

## **DECEMBER 2018**

### **What's hot for 2019**

Looking ahead to next year's travel trends. How will people choose to holiday? Will all inclusive trips rise in popularity or will travellers want to explore rather than fly and flop? If the former, will they go it alone or will escorted tours be big sellers? How will Brexit affect holiday sales to Europe? Plus, we run down a list of the global hot spots which will be selling like hot cakes in 2019.

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### **Eastern Thailand**

This region of Thailand, including the established Gulf of Thailand resort Pattaya, is Thailand's most convenient, with its sun-soaked beaches just two hours from Bangkok Airport. Laura Gelder finds herself surprised by an element of eco tourism.

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### **Capital region USA**

Our editor reviews his recent trip to this section of eastern USA and outlines why the region deserves to be a top-seller. He will cover the new Amtrak service from the nation's capitol to Roanoke, wine tasting on a famous US battlefield, attending a College 'football game' (all Virginia), Alexandria, and all the latest news from Washington DC and Maryland..

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### **Mediterranean Islands**

This classic sun and sea destination is still hugely popular with Brits but what's trending right now? Our writer takes a look at best-sellers, up and coming destinations and opportunities for agents to be selling into new markets or pushing different kinds of trips like active holidays for hikers or cyclists, wellness breaks or winter sun retreats. This will include a run-down of top experiences agents can add sell, new products, packages and selling tips.

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### **Mexican beaches**

How to sell Mexico for a beach holiday. Where are the hotspots and what to sell to who. Plus what's new in the resorts. This will cover both the Pacific and Caribbean resorts of Mexico.

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### **An Aussie odyssey on the Indian Pacific**

Lisa James took The Indian Pacific train between Perth on the Indian Ocean and Sydney on the Pacific Ocean and saw the remote outback from the comfort of a carriage. She recounts her experience with Great Southern Rail.

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**Sao Tome**

This West African island, once a colony of Portugal, is a rough diamond which is only featured on a handful of operators' books. Laura Gelder explores a land of deserted yellow beaches and wild jungle, stands on the equator and delves into the distinct culture and history of Sao Tome and Principe.

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**US Virgin Islands**

Brand USA hosted Lauren Jarvis' trip to this Caribbean outpost of the U.S. which saw her explore three islands: St Croix, St. Thomas and St. John.

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**Twinning Phoenix with Mexico**

Sharing the distinctive terrain of the Sonora Desert, a road trip including Tucson and its southerly neighbour Hermosillo, Mexico, sheds light on the similarities between the two cultures.

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**Myanmar**

Caroline Phillips experiences sustainable tourism on a 21-day bespoke family holiday to Myanmar with Khiri Travel. She discovers a country that can count history, wildlife, festivals, fascinating food, sporty activities and dreamy landscapes among its many attributes.

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