES wanting a blowout trip can splash the cash in Mexico on a 14-night all-inclusive adventure, tucking into top cuisine and exploring ancient ruins.

Kick things off in Cancun at the beachfront Hard Rock Hotel, where you need not lift a finger. You can get food delivered straight to the hot tub in your room.

Just as plush is the Hard Rock Hotel Riviera Maya further south, which has a snorkelling sea cove and five pools, six bubbling Jacuzzis and a huge spa.

If you fancy exploring, head to the port city of Tulum and roam the rocky ruins or take a dip in the crystal clear waters of the Yucatan Peninsula.

The package costs from £2,490pp, including flights departing Gatwick in November and transfers. See [tui.co.uk](http://tui.co.uk).



AFTER two years of travel chaos, there is a lot of catching up to do.

So why limit yourself to exploring a single destination when you could visit two at the same time?

As well as rolling two holidays into one trip, you could also save a fair amount on ticket costs.

Here, SOPHIE SWIETCZOWSKI picks out some cracking deals for two-centre holidays in this country, Europe and beyond.

## TOP TWIN CENTRE BREAKS

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## Croatia: Split & Igrane

THIS 14-night trip takes in some relaxing island-hopping and visits to white pebble shores as well as ticking off key spots along the striking Dalmatian Coast.

Expect cracking seafood – plucked fresh from the ocean – postcard-worthy beaches and remarkable architecture as you explore the city of Split and its surrounding islands, including Brač, a 50-minute ferry ride away.

Holidaymakers can pick their

accommodation, which ranges from the budget-friendly Bluesun Alga in Igrane to the beachfront Le Meridien Lav.

The latter has an impressive infinity pool looking out towards the clear blue ocean.

The TUI holiday costs from £820pp for two people on a B&B basis, including flights from Gatwick on September 5 and transfers. See [tui.co.uk](http://tui.co.uk).



## Med islands: Sardinia & Corsica

YOU really will get more bang for your buck on this two-week break as you travel across two countries, and sail through the Mediterranean Sea.

Begin your trip on the Italian island of Sardinia at the 4★ Hotel Rocce Sarde, perched on the peak of a hill.

Here you can potter about the pretty town of San Pantaleo, just over a mile from the hotel.

Then grab the ferry over to the picture-perfect French island of

Corsica, renowned for its sandy white beaches and clear, turquoise waters.

Check in to the Hotel San Giovanni, a charming family establishment in Porto Vecchio, where sandy buildings are sheltered by ancient trees.

The 14-night B&B package costs from £1,496pp, including flights from Gatwick, ferry travel and car hire.

See [sardinianplaces.co.uk](http://sardinianplaces.co.uk) or call 01489 866959.



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**Greece: Rhodes & Halki**

IF blissful days sunbathing on soft sands and warm nights roaming the cobbled streets of Rhodes sounds like your cup of tea, this seven-night island-hopping trip is the one for you.

You will be staying in rustic villas and trendy apartments but it is unlikely you will spend more than a few hours inside them.

Not with Old Rhodes Town right there on your doorstep.

Venture beyond the medieval city

gates and meander the labyrinth of narrow streets, filled with boutiques and small restaurants serving authentic Greek cuisine.

Then travel to the small island of Halki, where pastel coloured houses line a crescent shaped bay.

The seven-night deal costs from £639pp on a mix of self-catering & B&B basis, including flights from Gatwick in summer, ferries and private transfers. See olympicholidays.com.

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**Cyprus: Paphos & Latchi**

WHISK the whole family off to Paphos – the mythical birthplace of Greek goddess Aphrodite – for three nights and head straight to Coral Bay, where the shallow waters are perfect for paddling tots.

The Lthaki amusement park, which has a mini golf course older kids will love, is a ten-minute walk away.

Private transfers will then take you for four nights to the peaceful fishing village of Latchi, which is ideally

located among some of the best walking trails in the country.

If you are all about relaxing, the beachfront Souli hotel, where you will stay, sits at the foot of the Akamas mountain range, boasting panoramic views of the rugged landscape.

The seven-night trip costs from £459pp, combining self-catering and B&B stays, including flights from Gatwick in summer and private transfers. See olympicholidays.com.

**BAG A RESORT FOR £15**

IT'S not too early to look at next year's holiday. Families can bag a Butlin's trip for less than £15 per person if they book now.

Holidays for 2023 are on sale now for the Bognor Regis, Skegness and Minehead resorts with four-night families breaks from £59 in total.

Families after a February half-term break can spend three nights' self-catering in a two-bedroom Standard Room in Minehead from £34.50pp.

The price includes live shows, pool access and unlimited fairground rides.

Those looking ahead to summer can get a three-night trip in a Silver Room in Minehead from £265 in total, based on a family of four sharing and for arrival on July 22.

Dining packages cost an additional £21.75 per adult, per day, and £10.90 per child, per day.

For further details or to book, see butlins.com.



**WIN CYPRUS HOL**

THE Sun Travel Awards 2022 give YOU the chance to vote for your fave travel companies and destinations – and win one of TEN superb holidays.

Categories include Best Country, Best In Cruise, Best Airline, Best Short Haul Operator, Best Long Haul Operator and Best UK Operator, Best UK Attraction, Best Global Attraction and Most Trusted Travel Firm. Vote at [thesun.co.uk/travelawards](https://thesun.co.uk/travelawards) and you could win one of ten holidays to Tenerife, Dubai, Greece, Turkey, Rhodes, Florida, Cyprus or a British Isles cruise.

Each week until voting ends on May 22, we will focus on one of the amazing prizes you can win. This

week we highlight the fantastic three-night stay at Louis St Elias Resort & Waterpark in Cyprus with return flights and in-resort transfers.

The prize is for two adults or one adult and one child. The hotel is set on a hillside near the Fig Tree Bay Beach in Protaras and has amazing views.

Relax in your Superior Studio, cool off in the two pools, take on the water slides or enjoy treatments at the Hibiscus Spa and Wellness Centre.

For a chance to win this or any of the other nine holidays, vote now at [thesun.co.uk/travelawards](https://thesun.co.uk/travelawards).

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**Portugal: Porto & Douro Valley**

THE best way to soak up the Unesco-designated city of Porto, with its winding streets and brightly coloured houses, is on foot.

And you can do just that on this four-night Portugal tour.

First get stuck into city life, spending casual days sipping on iced coffee at traditional cafes and taking in the historical buildings scribbled in street art.

Then swap it for the rural landscapes of the Douro Valley.

Here you'll stroll shaggy hills drenched in

silver olive trees and grape vines used to make local wines.

You'll spend your nights in a stylish hotel, housed in a 16th century building, as well as a rustic manor house with a small, but brilliant, restaurant.

The trip costs from £680pp, based on two sharing, including four nights' B&B, two dinners, transfers and a guided visit of working winery Quinta de la Rosa. Flights are not included.

See [intravel.co.uk](https://intravel.co.uk).

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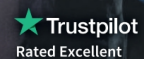
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