

#### Weekly Travel Industry Insight

#### TOP 10 OLDEST CITIES AROUND THE WORLD



Cities have represented human development and the birth of civilization for eternity. The first cities on our planet started forming in the Neolithic period in ancient Mesopotamia and the very oldest of them show...



## SAINT PETERSBURG: NUMBER OF TOURISTS INCREASED AS WELL AS THE BLACK MARKET



In 2018, St. Petersburg was visited by 15 million tourists. The officials expected much less – 8 million – and the reason for this miscalculation is quite clear. Travelers using daily rental services and those...



## FROM KYOTO CITY TO KYOTO BY THE SEA: A 2-DAY TRIP



When you think of Kyoto, would you think about the sea? Probably not. However, Kyoto Prefecture stretches all the way from Kyoto city to the Sea of Japan.



## HISTORY, NATURE AND GOURMET FOOD IN OITA: A 2-DAY TRIP FROM KYOTO



When you go on a trip, do you prefer outdoor activities, sightseeing or relaxing? In Oita Prefecture, Kyushu, you can satisfy all of these needs. Mainly known for its numerous hot springs, Oita also boasts many...



GAY TOURISM IN ARGENTINA: OVER 490,000 ARRIVALS IN 2018, 11% MORE



Creating a tourist offer focused on the gay tourism in Argentina is becoming increasingly attractive for companies and businesses in the industry, as this market registers higher expenditure and longer stays in...



# SMART HOTEL ROOM SERVICE INCLUDES ROBOTS AND INNOVATIVE BEDS



Rooms that self-regulate temperature or mirrors that give advice on what clothes to wear according to the weather; these are some of the technological innovations that are making their way into the tourism industry...



## DOMESTIC TOURISM CONTINUES TO GROW IN CHINA



China's rapid growth in domestic tourism continued in 2018, with a total of 5.54 billion domestic tourist trips, an annual increase of 10.76%, the Ministry of Culture and Tourism announced.



#### YELLOW VESTS CONTINUE TO UNDERMINE TOURISM IN FRANCE



The yellow vests effect still weighs on foreign tourists' purchases in France in the first quarter due to planned trip cancellations, according to Global Blue and Planet estimates.



# SPAIN: OVERNIGHT STAYS IN NON-HOTEL ACCOMODATIONS DROP BY 2.6% IN 2018



Overnight stays in non-hotel accommodation (apartments, campsites, rural tourism accommodation and hostels) reached 127.2 million in 2018, 2.6% less than last year according to provisional data released by the National...



TURKEY: NUMBER OF FOREIGN TOURISTS WENT UP IN 2018



Nearly 40 million foreign tourists visited Turkey in 2018, an increase of 21.84% compared to 2017, confirming a recovery after a black period for the sector, according to figures published by the Ministry of Tourism....



#### ITALIAN GASTRO-TOURISM REGISTERS GROWTH



The Italian Food and Wine Tourism Report 2019 reported the numbers of last year's gastro tourism to the Apennine Peninsula.



## HOW TRAVEL DESTINATIONS ARE RESISTING OVER-TOURISM



Tourists are a guarantee of income and employment, tourism generates an estimated ten percent of global economic output. But instead of welcoming tourists, some cities are now actively fighting against tourism and...

