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The Best Christmas Markets in Europe

With Christmas Day only a week away, the rush to buy presents, arrange food and drink, send cards and put up festive decorations should be in full swing by now (if not, what are you doing reading this?!). If you, like many, are still struggling to find that perfect present for mum, or are determined to find and cook something more exotic than turkey this year, or you are desperately searching for that perfect Christmas tree decoration to blow away your family with, perhaps one of Europe's fantastic Christmas markets are where you might find the solution. Here at Just The Flight we do love a Christmas market (also known as Christkindmarkt or Weihnachtsmarkt), almost as much as we love a last minute break to a beautiful European city! So, if you're in need of some late festive inspiration, here is a list of the best Christmas markets around!

Striezelmarkt, Dresden (DRS), Germany

The Striezelmarkt in Dresden (DRS) is widely regarded as the oldest Christmas market in the world, first recorded to have been held in 1434. Today the market is one of the most popular in Europe, and is famous for selling wooden ornaments and specialist local food and drink delicacies like the Pflaumentoffel (decorations made of prunes) and Pulsnitz gingerbread.

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Christkindlesmarkt, Nuremberg (NUE), Germany

With an estimated 2 million visitors a year, the Nuremberg (NUE) Christkindlesmarkt is one of the largest Christmas markets in the world. Christkindlesmarkt is translated as Christ Child Market, which is significant to the market itself since 1969 a new Christkind is elected bi-annually to officially open the market in the prologue ceremony. Interested in the job? You'll need to be a sensible girl aged between 16 and 19 years and be selected by a jury out of a finalist group of six.

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Christkindelsmrik, Strasbourg (SXB), France

This Christmas market held annually in the heart of Alsace in Strasbourg (SXB) has been held since 1570 and attracts between 1.5 and 2 million visitors each year. It features over 60 different stalls and is famous for its traditionally imposing Christmas tree which always tops 100ft in height!

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Plaisirs d'Hiver, Brussels (BRU), Belgium

The Plaisirs d'Hiver festival (translated as Winter Wonders) in Brussels (BRU) is one of the largest Christmas festivals in Europe, boasting 240 stalls, a 200ft skating rink, a 35m toboggan slope and a huge big-wheel ride covered with 18,000 lights! In total the ever-expanding festival covers almost 2 kilometres of the Belgium capital.

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Lincoln Christmas Market, UK

We're proud to say that you don't have to go abroad to find a great Christmas market, we have

some excellent markets here in the UK too! One of which is the Lincoln Christmas market, which attracts an impressive 250,000 visitors a year to its 4-day event. Spread around the beautiful and historic Lincoln castle and cathedral, the popular event is as picturesque as anything you might find on the continent. Plus, the Lincoln market holds traditional events and games such as beer barrel rolling! You won't find that in Germany!

<http://www.lincolnshire.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/08/row-l.jpg>

Manchester (MAN) Christmas Market, UK

The Manchester (MAN) Christmas market is only celebrating its 14th year in 2012, but where it perhaps lacks in history compared to Dresden and Strasbourg, it more than makes up for in size (200 stalls set across 8 different city centre locations), variety (treats from Holland, Hungary, Spain, Germany and France to name but a few!) and high quality of food produce and gifts.

<http://blog.thistle.com/wp-content/uploads/2012/11/manchester.jpg>

Fête d'Île, St. Helier, Jersey (JER)

The annual Fête d'Île on the island of Jersey (JER) is a huge festival that encompasses various smaller markets and special events. There is a dedicated Norman Christmas market, a specialist Christmas gift market, and various Christmas-y events that run in tandem. These include Dickensian storytellers, carol singing, Christmas crafts, art festivals, historical tours and moonlight parades.

http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/6/6b/Jersey_Tourism_F%C3%AAt%C3%A9_d%27%C3%A9_Ile_Normande_2008_Carol-service-2.jpg

Fira de Santa Llúcia, Barcelona (BCN), Spain

A trip to the warm Barcelona (BCN) sounds good at this time of year, right? Be sure to take in the Fira de Santa Llúcia Christmas fair, and all that the 300 stalls of handcrafted Christmas decorations and gifts have to offer! Curiously, the most popular figure on sale is the Catalan figure of the caganer which translates as crapper(!), a small figure crouching with his trousers around his ankles use your imagination to work out what's happening there!

<http://www.apartmentbarcelona.com/blog/wp-content/uploads/2012/11/Santa-Llucia-Barcelona.jpg>

Kaiser Wilhelm Gedächtniskirche Market, Berlin (BER), Germany

Berlin (BER) should probably be regarded as the spiritual home of Christmas markets, with over 50 individual markets situated across the German capital. The biggest and most popular, with over 4 million visitors each year has to be the Kaiser Wilhelm Gedächtniskirche festival. If they don't sell it at this Christmas market, chances are they won't sell it anywhere: decorations, artwork, jewellery and other gifts, and then there is the seasonal pleasures such as chestnuts, mulled wine and endless German delicacies.

<http://seasonalholidays.co.uk/images/c10.jpg>

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10 Highest Bungee Jumps in the World

1. Royal Gorge Bridge, Colorado Springs, USA 1,053ft

Comfortably the highest bungee jumping spot by some distance, the Royal Gorge Bridge was the highest suspension bridge in the world for almost 75 years. The extreme distance involved in jumping from this bridge means that the jumper experiences a staggering 10 seconds of complete free fall before the bungee cord begins to stretch!

<http://www.lifed.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/11/royal-gorge-bridge.jpg>

2. Macau Tower, Macau, China 760ft

The bungee jump from the Macau Tower is the highest in Asia, and offers stunning views of the Chinese coast and Hong Kong just across the bay. In 2006, bungee jumping guru A J Hackett made what the Guinness Book of Records recognised as the highest commercial bungee jump in the world.

<http://www.todsup.com/wp-content/uploads/2011/08/macau-tower-bungy-macau.jpg>

3. Verzasca Dam, Lugano, Switzerland 720ft

The Verzasca Dam in Switzerland is well known for its brief appearance in the opening credits to the James Bond film 'Goldeneye', and was also featured on 'Jack Osbourne's Adrenaline Junkie' television series. This jump is also well known as being the highest jump in the world available to do at night it is fully flood lit if you're looking for an extra kick out of your bungee jump!

http://www.blacktomato.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2009/02/dam-high-res-content_resize.jpg

4. Bloukrans Bridge, Western Cape, South Africa 708ft

The Bloukrans Bridge in South Africa is the world's highest single span arch bridge, and although primarily used as a road bridge, for those who dare it can also be used as an adrenaline structure! With its unique pendulum system, jumpers get the smoothest, most comfortable bungee jump possible.

<http://www.thebesttourism.com/wp-content/uploads/2012/05/Bloukrans-Bridge2.jpg>

5. Europabrücke Bridge, Innsbruck, Austria 630ft

Nicely placed on an interlink bridge that supports the Brenner Autobahn, which links Austria to Italy, bungee junkies enjoy a swing while taking pictures of the Alps in a unique upside down position. Jumpers who don't wish to stop at just bungee can attempt other adrenaline moving stunts like jumps from hot air balloons.

<http://gutshof.cc/sites/default/files/imagecache/story-body/bungy-jumping1.jpg>

6. Niouc Bridge, Val d'Anniviers, Switzerland 623ft

The Niouc Bridge in Switzerland is the highest suspended bridge in Europe, and for bungee jumpers it offers stunning views and a thrilling experience. The location and construction of the swaying bridge means that jumpers will swing in all different directions!

<http://p2.trrsf.com.br/image/fget/cf/619/464/img.terra.com.br/i/2012/03/10/2260043-7427-rec.jpg>

7. Altopiano di Asiago, Vicenza, Italy 575ft

The jump at Altopiano di Asiago in Italy is suspended via a crane (which I hope is strong!), and also offers the opportunity for the biggest tandem bungee jump in the world. All you need to do now is find a willing volunteer

http://www.asiago.it/images/web/eventi_bungee/Bungee_Jumping3.jpg

8. Kolnbrein Dam, Salzburg, Austria 555ft

Our second visit to Austria in this top 10 rundown, the Austrians must be the bravest country in Europe! Jumpers are again supported by a crane and get to experience the beautiful views of the Hohe Tauern National Park.

<http://www.chaletaustria.co.uk/cmsUploads/activity/images/03.%20BungeeJumpingFromKolnbreinDamMaltaValley.jpg>

9. Vidraru Dam, Bucharest, Romania 554ft

Located on the picturesque Arges River in Romania, the jump at the Vidraru Dam is yet another breath taking and intimidating sight. The dam made an appearance in the BBC Series 'Top Gear' when the presenters were driving across Romania to find the nearby Transf g r an road, which Jeremy Clarkson has since claimed to be "the best road in the world".

http://cache.virtualtourist.com/4/3452035-Vidraru_Dam_Curtea_de_Arges.jpg

10. The Last Resort, Kathmandu, Nepal 524ft

Ominously named 'The Last Resort', this jump from Nepal's longest suspension bridge is a plunge towards a scary tropical gorge which will also give you an incredible (and upside down) view of the Bhote Kosi River.

http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/2/20/Bungy_The_Last_Resort,_Nepal_P5166781.jpg

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<http://www.justtheflight.co.uk/news/2-10-highest-bungee-jumps-in-the-world.html>

13 Death Defying Runways

Juancho E. Yrausquin Airport, Saba (Caribbean)

At approximately 1,300ft in length, this runway is the shortest in the world and significantly too short to accommodate any large aircraft. Occasionally, small planes do land here at Saba (SAB) despite the runway being marked as officially closed. Loomed by cliffs at the end of the landing strip, with high peaked hills the island side, take-off and landing can be treacherous particularly with adverse weather conditions.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Saba_airport.jpg (Photographer: Pia L)

Lukla Airport, Nepal

This runway in Nepal is known to be a combination of all the hardest landing challenges. The high altitude in Nepal means the planes have to travel at a higher speed, the surrounding mountains create a complex landscape to navigate in, and unpredictable wind conditions cause extreme turbulence, all combining to create an intimidating environment for pilots the Lukla (LUA) runway is also very short at just 1,500ft long.

<http://bestnweb.com/images/news/airport/plane-takes-off-at-lukla-airport.jpg>

Kai Tak, Hong Kong

Now closed, Kai Tak (HKG) was regarded to be one of the most challenging approaches in history, with a red and white chequered point placed upon a mound to mark where the plane has to begin its sharp turn to approach. Kai Tak was notorious for being demanding for pilots to land with skyscrapers and difficult terrain around Kowloon at the time. Not to mention some of the strong crosswinds that swept across the Victoria Harbour.

http://images3.jetphotos.net/img/2/0/6/3/14832_I040214360.jpg (Photographer: Daryl Chapman)

Madeira, Portugal

Carved out of the side of the mountain, this runway in Madeira (FNC) is supported by metal girders, as opposed to a more traditional landing strip. Strong canyon winds from two different directions make this runway in the Atlantic Ocean particularly difficult to land, and following a high profile airplane disaster, the runway was extended to improve safety.

http://files2.structurae.de/files/photos/f003301/perspec_pista_ne.jpg

Courchevel, France

The Courchevel (CVF) ski resort in the French Alps has one of world's most hazardous approaches; the runway is very short at 1,722ft, has an 18.5% gradient, and is surrounded by busy ski runs.

http://images2.jetphotos.net/img/1/1/8/4/84814_I201425481.jpg (Photographer: Thomas Brackx)

Toncontin International Tegucigalpa, Honduras

Regarded as one of the most difficult approaches anywhere on the planet, Toncontin (TGU) has a history of accidents and incidents. Significant efforts were made in 2009 to improve safety for aircraft, including the lengthening of the runway and the bulldozing of a large portion of the hillside located at one of the runway, which caused many issues in the past.

<http://images.summitpost.org/original/432936.jpg>

Gibraltar Airport

You're probably familiar with a level crossing to allow trains to pass through an intersection with a road, but what about at an airport? The runway at Gibraltar Airport (GIB) runs between a four lane highway connecting the territory to mainland Spain, which needs to be closed when planes land and take off.

<http://www.hoax-slayer.com/images/gibraltar-airport-3.jpg>

Princess Juliana Airport, St. Martin (Caribbean)

Princess Juliana Airport (SXM) is renowned as one of, if not the best spot to view aircraft up close and in action. This is because the flight path passes literally above the now famous Maho Beach which backs onto the runway! Local residents and visiting tourist are even warned about getting too close to the low flying aircraft, as close proximity can cause injury by jet blast.

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Gustaf III Airport, St. Barts (Caribbean)

Gustaf III Airport (SBH) on the French island of St. Barts in the Caribbean is another airport with a short runway at just 2,133ft long. Not only does the small runway cause difficulties, but aircraft have to make their approach at a difficult angle to avoid the hill from the east. Pilots even require a special licence to land at this airport.

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Vail Airport, Colorado, US

Servicing some of the US's most popular ski destinations, Vail Airport (EGE) is regarded as the most challenging runway approach in the continental US. Mountainous terrain, challenging departure procedures, high altitude and extreme weather conditions all mean that the approach into Vail is extremely treacherous.

<http://fittrack.fltplan.com/airportphotos/KEGE.jpg>

Matekane Air Strip, Lesotho, Africa

This small landing strip in mountainous Lesotho, Africa, is situated at 7,500ft in altitude, but the alarming fact about Matekane is the 2,000ft cliff drop at one end of the runway. If you're a pilot who is planning on landing here, make sure those brakes are in good working order!

<http://www.travelvivi.com/wp-content/uploads/2009/09/Matekane.jpg>

Ice Runway, Antarctica

Ice Runway is the principal runway used by the US Antarctic Program, and is so dangerous that it can only be used 9 months of the year. Between December and March, the ice on which the runway sits is regarded as too weak and unstable.

http://images.canberratimes.com.au/2012/08/10/3544077/art-australian_airbus_h-620x349.jpg

Paro Airport, Bhutan

Due to its extreme level of difficulty for pilots, Paro Airport (PBH) is perhaps the most restrictive airport in the world. Only a handful of pilots (8) are licensed to land at Paro, and flights are restricted to daylight hours only, and only after being approved by strict visual meteorological conditions. Tucked away in the steep Himalayan Mountains, Paro is situated at an elevation of 7,300ft and is surrounded by sharp peaks up to 18,000ft tall.

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<http://www.justtheflight.co.uk/news/1-13-death-defying-runways.html>

Get a thrill with top mazes around the world

Mazes have always been an exciting challenge, and both kids and adults alike love the opportunity to throw themselves into a maze and try to find the centre before navigating their

way out again. Britain has several great mazes to explore, but there are also some brilliant maze attractions around the world to enjoy too. Hawaii For holidaymakers enjoying a break in Honolulu, the Dole Plantation Maze offers a great day out for the whole family. Visitors will be able to enjoy the largest maze in the world, with the meandering walls created by around 14,000 plants. The centre is in the shape of a pineapple. Australia Australia remains a firm holiday favourite with British travellers, and for those enjoying Melbourne, a visit to the Ashcombe Maze is a must. This maze is Australia's oldest, with hedges two metres thick and three metres high. There are two mazes, the north and the south, which are connected with a central garden between. Northern Ireland Located near Belfast, the Peace Maze in Castelwellan Forest Park is perfect for those travelling to Ireland. Whilst only planted in 2000, the maze is maturing quickly and visitors can explore the area in an attempt to reach the maze's central peace bell. Cheap Flights and Travel News - © 2013 - Just The Flight

<http://www.justtheflight.co.uk/news/10251-get-a-thrill-with-top-mazes-around-the-world.html>

Unlikely ski resorts in Europe

It may only be August, but many British holidaymakers will already be looking ahead to the winter season and the chance to indulge in winter sports. Europe has many traditional skiing spots available, but there are also some unusual places with great slopes to explore. One small country that is tucked away in central Europe is Slovenia, and flying to Ljubljana offers the chance to discover the country's rugged slopes for a lot less expense than many popular resorts in France or Italy. Slovenia has a stunning array of lakes that offer an added beauty to the scenery as ski enthusiasts hurtle down the mountainside. Though more popular than Slovenia, Bulgaria is also a great place for winter sports, being cheaper than many top European spots but offering great slopes to enjoy. Top ski resorts such Bansko are easily accessible with flights to Sofia, and more isolated areas, such as Dobrinishte, offer stunning off-piste slopes. Finally, with the city hosting the 2014 Winter Olympics, Russia's Sochi is a great new and upcoming destination. Flights to Krasnodar offer the ideal travel route and, once at the resort, winter sports enthusiasts will discover hundreds of kilometres of new ski runs to enjoy. Cheap Flights and Travel News - © 2013 - Just The Flight

<http://www.justtheflight.co.uk/news/10246-unlikely-ski-resorts-in-europe.html>

Cheap summer sun destinations attracting washed out British tourists

With poor weather returning to Britain at the end of the summer, it has been revealed that many people are flocking abroad for some last minute sunny weather. Top spots including Ibiza, the Algarve and Majorca are seeing significant price drops as children prepare to go back to school, making it the ideal time for flexible holidaymakers to get away. Summer 2012 has been the coldest summer in 18 years, and it has been revealed that holiday bookings for September are up by 50% this year. Whilst the school holidays may be over, those without children are taking advantage of reduced prices to head to Mediterranean hotspots and enjoy a late summer break. Holiday expert Matt Hall said: "With so many people left disappointed by the poor British weather and in need of some sunshine, September is a great time to escape with the added bonus of no noisy school children and substantial price reductions now that the UK schools have gone back." With prices on the Costa Brava as low as £99 per person for seven nights, a September break is proving a popular option for many people who are in search of hot weather and sunny shores. Cheap Flights and Travel News - © 2013 - Just The Flight

<http://www.justtheflight.co.uk/news/10240-cheap-summer-sun-destinations-attracting-washed-out-british-tourists.html>

Just the Flight's top three Las Vegas pool party destinations

Las Vegas is known as Sin City due to its renowned cocktail of gambling, vibrant nightlife and glamorous parties. For those heading to the city for a hedonistic break, there are some great

places to party in the pool. Here are Just the Flight's top three destinations for revellers who want to soak up the pool atmosphere.

MGM Grand's Wet RepublicThe MGM Grand is a great location for pool parties, with five individual spas and pools, two saltwater pools, plush daybeds, exclusive bungalows for rent, and a full service bar. Pool parties are held around the clock, and attract famous DJs and partygoers wanting to take advantage of the mouthwatering cocktails on offer.

Encore Beach ClubLocated at Encore, this beach club offers daybeds, bungalows, cabanas and tiered pools to enjoy throughout the day. The beach club is a trendsetter in Vegas and with blackjack tables in the games pavilion, there is even the chance to gamble too.

Cesar's Palace's VenusFor holidaymakers who want a more relaxed atmosphere, Venus at Cesar's Palace is the place to head to. The European style pool has oversized chaise lounges to rest upon, an air-conditioned bar with flat screen television and cocktails, and a range of DJs offering chilled poolside tunes.

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<http://www.justtheflight.co.uk/news/10230-just-the-flights-top-three-las-vegas-pool-party-destinations.html>

Stunning scenery and heritage available in Myanmar

Myanmar, previously known as Burma, is a South East Asian country that is increasingly being noticed by those on the travel scene. With thousands of pagodas and temples to explore, visitors will not be left wanting for historical monuments and ruins to discover. With the nation's hospitable culture, tourists to Myanmar will come home raving about this mysterious South Eastern delight.

Flights to Yangon are becoming more accessible, allowing people to fly to the very heart of Myanmar. One area in particular that visitors might like to visit is Bagan, alternatively known as the 'Land of the Golden Pagodas'. Here, amongst thousand of ancient monuments, visitors will be able to enjoy the ambiance of Buddhist heritage and rugged landscapes, providing a plethora of photo opportunities and memories. The largest of all the Bagan temples is Shwedagon Pagoda and Ananda Temple, with the buildings being over 2,500 years old.

Myanmar is an emerging holiday destination and travellers must expect there to be times when the daily luxuries of western life are not always available; however, with the chance to see natural scenery, traditional farming villages and working Buddhist monasteries untouched by modern day, this is a nation that calls out to be explored.

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<http://www.justtheflight.co.uk/news/10229-stunning-scenery-and-heritage-available-in-myanmar.html>

Top attractions for Majorca's Alcudia

Majorca remains a much-visited holiday destination by British tourists, with the sunny climate, short travel time and variety of services and attractions offering a lot to holidaymakers who want as easy an escape as possible. Located on the north coast of the island lies Alcudia, which is a beautiful town offering culture and great scenery to enjoy.

Alcudia's temperatures range between 15°C and 33°C around the year, making it an ideal place to visit no matter what the month. One of the most popular attractions of the town is the S'Albufera Natural Park, which was founded in 1988 and is home to over 200 species of Mediterranean birds. There are four marked trails throughout the wetlands, offering sights of stunning wildlife for those wanting a hiking or cycling excursion.

Another popular destination is Alcudia's walled area, which offers an immense insight into the town's past. Built between the late 1200s and mid 1300s, the wall originally formed a square fort around the town, complete with 26 towers. Though it has changed a lot over the years, exploring some of the walls is an ideal daytrip.

Alcudia also has some beautiful beaches, with one of the most renowned being Sa Platjola. Here, black volcanic sand offers a real treat, and with excellent scuba diving, visitors will be entertained for the entire day.

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<http://www.justtheflight.co.uk/news/10224-top-attractions-for-majorcas-alcudia.html>

Three ideal holiday options for August Bank Holiday weekend

The August Bank Holiday weekend is fast approaching, and for holidaymakers who like to live life on the edge, a last minute break can be an exciting adventure. There is a great selection of top spots to visit this weekend, and Just the Flight has highlighted three possible locations.

Portugal Portugal is a fantastic country to head to, not only because it is very cheap but also because it offers a thriving culture and sun drenched beaches. Travelling to Faro will offer visitors access to the stunning Algarve, where mountain villages, windswept coastlines and traditional Portuguese culture can be enjoyed.

Las Vegas For those who do not mind travelling a little further afield, a weekend break to Las Vegas is ideal. Sin City, as it is affectionately known, offers gambling, partying and all night revelling for visitors. It also offers the chance to visit the Hoover Dam and the Grand Canyon, making a trip here both cultural and hedonistic.

Cyprus Cyprus is a very popular Mediterranean destination for British holidaymakers, and a long weekend trip here makes great sense. Flights to Paphos and Larnaca are very affordable, allowing families, couples and partiers access to Ayia Napa, secluded beachside coves and charming Cypriot villages.

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Paraty offers a Brazilian samba retreat

With the world's eyes having been on London for the 2012 Olympics, it is no surprise that many people will now have their focus firmly turned to Brazil, where the 2016 Olympics will be held in Rio. South America is becoming a very popular holiday destination for many people, and heading to Paraty is ideal for those who want to indulge in samba and sun.

Located between Rio de Janeiro and Sao Paulo, Paraty is a beautiful colonial town dating back to the 17th century. One of the best ways to explore the cobbled streets of this destination is by bike, allowing visitors to discover historical houses, tangled alleyways and brightly coloured doors at every turn. Island hopping is a great day out here, and the harbour has dozens of boats lining up every morning waiting to take people out to sea. The Bay of Ilha Grande has stunning blue waters and islands of lush green vegetation, offering an exciting myriad of places to explore during sunny ocean bound days.

The nightlife of Paraty is also extremely vibrant, and revellers will be able to find live music and samba wherever they go. Paraty is place of music and dancing, and tourists will find it hard not to be caught up in the culture, which offers memories to last a lifetime and the lust to visit this little town time and time again.

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<http://www.justtheflight.co.uk/news/10211-paraty-offers-a-brazilian-samba-retreat.html>

Just the Flight's top treehouse holidays

There is something about a treehouse that brings out the child in every adult. Living amongst the canopy offers a thrill and extra excitement to any trip away. There are many beautiful treehouses around the world that people can stay in for their holidays. Here are three of Just the Flight's favourites.

1. **Treehouse Lodge, Costa Rica** Costa Rica is increasing in popularity as a holiday destination, and flying to San Jose or Liberia provides access to Caribbean seas and unspoiled scenery. Located near Punta Uva beach is Treehouse Lodge, which is a hotel built on stilts offering a split-level holiday home with kitchen, bedrooms and bathroom.
2. **Treehotel's Bird's Nest, Sweden** Sweden has a lot to offer tourists, and Stockholm has become something of a rising star on the holiday destination scene; however, for those heading into the country's wilderness, the Bird's Nest treehotel is ideal. A spacious holiday home is concealed in a giant bundle of twigs amongst the trees, allowing visitors to relax after a day trekking through wild and rugged forests.
3. **Kadir's Treehouses, Turkey** Turkey may not be the obvious place for a

treehouse hotel, but for those who want low budget accommodation on the country's coast, Kadir's Treehouses are ideal. Only a short trip along the coast from Antalya, the rooms cost as little as £7 per night and are fantastic for backpackers soaking up the Turkish culture. Cheap Flights and Travel News - © 2013 - Just The Flight

<http://www.justtheflight.co.uk/news/10206-just-the-flights-top-treehouse-holidays.html>

Yacht chartering ideal in the Seychelles

Chartering a yacht is becoming increasingly popular for many British travellers, and the exciting holiday option is more affordable than ever. For those wanting a sun-drenched environment in which to sail, visiting the Seychelles is the perfect option. One of the joys of sailing is that travellers can explore a multitude of places on one trip, taking their hotel with them. The 115 islands of the Seychelles have around 44 beaches stretched out amongst them, with some of the best being on the main islands of Praslin and Mahe. Praslin is famed for being home to UNESCO World Heritage Site Vallee de Mai, and visitors will love this Garden of Eden with its rare Coco de Mer palm trees and black parrots. The island also has stunning beaches, such as Anse Matelot and Grande Anse, which are the ideal way to top up a tan. Meanwhile, Mahe's Beau Vallon offers great diving and water sports for keen adventurers. Away from the main two islands, beautiful silver sands can be found on Anse Source d'Argent beach on La Digue. This is one of the world's most photographed beaches, and provides the ultimate relaxation. Elsewhere, giant granite boulders can be found on La Digue's Anse L'Union beach and the unusually shaped stones offer great photo opportunities. For those wanting a yacht charter this year, the Seychelles is ideal. With so many islands and beaches to explore, visitors will find themselves wanting to return time and time again. Cheap Flights and Travel News - © 2013 - Just The Flight

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Las Vegas an Olympian hotspot

Many people around the world have been glued to their television screens as they watched the London Olympics. With the Paralympics now around the corner, British Airways (BA) has revealed that Las Vegas is proving a top holiday spot for British Olympians wanting to celebrate after the Games. Asking Team GB and Paralympic British athletes where they would like to travel on holiday in September once the sporting event came to an official close, BA found that a third of people said that America was their destination, with Orlando and Las Vegas being named top favourites. Helen Jenkins, a GB triathlete, said: "My husband and I love Vegas and cannot wait to return. The weather is always great, and there's always something going on. I'm not surprised it's popular with the athletes as we've all trained so hard for so long - it provides the perfect antidote to get away from it all." Las Vegas, also known as Sin City, is one of the most popular destinations in the world. This glamorous American city is known for its theatrical shows, thriving casinos and vibrant nightlife. Famous sights such as the Bellagio fountains, the Luxor and MGM casinos, the Hoover Dam and the Grand Canyon, can all be enjoyed on trips to the city. For those who want to follow in Team GB's footsteps, heading to Las Vegas this September is perfect. Cheap Flights and Travel News - © 2013 - Just The Flight

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Adelaide becomes major hotspot

In a new survey on the world's most liveable cities, Adelaide has jumped ahead of Sydney, indicating that many holidaymakers might also like to visit this spot to participate in the city's thriving culture. Whilst Australia held strong in the list of liveable cities, with Melbourne stealing the top spot, it was Adelaide that took the limelight from Sydney and revealed that holidays to this popular nation offered far more than Sydney's famous icons and laidback

attitude. Many holidaymakers heading to Australia are tempted to explore the famed attractions that the country is known for. Adelaide's lush green parks, city squares and wide streets provide visitors with a feeling of great expanse, despite being in a thriving city. Deliciously and locally made wines can be sampled alongside varied cuisine, whilst a vibrant bar and live music scene will offer tourists somewhere new to explore each and every night. Meanwhile, the city is also ideal for using as a base for exploration outside of the city. The Mount Lofty Ranges are only a short cycle away, and adventurous hikers can explore the hills to their hearts' delight. Meanwhile, the Fleurieu Peninsula is perfect for surfing, whilst Kangaroo Island offers stunning walks and the chance to see some of Australia's most iconic wildlife. Trips to Australia continue to be popular but, in 2012, rather than exploring Sydney, travellers might like to turn their attention to thriving Adelaide and all that it has to offer. Cheap Flights and Travel News - © 2013 - Just The Flight

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Sicilian holiday offers ice cream treat

Italy is famed for many things, including its artists, fashion and stunning architecture. The nation is also known for a mouth-watering delicacy: gelato. This September, the small Sicilian town of Cefalú will be hosting the Sherbeth Festival, and visitors to this wonderful island will be able to indulge in some of the world's best ice cream. With flights to both Catania and Palermo easily accessible, British travellers wanting to soak up the Italian sun and enjoy some ice cream whilst they are at it can explore this festival with ease. Between September 6th and 9th, the medieval town of Cefalú will become alive with local producers offering frozen drinks and locally made gelato and ice cream. More than 30 shops are expected to participate in the festival this year, with September being the ideal month for creating new flavours as harvests including pistachios, almonds and grapes are collected. From vanilla and strawberry to wine sorbet, there will be something for everyone to try. Sicily is a stunning Italian island that offers the perfect destination for a Mediterranean retreat amongst the quintessential Italian culture. For any ice cream lover, this September's Sherbeth Festival should not be missed. Cheap Flights and Travel News - © 2013 - Just The Flight

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Mediterranean for cheap post-Olympic break

It has been revealed that many British individuals are taking advantage of cheap flights to Palma, Barcelona and Alicante to enjoy a bank holiday break. With the post-Olympic blues setting in, many visitors want a quick trip abroad to indulge in some sun and surf, and with the pound doing well against the euro, the Mediterranean is the ideal option. Though thousands of people flocked abroad to avoid the Olympics, many British residents stayed at home to cheer on team GB. Now that the Games have finished, keen holidaymakers want to take advantage of the August bank holiday weekend. Figures have revealed that almost a fifth more searches for this weekend have been received compared to the weekend of 11th and 12th August, indicating that a surge of holiday trips is about to commence. For those wanting a quick, easy and cheap break, heading to the Mediterranean is ideal. Many of the most searched places are Spanish retreats, with Malaga, Barcelona, Alicante and Palma all topping the polls. Meanwhile, Amsterdam, Edinburgh and Paris are also noting increased interest as British individuals take the time to escape for a few days of rest and relaxation. Cheap Flights and Travel News - © 2013 - Just The Flight

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Austria offers ideal climbing conditions

Austria is a popular holiday destination that is hidden away in the midst of Europe. It often lures many guests during the winter season, when it is famed for having beautiful ski slopes

and warm cabins to indulge in; however, climbing the mountains during the rest of the year is ideal too, and hikers or cyclists can enjoy dizzying heights of 3,000m and stunning views across the alpine scenery. One of the most beautiful areas in Austria is Montafon, which is a beautiful wilderness in the Vorarlberg region that is untamed and ripe for exploring. The closest international airports are Innsbruck and Switzerland's Zurich, and visitors to this city can enjoy the historic and thriving nightlife in the former town before heading off to the majestic mountains. There are a multitude of excursion opportunities to Montafon, and activity enthusiasts will be able to hike, bike and even climb Piz Buin to find themselves at 3,000m above sea level. It is a great holiday option for people wanting a challenge, and individuals who manage to achieve such a climb will be rewarded with stunning views across Austria's skyline and photo opportunities like no other. Cheap Flights and Travel News - © 2013 - Just The Flight <http://www.justtheflight.co.uk/news/10173-austria-offers-ideal-climbing-conditions.html>

Europe ideal holiday spot this summer

Europe has been a popular British holiday sport for decades, but in 2012 there are even more incentives to go. A break in Europe can offer the thrill of ski slopes, the relaxation of beaches or the total immersion into vibrant cultures, and this summer has some added reasons why travelling to Europe makes a great holiday. Firstly, the pound remains strong against the euro, making it stretch a lot further than in previous years. Meanwhile, with the entire world focussed on the London Olympics, Europe is quite quiet. This means that thriving destinations such as Nice, Barcelona and Amsterdam may be a little more subdued than usual, allowing visitors to explore at their own pace rather than be drawn along with throngs of tourists. Europe is also great for touring. Whilst many people automatically take tours when in America, fewer take advantage of continental Europe's public transport network. Visiting a number of countries on one trip can be exhilarating, and tourists will never have time to get bored on such an excursion. In 2012 many European countries have also been hit hard by the recession, and nations including Greece, Portugal and Spain will welcome visitors with open arms. Travelling to Europe this year has many added bonuses on the normal advantages. With deals, huge variety and short travel times, the continent is the perfect place to head to. Cheap Flights and Travel News - © 2013 - Just The Flight <http://www.justtheflight.co.uk/news/10164-europe-ideal-holiday-spot-this-summer.html>

Explore Zanzibar's Stone Town for a lasting impression

Off the coast of Tanzania is Zanzibar, a stunning African retreat that offers idyllic beaches and thriving culture. Whilst many people may head straight to the coast of Nungwi to enjoy the incredible scenery, spending a moment in Stone Town will offer the chance to return home with a lasting impression. Stone Town is at the heart of Zanzibar and offers a powerful mix of Indian, African and Arab cultures. On the seafront lies the House of Wonder museum, which is an extraordinary place that is home to the History & Architecture of Zanzibar and The Dhow Culture exhibits. After enjoying the glorious 1880s ceremonial palace that the museum is housed in, the best way to explore is by meandering through the colourful streets of this town. Traditional carpenters, local artists and food markets are dotted around, and they are the ideal attractions for passing the time and soaking up the atmosphere. After traversing the streets by day, enjoying Stone Town's bars and restaurants is a must. Fresh seafood is divine here, and the cool breeze from the Indian Ocean creates the perfect ambiance for dining. Whether tourists are enjoying only a short stay in Zanzibar or are headed to the Nungwi beaches, exploring Stone Town is a must. Cheap Flights and Travel News - © 2013 - Just The Flight <http://www.justtheflight.co.uk/news/10158-explore-zanzibars-stone-town-for-a-lasting-impression.html>

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