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## PARADISE REGAINED

With a bumper start to the year and sales solid into 2021, the feelgood factor has returned to the Caribbean, where new properties and reopenings are invigorating the market

Plus: Japan, Mauritius, Cuba, Israel, the Canary Islands, weddings and honeymoons, family holidays and expedition cruising, plus a round-up of all the winners from the TTG Luxury Travel Awards

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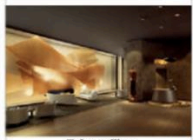
NEW SEASON brings new openings, products and experiences, from *Strictly* me Dancing river sailings to vegan travel guides

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**Greek discovery**

A new seasonal route by Norwegian from Gatwick to Ålesund airport is opening up the Preveca and Lefkada regions of western Greece. Flights start on 3 May, moving to twice weekly between 21 May and 1 October. [norwegian.com/uk](http://norwegian.com/uk)



**Tokyo calling**

Four Seasons Hotel Tokyo at Otsumachi is taking bookings for arrivals from 1 July. The 190-room property will occupy the top six floors of a 39-storey tower with views of Mount Fuji. See p75 for more on Japan. [fourseasons.com](http://fourseasons.com)



**Guat the lot**

Cassa Zenada in Guatemala is the latest addition to the Family Coppola Hideaways portfolio. The four-suite villa is on the banks of Lake Izabal in Guatemala's Rio Dulce region and can accommodate up to 16 guests. [cassazenda.com](http://cassazenda.com)



**A new Eden**

La Reserve Eden au Lac on the shores of Lake Zurich has become Michel Reybier Hospitality's fourth hotel. Philippe Starck has designed a "yacht club concept" for the 40 rooms, plus a rooftop restaurant and bar. [lareserve-zurich.com](http://lareserve-zurich.com)



**Bake and call**

Strictly Come Dancing star Anton Du Beke will be appearing on Emerald Waterways' Dancing Down the Rhone cruise with former fellow Strictly star Erin Boag. The eight-day cruise from Lyon to Arles departs 11 April 2020. [emeraldwaterways.co.uk](http://emeraldwaterways.co.uk)



**Taking Stock**

A flower shop, general store with seasonal bites and cafe on Nybrogatan, plus 70 rooms and a restaurant by Michelin-starred chefs feature at Stockholm newcomer Villa Dagmar in the Ostermalm district. [hotellivadagmar.com](http://hotellivadagmar.com)



**NYC style**

Manchester's latest opening is the New York-themed Hotel Brooklyn. The 189-room property includes Runyon's Bar & Restaurant and a top-floor bar. Nightly rates from £145 with breakfast. [hotelbrooklyn.co.uk](http://hotelbrooklyn.co.uk)



**Square meal**

Nobu Hotel London Portman Square is the latest chic opening from the global brand. Expect 239 rooms designed by David Collins Studio and, naturally, a Nobu restaurant, along with pavement terrace bar. [london-portman.nobuhotels.com](http://london-portman.nobuhotels.com)



**Flavour of the month**

Fabled chef Jean-Georges Vongerichten has been signed up to work on two new dining concepts for La Mamounia in Morocco, which will close from 25 May to 1 September for a renovation by Patrick Jouin and Sanjit Manku. [mamounia.com](http://mamounia.com)

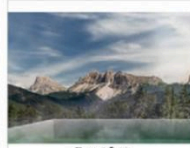
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**Bear necessities**

Guests aged six and over can learn survival skills at the new Bear Grylls Survival Academy at Sani Resort in Halkidiki, Greece, opening for summer on 3 April. Courses include camouflage, navigation and raft building. [saniresort.gr](http://saniresort.gr)



**Forest first**

Forests opens as a sustainable new hotel on the slopes of Plose mountain in the Dolomites of South Tyrol in May. The 62-room mountain retreat has a CO2-neutral construction and all energy used is 100% renewable. [forests.it/en](http://forests.it/en)



**Treetop retreat**

Guests can sleep under the stars in treehouses at the new andbeyond Ngala Treehouse Lodge in South Africa's Kruger national park. The four-level treehouses feature two sleep areas and an elevated "sleep out" platform. [andbeyond.com](http://andbeyond.com)

Editor's pick



**Desert debut**

Anantara Tamar Resort, on the edge of the Sahara in Tunisia has opened, overlooking Chott El Djerid salt flats. It has 93 rooms and villas, and five restaurants – including one in an open-air tent – plus two pools, a fitness club and spa. [anantara.com](http://anantara.com)



**Sense of palace**

Taj Fateh Prakash Palace has opened in Udaipur, Rajasthan. The historic property, owned by the Maharana of Udaipur, features 65 heritage rooms and suites, as well as the Sunset Terrace restaurant and Surya Darshan bar. [tajhotels.com](http://tajhotels.com)



**Vegan adventure**

Lonely Planet has released The Vegan Travel Handbook, including guidance on the best destinations, tours and experiences for vegans on the go. The hard copy is priced at £12.99 or £9.99 for an ebook. [shop.lonelyplanet.com](http://shop.lonelyplanet.com)



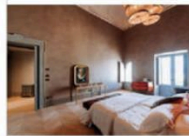
**Life is suite**

Suite Eleven will be the newest Diamond Suite at Monte-Carlo Bay Hotel & Resort, opening in April. Accessed by a private lift, it has two bedrooms, lounge and dining room with sea views plus buffet/chef service. [montecarloibm.com](http://montecarloibm.com)



**Jolly good Fallow**

Fallow, a pop-up eco-restaurant by chefs Jack Croft and Will Murray, has opened for four months in Mayfair with a weekly-changing, zero-waste menu using sustainable produce with half the menu plant-based. [fallowrestaurant.com](http://fallowrestaurant.com)



**Pop in Puglia**

Paragon 700 Boutique Hotel & Spa is a restored red palace in Ostuni, Puglia. Opened in March, it has 11 rooms, a pool, spa, and food by Michelin-starred Paolo Airaudo plus access to P-Beach, a nearby sister beach club. [paragon700.com](http://paragon700.com)

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