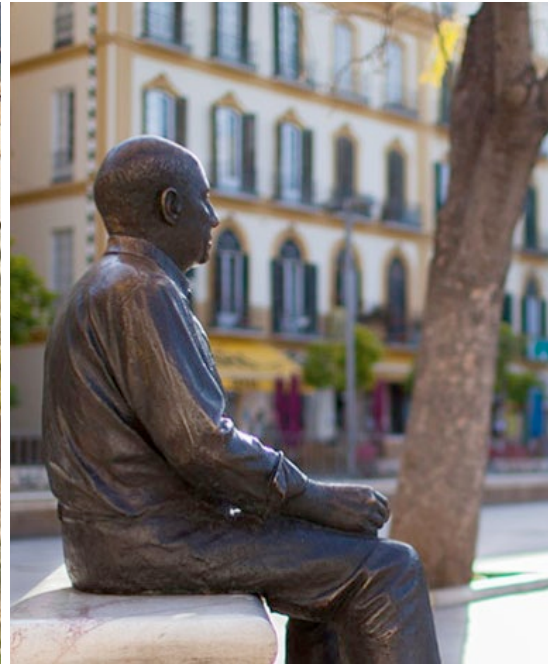
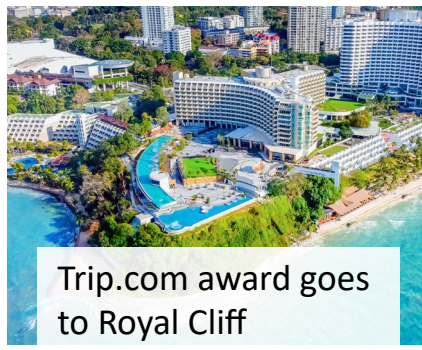




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High fives for Centara reviews

Centara Hotels & Resorts, Thailand's leading hotel operator, solidifies its standing as a top hotelier, with five Centara properties receiving the 2023 Traveller Review Award from Booking.com...

The world's best beaches probably

Do we know where to find the best beaches in the world? Thanks to the enthusiastic travel websites that deliver the best of everything from clear blue seas to perfect sunsets or sunrises, we certainly have a good idea.

Still, unlike the Danish brewer Carlsberg, which claims to brew the world's best beer, the beach lists forget to include that all-important word "probably" in the catch line to be on the safe side....

Airlines cancel flights to Luang Prabang

A Thai AirAsia flight aborted its landing approach to Luang Prabang International Airport on 7 April and returned to Bangkok due to poor visibility caused by the smog and forest fires.

Aerolaos, which provides airline and media services, posted the flight path of FD1030 as it approached Luang Prabang Airport, located in a narrow valley surrounded by steep mountains, on 7 April...

Sabah hosts top dive summit

Sabah will host this year's ADEX Ocean Partnership Summit, further solidifying the state's reputation as a prominent meeting, incentive, convention, and exhibition (MICE) destination for promoting marine conservation initiatives and sustainable diving tourism.

Summit details were released during the Asian Dive Expo...

TTC Tour brands back Swiss campaign

A leading privately-owned tour portfolio, TTC Tour Brands is celebrating a long-term partnership with Switzerland Tourism by supporting a brand-new campaign starring Roger Federer, which will inspire travellers worldwide.

This latest film features Roger Federer and Trevor Noah travelling by train through the majestic landscapes...

Kids 'fly better' with Emirates

Emirates is launching a new phase of children's amenities that considers the varying needs and preferences of babies and infants, younger kids, and older children up to 12 years old.

The new amenity kits feature global exploration and diversity themes, designed from sustainable materials by a creative team of in-house designers and marketing and product specialists...

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LADA celebrates 33rd anniversary

Langkawi Development Authority celebrated its 33rd-anniversary last week with a traditional Malay theatre performance highlighting the success story and the agency's team spirit.

The anniversary speech was presented by YBrs Tuan Wan Kamarul Faisal bin Wan Kamardin Deputy Chief Executive Officer (Planning & Development). He

called on the LADA family to remain committed while moving forward to create more success stories to benefit Langkawi's varied communities.

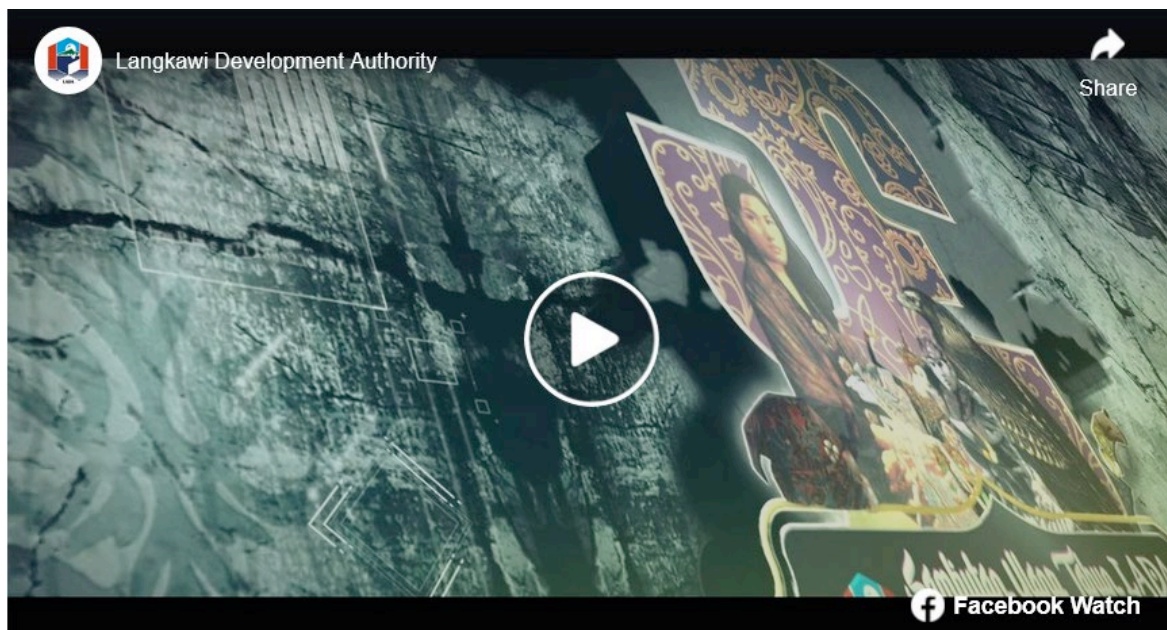
Meanwhile, Muar Holiday Tours & Express Transport led a group of 409 people from Eostre, a Malaysia-based distributor of smart healthcare products, on a recent incentive travel

visit to Langkawi. Muar Holiday Tours & Express Transport Sdn Bhd is a Johor travel agency that organises MICE groups to Langkawi.

The Langkawi Development Authority (LADA) provided the group with MICE incentives in the form of cultural performances and admission tickets to the Langkawi SkyCab.



**Corporate video released by LADA during 33rd-anniversary celebrations.
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Spain's destinations worth a visit in 2023



This year, Spain expects you to visit for several good reasons. In 2023, choose between several special events and celebrations to make your trip a unique experience. Write down the following destinations, a definite hit for your holidays.

Picasso Celebration 1973-2023

On 8 April 2023, we will be celebrating the fiftieth

anniversary of the death of Pablo Picasso. The date is marked by an extensive programme of exhibitions, conferences and cultural activities, which will take place throughout the year in different Spanish cities with a special to the life and work of the great artist. During this "Picasso Year", the museums and cultural centres of Malaga, Barcelona, Madrid and A Coruña offer the unique opportunity to learn more about the legacy of

one of the essential names in art history. For the full programme, visit www.celebracionpicasso.es.

Sorolla Year

Joaquín Sorolla, the famous "painter of light", is another protagonist of the 2023 cultural agenda, especially in Madrid and Valencia, to celebrate the centenary of his death. The Sorolla Museum and its temporary exhibition "Sorolla. Origins" are a must-see in Madrid. The Prado Museum is also paying homage to the painter with the exhibition "Portraits by Joaquín Sorolla", while the Royal Palace shows his art in a surprising way with the immersive exhibition "Sorolla through light".

At the end of March, "Sorolla. Origins" arrives in Valencia, at



the Museum of Fine Arts, which in summer, will also exhibit “Masaveu Collection. Sorolla”. The schedule of celebrations in the artist’s hometown includes guided tours of the locations in the old town that marked his life and a special gastronomic menu inspired by his work devised by the renowned chef Jorge de Andrés. In addition, you will find more destinations, such as Barcelona and Alicante, which add to this “Sorolla Year” with the exhibitions “Sorolla. Hunting impressions” and “Sorolla and the Valencian Painting of his Time. Dialogue and Contrasts”, respectively.

Velázquez in Seville

On 6 October 1623, a young Diego Velázquez was appointed painter to King Felipe IV. Seville, the city where he was born and studied, is preparing a programme full of activities to celebrate the 4th centenary of this crucial moment in the life of the author of “Las Meninas”. Exhibitions, conference cycles, films, concerts and a great parade by the Tercio de Olivares will celebrate the great maestro of the Spanish Golden Age. And in October, coinciding with the commemoration, the Casa Natal de Velázquez will open its doors to the public after its renovation.



Cuenca: 2023 Spanish Gastronomy Capital

The city of the famous Casas Colgadas is going to be a must-see destination this year for lovers of good food. Known for the variety of its products and the innovation in its kitchen, Cuenca will celebrate its appointment as gastronomic capital with a multitude of activities: special menus, conferences, workshops, and tastings... This is a delicious opportunity to visit this World Heritage City and enjoy some of its best-known recipes such as “morteruelo”, “ajo arriero”, roasts, migas with egg or “alajú” (a delicious dessert of Arab origin made with almonds and honey).

Lebaniego Jubilee Year 2023/2024

Cantabria celebrates the Lebaniego Jubilee Year in style with a jam-packed programme

of cultural and other activities related to the Lebaniego Way and the pilgrimage to the monastery of Santo Toribio de Liébana, famous for being home to the Lignum Crucis: the largest fragment of the True Cross of Christ.

On the occasion of the Holy Year, the Door of Forgiveness opens on 16 April and more than 400 activities are organised, including exhibitions, sporting events, stage art shows, food and drink events and concerts by well-known artists such as Andrea Bocelli, Muse and Ara Malikian.

It is a great time for taking part in this pilgrimage route and seeing some fascinating scenery of the Picos de Europa or staying in fairy-tale towns like Potes.

For more information on Spain as a tourism destination, please visit www.spain.info



Trip.com award goes to Royal Cliff



Royal Cliff Beach Terrace and Royal Cliff Grand Hotel are recognised as the ***“Best Scenic Hotels Near Bangkok”*** by travel brand Trip.com.

The hotels’ ideal locations, blessed with panoramic sunset views and best-in-class services, are the key features that help to earn them prestigious recognition.

The Royal Cliff Hotel Group found itself in the travel website’s ***“Trip.Best”*** list for Best Scenic Hotels near Bangkok, with the Royal Cliff Beach Terrace standing in 4th place and the luxury Royal Cliff Grand Hotel (11th).

This recognition is another testament to the group’s achievement as an excellent choice to stay near Bangkok for business and leisure travellers. With a rare location that offers breathtaking views of the Gulf of Thailand and outlying islands, the group’s hotels have stood the test of time and competition to become the top-of-mind destinations in Pattaya; the most convenient location to enjoy a seaside break near the capital city.

Royal Cliff Beach Terrace and Royal Cliff Grand Hotel have been

reviewed against the criteria considering the number of rooms with ocean views and service. With 100% of the rooms having sea views, the two properties



scored 4.5 and 4.4 out of 5, respectively. Trip.com reviews hotels for their Trip.Best lists quarterly to make sure that the criteria are always up-to-date. For hotels near Bangkok, Trip.Best offers rankings in the following categories; Best Scenic Hotels, Best Family Hotels, Best Villas, Best Cultural Styles and Best Upscale Hotels.

Perched on a coastal hill overlooking secluded beaches, the hotels are only a short distance from the bustling Pattaya Beach Road, Royal Cliff Beach Terrace boasts magnificent

sea views as far as the eye can see. The hotel features rooms of two types — Honeymoon Deluxe and Family Suite with two bedrooms. The first type offers exotic Thai-style accommodation with a separate raised living area where couples can relax and enjoy their romantic getaway. Family Suite offers plenty of space on the balcony and a living room that fits the whole family. Both bedrooms have large comfortable beds to guarantee a great night’s sleep.

Situated adjacent to the Royal Cliff Beach Terrace, Royal Cliff Grand Hotel is an opulent resort where guests can relax



and soak up the beautiful sunset. All rooms, recently renovated in an elegant contemporary style, are sea-facing, so guests can enjoy a million-dollar view with the sea breeze. A large infinity pool and adjacent sun deck are ideal for watching the sunset while enjoying formal dining that serves delicious flavours from Thai to international.

Apart from the two hotels, the Royal Cliff is home to two other properties, namely the Royal Cliff Beach Hotel and the luxury Royal Wing Suites and Spa...

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Vietnam's Centara Mirage wins award

Centara Mirage Resort Mui Ne, under Centara Hotels & Resorts' management, has been honoured as the "Best luxury family resort in Vietnam."

It was voted into the Luxury Lifestyle Awards – one of the

different regions around the world.

The resort's general manager Tom Van Tuijl shared: "This award is an exceptional achievement by the whole team at Centara Mirage Resort

ideal resort for families, groups of friends and businesses, providing 984 well-designed luxury rooms and villas with open space overlooking Mui Ne Bay.

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To win this award, Centara Mirage Resort Mui Ne passed an evaluation process by a panel of judges comprising hospitality industry professionals, high-end business owners, and media partners who encompass a wealth of knowledge of elite lifestyle to select winners from a list of more than 4,000 luxury products and services from 120

Mui Ne. It is a testament to our efforts and dedication to creating unique and international standard experiences in the coastal resort town of Mui Ne. This also affirms the quality of the family resort brand Centara Mirage in Vietnam."

Located in pristine Mui Ne and considered the resort capital in Binh Thuan Province, Centara Mirage Resort Mui Ne was opened in July 2021 with a Mediterranean style. This "Explorer's Playground" destination is introduced as an

Centara Mirage Resort Mui Ne are built with a concept based on the cohesion of family members of all ages, including restaurants, bars, gym and spas to modern children's entertainment areas such as gaming E-Zone, outdoor playground, indoor kid's club. The resort also has a three-storey Fantasia water pool complex with various water activities.

For more information: Centara Mirage Resort Mui Ne | Beach Holidays, centarahotelsresorts.com

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Norwegian Cruise Line Holdings Ltd (NCL), a leading global cruise company which operates the Norwegian Cruise Line, Oceania Cruises and Regent Seven Seas Cruises brands, has announced plans to improve connectivity at sea by offering SpaceX's Starlink high-speed internet on its ships.

Using advanced low earth orbit satellites, Starlink delivers industry-leading broadband internet connectivity, which will improve the capacity, speed and reliability of the internet on board. The company is currently

testing Starlink, beginning with Norwegian Breakaway, intending to roll out this game-changing technology across its entire world-class fleet in a phased manner.

"We are thrilled to offer Starlink on board our ships to improve internet connectivity at sea. This initiative is a testament to our continuous quest to find new and innovative ways to enhance the experience for guests and crew while sailing on our award-winning brands," said Norwegian Cruise Line Holdings president and CEO-elect Harry Sommer.

"Ensuring that this technology meets our high standards of excellence for our guests is incredibly important to us, which is why we are introducing this cutting-edge technology across our fleet in a phased manner. Once deployed, guests

and crew will have a faster and more reliable method to stay connected with friends and family by sharing the incredible memories they create at sea in real-time."

If trials are successful, the company will equip seven additional vessels with Starlink by year-end, including all three of the company's new additions this year, Oceania Cruises' Vista, Norwegian Viva and Regent's Seven Seas Grandeur.

A comprehensive rollout plan is under development, and details regarding the timeline and availability of specific ships will be communicated once finalised. In addition to enhancing the guest and crew experience, the extra bandwidth will allow for more flexibility for onboard services and improve the ship-to-shore connection for operational needs.

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