

Exceptional escapes this bank holiday from Air Partner

Sunny short-haul travel and romantic breaks are the top reasons for travel this August Bank Holiday whilst Solar Eclipse seekers take to the skies



With the summer season slowly coming to an end, and the recent poor weather in the UK, Air Partner's private jet and JetCard teams have seen a **23% surge in sunny short-haul travel** from those looking to indulge in a last-minute luxury escape that makes the most of the last bank holiday before Christmas. What's more, this weekend saw an **unprecedented spike in avid solar eclipse seekers** taking to the skies for unrivalled views of the rare striking spectacle - requests that the experienced travel solutions specialist was only too glad to deftly fulfil.

Air Partner's British clients are heading for sunnier climes with the likes of the **Balearics and Greek Islands** deemed most popular, whilst the idyllic Italian hotspots of **Sorrento and Capri** have witnessed heightened interest from those seeking **romantic breaks à deux**. The neighbouring islands of **Corsica and Sardinia**, as well as the ever-popular Nice are also topping the list with those heading onwards to **chartered yacht adventures**.

One of the many advantages of private jet travel is that travellers needn't worry that they have left it too late to book their Bank Holiday escape – with access to over 7,000 private jets worldwide there's always availability and, with over 50 airfields in the UK to depart from, travellers can book their flight and be on their way within a moment's notice whilst avoiding those bank holiday bottle necks at major airports or running the risk of scheduled flight disruptions. Those who have pre-purchased hours via Air Partner's JetCard – deemed one of the most flexible private jet programmes available – can even change their destination up until 7am the day before the flight with no risk of incurring any cancellation fees. With private jets available to transport up to 20 people, private jet travel can also provide a welcome excuse to gather together extended family and friends for a very special (long) weekend with a difference.

From European city breaks to sunset strolls along the Mediterranean Air Partner's team are on hand 24/7 to provide luxury travel inspiration and solutions with their vast knowledge and experience.

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