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He then named the second government since he took over as head of state in December.

Unlike other Gulf states, Kuwait has an influential parliament while most power remains with the royal family.

While lawmakers have powers their regular battles with the government causes repeat crises.



His Highness the Amir
Sheikh Mishal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah

His Highness the Crown Prince
Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah

May Allah enlighten your path

According to a new rule, electricity bills must be paid before any government transactions

The coordination between the Ministries of Electricity, Water, and Renewable Energy, and the Ministry of Interior has taken a significant step forward as electronic connection procedures are nearing completion. Informed sources disclosed that citizens will soon be required to settle their dues to the Ministry of Electricity before carrying out transactions related to the Ministry of Interior.

According to sources cited by Al-Jarida, this collaborative effort aims to streamline processes and ensure the timely payment of outstanding bills. The success of a similar initiative, which required expatriates to clear their electricity dues before traveling, resulted in the collection of substantial sums owed over the years, thereby reducing accumulated debts.



Hot Season with Extreme Temperatures in Kuwait started from June 7

The Al-Ujairi Scientific Center announced that the hottest season of the year started from June 7. As temperatures begin to rise, the weather will become increasingly dry over the following two weeks, the center stated in a press release.

The country has now entered the Al-Bateen rainstorm, marking the final phase of the canna season, which lasts for 13 days. This period includes the start of the intense summer heat, characterized by short or non-existent shadows on some days and the sun’s rays being directly overhead.

During this period, temperatures will climb, reaching extreme highs in various regions, including the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) countries. The Al-Ujairi Scientific Center noted that the Al-Bateen star’s rise is marked by strong northwesterly winds, which cause temperatures to increase from sunrise to sunset, often resulting in dusty conditions.



Additionally, the center highlighted that during the Al-Bateen period, daylight hours will extend to over 13 hours and 47 minutes, while nighttime will become shorter, with sunset occurring at approximately 6:40 PM.

The Al-Ujairi Scientific Center’s announcement prepares the region for the approaching severe heat, emphasizing the need for residents to take necessary precautions as temperatures soar.

PACI recommends update your address on civil ID or face penalties

The Public Authority for Civil Information has called on approximately 5,500 individuals to update their residential addresses by providing supporting documents within 30 days, starting from Sunday, May 26.

The Authority announced the cancellation of residential addresses for 5,501 people due to either homeowner's approval or demolition of the building. These individuals are required to register their new addresses within the 30-day period or face penalties under Article 33 of Law No. 32 of 1982, which stipulates a fine of up to 100 dinars per person.

Director General Mansour Al-Mizan explained that changing a residential address invalidates the civil card. Affected individuals must

visit the Authority’s headquarters or branches to update their card data by presenting a rental contract, rent receipt, and a statement from the homeowner verifying the data. If the cardholder owns the



property, they must bring the new property document.

Kuwait had the third highest temperature in the world

Kuwait recorded the third highest temperature in the world on Saturday, according Eldorado Weather website that specializes in temperature indicators. The website reported that the temperature reached about 49.3 degrees Celsius at Kuwait International Airport — the third highest on Earth. The website stated that the city of Omidiyeh in Iran ranked first, as its temperature reached 51 degrees Celsius, followed by Basra in Iraq with 50 degrees Celsius.

A number of weather experts cited drought

and climate change as among the causes the extreme heat that Kuwait is currently experiencing. Meanwhile, meteorologist Issa Ramadan noted that the current record-breaking temperatures in the country are exceeding the usual averages by approximately 4 to 5 degrees Celsius, reports Al-Qabas daily. He explained this intense heatwave stems from the influence of the Indian monsoon low over the region, coupled with dry, hot winds sweeping across the valleys and desert regions to the north of Kuwait from Iraq. These factors, he added, have led

Latest news on Kuwait

In Kuwait, a seven-year prison sentence was imposed for certificate fraud

According to a government source, the crackdown is a top priority, targeting employees who fail to adhere to certificate verification procedures.

The campaign has identified three primary charges for those implicated in certificate falsification: Misappropriation of public funds, forgery, and fraud for illicit gains and privileges.



Violators face up to seven years in prison, along with being required to reimburse twice the amount of any unlawfully obtained salaries and bonuses.

This stringent action comes in response to the discovery that numerous employees, when requested to submit their certificates for auditing, opted for retirement instead. This development has raised suspicions, prompting further investigations. Individuals withholding their certificates under various excuses now face imminent legal consequences, including potential salary suspensions.

To bolster enforcement measures, Kuwaiti authorities are enhancing detection methods. This involves collaboration with cultural offices and foreign universities to authenticate certificates, particularly those issued abroad. Modern technology, such as barcode systems on certificates, facilitates easier authentication of newer documents.

Al-Mizan noted that this process can also be completed via the Sahel application, eliminating the need for an in-person visit. If the Authority discovers an address deletion, a text message alert is sent through (Sahel). If the individual does not respond, their civil card will be suspended and canceled from the Kuwait Mobile ID application, though the data will remain on the Sahel app. Additionally, their name will be published in the Govt Official Gazette (Kuwait Eliom), and failure to comply will result in judicial referral.

Al-Muthen urged government and private agencies to verify the validity of civil cards and not rely solely on the card’s optical image for transactions or contracts without confirming its status in (Sahl) or (Kuwait Mobile ID).

to a significant spike in temperatures, indicating an abnormality in recent heatwaves. Ramadan attributed this phenomenon to shifts in the global climate and the impact of the El Niño phenomenon, which tends to elevate heatwaves during summers following unusually heavy winter and spring rains. Furthermore, he provided some relief by stating that starting today, northwest winds will become active, bringing about a moderation in weather conditions. The dust This shift will usher in rising temperatures and an atmosphere characterized by oppressive heat and humidity.

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Alaska Airlines ramps up capacity to meet strong summer travel

US carrier Alaska Airlines and its partners will have capacity this summer to carry nearly 1 million more passengers than they did last year, as the airline prepares for its “largest summer schedule ever”.

In response to an increase in travel demand, Alaska Airlines is offering the largest summer schedule in the company’s history, including new nonstop routes

and international destinations we’ve never served



before during our busiest months of the year,” the carrier said on 6 June. The carrier’s capacity figures apply to the June through August period.

Saudi low-cost unit Flyadeal set for next stage of growth

Under new chief executive Steven Greenway and with 51 freshly ordered Airbus narrowbodies added to its backlog, the fast-growing Saudi Arabian budget carrier is ready for the next stage of its growth. In an impactful step towards transforming maintenance and engineering operations, Swiss-AS proudly announces flyadeal’s selection of AMOS Airline Edition as its premier maintenance and engineering software solution. The selection of AMOS marks a significant milestone for flyadeal, setting new standards for efficiency and innovation. AMOS serves the airline as a central hub for managing maintenance operations, leveraging data-driven insights to optimize efficiency, ensure compliance, and drive innovation in aircraft maintenance practices.

flyadeal, Saudi Arabia’s leading low-cost airline based in Jeddah with a model for simplicity

and affordability, has entrusted Swiss-AS with the pivotal task of enhancing its maintenance operations. By selecting one solution from Lufthansa Technik’s Digital Tech Ops Ecosystem – the AMOS Airline Edition software package – flyadeal is well-positioned to attain operational excellence and boost productivity with the digitalization of its Technical Operations.

Facing the challenges of managing a growing fleet of A320neo and A320ceo aircraft, flyadeal sought to transition from traditional maintenance management systems to a solution that would grant them greater control over their data. The airline needed a comprehensive platform capable of seamlessly handling line/light and base maintenance operations while providing robust support for CAMO processes and data migration.

Two planes land, take off in less than a minute on same runway at Mumbai airport; DGCA takes action

After the incident involving an IndiGo plane landing and an Air India aircraft taking off from the same runway in less than a minute at Mumbai airport came to light, India’s aviation watchdog took notice. Following this, the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) derostered the Air Traffic Controller (ATC) who was on duty during the incident on Saturday. Both IndiGo and Air India have launched investigations into the matter.



The incident where an IndiGo plane was seen landing and an Air India aircraft taking off from the same runway in less than a minute at the Mumbai airport is now under the lens of India’s aviation watchdog.

Qatar Airways resumes flights to Lisbon, Portugal



Qatar Airways has welcomed the return of its nonstop flights between the airline’s award-winning hub, Hamad International Airport (DOH), and Lisbon’s Humberto Delgado Airport (LIS). Addressing the high seasonal demand of the popular travel destination, Qatar Airways will operate to

Lisbon year-round with six weekly flights during summer 2024.

As the capital of Portugal, Lisbon offers the perfect starting point for travellers eager to delve into the rich tourism offerings of the country. With countless historical sites only a day trip away,

adventurers can embark on a journey to the medieval town of Sintra and its UNESCO World Heritage Site, Quinta de Regaleira palace. A train ride away, the National Palace of Pena is adorned with colourful tiles inspired by the exotic plants surrounding it, creating a captivating ambience.

Qatar Airways Chief Commercial Officer, Mr. Thierry Antinori, said: “As we continue to expand in the European market, we celebrate the resumption of our flights to the beautiful city of Lisbon. Qatar Airways passengers can now enjoy very efficient ways to travel between Qatar and Portugal, as well as connect between Portugal and Asia, Africa, Middle East and the Indian subcontinent, through the Best Airport in Middle East which offers customers the best duty free and best lounges in the region.”

IPS Airways, a new virtual airline, to launch operations from Manchester to Islamabad, Pakistan

IPS Airways is planning to start operating flights to Pakistan on August 23. The virtual airline is based in West Drayton, near London Heathrow Airport. According to schedules posted on its website, IPS Airways has opened ticket sales for charters that will operate 3x weekly until the end of January 2025. Flights depart Manchester on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays and return the next day.

German charter specialist USC operates one company

-owned A340-600, D-AUSZ (msn 557), currently parked at Frankfurt Hahn, according to ch-aviation fleets data. Its only other in-house aircraft, A340-300 D-AUSC (msn 646), currently operates on behalf of Air Sénégal between Dakar Blaise Diagne International and Paris CDG. Both are former South African Airways aircraft.

ch-aviation has reached out to IPS Airways and USC for comment.

The Leeds/Bradford-based virtual carrier has twice postponed its launch, at the time blaming pandemic-related challenges. Initial plans in 2022 were for charters from Leeds/Bradford and Nottingham East Midlands. The company was incorporated on July 2, 2021, by British national Ali Ansar, with Hera Ansar joining the company as a director in April 2023, according to UK Companies House records.

Kuwait Airways launches a service to deliver home travelers' bags


Kuwait Airways has introduced a convenient home luggage delivery service for passengers arriving from London, with plans to gradually extend the service to other flights shortly, reports Al- Qabas daily. Passengers can request this service 12 hours

before their flight through the airline’s official website or mobile application, as detailed in a statement released by the Kuwait Airways. He highlighted Kuwait Airways’ dedication to ensuring passenger comfort from the moment they enter the

airport terminal until they board the aircraft. Al-Faqan underscored the airline’s focus on modernizing its fleet, enhancing onboard entertainment options, and delivering a luxurious travel experience.

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Korean Air to launch a new route to Macau

Korean Air is launching a new daily service between Seoul Incheon and Macaufrom July 1. Flights depart from Seoul Incheon International Airport at 9:15 pm and arrive at Macau International Airport at 11:55 pm. The return flights depart from Macau International Airport at 1:10 am the next day and arrive at Seoul Incheon International Airport at 6:00 am. The flight time is approximately 3 hours



and 40 minutes.

Travellers from the region will also have the option to connect to Korean Air’s extensive North America and Japan destinations via Seoul Incheon International Airport.

From July 15, the route will be served by the airline’s fleet of Airbus A321neos, which is equipped with fully lie-flat seats in Prestige Class.

Fiji Airways to become the 15th full member of One world

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Air Canada expands service to India for Winter 2024-25

Air Canada today announced the strategic expansion of its international network to India, adding 40 per cent more seat capacity beginning late October for the Winter 2024-25 season. Highlights of the carrier’s new services include the only non-stop flights from Canada to India’s financial capital, Mumbai, improved service from Western Canada to Delhi with the introduction of new seasonal daily flights over London Heathrow and daily flights from Montreal to Delhi. In total, Air Canada will operate 25 weekly flights to India.

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Canada to India. (CNW Group/Air Canada.

Air Canada will operate 25 weekly flights representing 7,400 seats each week this winter from Canada to India, comprising up to 11 weekly



flights from Toronto to Delhi and Mumbai, daily flights from Montreal to Delhi and daily flights to Delhi from Western Canada via London Heathrow.

Airline Ratings names Qatar Airways as best airline for 2024, Qatar announces the introduction of Starlink’s innovative high-speed, low-latency Wi-Fi on three of its Boeing 777-300 aircraft

Qatar Airways is Airline Ratings’ leading premium airline, which also assessed 25 global carriers

Qatar Airways also takes home ‘Best Business Class’ for the fifth consecutive year, and ‘Best Catering’ in the industry



Qatar Airways has been named the ‘Airline of

the Year’ for 2024 by the leading industry organisation, Airline Ratings. In addition to the ‘Airline of the Year’ accolade, Qatar Airways has also won ‘Best Business Class’ for the fifth consecutive year, as well as ‘Best Catering’.

Qatar Airways Group Chief Executive Officer, Engr. Badr Mohammed Al-Meer, said: “We, at Qatar Airways, stand for delivering exceptional customer experiences, and it is always reaffirming to be recognised for our relentless pursuit of service excellence. Receiving the ‘Airline of the Year’

accolade by Airline Ratings has reinforced our commitment to innovation and customer care that defines our brand.”

Airline Ratings Editor-in-Chief, Geoffrey Thomas, said: “In our objective analysis, Qatar Airways came out number one in many key areas although it was a very close scoring for the top five. The passenger reviews however scored Qatar Airways ahead of all airlines and its consistency and high standard of service delivery came through in the feedback.”

Bark Air, an airline for dogs, faces lawsuit after its maiden voyage

Bark Air made its first revenue flight on Thursday, May 23, between the New York area and the Los Angeles area. Bark Air will serve the New York City metro area via Westchester County Airport (HPN) with flights to the Los Angeles area via Van Nuys (VNY) and London, England via Biggin Hill (BQH). The virtual airline is partnering with Talon Air, a private jet charter company that flies Gulfstream G500 jets.

BarkAir is a public charter operator. It is not a direct air carrier and does not own or operate any

aircraft. Local officials in New York have filed a lawsuit against Bark Air, an airline geared to dogs,



alleging it violates airport usage restrictions in Westchester County.The suit alleges that the private

terminal at Westchester Airport from which Bark operates its charter flights limits companies to selling seats on aircraft with nine or fewer seats. Larger aircraft must operate out of the airport's commercial terminal. Bark indicates on its website that it conveys canines on Gulfstream G5s, which accommodate 12 to 16 passengers. Bark notes that its planes are designed to fit 15 dogs along with their human companions, but that it never sells more than 10 tickets. Westchester filed the suit against Bark and Talon Air, the private charter company that Bark contracted to operate its service.

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airBaltic reports a loss in the first quarter 2024

airBaltic Airbus A220-300 (Bombardier CS300 – BD-500-1A11) YL-CSJ (msn 55038) (Estonia) ZRH (Rolf Wallner). Image: 963352.

During today’s investor call of the Latvian airline airBaltic, Martin Gauss, President and CEO, along with the Board Members – CFO Vitolds Jakovļevs and COO Pauls Cālītis – presented the company’s financial results for the first quarter of 2024. Overall, airBaltic has maintained a trajectory of strong business and operational performance, continuing from its record-breaking results in 2023.

According to unaudited data, the airline achieved record-breaking Q1 revenue of over EUR 132 million, a 27% increase from 2023, coupled with passenger numbers reaching another historic peak with a 20% rise. airBaltic finished Q1 with EBITDAR of EUR



17.1 million which is an improvement of approximately EUR 19.5 million over Q1 2023. This year’s EBITDAR sets a new all-time high for the

airline’s first-quarter performance.

1 person dies on Singapore Airlines flight SQ321 from London Heathrow to Singapore due to turbulence

More than 140 travellers and crew members who were onboard a flight hit by severe turbulence landed in Singapore on a relief flight earlier this morning.

Passengers onboard SQ321 which was



heading from London to Singapore, recounted scenes of "absolute terror", with one passenger saying he saw a woman with an "awful gash on her head", and heard another "screaming in agony".

A 73-year-old British man, Geoff Kitchen,

died from a suspected heart attack onboard, while several others remain seriously injured. Mr Kitchen is believed to have suffered a heart attack when the plane was hit by the turbulence. Reports say he was on his way to Singapore to start a six-week holiday along with his wife who was also on board.

The Singapore-bound Boeing 777-300ER diverted to Bangkok following the mid-air incident, making an emergency landing at 15:45 local time (08:45 GMT) with some 211 passengers and 18 crew aboard. Smitivej Hospital, in Bangkok, said 104 people were treated and 58 remain in hospital, 20 of whom are in the intensive care unit. There are 15 Britons still being treated in hospital, with six in intensive care, the hospital said.

Andrew Davies, a British passenger onboard the Boeing 777-300ER, told the BBC's Radio 5 Live that the plane "suddenly dropped... [with] very little warning". "The thing I remember the most is seeing

objects and things flying through the air. I was covered in coffee. It was incredibly severe turbulence," he said.

Another passenger said those not wearing seatbelts were "launched immediately into the ceiling". "Very suddenly there was a very dramatic drop, so everyone seated and not wearing a seatbelt was launched immediately into the ceiling," 28-year-old student Dzafran Azmir told Reuters. "I saw people from across the aisle just going completely horizontal, hitting the ceiling and landing back down in really awkward positions. People getting massive gashes in the head concussions."Mr Azmir added that people's heads had slammed into the overhead panels above the seats and "pushed through" some of the panels.

Singapore Airlines offers its deepest condolences to the family of the deceased.

Air India Express plane engine catches fire, forcing emergency landing at Bangalore airport



Passengers aboard an Air India Express flight were screaming as one of the aircraft’s engines caught fire Saturday night, forcing the plane to make an emergency landing.

The flight aboard an Airbus A320 had just taken off from Bangalore and was heading to Cochin International Airport in Kerala when the terrifying incident unfolded. There was a bright light glowing underneath a wing of the plane as it is flying. As passengers wait inside the cabin, the fire is seen intensifying and causing a panic. Thanks to God, everything was under control.

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QANTAS Freight retires its last Boeing 767 freighter

QANTAS announced on May 16 that the day marked the end of an era with the last scheduled service for the Boeing 767 in company colors. Qantas is saying farewell to its last operating Boeing 767 aircraft after nearly 40 years of flying the aircraft type. In an Instagram post on Friday, the Australian carrier said its last remaining 767 aircraft – registered as VH-EFR – will soon exit the fleet.

The airline retired its last passenger-carrying Boeing 767s in 2014 after operating up to 41 aircraft since 1985. According to Qantas, its 767 fleet carried 168 million passengers on 927,000 flights over the years.

Per Cirium Ascend Fleet Analyzer data, VH-EFR is just over 18 years old, joining the Qantas fleet in 2011 after flying cargo for Japan’s All Nippon Airways (ANA). While owned by Qantas, it was operated by Express Freighters Australia under the Qantas Freight brand.

As Airbus A321F and A330F aircraft enter the Qantas Freight operation, the airline plans to also phase out its aging 737-300 and 737-400 aircraft. Currently, the



freight subsidiary’s fleet includes five A321s, two A330s, three BAe-146s, and two 737s. The airline says it plans to retire the remaining Boeing 737 freighters later this year.

Air Vanuatu files for bankruptcy protection and liquidation

Air Vanuatu filed for bankruptcy protection and liquidation on May 9, 2024.

Air Vanuatu entered liquidation on May 9, 2024 and Morgan Kelly, Andrew Hanson and Justin Walsh of EY have been appointed as Joint and Several Liquidators of the Company.

All flights have been grounded with immediate effect.

Air Vanuatu filed for bankruptcy protection on Friday a day after the South Pacific state-owned carrier cancelled all international flights, stranding thousands of travelers.

The airline on Wednesday canceled more than 20 flights to and from the Australian cities of Sydney and Brisbane, and the New Zealand city of Auckland for the rest of the week. The airline said it was the result of "extended maintenance requirements" on their aircraft.

Ernst & Young Australia's Morgan Kelly, Justin Walsh and Andrew Hanson were appointed liquidators in an equivalent of a U.S. Chapter 11 bankruptcy, the firm said in a statement. The liquidators said safety and maintenance checks would be made before normal operations resumed.



Kelly said the airline's existing management team would remain in place.

"Air Vanuatu is critical to the people of the Republic of Vanuatu and a strategically important business to the nation," Kelly said. "Our team is working closely with management to ensure continuity of service to customers and to ensure services continue as seamlessly as possible."

"The outlook for the airline is positive, despite

pressures on the broader industry, and we will be focused on securing the future of this strategically vital national carrier," he added.

Affected travelers would be informed of this disruption and rebooked on flights as soon as operations resumed, the statement said.

Air Vanuatu operates four planes, including one Boeing 737 and three turboprop planes.

later this year.

China is aiming for self-reliance and to break the Western duopoly of Boeing and Airbus with the debut of its C919 jet

Aviation is one of China’s fastest growing industries, and the nation is forecast to become the world’s biggest aviation services market by 2042.

Two big players currently dominate the commercial jet manufacturing space – United States’ Boeing and France’s Airbus. China’s homegrown planemaker Commercial Aircraft Corporation of China (COMAC) is trying to be a viable competitor with the debut of its C919 jet.

Chinese President Xi Jinping called the aircraft a “triumph of Chinese innovation” when its first jetliner took to the skies.

According to the Center for Strategic and



International Studies, a US think-tank, Beijing spent up to US\$72 billion in state-related support to build the C919. China is aiming for self-reliance and to break the Western duopoly of Boeing and Airbus.

The Civil Aviation Administration of China (CAAC) plans to build an extra 200 airports by 2035 to keep up with air travel demand.

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Riyadh Air partners with major Asian airlines to grow network

The partnership with Singapore Airlines could see work on interline services, codeshares, frequent flyer programs and cargo services

A Riyadh Air Boeing 787-9 Dreamliner is displayed at the 54th International Paris Air Show at Le Bourget Airport near Paris, France, Jun 20, 2023.

Riyadh Air has partnered with Singapore Airlines and Air China as the Saudi startup carrier



grows its potential network ahead of launching commercial operations next year, the airlines said on Tuesday (Jun 4).

Riyadh Air, which is owned by Saudi sovereign wealth fund PIF, will be a second national airline, based in the capital Riyadh, alongside existing flag carrier Saudia, which is based in Jeddah.

Japan Airlines & IndiGo Prepare to Launch New Codeshare Agreement This Winter

IndiGo and Japan Airlines have agreed to a codeshare deal, opening up travel options between India and Japan.

Fourteen of IndiGo's India destinations are included in the deal.

JAL will have access to IndiGo's Indian network, connecting major cities like Mumbai and Chennai.

IndiGo has been actively seeking codeshare partners and expanding global reach with airlines like Qantas and British Airways.

India's largest airline, IndiGo, and Japan Airlines (JAL) have agreed to a codeshare deal that will be launched this winter. Currently, JAL flies to Delhi and Bengaluru in India, but with IndiGo, it will have access to its extensive network in the country later this year



IATA AGM 2024: Delhi and IndiGo named as hosts for the 81st AGM in 2025

Delhi will play host to the 2025 IATA AGM and World Air Transport Summit with low cost carrier and India's largest airline IndiGo named as the host airline.

The event, the 81st AGM, will take place on June 8-10 when around 1,500 aviation delegates are



expected to converge on the Indian city.

It will be the third time the IATA AGM has been held in Delhi, having previously visited the country in 1958 and 1983.

Willie Walsh, IATA director general, said: "We look forward to gathering the aviation industry in Delhi, India's gateway city, for the 81st IATA AGM in 2025.

"It's been over four decades since the industry came together for an IATA AGM in Delhi. With record aircraft orders, impressive growth, and world-class infrastructure developments, India is firmly on the trajectory to become the world's third largest aviation market within this decade.

"With such bright prospects, it's the perfect time for the IATA AGM to return to India and witness these exciting developments first hand.

Pieter Elbers, IndiGo chief executive, added: "IndiGo is proud to be host airline for the 81st IATA AGM and looks forward to welcoming the global aviation community to Delhi in 2025.

"India, becoming the third largest economy within the next few years and leading the fourth industrial revolution with the use of AI, is a nation on the move.

"India's rise in the global aviation landscape over the last years has been nothing short of remarkable.

"IndiGo has been giving wings to the nation since 2006 and increasingly also expands internationally.

"Building on aviation as a force for good and India's unique diversity, we are looking forward to engaging in meaningful dialogues aimed at sculpting the global aviation landscape around important topics such as safety, diversity, equity and inclusion, as well as sustainability, while efficiently delivering the growing global demand for air travel."

Low-cost carrier market worldwide - statistics & facts

Over the recent years, low-cost carriers (LCCs) demonstrated a strong market performance, adding a crucial market value in the aviation industry and satisfying customers' preferences.

LCCs' business innovation to achieve high efficiency in terms of passenger load factor, competitive cost reduction, and organizational structure fulfilled the market demand while creating distinctly affordable market possibilities for millions of travelers with a constrained budget.

Since 2017, LCCs have accounted for approximately one-third of the global air travel industry.

Besides, the low-cost travel market size is



forecasted to exceed 254 billion U.S. dollars by 2027.

This steady market expansion is mainly driven by increasing air passenger traffic and efficiency-enhancing measures taken by budget airlines.

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Saudi Tourism Authority launches the Saudi Summer Program 2024

In an event held under the patronage of His Excellency the Minister of Tourism, the Saudi Tourism Authority launched the country’s spectacular summer program for 2024, “Saudi Summer is Next Door.” Saudi’s summer program will run for four months until the end of September across seven destinations and includes over 550 exceptional tourism products and more than 150 special offers and packages curated for families and children across different segments like adventure lovers, those looking for luxury retreats and activities, and culture and heritage enthusiasts.

Organized by the Saudi Tourism Authority and launched by His Excellency Ahmed Al Khateeb, Minister of Tourism and Chairman of the Board of Directors, the Saudi Summer Program 2024 launch event was attended by Secretary-general of World Tourism Organization, Zurab Pololikashvili, over 250 key strategic partners from the public and private sectors, and significant media and key opinion leaders. During the event, they were given exclusive details on the Saudi Summer Program 2024 and its key components.



The summer program is launched across seven destinations: Aseer, Al Baha, Taif, the Red Sea – a new destination, Jeddah, Riyadh and AlUa. This year, the program will also witness the return of the Jeddah Season and the launch of the Aseer Season with a momentum of family activities and events lined up.

In addition to this, Saudi also has a line-up of the biggest and most vibrant events as part of the summer program, particularly the Esports World Cup in Riyadh being held for the first time, an annual eight-week competition featuring the world’s most elite Esports athletes, and multiple boxing tournaments happening both in Riyadh and Jeddah.

Saudia Group and Airbus Sign the Largest Aircraft Deal in Saudi Aviation

Saudi Group announced the largest aircraft deal in Saudi aviation history with Airbus during the first

Saud. This landmark agreement encompasses 105 confirmed aircraft and marks a significant moment

Arabian Airlines Corporation, Engr. Saleh Al-Jasser, was attended by dignitaries, country ambassadors, and key figures from the global aviation sector, as well as a multitude of media representatives and industry experts specializing in travel, aviation, and transportation.



The deal, signed by H.E. Engr. Ibrahim Al Omar, the Director General of Saudia Group, and Benoît de Saint-Exupéry, Executive Vice President Sales of the Commercial Aircraft Business, includes A320neo and A321neo models. These aircraft will be distributed between Saudia and flyadeal, the group’s low-cost carrier. Saudia will acquire 54 A321neo aircraft, while flyadeal will receive 12 A320neo and 39 A321neo aircraft.

The new aircraft directly support Saudia Group’s objectives to connect the world with the Kingdom, aligning with several key pillars of Saudi Vision 2030. These include the transportation and logistics objective to increase guests’ capacity to 330 million and expand destinations to 250 by 2030, and the tourism objective to attract 150 million visits by 2030. This is in addition to the Hajj and Umrah objective to contribute to the increase of Umrah pilgrim capacity to 30 million by 2030.

day of the Future Aviation Forum 2024 held at the King Abdulaziz International Conference Center in Riyadh under the patronage of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al

not only for the Saudi aviation industry but also for the wider MENA region. The ceremony, in the presence of His Excellency the Minister of Transport and Logistics Services and Chairman of Saudi

Global Low-cost carrier markets

On the regional distribution, the market share of low-cost carriers in South East Asia was the largest compared to the other regions, holding over half of the market share as of March 2022.

Meanwhile, the North American market remained rather stagnant due to the presence of the more established major airlines like American Airlines, United Airlines, and Delta Air Lines in the region. On the other hand, the LCC market in Europe was more dynamic and accounted for 45 percent of the European aviation market.

The LCCs were primarily located in Western Europe prior to the expansion of the Eurozone and the growing mobilization within the union; eventually, LCCs started performing in Central and Eastern

Europe as well. Particularly, Wizz Air, a Hungarian low-cost carrier, holds a significant position among LCCs in Europe. In 2022, the airline generated 1.7 billion euros in revenue and booked 27.1 million passengers.

The leading two budget airlines worldwide, Southwest Airlines and Ryanair, transported approximately 127 million and 97 million passengers in 2022, respectively.

Since 2010, Irish-based Ryanair has increased its annual revenue progressively, despite the coronavirus pandemic, from 3.6 billion euros in 2010 to 10.8 billion euros in 2023.

Southwest Airlines, headquartered in

Dallas, generated a revenue that surpasses Ryanair’s operating revenue by more than twofold. Although Ryanair and Southwest Airlines are market leaders in terms of size, they are not among the most punctual low-cost carriers worldwide.

The German low-cost carrier, Eurowings, was the most punctual airline in 2022, with 95.26 percent of on-time performance. That year, Eurowings had 1.86 billion euros in revenue.

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A white commercial airplane flying over a blue ocean.

India’s Narendra Modi declares victory despite weaker mandate

Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi declared victory in the country’s election late on Tuesday.

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The wider BJP-led National Democratic Alliance



(NDA) looks set to win a combined 292 parliamentary seats, according to local media. At least 272 seats are needed to form a government.

“People have placed their faith in NDA, for a third consecutive time! This is a historical feat in India’s history,” Modi said on X as counting was nearing a conclusion.

Rishi Sunak calls UK general election for July 4

Prime Minister Rishi Sunak sets date for national election, ending months of speculation as to the timing of the poll.

British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak has called a snap general election, choosing July 4 as the date for a vote his governing Conservatives are widely expected to lose to the opposition Labour Party after 14 years in power.

Ending months of speculation as to when he



would call a new poll, Sunak, 44, stood outside his Downing Street office on Wednesday and announced he was calling the election earlier than some had expected.

“Now is the moment for Britain to choose its future,” he said, listing what he considers to be the highlights of his time in government, including the introduction of the so-called furlough scheme that helped businesses through the COVID-19 pandemic. “We will have a general election on July 4.”

Sunak heads into the election not only far behind the Labour Party in the polls but also somewhat isolated from some in his party, increasingly dependent on a small team of advisers to steer him through what is set to be an ugly campaign.

Sunak took office less than two years ago and since then has struggled to define what he stands for, becoming increasingly frustrated that what he sees as his successes have failed to be appreciated.

UK’s Sunak apologizes for leaving D-Day event early for TV interview

British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak has apologised for leaving international D-Day commemorations in France early so he could do a television interview as part of his campaign for the United Kingdom’s election next month.

The leader of the ruling Conservative Party posted an apology on X on Friday after coming in for intense criticism from across the political spectrum for ducking out from the ceremony the previous day.



Narendra Modi sworn in for third term at grand ceremony in Delhi

Mr Modi has been sworn in as India's prime minister for a third consecutive term

Narendra Modi has been sworn in as India's prime minister for a third term in a grand ceremony at the presidential palace in Delhi.

The leader of the Bharatiya Janata Party took his oath, saying he would "do right to all manner of people without affection or ill-will". Mr Modi's BJP-led National Democratic Alliance won the general election with 293 seats, a much lower margin than predicted by exit polls.

The election saw a resurgence of India's opposition, which won 234 seats. Thousands of guests have been attending his inauguration at Delhi's presidential palace. Among them are the heads of neighbouring Bangladesh, Nepal, Sri Lanka, and the Maldives - but not Pakistan or China.

Tight security has been in place in Delhi, which was declared a no-fly zone, with more than 2,500 police officers deployed around the venue.

Speaking as he was sworn in by President Draupadi Murmu, Mr Modi said he would uphold the

sovereignty and integrity of India and govern with "true faith and allegiance to the constitution".

He said: "I will do right to all manner of people in accordance with the constitution and the law without fear or favour."A council of ministers of Mr Modi's new cabinet were also sworn in during the ceremony.



Mr Modi, 73, is only the second Indian leader to win a third consecutive term after the country’s first prime minister, Jawaharlal Nehru. Exit polls had projected outright victory for his Hindu Nationalist BJP party, which ruled India for a decade, but it lost its parliamentary majority in the general election.

His NDA bloc relied on two key allies, the Telugu Desam Party (TDP) and the Janata Dal (United) JD(U), to cross the 272-seat mark needed to form the government. On Friday, the elected MPs voted Mr Modi as the leader of the Lok Sabha (the lower house of the parliament), leader of the BJP parliamentary party, and leader of the NDA. Thousands gathered outside the presidential palace in Delhi for the swearing in ceremony

It is not clear what concessions his allies may have negotiated in return for their support. India media report that several are seeking key ministerial posts.

The opposition INDIA alliance, led by the Congress party, has called the election a mandate against Mr Modi's government.

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Mexico's Claudia Sheinbaum wins landslide to become first woman president

Former Mexico City Mayor Claudia Sheinbaum won Mexico’s presidential election on Sunday, becoming the first woman and first person from a Jewish background to be elected president of the overwhelmingly Catholic country. The 61-year-old former climate scientist secured at least 58.3 percent of the vote versus former Sen. Xóchitl Gálvez’s 26.6 percent, according to preliminary results.

“I do not arrive alone. We all arrived, with our heroines who gave us our homeland, with our ancestors, our mothers, our daughters, and our granddaughters,” Sheinbaum said in her victory speech. She will take office in October.

Sunday’s vote was Mexico’s largest election in its 200-year history. Around 70,000 candidates vied for more than 20,000 legislative, mayoral, and gubernatorial positions. And nearly 100 million people were registered to vote, though turnout appeared to be slightly lower than in past years.

Sheinbaum’s victory demonstrates widespread public support for her political mentor, outgoing President Andrés Manuel López Obrador, and their Morena party. While campaigning, Sheinbaum promised to continue many of López Obrador’s policies, including



his more controversial plans. These include backing proposed constitutional changes that the opposition says would undermine democratic institutions and

focusing on social welfare programs to address the underlying causes of rampant cartel violence instead of targeting the gangs themselves.

Emmanuel Macron calls snap French election after far-right National Rally party makes gains in EU election



French President Emmanuel Macron has called for new parliamentary elections after his camp heavily lost to the far-right National Rally party in the country's EU election.

At Sunday’s European Parliament elections, far-right parties made big gains as the Greens took a major hit, according to a first projection provided by the European Union.

In France, the party of Marine Le Pen dominated the polls, with her National Rally party standing at just over 30 per cent or about twice as much as Mr Macron’s pro-European centrist party that is projected to reach around 15 per cent.

Mr Macron said the rise of nationalists was dangerous for France, and Europe.

"I can't pretend nothing happened," he said in an address to the nation from the Elysee presidential palace.

"I've decided to give you back the choice of our parliamentary future through the vote. I am therefore dissolving the National Assembly."

The vote will take place in two rounds on June 30 and July 7, he said.

Sheikh Hamdan launches AI Roadmap to attract top talent and companies to Dubai

Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed, Crown Prince of Dubai, has launched a roadmap to help attract top companies and talent in artificial intelligence to Dubai.

The AI Roadmap aims to enhance the overall quality of life in the emirate by boosting the adoption of AI, said a statement from the Dubai Government Media Office on Tuesday night.

The project was unveiled at the AI Retreat 2024, an event organised by the Dubai Centre for Artificial Intelligence in collaboration with the National Programme for Artificial Intelligence.

“The launch of the Artificial Intelligence Roadmap marks a vital step to recognise the possible uses of AI in municipal works and to ensure a transformative future that elevates Dubai’s status as a



pioneering global city in future innovations,” said Municipality. Dawoud Al Hajri, director general of Dubai



Health Tip of the Day – Heart Health

How many steps per day will help your heart? If you are over 60, you will need to walk 6000 to 9000 steps per day to protect your heart. If you walk less than that, every 1000 steps you take will substantially reduce your cardiovascular risk.

Health Tip of the Day – Know Your Numbers

There are certain numbers you should know about yourself to keep healthy. blood pressure, weight waist size, cholesterol, blood sugar, and after 40,PSA or mammogram. your colonoscopy result and most importantly regular visits to the doctor. the dates of a regular visits to your doctor

Why is Wellness Important?

In today’s world, we continually experience new challenges that affect our physical, mental, and social well-being. Many of us have felt tired and stressed, which is why wellness and self-care are more important than ever. Your wellness journey is an ongoing one, and YOU are in the driver’s seat! We’re sharing some curated ideas to care for your many dimensions of wellness, so you can nurture your mind and nourish your body. Here are 24 health and wellness tips that you can use to support your wellness journey in 2024.

Health and Wellness Tips for 2024:

- 1. Exercise
- 2. Drink Water Regularly
- 3. Track Your Fitness
- 4. Take a Multivitamin
- 5. Stand Up Every 30 Minutes While Working
- 6. Get Outside
- 7. Eat More Herbs & Spices
- 8. Get Enough Sleep

- 9. Choose Organic Foods When Possible
- 10. Practice Gratitude Journaling
- 11. Read Books
- 12. Eat More Fruits and Vegetables
- 13. Fix Your Posture
- 14. Take a Daily Probiotic
- 15. Get Vaccinated
- 16. Minimize Your Sugar Intake
- 17. Meditate
- 18. Listen to Music
- 19. Spend Time with Friends and Family
- 20. Put Down Electronics
- 21. Boost Your Minerals
- 22. Adopt a Hobby
- 23. Embrace Tidiness
- 24. Follow Daily Routines

The Bottom Line

Establishing healthy habits is a challenging but important part of maintaining your holistic wellness. While it is easy to get caught up in the busy pace of daily life, small actions and simple activities can make a world of difference. New Chapter is here to support you on your wellness journey in 2024—body, mind, and soul.

CAN SPORTS BE GOOD FOR YOUR OVERALL HEALTH?

Being physically active is often suggested by health care professionals all over the world. Physical activities come in various forms, walking, dancing, running, or even hitting the gym a few times a week. Sports can have a huge impact on one’s daily physical and mental wellbeing. Indulging in sporting activities can help improve heart functions, reduce the risk of diabetes, improve bones, and strengthen muscles while lowering your stress levels. Sports not only improve your body but your mind too, it brings positive energy, concentration, discipline, and also help your brain functions by improving mind-body coordination and muscle memory.

Primary health care doctors at A. J. Hospital often suggest that there are endless benefits to great physical well-being from playing a sport, we have listed some of them for you.

WEIGHT CONTROL

About 13% of the population of the world is obese according to WHO. Obesity often increases the risk of

hypertension and heart-related risks.

Benefits of Sports for Adolescents

Organized, well-structured youth sports and on-going physical activities can provide many benefits for children and adolescents. Positive experiences that sports and an active lifestyle bring play an important role in a young person’s life.

At University of Missouri Health Care, our adolescent medicine team encourages all children to participate in sports or other regular physical activity. Physical exercise is good for the mind, body and spirit. Team sports help teach adolescents accountability, dedication, leadership and other skills.

Many athletes do better academically

Playing a sport requires a lot of time and energy. Some people may think this would distract student-athletes from schoolwork. However, the opposite is true. Sports require memorization, repetition and learning — skillsets that are directly relevant to class work. Also, the determination and goal-setting skills a sport requires can be transferred to the classroom.

Sports teach teamwork and problem-solving skills

Fighting for a common goal with a group of players and coaches teaches you how to build teamwork and effectively communicate to solve problems. This experience is helpful when encountering problems at work or at home.

Physical health benefits of sports

Clearly, sports can help you reach your fitness goals and maintain a healthy weight. However, they also encourage healthy decision-making such as not smoking and not drinking. Sports also have hidden health benefits such as lowering the chance of osteoporosis or breast cancer later in life.

Sports boost self-esteem

Watching your hard work pay off and achieving your goals develops self-confidence. Achieving a sport or fitness goal encourages you to achieve other goals you set. This is a rewarding and exciting learning process.

Reduce pressure and stress with sports

Exercising is a natural way to loosen up and let go of stress. You can also make new friends who can be there for you as a support system. When you feel under pressure or stressed, call up a teammate, head to the gym to talk and play it out.

TUI Cruises Takes Delivery of New Ship from Meyer

Ending less than two years of construction, TUI Cruises has officially expanded its fleet with the addition of the Mein Schiff 7.

The vessel was officially handed over in a ceremony at the Meyer Turku shipyard in Finland on June 10, 2024.

“On June 14, 2022, the steel cutting for Mein Schiff 7 took place at our shipyard. We are very proud that today, less than two years later, we can hand over the Mein Schiff 7 to TUI Cruises,” said Meyer Turku’s CEO Tim Meyer as the handover took place.



Seabourn Odyssey Completes 15 Years in Service

Launching as the first new vessel built for the company in 15 years, the Odyssey was christened a few days later in Venice, Italy.

The naming took place during a unique ceremony that saw all guests onboard the ship’s inaugural cruise serving as godparents.

After a short season in the Caribbean, the Seabourn Odyssey embarked on Seabourn’s first-ever world cruise in January 2010.

Sailing roundtrip from Fort Lauderdale, the 108-day cruise featured visits to 46 ports in 26 countries and six continents.



According to Seabourn, the ceremony also marked the introduction of the first ultra-luxury vessel in six years.

For its maiden voyage, the Seabourn Odyssey departed from the Italian port of Venice on a 14-night voyage to Istanbul.

The one-way itinerary included visits to destinations in Croatia, Montenegro, Greece, and Turkey, such as Dubrovnik, Kotor, Mykonos and Kusadasi.

Continuing its inaugural season, the 450-passenger ship offered additional itineraries in the Mediterranean before repositioning to North America in early November.

Currently cruising in Alaska, the Seabourn Odyssey is bidding farewell to Seabourn later this year. After being sold to Mitsui Ocean Cruises in 2023, the ship is set to be handed over to its new owners in September.

For its final cruise, the 32,500-ton vessel is scheduled to offer a 22-day trans-Pacific crossing that will sail between Seattle and Yokohama, Japan.

With a special onboard program, the cruise will feature tributes to Seabourn Odyssey’s greatest moments, including appearances from the original team and performing cast, local artists and gifts.

Under the operation of its new owners, the Odyssey is set to offer a luxury product for the Japanese market as the Mitsui Ocean Fuji.

Silversea Announces Itinerary of Silver Dawn’s 2027 World Cruise

Silversea announced the launch of The Three Oceans, its most extensive world cruise to date, which is set to embark on a 149-day journey aboard the Silver Dawn starting on January 8, 2027, as mentioned in a press release.

The cruise, departing from Los Angeles and concluding in Copenhagen on June 7, 2027, will visit 80 destinations across 35 countries on five continents and includes 20 maiden ports of call for a Silversea world voyage.



Bert Hernandez, president of Silversea, stated: “Calling in more destinations than any voyage in Silversea’s history, we proudly unveil The Three Oceans World Cruise 2027, which broadens our industry-leading offering of extended voyages.” He further explained that traveling on the Silver Dawn, one of the smallest ships to undertake a World Cruise, will give guests an opportunity to explore off the beaten path, where they can spend an extended time in each port, the longest for any World Cruise. Over the cruise, they will visit over 50 UNESCO World Heritage Sites, explore 20 new destinations not previously visited on Silversea World Cruises, and participate in four exclusive World Cruise events.

These bespoke experiences are curated by their expert team, leveraging over 30 years of destination expertise to offer the finest experiences in ultra-luxury cruise travel.

Carnival cruise ship catches fire for the second time in 2 years

A Carnival cruise ship will be out of commission for repairs for at least a week after its exhaust funnel caught fire and partially collapsed Saturday during a trip to the Bahamas.

It marked the second time in just under two years that the funnel on this same ship, the Carnival Freedom, went up in flames while carrying passengers.

What caused the most recent incident is still being investigated, according to the cruise company. No one on board the ship was injured, but Carnival said two fire crew members were treated for minor smoke inhalation.

The Carnival Freedom left from Port Canaveral, Florida, on Thursday and was supposed to travel for several days through the Bahamas before returning Monday to Port Canaveral.



It was not immediately clear how many passengers and crew were on board the Freedom when the fire erupted, but the cruise ship can accommodate 2,980 guests and 1,150 crew members

at capacity. CBS News contacted Carnival for more information.

The ship initially reported a fire at around 3:15 p.m. EDT on Saturday, on the port side of the ship's exhaust funnel as it sailed 20 miles off of the Bahamas' Eleuthera Island en route to Freeport, the company said in a statement.

It had changed course to turn toward Freeport, at the northern tip of the island chain, after cancelling a stop farther south in Princess Cays because of bad weather.

Eyewitnesses said that a lightning strike may have sparked the fire, a claim that Carnival said "is being investigated but cannot yet be confirmed."

P&O CRUISES SUMMER 2026 SOLAR ECLIPSE SAILINGS

A total eclipse is a rare event – the last one visible in UK skies occurred in 1999. Witnessing one is extraordinary; observing it from on board a P&O

Cruises ship is truly a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. Two P&O Cruises ships will be ideally situated to experience the 2026 total eclipse:

Ventura will be docked in El Ferrol, Spain, as part of her 14-night Spain & Portugal itinerary (N619), departing 8 August 2026.



Cunard Christens Queen Anne Cruise Ship at Festive Liverpool Naming Ceremony SILVERSEA ANNOUNCES ITISILVERSEA AN

Cunard’s 249th ship Queen Anne was christened in Liverpool, England, today during a landmark ceremony that drew on the line’s historic links with the city stretching back to its founding here 184 years ago.

In a complete break with tradition – and one that took observers by total surprise – the City of Liverpool was named as the ship’s official godparent in an announcement made just two hours before the official ceremony took place on its famous waterfront.

It had previously been expected that a member of the British royal family would take the role, as on previous occasions, and speculation was rife that it might be Princess Anne or, in a break with tradition, King Charles. However, his recovery from cancer and the axeing of most royal engagements in the run-up to the UK’s general election meant this was unlikely.

Rumours flew that it could be Beatles legend Paul McCartney, but in the end it was the port city that has played – and continues to play - such a vital role in Cunard’s renowned heritage that took the honour.



Princess Cruises Delays Delivery of Star Princess, Cancels Inaugural Sailings

Princess Cruises, in collaboration with the Fincantieri shipyard, has mutually agreed to postpone the delivery of Star Princess. Originally scheduled for July 29, 2025, the delivery has been rescheduled to September 26, 2025. This delay has unfortunately resulted in the cancellation of the nine planned inaugural sailings.

The decision to postpone the delivery was reached after a thorough review of the remaining construction milestones. President John Padgett stated, “Despite our collective dedication and relentless pursuit to deliver the ship in late July, it has become evident that additional time is required to ensure the Star Princess is delivered to the highest

standards expected by our guests.”

Guests who had booked on any of the impacted sailings will be offered the opportunity to book any Princess cruise worldwide, on any Princess ship. Those who choose to rebook will receive future cruise and onboard credit, depending on the cruise selected. Alternatively, impacted guests will have the option to cancel and receive a full refund of the cruise fare. Princess Cruises has assured travel agents that commissions will be protected on all bookings that have been paid in full.

The revised inaugural cruises for Star Princess are set to open for sale on April 30, 2024. This postponement follows the delay of the inaugural sailing of the sister vessel, Sun Princess, which has since been launched.

For further details contact your TA or Princess Cruises direct.



Yemen ranked least peaceful nation due to Houthi attacks in 2024

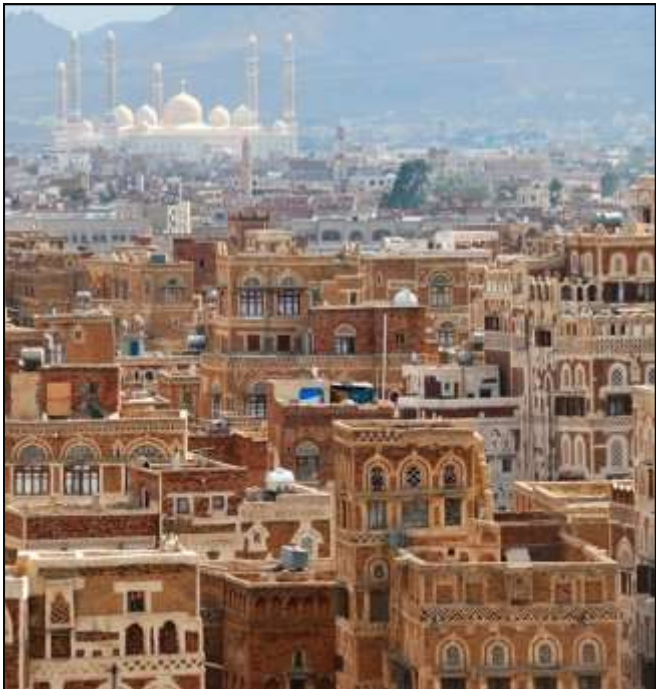
Yemen has been ranked the least peaceful country in the world for the first time because of Houthi attacks on ships in the Red Sea.

The 2024 Global Peace Index (GPI), published on Monday by the Institute for Economics and Peace (IEP) think tank, reveals the Houthis' missile and drone assaults on ships linked to Israel using maritime routes through the Red Sea has intensified instability in the region.

Meanwhile, the UAE has made the biggest rise towards the definition of peace of any nation in this year's GPI, moving 31 places thanks to its diplomatic relations with its neighbours and substantial increase in UN peacekeeping funding.

It is now ranked 53rd out of 163 countries.

“The primary driver of the improvement in peacefulness was a move towards better neighbouring countries relations,” it says.



News around the world

Python swallow's woman whole in Indonesia

A missing woman was found eaten alive by a massive python after locals cut her body out of the snake in Indonesia.

Farida, 45, went missing on Thursday night. Her body was discovered inside the reticulated python Friday by her husband and residents of Kalempang village in South Sulawesi province, a



local official said, according to AFP.

The search for the missing mother of four began after she failed to return home Thursday night, village chief Suardi Rosi told AFP.

A heat wave not seen in decades will send temperatures soaring for more than half the US population

A long-lasting and expansive heat wave fueled by an intense heat dome will grip the Midwest and Northeast with record-breaking high temperatures into next week, ushering in the start of summer with this year's most significant heat event yet.

Hundreds of records could be tied or broken this week as a massive heat dome parks over part of the East. Multiple all-time June high temperature records could fall as the heat rises to levels normally seen only on the hottest July days. Parts of the Midwest to the Northeast could endure the longest heat wave they've seen in decades, the National Weather Service's Weather Prediction Center said.

Tens of millions of people who live as far north as Maine and aren't used to heat this intense will be sweating in temperatures well into the 90s this week. It will feel even hotter than that as humidity helps drive heat index values – how temperatures feel to the body – into the low 100s.

The heat arrived in the South and Midwest as many families celebrated Father's Day outdoors on Sunday, prompting caution from the weather service to stay cool amid highs in the 90s in some areas.

Read more: Search continues for US tourist and two others missing amid Greek heat wave

Through the rest of the week, an extreme heat risk is in place from the Great Lakes into the Northeast, according to the National Weather Service. Wednesday and Thursday will be the hottest days of the week, but the surrounding days will only be slightly less brutal. Heat will reach dangerous levels



in many places including the major metropolitan areas of Chicago, St. Louis, Detroit, Cleveland, Pittsburgh, New York City and Boston.

Temperatures will top out at 15 to 20 degrees above

normal over a sweeping area of the northeastern US Monday afternoon and are expected to rise up to 25 degrees above normal through the rest of the workweek.

Some areas, including Montpelier, Vermont; Syracuse, New York; and Pittsburgh, haven't seen heat like this in about three decades.

“Last time we saw heat in Pittsburgh like what we're expecting next week was 30 yrs ago (almost to the day) when it reached 95°F or warmer for 6 straight days (June 15-20, 1994),” the local weather service office said on X. “That stands as the longest stretch of 95+ (degree) days on record. We have a shot at tying or beating that.”

Heat domes like the one fueling this week's intense conditions trap air in place and bake it with abundant sunshine for days on end, making each day hotter than the last. The oven-like conditions mean overnight temperatures often don't cool down enough to offer relief for overheated bodies, posing increased risks for heat-related illness.

Olympic rings mounted to Eiffel Tower, marking 50 days until Paris games

The Eiffel Tower got a makeover in preparation for the Olympics.

The Olympic rings were mounted to the iconic Parisian landmark on Friday to mark 50 days until the sports world gathers in the French capital for the quadrennial sports festival.

The rings were displayed on the south side of the 135-year-old landmark in central Paris, overlooking the Seine River. Each ring is 9 meters (30 feet) in diameter and made of recycled French steel.

Thousands of athletes will parade through the city on boats on the Seine along a 6-kilometer (3.7-mile) route in the opening ceremony at sunset on July 26. The tower, nicknamed La Dame de Fer (The Iron Lady), will feature prominently in the July 26-Aug. 11 Paris Games and the Paralympics.

Men's and women's beach volleyball will be played at the foot of the 330-meter (1,083-foot) monument. They will be watched by nearly 13,000 fans at the temporary Eiffel Tower Stadium on the nearby Champ de Mars, where Parisians and tourists like to have picnics on the grass or watch July 14 firework displays.



The Olympic rings are seen on the Eiffel Tower

Friday, June 7, 2024, in Paris.

Elephants have nicknames for each other, scientists find in 'really exciting' discovery

Elephants give each other names using low, reverberating rumbles that can travel up to two kilometres, scientists have discovered. They used artificial intelligence to study the communication between elephants in Kenya over decades.

African elephants have names for each other that are spoken through rumbles, scientists have found, in a "really exciting" discovery.

It's the first time an animal has been discovered creating individual names for each other, instead of just mimicking the other's noises like parrots and dolphins do.

"Elephants live in a pretty complex society. They're quite a bit like ourselves [in that] families are not together all the time, they split up and come back together," she told Sky News.

By giving each other names, family members can call each other back to the herd or from across vast distances when they need to communicate.



Ozone-Harming Gases in Atmosphere Declining Faster Than Expected: Study

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"This has been a huge global success. We're seeing that things are going in the right direction," the study's lead author, Luke Western from the UK's University of Bristol, told AFP.

The most harmful CFCs were phased out by 2010 in the effort to protect the ozone layer -- the shield that protects life on Earth from harmful levels of ultraviolet rays from the Sun.

The HCFC chemicals that replaced them are expected to be eliminated by 2040.

This study, published in the journal Nature Climate Change, examined levels of these pollutants in the atmosphere by using data from the Advanced Global Atmospheric Gases Experiment and US National Atmospheric and Oceanic Administration.

Western attributed the steep decline in HCFCs to the efficacy of the Montreal Protocol, as well as tighter national regulations and a shift by industry in anticipation of the coming ban of these pollutants.

"In terms of environmental policy, there is some optimism that these environmental treaties can work if properly enacted and properly followed," Western said.

Both CFCs and HCFCs are also powerful greenhouse gases, meaning their decline also aids in the fight against global warming.

CFCs can last in the atmosphere for hundreds of years, while HCFCs have a lifespan of about two decades, Western said.

Even once they are no longer in production, the past use of these products will continue to affect the ozone for years to come.



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Titan Submersible Crew's Final Words A Hoax: Investigation Reveals Fabricated Log

A chilling transcript detailing the final moments of the Titan submersible crew during their Titanic expedition was exposed as a hoax, according to The New York Times. Released last year, the log described a dramatic struggle for survival, raising doubts about its authenticity. After a year-long investigation, officials confirmed the transcript was entirely fabricated. The crew had no warning of the impending disaster.

According to The NYT, the US federal government team investigating the disaster said that the entire transcript is fiction. After nearly a year of investigation, the group has found no signs that the five voyagers aboard the Titan had any warning of the catastrophic implosion that was to take their lives. Two miles down, where seawater exerts vast pressure,



an implosion would have made the violent collapse of the vehicle's hull instantaneous.

Caesars' showcase

Triumph on the Lanes: Caesars Travel Company Team Wins Bowling Competition Organized by Turkish Airlines in Turkey

In an impressive display of skill and teamwork, the Caesars Travel Company team emerged victorious at the prestigious bowling competition organized by Turkish Airlines in Turkey. This remarkable achievement highlighted the prowess and unity of the team, bringing together their individual talents and collective strength to secure the top prize. The journey to this significant victory was marked by meticulous preparation, strategic execution, and an unyielding team spirit.

The atmosphere at the Turkish Airlines-organized bowling competition in Turkey was electric, with numerous talented teams vying for the coveted title. The Caesars Travel Company team



entered the competition with a clear strategy and a robust sense of camaraderie. Their meticulous preparation and well-thought-out game plan set them apart from the competition.

Throughout the tournament, the team showcased exceptional coordination and strategic execution. Effective communication and mutual support were at the core of their approach, allowing them to make quick adjustments and leverage each member's strengths. Their strategy focused on maintaining consistency, adapting to the lane conditions, and staying composed under pressure, which proved vital in navigating the challenges of the competition.

Caesars Holidays: Honored with Best Performer Award by Trip & Stay in Dubai

Caesars Holidays, a renowned name in the travel industry, has been awarded the prestigious Best Performer Award by Trip & Stay in Dubai. This accolade recognizes the company's outstanding performance in providing exceptional holiday experiences to travelers worldwide. The award is a testament to Caesars Holidays' commitment to excellence, customer satisfaction, and innovative travel solutions.

The journey to receiving the Best Performer Award has been marked by unwavering dedication and a customer-centric approach. Caesars Holidays has continually strived to deliver top-notch services, ensuring that every aspect of the travel experience exceeds expectations. From luxurious accommodations to personalized itineraries, the company has consistently prioritized quality and



satisfaction.

Key to their success has been their ability to adapt to changing market trends and customer preferences. By leveraging technology and staying ahead of industry developments, Caesars Holidays has been able to offer innovative solutions that cater to a diverse clientele

Receiving the Best Performer Award from Trip & Stay in Dubai is a significant milestone for Caesars Holidays. It reflects the company's dedication to excellence, innovation, and customer satisfaction. As they celebrate this achievement, Caesars Holidays remains committed to creating unforgettable holiday experiences and leading the way in the travel industry. Their story is one of passion, hard work, and an unrelenting drive to be the best, inspiring confidence and admiration from customers and peers alike.

Leadership Visit: Caesars Team, CEO, Director, and Sales Head Make Courtesy Call to Uzbekistan Embassy

In a significant move to foster international relations and explore new opportunities for collaboration, the leadership team from Caesars Holidays, including the CEO, Director, and Sales Head, recently visited the Uzbekistan Embassy. This courtesy visit was aimed at strengthening ties, discussing potential partnerships, and enhancing cultural understanding between Caesars Holidays and Uzbekistan. The meeting was marked by engaging discussions, mutual appreciation, and a shared vision for future cooperation.

The visit by the top executives of Caesars Holidays underscored the company's commitment to building and nurturing international relationships. The delegation, led by CEO Mr. P.N.J. Kumar, Commercial Director Mr. Rajesh R., and Holidays Sales Head Mr. Harinarayanan A., was warmly received by the officials at the Uzbekistan Embassy. The presence of the senior leadership highlighted the importance Caesars Holidays places on this relationship and their interest in exploring collaborative opportunities.

During the meeting, the embassy officials and Caesars Holidays' leadership discussed various strategies to promote Uzbekistan as a premier travel destination. Uzbekistan, with its stunning architecture, ancient cities, and rich cultural heritage, offers immense potential for tourism. The discussions focused on creating customized travel packages, enhancing marketing efforts, and facilitating smoother travel arrangements for tourists.

Mr. P.N.J. Kumar, CEO of Caesars Travel Group, expressed his enthusiasm for introducing Uzbekistan's beauty and history to a broader audience. He emphasized the company's commitment



to developing unique and immersive travel experiences that would attract more travelers to explore Uzbekistan's breathtaking landscapes and historical treasures. Director Mr. Rajesh R. highlighted the importance of sustainable tourism practices to preserve the country's cultural and natural heritage.

Beyond tourism, the visit also aimed to foster cultural exchange and mutual understanding. Embassy officials shared insights into Uzbekistan's traditions, festivals, and way of life, offering the Caesars Holidays team a deeper appreciation of the country's cultural richness. Such cultural exchanges are crucial for creating authentic travel experiences that resonate with tourists.

Sales Head Mr. Harinarayanan A. discussed Caesars Holidays' innovative approaches to travel and tourism, sharing success stories and experiences that highlighted the company's dedication to delivering exceptional travel services. The dialogue underscored the importance of cultural sensitivity and mutual respect in building lasting relationships and creating meaningful travel experiences.

The courtesy visit concluded on a positive note, with both parties expressing optimism about future collaborations. Plans for follow-up meetings and joint initiatives were discussed, paving the way for a robust partnership aimed at promoting Uzbekistan as a top travel destination and enhancing cultural ties.

The Caesars Holidays team and the embassy officials recognized the potential benefits of such partnerships, not only for their respective organizations but also for fostering closer ties between their countries. The shared commitment to excellence and mutual respect laid a strong foundation for future cooperation.

The visit by leaders of Caesars Travel Group to the Uzbekistan Embassy marked an important step towards enhanced collaboration and mutual understanding. By fostering international relationships and exploring new opportunities, Caesars Holidays continues to demonstrate its commitment to offering enriching travel experiences and promoting global cultural appreciation.

The leadership's engagement in such diplomatic efforts reflects the company's dedication to building strong, sustainable relationships worldwide.

World's Best Places to Visit for 2023-2024

Useful Travel Tips

Swiss Alps



Snow-covered mountains, charming towns and flower-strewn meadows make the Swiss Alps a year-round fairy tale destination. Visit in the winter for world-class skiing (and après-ski fondue and drinks) in locales such as the exclusive St. Moritz and the picturesque Zermatt, home of the craggy Matterhorn. Opt for warmer months to hike through the verdant valleys of Swiss National Park or attend lively festivals in the foothill city of Montreux. Regardless of the time of year, no trip would be complete without a visit to the Jungfrau Region, where you can experience idyllic mountain villages like Grindelwald and Mürren or take the Jungfrau Railway to Europe's highest railway station.

Phuket



Located in southern Thailand, the island of Phuket offers something for everyone, especially budget-minded travelers. Activities like spa treatments and boat tours come with low price tags, as do accommodations, making this a cheap tropical vacation option. For stunning scenery, check out the limestone cliffs of Phang Nga Bay and lounge on Phuket's gorgeous white sand beaches (Freedom Beach and Bang Tao Beach are two popular destinations). Other top attractions include Wat Chalong Temple and the Big Buddha. Once the sun sets, hitch a ride on a tuk-tuk and take part in the island's lively nightlife scene

Glacier National Park



Snow-capped peaks, alpine meadows and azure lakes are just a few reasons why Glacier National Park is one of America's most striking parks. There are more than 700 miles of hiking trails in this Montana crown jewel, plus 13 designated areas for camping. In the winter, travelers can enjoy snowshoeing and skiing, while during the summer vacationers can go swimming in Lake McDonald and whitewater rafting on Flathead River, among other popular activities. For those who'd rather admire their surroundings from their car, a scenic drive along Going-to-the-Sun Road can't be missed

Ocmulgee Mounds National Historical Park, Georgia



More Than 12,000 Years of Continuous Human Habitation
Welcome to Ocmulgee Mounds National Historical Park. This park is a prehistoric American Indian site, where many different American Indian cultures occupied this land for thousands of years. American Indians first came here during the Paleo-Indian Period hunting Ice Age mammals. Around 900 CE, the Mississippian Period began, and people constructed mounds for their elite, which remain here today.

Sintra Portugal



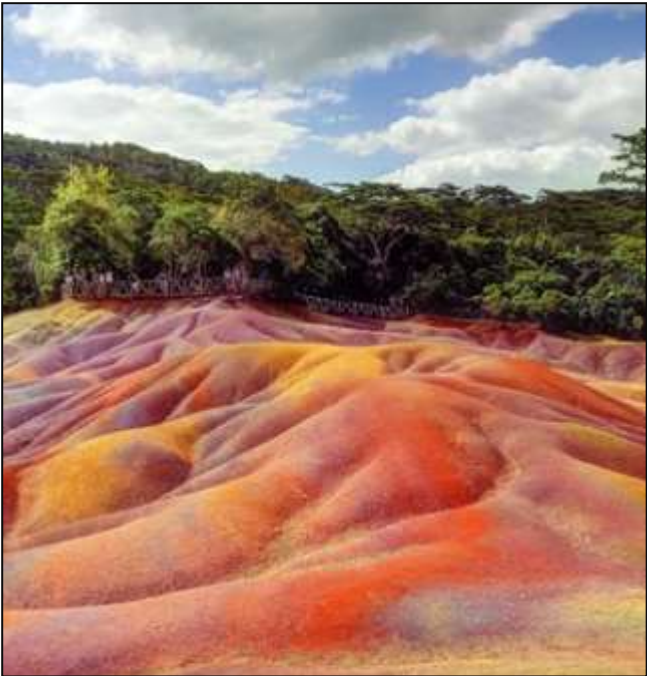
Sintra, Portugal, is an easy day trip from Lisbon if that's your main destination. It's a beautiful resort town filled with plenty of greenery and a few picturesque palaces you can visit, such as the Moorish-style Sintra National Palace and colorful Pena National Palace, seen here.

Mù Cang Chải, Vietnam



After you pick your jaw off the ground, take in the magnificent scene of terraced mountains lined with rice paddies and streams of water in this rural region of Vietnam. Mù Cang Chải takes you away from the hustle and bustle of Hanoi (it's about six hours from the capital) and into the wavelike pattern of the mountains. It's truly a sight like no other.

Chamarel, Mauritius



Though this East African island attracts visitors primarily with its pristine beaches, if you venture inland you'll see this brilliant geological formation that translates as "Seven Colored Earths."

Petra, Jordan



Want to know why it's called the Rose City? Wait until you see it glowing at sunset. Unesco describes Petra as "half-built, half-carved into the rock, and surrounded by mountains riddled with passages and gorges." As one of the world's seven wonders, it definitely deserves a top spot on your bucket list.

Jaipur, India



Jaipur, Rajasthan, is full of visual inspiration everywhere you look. From this incredible structure known as Hawa Mahal to the Chad Baori (an ancient stepwell), there's so much to see and do.

Editorial

Flying is getting scary during these days!!!

A flying tire. A runway roll-off. Door plug tore-off. Multiple emergency landings. Of course, it is not a safety trend.

It may seem like mishaps involving planes have been growing in frequency. Understandably, anxiety around flying is hitting a high – but is there any reason for concern? If you look at the numbers, you’re more at risk to have an accident driving to the airport than you are flying at 38,000 feet.

Can we blame the aero plane manufacturers for these frequent accidents?

Problems attributed to an airplane manufacturer can differ greatly. Some are design errors. On the original Boeing Max, the failure of a single sensor caused a flight-control system to point the nose of the plane down with great force — that happened before the deadly 2018 and 2019 Max crashes. In other cases, such as the door-plug panel that flew off the Alaska Airlines jet, it appears a mistake was made on the factory floor. Yes, manufacturing quality appears to be an issue in other incidents too.

We cannot say, not everything is manufacturer’s fault

Investigations into some incidents point to likely lapses in maintenance, and many close calls are due to errors by pilots or air traffic controllers. In the past 15

months, a spate of close calls caught the attention of regulators and travelers. There was a time when things like cracked windshields and minor engine problems didn't turn up very often in the news. That year a decade ago was a particularly bad one for aviation fatalities. The disappearance of Malaysia Airlines Flight 370 in March was followed by the shooting down of the same carrier’s Flight 17 over Ukraine in July and an AirAsia crash in December.



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Statistics show that up to 80 percent of all aviation accidents can be attributed to human error. The most dangerous times include takeoff and landing and the time periods before and after these events. Pilot error is thought to account for 53% of aircraft accidents, with mechanical failure (21%) and weather conditions (11%) following behind.

Safe of air travel v/s road driving

Therefore, the quick answer is that flying is safe — safer than most forms of travel — and far, far safer than the car ride most people take every day without thinking twice. While commercial aviation has the safest record among transit options, railroads are the second safest form of travel. Still, while experts say there is little cause for alarm, they acknowledge a crucial part of the air travel industry has changed in recent years — namely, that aviation personnel on average now have less experience than previous generations of pilots and maintenance crews.

Is flying really safer than driving?

Distracted driving has become a national epidemic, and led to countless deaths on our highways. With auto accidents, most people seem unconcerned, often flying down the roads, or weaving through traffic, many times with their cell phone in their hands, or other distraction in the vehicle with them

Think about those horrifying numbers for a minute. That number doesn’t include the hundreds of thousands more people who were seriously injured due to car, truck & motorcycle accidents. Compared to it, do you think flying is really safer?

Mantra



We would like to apologize for the delay in releasing our 28th Edition of The Xpressions magazine due to some unfortunate situation as it was supposed to release by 15th April 2024. we will prioritize preventing this situation from arising in the future and hope to continue looking forward to your recommendations/suggestions for further refining the contents in our magazine to achieve its expected goals.

The Xpressions Editor

HOW YOU CAN BE A PART OF “The Xpressions”



“The Xpressions” – Quarterly magazine is released every three months. Its previous issues had themes connected with the aviation industry but it was only an in-house magazine before. From 25th issue onwards, we have changed this magazine outlook from in-house to an open one, trying to reach everyone. The Xpressions encompasses articles, interviews, local/world news and aviation updates specially in new areas of research. Therefore, we extend an invitation to contribute the articles/texts of interest from everyone and it should be submitted through e-mail to xpressions@caesarstravel.com

The guidelines for submitting articles are as follows:

- We encourage authors to cover new developments in the field of world aviation scenario, opinions about various facets of travel industry, specially invite innovative and stimulating articles related to but not restricted to the list given below:
 - ◊ Job seekers in the aviation industry in Kuwait (can put their contacts)
 - ◊ Travel Industry happenings in Middle East
 - ◊ Airline updates
 - ◊ Articles from Middle-east based aviation leaders
 - ◊ Recent Movements of top officials in aviation field in Middle East
 - ◊ Current / Latest Development news by tourism platform - national / international
 - ◊ Features around - City /Hotels/ Cuisines / Adventure / Beach / Seasonal special
 - ◊ Suggestions & Feedback.

Basic Do's and Don'ts to be followed are:

- High-resolution photographs to be given for the authors as well as for the content. These should be in JPG format (and the file size should be in MB and not KB); these should not be blurred; should not be embedded in the word doc.; and should be 300 DPI. Photographs in the content should be either self-clicked photographs or images from Shutterstock website only to avoid the concerns of copyrights.
- For the author bio notes, the following points should be kept in mind:
 - ◊ The word count should be 50-60 words for personal job seekers with an exception to articles.
 - ◊ It should also contain contact details (email id) of the author(s) so that, the readers may connect to them.
 - ◊ The word count of the article should not exceed 1200 - 1500 words and should be written on one side of the A4 size paper
 - ◊ The article headings should not read like sentences; they have to be short and crisp.
 - ◊ The font should be Times New Roman (size 12) and margins should be normal (i.e. 1" all sides).
 - ◊ The use of references and/or endnotes is strongly encouraged, as they increase the relevance and significance of an article. Include all appropriate source information (e.g., author, publisher, title of book or article, magazine name, date/year of publication, country of publication, etc.). The author is responsible for obtaining any necessary permission for quoted or borrowed material.
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The contribution Articles should be submitted in Word format. All articles which are selected for publication will be proof read for content, spelling and grammatical errors. Also please note that it is not mandatory that these articles will be published in “The Xpressions” newsletter as it is strictly subject to screening before publishing. Furthermore, we may make minor editorial changes or correct spelling mistakes.

Looking forward to an overwhelming response and co-operation. All concerns, queries need to be addressed to xpressions@caesarstravel.com or contact the undersigned.

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