

HALAMA TRAVEL INSIDER



MY TOP PICKS

With summer holidays coming to a close, now is the perfect moment to plan your next break. Late summer and early autumn offer excellent opportunities to travel - with fewer crowds, better availability, and often exceptional value.



MEDITERRANEAN SUNSHINE

September and October bring warm temperatures without the peak-season bustle, making it ideal for a relaxing beach escape.



EUROPEAN CITY BREAKS

Cooler weather creates the perfect conditions for sightseeing, and cultural calendars are full of festivals and events.



UK COUNTRYSIDE RETREATS

Enjoy the beauty of autumn landscapes, cosy stays, and a refreshing change of pace closer to home.



WINTER BREAKS

WINTER ESCAPES TO WARM YOUR SOUL

Booking early really pays off for winter and festive travel. Prices are typically lower now than they will be later in autumn, when demand rises. Securing your trip in advance also means the best choice of flights, hotels, and seasonal experiences - Christmas markets, snowy escapes, and winter sun included.

Planning ahead gives you more value, more choice, and the peace of mind that your perfect winter break is already in place.

INSIDER TIP

Flights and hotels for December fill up quickly, especially during school holidays. Booking now means better fares, more choice of departure times, and the widest selection of accommodation.

SEASONAL INSPIRATIONS

• FESTIVE MARKETS

Explore the charm of European cities lit up for Christmas, with mulled wine, handmade gifts, and twinkling lights.

• SNOWY ESCAPES

Ski the slopes, try winter activities, or unwind in a cosy lodge surrounded by magical landscapes.

• WINTER SUN

Trade grey skies for golden beaches – the Mediterranean, Canary Islands, and beyond offer warmth well into winter.

• COSY UK RETREATS

Enjoy countryside walks, roaring fires, and the comfort of a seasonal stay closer to home.

WINTER TRAVEL CALENDAR

November – Short city breaks

December – Christmas markets, Lapland adventures

January – Winter sun (Canaries, Egypt, Morocco)

February – Romantic escapes, spa retreats, city getaways

SHORT CITY BREAKS

Late autumn and early winter are perfect for exploring Europe's most charming cities. With cooler temperatures and fewer crowds, sightseeing is easier, and you can enjoy iconic landmarks, seasonal markets, and local cuisine at a relaxed pace.

Top destinations include Verona, Central Brussels, and Amsterdam, each offering rich history, beautiful architecture, and festive touches as the season begins. These breaks are ideal for a long weekend or a quick midweek escape, giving you a refreshing change of scenery without needing a full week off.



VERONA, ITALY

3 nights
room only
4* Leondardo Hotel
From £219pp
15th December 2025



BRUSSELS, BELGIUM

2 nights
room only
4* Chic Cocoon
From £280pp
19th December 2025



TORREMOLINOS, SPAIN

3 nights
room only
3* Sol Puerto Marina
From £179
16th November 2025



AMSTERDAM, NETHERLANDS

3 nights
room only
4* Conscious Hotel
From £315pp
30th November 2025



PRAGUE, CZECH REPUBLIC

3 nights
bed & breakfast
4* Hotel Relax Inn
From £370pp
3rd November 2025



VIENNA, AUSTRIA

3 nights
bed & breakfast
4* Hotel Bellevue
From £623
3rd November 2025

CHRISTMAS MARKETS

Few experiences capture the magic of winter quite like a Christmas market. Picture historic squares lit with twinkling lights, the scent of mulled wine in the air, and stalls filled with handmade gifts and festive treats. Destinations such as Vienna, Munich, and Strasbourg are renowned for their enchanting markets, each with its own traditions and atmosphere. A Christmas market break offers more than shopping - it's an opportunity to soak up culture, enjoy local delicacies, and step into the festive spirit.



BERLIN, GERMANY

**3 nights
room only
4* Leondardo Hotel
From £299pp
12th December 2025**



AMSTERDAM, NETHERLANDS

**2 nights
room only
4* Zaan Hotel
From £198pp
17th December 2025**



HAMBURG, GERMANY

**2 nights
bed & breakfast
3* Panorama Inn Hotel
From £229
9th December 2025**

Prices are based on two adults sharing.
Every holiday you see is fully ABTA and ATOL protected,
so you can book with confidence.
You can fly from your local airport - I'll always look
for the most convenient option for you.
Availability changes quickly.
Once a deal has gone, it won't come back at the same price.

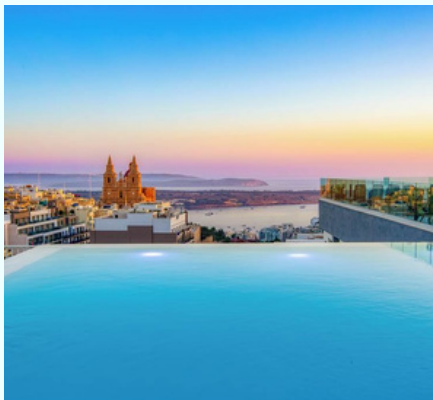
WINTER SUN ESCAPES

When the days grow shorter at home, a little sunshine can make all the difference. Winter is the perfect time to swap grey skies for golden beaches, warm seas, and long, relaxing days outdoors.

Destinations such as the Canary Islands, Madeira, and Egypt are ideal - offering reliable sunshine, beautiful scenery, and plenty of opportunities to unwind. A winter sun escape gives you the best of both worlds: a refreshing break from the cold and a chance to recharge before or after the new year begins.

For those who dream of going a little further, long-haul options open up even more possibilities. Think of the Caribbean's turquoise waters, the cultural richness and warmth of Southeast Asia, or the serene beauty of the Indian Ocean islands. These destinations combine sunshine with unique experiences, offering not just a change of weather but a true change of pace.

Wherever you choose, a winter sun escape is about giving yourself the gift of light, warmth, and time to breathe deeply.



MALTA

**3 nights
room only**

**4* Solana Hotel & Spa
From £169pp
9th January 2026**



LANZAROTE, CANARIES

**5 nights
bed & breakfast
5* Hotel Livo Volcan
From £575pp
8th December 2025**



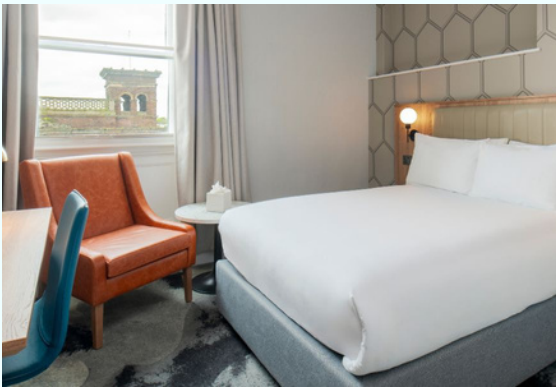
LANZAROTE, CANARIES

**7 nights
half board
5* H10 Rubicon Horizons
From £795
6th December 2025**

UK ROMANTIC ESCAPES & SPA RETREATS

Escape the everyday and enjoy a cosy, rejuvenating break close to home. The UK offers a wealth of romantic hideaways - from charming countryside cottages to luxurious spa hotels – perfect for unwinding together. Indulge in relaxing treatments, stroll through scenic landscapes, or simply curl up by a roaring fire with a favourite book. These escapes provide the perfect combination of tranquillity, comfort, and seasonal charm, making them ideal for couples seeking a memorable winter getaway.

4* THE QUEEN AT CHESTER HOTEL, CHESTER



Two nights' accommodation
Full English breakfast both mornings
Dinner on your first night
A bottle of wine in your room on arrival
Late check-out of 12pm
Can be booked for 2, 4 or 6 nights
From £110 per person
Available until 28th December 2025

4* DERBY MICKLEOVER HOTEL, DERBY



Two nights' accommodation
Full English breakfast both mornings
Dinner on your first night
A bottle of wine in your room on arrival
Late check-out of 12pm
Can be booked for 2, 4 or 6 nights
From £99 per person
Available until 29th December 2025

4* LAKESIDE HOTEL & SPA, WINDERMERE



Overnight accommodation
Full English breakfast
Bottle of chilled wine in your room on arrival
Two course dinner in the Lakeview Restaurant
Access to the Aveda Destination Spa
Complimentary onsite car parking
From £134.50 per person
Available until 1st December 2025



✨ WHAT YOU MIGHT NOT KNOW ABOUT BOOKING WITH ME

- **Personalised guidance**

Trips can be planned around your interests, pace, and preferences.

- **Access to more options**

Travel agents can see multiple suppliers and portals to explore a wider range of possibilities.

- **Flexible payments**

You can pay a deposit first (depending on travel dates) and the option to pay the remainder in instalments.

There are many, many more options available, but I wanted to take some time to handpick a selection of current deals that might be of particular interest.

Each one has been chosen to showcase the variety, value, and experiences that winter travel can offer.

Even with these highlights, your perfect getaway might be something different entirely – and I'm always happy to explore all the possibilities with you, ensuring your trip is exactly as you imagine it.

**Every traveller is different, and every trip can be unique.
Cosy winter retreats, festive city lights, or a sunny escape
– there is a perfect option waiting for you.
I'm here to help you explore all possibilities, answer questions,
and guide you every step of the way, making sure your holiday
turns out exactly as you imagine.**

**Wishing you journeys full of joy,
Maria Halamova Minney
Halama Travel 🌍✨**