

TRAVEL & TOURISM NEWS



Tourism arrivals in Mauritius on rise in first quarter

The Mauritius Tourism Promotion Authority (MTPA) said that more than 160,000 tourists have already visited the island in the first quarter of 2022, including thousands of GCC travellers (Travel Daily News, 19-May-2022). [Read More](#)

Mauritius holds its first sustainable tourism awards

The first Sustainable Tourism Mauritius Awards 2022 was held at the Ravenala Attitude Hotel in Balacava, in a bid to reward the safest and most sustainable stakeholders in the Tourism and Hospitality industry, as well as local Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs), and recognise their genuine efforts to improve their businesses to benefit local people, support cultural diversity, and advance biodiversity conservation (allAfrica, 12-May-2022). [Read More](#)



Emirates reaffirms partnership with Mauritius

Dubai, UAE: Emirates today reaffirmed its partnership with Mauritius by signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Mauritius Tourism Promotion Authority (MTPA). The current agreement builds on the existing partnership between the two entities to promote tourism to Mauritius from key markets across the Emirates network (Zawya, 12-May-2022). [Read More](#)

Maldives welcomes more than 600,000 tourists, so far in Golden Jubilee Year

Maldives aims to welcome 1.6 million tourists this year. 44,843 tourists have been welcomed so far in May 2022 alone. 621,633 tourists were welcomed from January to May 9 (Raaije.mv, 10-May-2022). [Read More](#)



Tourism Sevchelles on the road and charming South African partners

The team met with the South African Tourism representatives to discuss areas of tourism corporation between the two countries. The meeting was also attended by the Seychelles Honorary Consul in Durban, Mr. Abul Fahl Moshin Ebrahim (eTurboNews, 11-May-2022). [Read More](#)

Five Caribbean Nations have removed all entry requirements for American tourists

Various Caribbean nations including some of the most popular destinations for U.S. tourists have removed all entry requirements for travellers (Travel Off Path, 18-May-2022). [Read More](#)



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Maldives and Qatar Airways sign MOU to raise inbound flights

Maldives Marketing and Public Relations Corporation (MMPRC / Visit Maldives) and Qatar Airways have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) aimed at increasing inbound air traffic to the Maldives through several joint efforts and individual campaigns (Breaking Travel News, 11-May-2022). [Read More](#)

Ooredoo Maldives MD invites Pres. to attend upcoming 2022 FIFA World Cup, in Qatar

The President met the MD and CEO of Ooredoo Maldives on Thursday. President Solih inquired about the efforts by the company to improve its services. He also presented the President with an Adidas Al-Rihla, the official match ball for the tournament (Raaije.mv, 12-May-2022). [Read More](#)

Over 20 airlines currently operating to the Maldives

According to the Tourism Ministry, 23 airlines currently operate to the Maldives, including large international airlines. At this time, most flights are operated by Emirates and Qatar Airways (Avas.mv, 18-May-2022). [Read More](#)

MMPRC conducts webinar for U.S travel trade titled 'High End Adventures-The Maldives Awaits | USA 2022'

The purpose of the webinar, held on 17th May 2022, was to train U.S travel agents and tour operators and promote high-end adventures in the Maldives for travellers, showcasing the best of the destination (Visit Maldives, 18-May-2022). [Read More](#)

MMPRC participates in SATTE 2022 to enhance brand visibility in the Indian market

The fair is being held from 18th - 20th May 2022 in Delhi, India. MMPRC is participating in the event to further promote the destination in the Indian market along with 33 industry partners (Visit Maldives, 18-May-2022). [Read More](#)

MMPRC and Musafir.com initiate virtual reality experience of the Maldives at city centre Deira mall in Dubai

Maldives Marketing and Public Relations Corporation (MMPRC / Visit Maldives) and Musafir.com have kicked off an exciting marketing campaign during which visitors to City Centre Deira Mall, Dubai, get to experience the Maldives through virtual reality (Visit Maldives, 11-May-2022). [Read More](#)

MMPRC reconnects with Middle Eastern travel trade at ATM 2022

Maldives Marketing and Public Relations Corporation (MMPRC / Visit Maldives) is marketing the Maldives as a destination at Arabian Travel Market (ATM) 2022, as part of the effort to reconnect with travel trade from the Middle East (Breaking Travel News, 11-May-2022). [Read More](#)

MMPRC & Maldives embassy in UAE hold press conference on the side-lines of ATM, officially launches 'redefining MICE' campaign in the region

The event, held at the Dubai International Convention and Exhibition Centre - also known as the Dubai World Trade Centre - saw the official launch of MMPRC's mice-tourism focussed campaign 'Redefining MICE' for this region (Visit Maldives, 10-May-2022). [Read More](#)

Saint Lucia tourism is rebounding

Saint Lucia tourism is starting to rebound, two years after the island was one of the first Caribbean destinations to reopen amid the pandemic (Caribbean Journal, May-2022). [Read More](#)

Croatia eliminates COVID-19 travel entry rules

Croatia became the latest country to eliminate all COVID-19-related entry requirements this week, allowing travellers to visit without any testing, vaccination, or quarantine rules in place (Travel + Leisure, 06-May-2022). [Read More](#)

Dubai ranks No.1 globally in hotel occupancy in first quarter of 2022 with 82 per cent

The emirate records 3.97 million overnight visitors in Q1 2022, demonstrating the accelerating pace of its revitalised tourism growth (Breaking Travel News, 11-May-2022). [Read More](#)

New Zealand reopens to tourists after two years

New Zealand has welcomed its first international tourists since March 2020 as part of the government's phased reopening (Breaking Travel News, 03-May-2022). [Read More](#)

Tomorrowland to open desert destination Terra Solis in Dubai

Tomorrowland, the music festival organiser, is set to open Terra Solis, a new unique desert destination in Dubai (Breaking Travel News, 09-May-2022). [Read More](#)

World View reaches 1,000 reservations for edge of space flight

World View, the stratospheric ballooning and space tourism company, has accomplished a new milestone: reaching one thousand reservations for its space tourism programme taking participants to the edge of space in a zero-pressure stratospheric balloon and pressurised space capsule (Breaking Travel News, 05-May-2022). [Read More](#)

Emirates opens gateway to Jamaica and Caribbean

In a historic first for Jamaica and the Caribbean, Emirates Airlines, the largest airline in the Gulf Coast Countries, is now selling seats to Jamaica. This arrangement opens gateways from the Middle East, Asia and Africa to Jamaica and the rest of the region (Breaking Travel News, 12-May-2022). [Read More](#)

Emirates signs MoC with Malaysia Tourism Board

Emirates has signed a Memorandum of Collaboration (MoC) with Malaysia Tourism Board today during the 29th edition of the Arabian Travel Market held in Dubai, to promote tourism and develop traffic into Malaysia from key markets across the airline's network (Breaking Travel News, 11-May-2022). [Read More](#)

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