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travel**hot spot**

DUBAI is 37C – five nights' B&B at the 4★ Ramada Plaza Jumeirah Beach Residence is from £398 with flights from Heathrow on June 1. To book, see teletextholidays.co.uk.

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IT'S 32C in SRI LANKA – seven nights' B&B at the 4★ Avani Kalutara is from £680 with flights from Manchester on May 25. See southalltravel.co.uk or call 020 8705 0086.

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GOOD news for O2 customers – they can soon use their UK bundles while abroad.

From June 15, calls, texts and data bundles can be used at no extra cost in Europe while Pay Monthly and Business customers will be covered in extra countries such as Jersey and Switzerland.

O2 is also giving away three European weekend trips for two in June, July and August with

accommodation, flights and spending money included.

For more information about how to enter, visit o2.uk/roameu.

For full details about the new roaming conditions for pay monthly customers, see o2.co.uk/paym/roam-in-eu.

The Three network will also let its customers use their phones at no extra cost in Singapore and Brazil from June 15. That brings the total

of eligible countries to 60. Dave Dyson, at Three, said: "We are committed to unlocking unfair roaming charges as we extend our popular Feel At Home service with additional worldwide destinations, taking our total to 17 outside Europe."

The addition of Brazil and Singapore is in response to travel trends as more of us visit Singapore each year and, since the Olympics, trips to Brazil are up too.



LONGLEAT House is to host its first ever food and drink festival next month.

Great British Bake Off winner Nadiya Hussain and celebrity chef James Martin will be showing off their skills at the Wiltshire stately home, which is famous for the pride of lions which prowl its safari park.

The festival, from June 10-

11, will feature a mixture of live cooking demonstrations and everything from local wine to Asian food stalls.

The lady of the house, Emma, Viscountess Weymouth, pictured, will also be hosting a special high tea and selling her own range of products from the stalls.

See longleat.co.uk/whats-on/seasonal-events.

lates for ...

BERLIN: Three nights' room-only in Germany's vibrant city at the 4★ Park

Plaza Wallstreet Berlin Hotel is from £195 with flights from Liverpool on May 29. See travelrepublic.co.uk or call 020 8974 7200.

TURKEY: Experience luxury with seven nights' all-inclusive at the 5★ Garcia Resort & Spa from £280 with June 8 flights from Stansted (Teletextholidays.co.uk or call 020 3001 0628).

SINGAPORE: See the sights in the Far East with five nights' room-only at the 4★ Furama RiverFront Hotel from £749 with flights from Glasgow on May 29. See southalltravel.co.uk or call 020 8705 0086.

WALES: Get back to nature with a week self-catering at Berth Fedw Farm Cottage in the foothills of the Black Mountains from £366. Arrive May 27. See breconcottages.com/special-offers or call 01874 676 446.

CORNWALL: Enjoy a weekend at the beach with three nights' self-catering at the Riviere Sands Holiday Park in Hayle from £339, based on a family of eight arriving June 2. Call 0333 202 5305 or see haven.com.



CANARY ISLANDS: Have a fab time in Fuerteventura with seven nights' self-catering at the 3★ Fuerteventura Beach Club from £241 with flights from Birmingham on May 21. See loveholidays.com or call 020 3870 6844.

ISLE OF WIGHT: Unwind with seven nights' self-catering at Cheverton Farm Cottage in the beautiful Bowcombe Valley from £598. Sleeps six, arriving June 2. See english-country-cottages.co.uk or call 0345 268 0790.

MALAYSIA: Jet off on an exotic break to Kuala Lumpur with five nights' B&B at the 5★ Berjaya Times Square Hotel from £603, with flights from Gatwick on May 23. See awayholidays.co.uk or call 020 8705 0107.

CANARY ISLANDS: Let loose in Lanzarote with seven nights' half-board at the 4★ Sentido Aequora Lanzarote from £549 with flights from Newcastle on May 25. See thomascook.com or call 0844 412 5970.

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WATER SIGHT
... Marilyn Monroe is one of the many famous faces to visit the Falls. *Inset*, a couple feel force of Niagara.

NOTHING can prepare you for the power and majesty of Niagara Falls.

I'd wanted to see them since a relative had brought me back a souvenir snowglobe when I was a kid.

I wouldn't get to see them in all their deafening glory until more than 30 years later – but it was worth the wait.

What's more, I got to see them in Canada's big birthday year. The former British colony was founded 150 years ago, in 1867.

The Horseshoe Falls, on the Canadian side of the border, are "the biggest and best falls", my Canadian cabbie boasted as he drove me from my hotel to the Hornblower Niagara Cruises embarkation point.

The Canadians love to get one over on their American neighbours and at 188ft high and 2,600ft wide, the Horseshoe Falls are indisputably bigger than the American Falls (around 100ft high and 1,060ft wide).

The Falls have been a tourist attraction since the 19th century when road and railway made them accessible. They have been visited by

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GETTING THERE: Return flights to Toronto from Heathrow with Air Canada start from £740 (including taxes). Air Canada Rouge also operates a summer seasonal service from London Gatwick to Toronto, with return flights starting from £517 (including taxes). For further information or to book a flight, visit aircanada.com or call 0871 220 1111.

everyone from Charles Dickens to JFK, Marilyn Monroe and Princess Diana – make sure you book an early morning cruise to avoid the crowds.

You can also visit the Journey Behind The Falls and take a lift down to the tunnels 150ft beneath Horseshoe Falls.

On my visit, a handsome 20-something American dropped to his knee to propose to his Juliet while the

waters cascaded just yards away.

There was a round of applause after his fair-haired sweetheart replied "Yes!" and flung her arms around his shoulders.

Personally, I'd give the tunnels a miss and take the super-fast outside elevator to the top of the landmark Skylon Tower instead, where you can enjoy a truly awesome view of the Falls 775ft up from the

observation decks or revolving restaurant. Another must-see is the Niagara Daredevil Exhibit at the Niagara Falls' IMAX Theatre which tells the story of those who sought fame and fortune (although rarely got rich) by going over the Falls in all manner of unusual contraptions.

The first person to bid for such glory was former school teacher Annie Edson Taylor, 63, who went over the Falls in 1901 in nothing but a wooden barrel – and survived.

Others, including 46-year-old Greek-American chef George A. Stathakis were not so lucky. The 1,000lb wood and steel barrel he used back in 1930 is among the exhibits on show.

Away from the Falls themselves, Niagara Falls, Ontario has its own entertainment district, Clifton Hill.

So after you've seen the Falls up close from above and below, you can let your hair down with a round of mini-golf at Dinosaur Adventure Golf, with its 50ft-high flame-spouting volcano, or try "Niagara's most terrifying experience", The House of Frankenstein, before of course buying that all-important souvenir Niagara Falls snowglobe for the folks back home.

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