



### **TOURISM SANCTIONS IN CRIMEA? PEOPLE KEEP TRAVELING**

The tourist season is in full swing at the Black Sea. Despite EU tourism sanctions, international companies in Crimea are making good profits from the visitors. It is mainly possible thanks to formally legal loopholes.

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### **NEW ORLEANS IS THE MOST DANGEROUS CITY IN THE U.S.**

The U.S. is one of the most popular travel destinations around the world. Wherever the tourists go however they should always keep various safety precautions and find out which areas are better to avoid to stay safe. There are a number of cities in the U.S. with high crime rates. New Orleans tops the sad list of the most dangerous cities.

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### **HALAL TOURISM GETTING STRONGER THAN EVER**

In 2007, Euromonitor International reported that halal tourism had a great potential and was likely to boom in the coming years. The estimate was right. Since then, the number of Muslim travelers around the world have been on the rise.

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### **TOURISM INNOVATION RELIES ON LEADERSHIP AND EXPERIMENTATION**

Tourism innovation is one of the hot topics discussed among the travel stakeholders these days. Therefore, the annual Francophone E-Tourism Meeting, which took place in June in Valais, Switzerland, focused on the very question – How to innovate tourism? 25 experts from Quebec, Wallonia, France and Belgium discussed the topic for three days and released a list of ten factors that affect tourism innovation the most.

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### **LONDON AND VIENNA ARE THE MOST POPULAR BUSINESS DESTINATIONS IN EUROPE**

Business trips are a possible indicator of economic growth. If the volume of business travel increases or falls in certain regions, it is possible to draw conclusions about the economy there. London and Vienna are the most popular business destinations in Europe. Outside Europe, European business travelers travel most frequently to New York and Shanghai.

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### **TOKYO TO TURN CRUISE SHIPS INTO HOTELS DURING 2020 OLYMPICS**

Japan authorities reported on their plans to use their cruise ships as hotels during the much-awaited 2020 Summer Olympics. According to governmental sources cited by Japan News, the Japanese government is currently progressing well in their goal to make cruise ships function as hotels.

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### **LIECHTENSTEIN TOURISM REPORTED SUCCESSFUL WINTER DATA**

Liechtenstein tourism businesses registered a positive winter season. Figures for the 2016/17 winter show an upward trend, with an increase in overnight stays.

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### **TOURISM IN VIETNAM BENEFITS FROM E-VISA**

In the first half of the year, Vietnam welcomed 6.2 million foreign tourists, an increase of 30.2% over the previous year. The number of domestic visitors reached more than 40 million people. The total turnover of tourism in Vietnam is estimated at 262 000 billion dong, some 11.4 billion dollars.

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### **MOST FREQUENT CRUISE INCIDENTS – CANCELLATION, INTERRUPTION, MEDICAL ASSISTANCE**

The cancellation or interruption of the voyage (46.5%) and the need for medical assistance (24.8%) are the main cruise incidents affecting the ship passengers, ahead of problems with luggage – which is the cause of 18.4% of all setbacks, according to data provided by “InterMundial Seguros”.

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