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travel**hot spot**

MAURITIUS is 26C – seven nights' B&B at the 3★ Le Surcouf Hotel & Spa is from £849pp including BA flights from Gatwick on dates in March. See ba.com or call 0344 493 0778.

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GOA is 32C – seven nights' B&B at the 4★ Nirvana Hermitage is from £670pp including flights from Heathrow on February 6. See onthebeach.co.uk or call 0871 474 3000.

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EAGER to bag a bargain family holiday to Europe for the summer?

Eurocamp is offering big discounts on bookings in its Pay Day Sale.

Get an extra £50 off seven to nine-night holidays, £75 off ten to 13-night trips and £100 off 14-night stays or longer. Use the online code 18-PAYDAY by Wednesday.

You can also enjoy 20 per cent off all Azure and Avant-type accommodation on all trips that end before June 29.

Offers include seven nights' self-catering in Eurocamp's ultra-chic La Baume park, in an Azure mobile home, from £223pp on a June 16 arrival.

See eurocamp.com for more details or to book.



HARRY Potter fans will love an all-new experience at Universal Orlando Resort.

As night falls in The Wizarding World Of Harry Potter, fabulous special effects will wrap the Hogwarts wizarding school in a dazzling light display celebrating the series' four houses – Gryffindor, Ravenclaw, Hufflepuff and Slytherin.

Guests will see elements of each

house brought to life, set to music based on the Harry Potter film scores. The show debuts at Universal Orlando Resort on January 31, running on select nights throughout the year.

Park guests can preview the new experience from dusk on January 27 and 28 during A Celebration Of Harry Potter 2018.

A sweet-treats shop with a cult following will also be opening at

the Florida park. Voodoo Doughnut welcomes its first guests this spring at Universal CityWalk, Universal Orlando Resort's entertainment and dining complex.

Loved for its weird and wonderful line-up of exotic fried creations, Voodoo Doughnut will feature mouthwatering treats such as the Dirt Doughnut, the Bacon Maple Bar, the Grape Ape and, of course, the Voodoo Doll.

lates for ...

CORNWALL: Four nights' self-catering at Moonshine Cottage in Marhamchurch

is from £605. Sleeps two, arriving February 12. Call 0345 268 0816 or see welcometocottages.com.

CYPRUS: Seven nights' B&B at the 4★ Panas Holiday Village in Ayia Napa is from £210pp, including flights from Birmingham on February 6. See onthebeach.co.uk or call 0871 474 3000.

USA: Enjoy a twin-city trip to Las Vegas and New York with six nights' room-only at the Monte Carlo Resort & Casino on the Strip. Follow this with three nights' room-only at the Lexington in midtown Manhattan from £799pp, flying from Heathrow on selected dates. Book by Wednesday. Call 01204 824619 or see destinology.co.uk.

SARDINIA: Explore the Italian island before the summer crowds with seven nights' B&B at the 3★ Alma di Alghero Hotel from £255pp, flying from Luton on February 3. See sunshine.co.uk.



MOROCCO: Seven nights' all-inclusive at the 4★ Sensimar Medina Gardens in Marrakech is from £658pp, flying from Gatwick on February 16. Book at tui.co.uk

DURHAM: Explore Hamsterley Forest then unwind by the fire with seven nights' self-catering at Bridge House Cottage in Wolsingham from £370. Sleeps six, arriving Feb 17. Call 01244 617683 or see sykescottages.co.uk.

LANZAROTE: Catch the sun in the Canaries with seven nights' half-board at the 4★ Grand Teguisse Playa Hotel from £443pp including flights from Luton on February 6. See teletextholidays.co.uk

FRANCE: Enjoy a family break 30 minutes' drive from Disneyland Paris. Seven nights' self-catering at a 4★ holiday home in Vaudoy-en-Brie is from £310 for six, including shared indoor pool. Arrive Feb 10. Return ferries from Dover to Calais from £119pp. Book at novasol.co.uk.

BARBADOS: Seven nights' room-only at the 4★ Sugar Cane Club Hotel and Spa is from £974pp including flights from Gatwick on February 6. See traveltrolley.co.uk.

PERFECT PUBS THAT ALSO DO A BRILLIANT B&B

Masons Arms, Strawberry Bank, Cumbria



THIS great Lakeland institution boasts an incredible location at the top of scenic Cartmel Fell.

The 16th-century inn has a lovely bar with low ceilings, flagged floors and roaring fires, serving everything from Cartmel lamb to red-lentil curry.

When it is time for you to hit the hay, choose from cute stone cottages with open fires or luxury suites and apartments boasting views across the valley.

There are various walking routes, including the ascent of Gummer's How, on the eastern shore of Windermere.

GO: One night's B&B costs from £47.50pppn, based on two sharing. For details, see masonsarmsstrawberrybank.co.uk or call 015395 68486.



The Felin Fach Griffin, Brecon, Powys

THIS luxurious gastropub sits against a backdrop of the wild and beautiful Brecon Beacons – so there are miles of brilliant walks nearby.

Its cosy rooms boast four-poster beds and the pub serves hearty fare such as rabbit loin with pickled cauliflower. There is a friendly, relaxed vibe and you can bring your dog.

GO: The pub has a Winter Escape deal until March 22. B&B costs from £82.50pppn including dinner. See felinfachgriffin.co.uk or call 01874 620 111.

NOTHING blows away the cobwebs like a country walk – and many routes have great pubs to stay in along the way.

Even if you are not a keen winter walker, an inn with a roaring fire, good ales and comfy beds is bound to win you over.

Here, ELLIE ROSS picks out six of the best.

The Bamburgh Castle Inn, Seahouses, Northumberland



THIS cheerful watering hole is a good bet. Overlooking the harbour, some rooms have sea views with balconies facing the Farne Islands. It has miles of coastal walks on its doorstep and is within easy reach of Holy Island and Bamburgh Castle. End the day by feasting on classic pub fare such as fish and chips or fillet steak.

GO: Until March 20, a night's B&B is from £44.95pppn, including dinner. Call 01665 720 283 or see bamburghcastleinn.co.uk.

The Howard Arms, Ilmington, Cotswolds



TUCKED away beneath the Cotswold escarpment, this 400-year-old pub sits in an Area Of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

It is known as a ramblers' pub, dogs are welcome and does a deal of soup, sandwiches and biscuits for £9.50. Choose from eight lovely rooms, including the charming Old Beam Room, left.

GO: A night's B&B is from £55pppn, based on two sharing. See howard-arms.com or call 01608 682226.

The Torridon Inn, Wester Ross, Highlands

CLOSE to the shores of Loch Torridon, with views of the nearby mountains, Scottish ales and hearty food, this has double, twin, triple and group rooms for up to six.

The inn offers guided walks through Glen Torridon and over the ridges of the Liathach and Beinn Damh mountain ranges.

Climb to a summit before returning for fish and chips and the sound of a live band.

GO: A night's B&B is from £63pppn, with two sharing. See thetorridon.com or call 01445 791 242.



The Acorn Inn, Evershot, Dorset

AUTHOR Thomas Hardy visited this village and turned the 16th-century inn into the Sow & Acorn for his classic tale Tess Of The D'Urbervilles.

Inside, the oak-panelled bar offers good local ales and tasty food, while there are ten chic bedrooms styled individually.

There are heaps of good walks nearby too, including a hike to the 191-metre summit of Golden Cap.

GO: One night's B&B is £52.50pppn, with two sharing. See acorn-inn.co.uk or call 01935 83 228.

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