

SUMMER NEWS

Diwali's Festival of Lights | New tech | Star Clippers to launch in Indonesia

Brexit: important update

Following the decision of the EU referendum on 23 June 2016, we would like to reassure you that we will absorb any increases in the cost of your confirmed holiday caused by currency fluctuations since 23/6/2016.

Goldeneye in Jamaica opens two new properties

A 3-bedroom Ocean View Villa called Strangeways and a Lagoon Hut called Spanish Elm are now welcoming guests at the exclusive GoldenEye resort in Jamaica.

Would your friends like a copy of our brochure?

Our inaugural Savile Row Travel brochure showcases the very best of the best we have to offer around the world. If your friends or colleagues would like a complimentary copy please call or email us and we will do the rest.

Innovation in aviation

Brazilian manufacturer Embraer has launched a design for its Lineage 1000 that really raises the bar: a sunroof that wraps around the sides and top of the aircraft, providing extensive views.



Above: Embraer Lineage 1000

Diwali, the Festival of Lights, one of India's most famous festivals will take place between 24 October and 2 November 2016



Millions of glittering clay lamps, an abundance of festive fireworks, thousands of kilometres of strings of dazzling lights, bonfires, flowers, sweets, family gatherings and worship all combine to form what is one of India's best loved celebrations. Also known as the Festival of Lights, Diwali is an ancient Hindu festival which spiritually signifies the victory of light over darkness, knowledge over ignorance, good over evil, and hope over despair. Boisterous yet great fun, this is your chance to witness one of India's most memorable events.

We have created the perfect tour to maximise your enjoyment of this fantastic event which visits Delhi, Agra, the Taj Mahal and various temples of particular significance. Your tour culminates in a very special evening celebrating the Festival of Lights.

Itinerary in brief:

- Delhi x 2 nights
- Agra x 1 night
- Khajuraho x 2 nights
- Varanasi x 2 nights
- Lucknow x 2 nights



Including an evening celebrating Diwali, accommodation, transfers in India and return flights from the UK.

Further details can be found on our website: www.savilerowtravel.co.uk

New 'Pilot' Earpiece Translates Languages for You in Real Time

The Pilot is an earpiece being developed by the wearable-technology company Waverly Labs that has been designed for the international traveller. It aims to change how you communicate so you never get lost in translation again.

The 'smart earpiece,' as the company calls it, and corresponding app, uses speech-recognition technology to translate in real time, so that two people speaking different languages can have a conversation without missing a beat.

Of course, in order for the technology to work, both people need to be 'hooked up,' so to speak - which is why the set comes with two earpieces, one for each participant.

The Pilot will initially be released in European-based Romance and Germanic languages, including English, Spanish,



French, and Italian, according to the company's website. Following the first wave will be other world languages, such as Slavic, Semitic, Hindi, and East Asian.

Earpieces will be available by spring 2017.

Eden Project branches out

Plans for a £6-million hotel at the Eden Project have been approved by Cornwall City Council.

The 115-bedroom property, located at Bodelva (near St Austell), will be designed to blend into the natural surroundings and will be highly sustainable and energy efficient.

The hotel will only offer sleeping accommodation to encourage guests to use the facilities available at the main site.

Star Clippers announces very exciting new destination for 2017: Indonesia



This true clipper ship reflects its proud heritage in every inch of its polished brass and gleaming brightwork. Step aboard this unique vessel and discover a new age of sail, where the traditions of the past are happily married to the comforts and amenities of the present day.

Star Clipper is a modern cruise ship in every way, created for luxury-loving passengers who also love the traditions and romance of the legendary era of sailing ships. At 360ft long she carries just 170 guests in pampered comfort. Life aboard is blissfully relaxed, much like travelling on a private yacht. The ship offers spacious accommodation and expansive teak decks with ample space and not one, but two swimming pools.



Above: one of the new routes for Star Clipper in 2017

The décor of Star Clipper is reminiscent of the grand age of sail. Antique prints and paintings of famous sailing ships please the eye, while teak and gleaming mahogany rails are richly reminiscent of Star Clippers' proud nautical heritage.

We suggest: a 2-night pre-cruise stay in Seminyak followed by a 7-night sailing aboard Star Clipper with a post-cruise stay in Ubud or Alila Manggis.

Contact us for more details.



FOCUS: JA Manafaru, Maldives

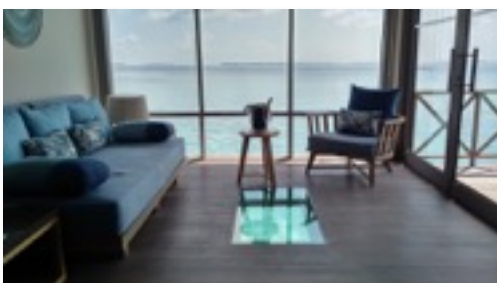
Our senior sales consultant, Nuri Lamin, has just returned from a stay at Manafaru.



LOCATION: Amidst the dazzling turquoise waters of Haa Alif, the northernmost atoll of the Maldives, lies JA Manafaru. Located 320km north of the capital, Malé, the resort is set in 35 acres of flawless white sands with deep emerald foliage. It is a true paradise hidden away from the world. Marvel at the vivid flora and fauna through glass-panelled floors or enjoy a relaxing evening on your private deck. **FACILITIES:** Accommodation includes beach bungalows, sunrise water villas, sunset water villas, beach suites, grand water suites and royal island suites. Staff are welcoming and well-informed and will pamper you during your stay. Dine on your private deck, on the beach, in one of the resort's restaurants or at a private location of your choice. The spa offers a collection of treatments for anti-ageing, deep hydration, mental clarity and relaxation whilst the Mind and Body Pavilion is dedicated to holistic fitness through internationally-certified yoga instructors.

Here are Nuri's thoughts, suggestions and some recommendations:

Private seaplane transfers: the transfer flights are privately chartered by the resort which means there are no stops during your flight and you experience the resort's dedicated service from the moment you arrive. **Your own butler:** experience unrivalled attention to detail and personal service from your own butler. **Snorkelling:** this is some of the finest in the Maldives as the resort is far away from Malé and the busy shipping routes. The marine life is amazing and on more than one occasion I saw dolphins from my villa as well as octopus and stingrays. **Peace:** the good thing about the motorised water sports is their allocated area which means you won't be disturbed by any noise around your villa. **Dolphin Sunset Cruise:** I highly recommend you do this as there is a 98% chance you will see dolphins swimming and jumping alongside your boat. **Hideaway Island:** this is a private island owned by the resort just 15 minutes away by speedboat. For romance and privacy, book this island and your butler will set up sun loungers to enjoy the sunset with a glass of champagne followed by a romantic dinner.



Dining: the resort offers an all-inclusive package which is very rare for a 5 star deluxe resort. This gives you the freedom to take your pick each evening without worrying about additional costs. **The Wine Cellar Experience:** I spent an evening sampling desserts and cheeses with accompanying wines in the award-winning wine cave which offers an extensive selection of fine wines from prestigious vineyards around the world. The cellar is situated two and a half metres below sea level and is a romantic, candlelit, underground haven. Bottle prices vary from \$40-\$50 dollars to as much as \$15,000 and you can dine here too. **The spa:** I visited the spa on the second day and was very surprised at its scale with over 12 private and beautiful treatment rooms. The hotel's website really doesn't do it justice and I highly recommend a visit. **The cookery class:** I took a Maldivian cookery class and made a 3-course meal under expert tuition from the resort's chef (an ex-Four Seasons chef). **Local staff:** unlike many 5* resorts, Manafaru is staffed by local residents who have an unrivalled knowledge of the area and are really proud to share this with you.

PRICES START FROM £2,995 PER PERSON FOR A WEEK ON A B&B BASIS IN A BEACH VILLA INCLUDING RETURN FLIGHTS.

For more details please call 01491 575 987 to talk in depth to Nuri Lamin about his recent visit to JA Manafaru.
We have access to some great preferential rates as well as further tips and advice.

SUMMER REPORT FROM THE TEAM

Sarah visits Eagles Palace, Halkidiki, Greece

Eagles Palace is located on the 'third finger' of Halkidiki and on the drive to the hotel comes the realisation that being here is like stepping back in time. No motorways, no chains, just beautiful scenery and a smattering of villages. The hotel itself is a rare find. Situated on a stunning beach, it has a charm and relaxed elegance hard to find these days where guests get dressed up for pre dinner drinks on the lawn overlooking the sea. The staff are exceptional whilst being warm and friendly. If you want a complete chill out holiday in a very relaxed and friendly setting, Eagles Palace is for you. If you are looking for nightlife and a busy buzz, look elsewhere.



DO: Hire a boat and visit the island opposite the hotel for stunning, secluded coves.

VISIT: Mount Athos by boat for a glimpse (from the sea) into a fascinating and untouched world of monasteries built into mountain sides.

EAT: Bbq'd mussels and stuffed calamari in the hotel's seafront restaurant.

DRINK: One of the local wines made by the monks.

Lydia visits Fiskardo, Kefalonia, Greece

Fiskardo is a stunningly beautiful small harbour nestled into the hillside on the northern tip of Kefalonia, located in the Ionian islands, which overlooks the neighbouring island of Ithaca. Untouched by the 1953 earthquake which damaged much of the rest of the island, Fiskardo is small, intimate, beautiful and a popular stopping-off point for yachts on Ionian flotillas. Seafood restaurants line the quayside, boutiques stock unique pieces of jewellery and clothing and Giorgio Armani calls in regularly on his superyacht.



DO: hire a motorboat and drop anchor in your own private cove for the day with some bottles of chilled white wine, fresh fruit and a picnic.

VISIT: Ithaca is a short boat ride away and offers further potential to explore and really get away from it all.

EAT: grilled swordfish with freshly squeezed lemon and a salad.

YOU HEARD IT HERE FIRST.....

To celebrate 10 years of successful business in Henley-on-Thames, we are delighted to give you a heads-up about our **photography competition** which opens in autumn 2016. Winners will be announced in December 2016. We have some absolutely fantastic prizes for the best entries so be sure to take some great shots this summer!

FIRST PRIZE: 7 night break in a 5* resort in Europe for 2 adults + 2 children*

SECOND PRIZE: 2 night weekend break in a European City for 2 in a 4/5* hotel*

THIRD PRIZE: 1 night break in London or the Home Counties for 2 in a 4/5* hotel

More details coming soon including how to enter and where to send your images.

Next issue: Food, Glorious Food in Bologna | Elephant Hills in Thailand

Hokkaido, Japan: new bullet train means better access to the powdery slopes than ever before

One of Japan's most famous symbols is the Shinkansen bullet train, a masterful piece of engineering and technology designed to link the capital to Japan's major cities, with travel times of only a few hours.

However, one major city, Sapporo (Japan's fifth-largest at 1.8 million), was never comfortably accessible from Tokyo by rail. Trips to Hokkaido once meant a full-day train ride or an overnight sleeping car.

That is, until now. On 26 March 2016 the Hokkaido Shinkansen debuted, with a journey between JR Tokyo and JR Shin-Hakodate-Hokuto Station taking a little more than four hours.

Aman opens second hotel in Japan this year

Aman will open its second hotel in Japan in 2016. Located in Honshu's Mie Prefecture, around two hours by train from Nagoya, the property is on the shores of Ago Bay, known as the 'Bay of Pearls'. It is the brand's first hot spring resort. 24 suites and four two-bedroom villas will all have their own *onsen* ('hot spring'). There will also be a sleek spa and pool and a restaurant serving local gourmet traditions.

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