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## Mauritius gears up to welcome Saudi families this Eid

National flagcarrier Saudia Airlines has resumed its direct flights to Mauritius which will operate thrice a week. With the removal of the PCR test requirement for travel into the island, it has become easier to enter Mauritius compared to other countries (ZAWYA, 23-Apr-2022). [Read More](#)

## Emirates to increase flights to Mauritius

From 1 July 2022, Emirates will operate two daily flights to the island nation on its flagship A380 to meet the growing demand for travel to Mauritius (Raily News, 11-Apr-2022). [Read More](#)



## Tourist arrivals gradually catching up to pre-pandemic levels

The most recent updates from the Ministry of Tourism attests that the tourist arrivals to the Maldives is already catching up to pre-pandemic levels. As of 23rd April 2022, total tourist arrivals to the Maldives stood at 531,019 while in the same period in 2019 tourist arrivals had reached 589,315 - thus, a negative 9.9 percent movement was observed (Edition.mv, 25-Apr-2022). [Read More](#)

## Operational tourist facilities across Maldives rise to 973

54,714 tourist beds span across these facilities. Four guesthouses resumed services over the past week. The ministry on January 1 facilitated the introduction of Homestay in the Maldives (Raajje.mw, 22-Apr-2022). [Read More](#)



## Seychelles wins Italian green travel award 2022

The Indian Ocean archipelago won the GIST Green Travel Award for its excellence in Sustainable and Responsible Tourism in the Trade and Consumer Fair BIT 2022 held Monday, April 11, 2022, in Milan (eTurbo News, 12-Apr-2022). [Read More](#)

## Singapore airlines signs MOU with Sri Lanka Tourism Promotion Bureau

This MoU leverages SIA's extensive route network, connecting customers from other countries to Sri Lanka. Under the agreement, SIA and SLTPB will conduct joint activities to boost the tourism industry in Sri Lanka (The Island, 23-Apr-2022). [Read More](#)



## Dominican Republic tourism is booming

Tourism continues to boom to the Dominican Republic. In all, the country handled 3.812 million passengers in the first quarter of 2022, including just under 1.3 million in January across a total of 28,781 flights. In February, that success continued, with 1,177,647 passengers transported — three times the number from February 2021 (Caribbean Journal, 12-April-2022). [Read More](#)

## Flights from Israel to Mauritius planned for Passover

For the first time, Air Seychelles will operate direct flights from Israel to Mauritius during Passover, N12 reported on Monday (The Jerusalem Post, 14-Apr-2022). [Read More](#)

## The Maldives, France's favourite country

France has the 2nd highest interest in travel to the Maldives, with a total of 58,000 Google searches. The study, conducted by Bounce, analyzed Google searches for flights, hotels and holidays over the past 12 months to reveal each country's favourite destination (Presse Agence, 01-Apr-2022). [Read More](#)

## MMPRC launches destination marketing campaign with India's leading tour operator, Thomas Cook

This strategic partnership is aimed at sustaining the Maldives' visibility among Indian travellers and increasing arrivals from India to the Maldives. The three-month campaign will be conducted from April to July, 2022 (VisitMaldives, 21-Apr-2022). [Read More](#)

## MMPRC joins hands with Pickyourtrail to increase destination momentum in Indian market

Maldives Marketing and Public Relation Corporation (MMPRC / Visit Maldives) join hands with Pickyourtrail to increase the destination momentum in the Indian market. This 3-month campaign will be held from April to July and aims to create more interest towards the Maldives amongst the travel trade and travellers from this market (VisitMaldives, 04-Apr-2022). [Read More](#)

## MMPRC takes part in Matta fair 2022 to promote Maldives in the Southeast Asian market

Maldives Marketing & Public Relations Corporation (MMPRC / Visit Maldives) has taken part in MATTA Fair 2022 to strengthen and promote the Maldives brand presence in the Southeast Asian market. The fair is on 9th - 10th April 2022. Seven industry partners took part in the fair alongside Visit Maldives (VisitMaldives, 09-Apr-2022). [Read More](#)

## MMPRC participates in BIT Milan held in Italy, the traditional top source market of the Maldives

Maldives Marketing and Public Relations Corporation (MMPRC / Visit Maldives) and industry partners have participated in BIT Milan held in Italy, the traditional top source market of the Maldives. The event is being held from 10th to 12th April at Fieramilanocity, Milan (VisitMaldives, 11-Apr-2022). [Read More](#)

## MMPRC markets the Maldives at leading global tourism event World Travel Market Africa 2022

Through this event, MMPRC targets to increase penetration for various tourism products, including luxury resorts, hotels, guesthouses and liveaboards from the African market (VisitMaldives, 11-Apr-2022). [Read More](#)

## Raid Amazonas, the largest tourism program in the country after the Covid -19 pandemic - Day 02

Raid Amazonas 2022, the largest tourism sports event to take place after the Covid 19 pandemic, began its first stage of the Tournament on 16th of March 2022. Approximately 600 athletes take part in the Raid Amazonas adventure event, the first stage of the two-stage tournament will be held from the 14th to the 22nd while the second half will be held from the 28th to the 6th of April. The tournament will be held in Kaudulla, Medirigiriya, Wewala, Kandalama, Sigiriya and Mahawilgamuwa areas (SriLanka.travel, 23-Apr-2022). [Read More](#)

## Jamaica just removed all testing rules for Travelers

Jamaica has officially eliminated all pre-arrival testing rules for travellers. International visitors to Jamaica are no longer required to present a negative antigen or PCR test before their trip to the island (Caribbean Journal, 19-Apr-2022). [Read More](#)

## Jamaica is Caribbean's fastest growing tourist destination

Jamaica is now regarded as one of the world's fastest-recovering countries, and the Caribbean's fastest-growing tourist destination, says Minister of Tourism, Hon. Edmund Bartlett (Jamaica Information Service, 06-Apr-2022). [Read More](#)

## Jamaica and Emirates Airlines in talks to build new partnerships

Jamaica's strategic location, providing direct connections to major gateways, makes the destination even more appealing to tourism investors and stakeholders in the airline industry (Breaking Travel News, 12-Apr-2022). [Read More](#)

### **Dominica lifts testing requirements for vaccinated travellers**

It just got a whole lot easier to visit the Eastern Caribbean destination of Dominica. Effective April 4, Dominica will waive pre-testing requirements for all vaccinated travellers. Vaccinated travellers must present their proof of vaccination at check-in at the airport and upon disembarkation in Dominica (Caribbean Journal, 04-Apr-2022). [Read More](#)

### **Antigua and Barbuda to receive more US flights as demand increases**

Antigua and Barbuda will see an increase in flights from the United States as American carrier, American Airlines announces an extension of its daily New York service from summer through to the early fall and winter season (Caribbean Loop News, 10-Apr-2022). [Read More](#)

### **Air France is ramping up its Caribbean service**

Air France will be operating more flights to the Caribbean this summer than it did before the onset of the pandemic, Caribbean Journal has learned (Caribbean Journal, 04-Apr-2022). [Read More](#)

### **Thailand to lift testing requirements from 1 May**

Thailand's Centre for COVID-19 Situation Administration (CCSA) has approved the lifting of the RT-PCR testing requirement for international arrivals beginning 1 May, 2022, and introduced two new entry schemes specifically customised for vaccinated and unvaccinated travellers (Breaking Travel News, 24-Apr-2022). [Read More](#)

### **Greece to remove all remaining Covid travel restrictions**

Greece is to remove all remaining Covid-related travel restrictions on 2 May, in time for its peak summer tourist season. The nation joins a list of 15 other European countries, including Sweden, Madeira and Cyprus, which have dropped entry rules as infection rates stabilise (Breaking Travel News, 13-Apr-2022). [Read More](#)

### **Tourism begins to bounce back in Africa**

ForwardKeys has found that hunger has a new focus: Africa and the Middle East. The U.S. outbound market could aid recovery in the fragile tourism sector in Africa, according to ForwardKeys (Travelpulse, 06-Apr-2022). [Read More](#)

### **Qatar Airways enters metaverse with 'QVerse' virtual reality and world's first MetaHuman cab**

Qatar Airways is entering the metaverse by launching QVerse, a novel virtual reality (VR) experience for visitors to the airline's website (Breaking Travel News, 23-Apr-2022). [Read More](#)

### **Qatar Airways launches 'Let's Fly' campaign to inspire post-pandemic travel**

Qatar Airways has launched its 'Let's Fly' campaign to encourage travellers to take to the skies in search of new experiences and memories (Breaking Travel News, 13-Apr-2022). [Read More](#)



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