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Curtain falls on Super Break

Collapse of domestic and theatre-break specialist highlights financial protection confusion

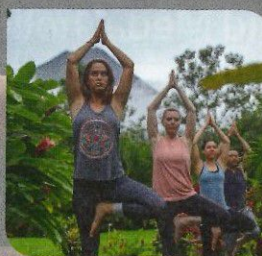
- Angry agents left out of pocket
- Abta defends members' vote
- Hotels accused of hiking rates
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Five-star hotel to open in Meribel this winter

French luxury hotel operator, Maisons Pariente, will open the five-star Le Coucou in Meribel on December 11. The ski-in ski-out hotel has 55 rooms and suites and two private chalets, a spa and a kids' club. Nightly rates start from €710 on a half-board basis and will be available to book online shortly. lecoucoumeribel.com

Solmar Villas adds 10 villas in Istria, Croatia

Solmar Villas has added 10 villas in Istria in northwest Croatia for summer 2020. The villas, available to book now, sleep between four and 10 people. The company, which has about 600 villas in Spain, Portugal, Greece, Italy, Cyprus, Malta, Croatia and Turkey, plans to add properties in Madeira and Tenerife for next summer as it bids to increase annual sales to £25 million over the next 12 months. solmarvillas.com

Airelles to open ski hotel in Val d'Isère

Luxury French hotel company Airelles will open five-star property Mademoiselle Val d'Isère on December 19 in time for the ski season. The property will be the only luxury hotel in the centre of Val d'Isère to offer ski-in ski-out access. Room rates start from €850 for B&B. valdisere.airelles.com



Beach wedding in Cyprus



PICTURES: Jason Clavey, Thalassine Beach Villas

Interhome launches wedding and honeymoon collection

Benjamin Coren

Self-catering accommodation specialist Interhome has unveiled its first collection of holiday homes for the wedding and honeymoon market.

'The Wedding Collection, by Interhome' features properties across 17 countries and includes luxury farmhouses, villas with private pools and budget apartments. The majority of properties are close to well-known destination wedding venues and some can host the wedding itself.

Interhome business development manager Danny Waine said: "The idea behind 'The Wedding Collection, by Interhome' is to make it easier for agents to sell weddings abroad, by signposting them to properties that are ideal for multigenerational wedding groups and close to some of the most popular ceremony locations for British couples marrying overseas."

About half of the countries featured in the portfolio

permit legal weddings for British couples; the rest can host non-legal commitment ceremonies.

Waine added: "When the overseas wedding market was in its infancy, couples would only travel to destinations where they could legally get married; nowadays, couples are more concerned about capturing the perfect wedding photo with a stunning backdrop and are happy to take care of the legal paperwork in the UK. This is reflected in the diverse range of product that we're offering".

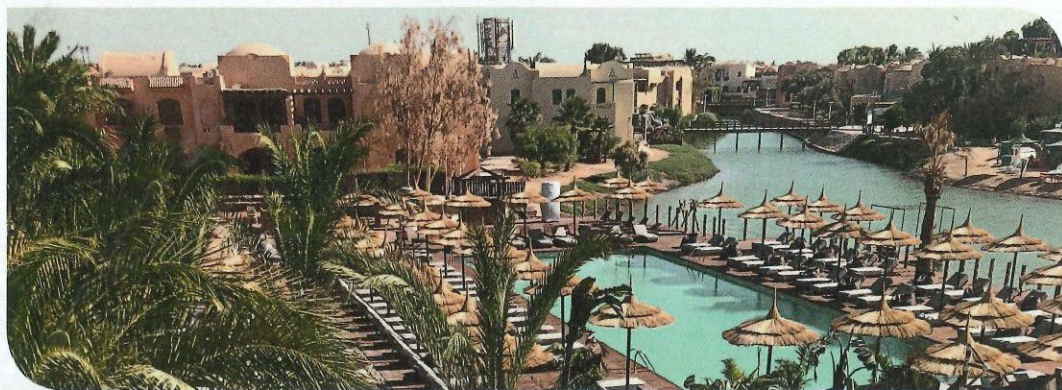
Destinations include Thalassines Beach Villas in Cyprus, Taymouth Marina in Scotland, Castello Monticelli in Italy and the Knightsbrook Estate in Ireland. Long-haul properties are available in South Africa and New York, and winter options include Switzerland and Finnish Lapland.

Seven nights' self-catering in a four-bed property at Thalassines Beach Villas costs from £2,405.

interhome.co.uk

COOK'S CLUB EL GOUNA:

Thomas Cook's seventh Cook's Club property has opened in Egypt. The 144-room Cook's Club El Gouna is the latest opening under the brand, following others in Turkey, Spain, Greece and Bulgaria this year. Seven nights' B&B starts from £768 based on two adults sharing, departing from Manchester on October 31, including 15kg luggage and resort transfers. thomascook.com



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