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NEWS IN BRIEF

Carrier's head office to focus only on the trade

Carrier's 70-strong head office team will become solely trade-focused from December 4 when a move to new offices in Didsbury, Manchester, is complete. All consumer calls to the luxury specialist will be dealt with by its independent travel agency Carrier Travel, based in Alderley Edge. The trade currently accounts for 80% of bookings. carrier.co.uk

Kirker gives away hampers for Orient-Express bookings

Kirker is giving away luxury Christmas hampers to agents plus entry to a prize draw to win one of four places on a Venice Simplon-Orient-Express train trip next year for every new booking of the luxury train between now and December 31. Three-night Venice packages featuring the train start from £2,548 including flights. kirkerholidays.com

Trafalgar serves up dining experience in the Vatican

Trafalgar is to offer new VIP after-hours dining experiences inside the Vatican in 2018 on selected Italy itineraries. They include al fresco dining in the Cortile del Giardino Quadrato (square garden) with views of the cupola of St Peter's. For the past two years, the operator has offered private dining in the Vatican's Ethnological Museum. trafalgar.com/agents

Get on track with Great Rail's £100 low deposits

Great Rail Journeys is offering low deposits of £100 per person for bookings on or before December 8 for some of its best-selling tours in India, the US and Europe in 2018. They include India's Golden Triangle and USA Coast to Coast. greatrail.com

Hayes & Jarvis publishes US destination-style guide

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Hayes & Jarvis has brought out its first brochure combining the US, Mexico and the Caribbean.

The 2018-19 programme moves away from a traditional brochure format with a new destination guide layout featuring more photographs, maps and expert advice, and themed sections: Unique Stays; Family Fun; Sail Away; and Let's Talk Private Islands.

New destinations for next year are Alaska, New York State, northern California and Puerto Rico. More than 10 hotels, including the Quabie Resort Mexico, and several tours and cruises, have also been added.

General manager Suzanne Harvey said the new-style destination guide, one of the operator's largest programmes, aimed to "fuel ideas and holiday aspirations" by offering everything from island-hopping in the Caribbean to self-drives in the US. New tours featured in the guide



VANCOUVER ISLAND: Hayes & Jarvis offers orca whale spotting trips

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New hotels featured in H&J's new programme

Include a seven-day escorted tour to Olympic National Park, Washington State, and Vancouver Island, British Columbia, from £3,079. The tour is run by sister brand Grand American Adventures and includes a kayaking trip on

Lake Crescent, an orca whale spotting boat trip and stays in national park cabins and yurts.

Also new is a luxury cruise on Regent Seven Seas Cruises' Seven Seas Navigator along the coast of New England and eastern Canada.

The 17-day cruise-and-stay holiday, from £12,669, includes 14 nights on the five-star ship, one night at the four-star The Redbury New York and one night at the five-star Fairmont The Queen Elizabeth, and return flights. hayesandjarvis.co.uk

Newmarket unveils coach trips to China exhibition in Liverpool

Newmarket Holidays has put coach breaks on sale for 2018 to see China's First Emperor and the Terracotta Warriors Exhibitions in Liverpool.

The operator is offering two and three-day inclusive coach breaks to Liverpool's World Museum, which will include admission to the exhibition, free time to explore the city, and bed and breakfast



LIVERPOOL: China's First Emperor exhibition opens in February

accommodation. The exhibition features more than 100 artefacts from museums across Shaanxi

Province - more than half of which have never been on show in the UK before.

As part of the exhibition, visitors can see the Terracotta Warriors, including a life-size terracotta horse and other objects from the First Emperor's Qin Shi Huang's burial complex.

Newmarket head of trade sales Richard Foede said: "The exhibition promises to be extraordinary - the Terracotta Army is often high up on everyone's 'must-see' list."

A two-day break to see the exhibition starts from £135. newmarketholidays.co.uk

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