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## News on: Iceland ProTravel, MiMalta, and Yadi Travel

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December 2024

Dear Colleague,

Happy Holidays!

Our last trade show of the year is next week in Marco Island, Florida. We look forward to celebrating a fabulous year with our friends at USTOA.

In this newsletter, find the latest news on Iceland ProTravel and their Iceland ProCruises brand and their partnership with Oceanwide Expeditions, Malta, and Yadi Travel Morocco. We are awaiting our new contract if you are wondering where the Porto & the North info is!

Also, please note that our office will be closed from December 23rd and will reopen on January 2nd.

We wish you a very happy holiday season and a fabulous 2025!

Happy selling!

Jane, Ana, Jenna & Paula

## Upcoming Travel!

### Emerging Destinations On The Road

- [Orlando, Tampa, Jacksonville & Gainesville \(FL\)](#): December 2 to 6
- [Marco Island \(FL\) - USTOA Annual Conference](#): December 9 to 13
- [Sacramento, The Bay area](#): January 13th - 17th

## MIMalta

- **New Sicily Flights:** Beginning summer 2025, Delta will launch flights to Sicily—just 60 miles from Malta! With daily 25-minute flights between the two islands, you can easily explore both Mediterranean gems in one trip.
- **Christmas Magic in Malta:** Experience mild December temperatures (15°C–19°C) and a vibrant Roman Catholic celebration filled with traditions, events, and festive activities. Valletta transforms into a winter wonderland with over 25 festive events, enchanting lights, and heartwarming traditions like the Baby Jesus procession.
- **Festive Highlights:** Enjoy Christmas concerts, nativity exhibitions, children’s workshops, and bustling shopping streets with extended hours. Don’t miss the dazzling decorations, carol-filled village streets, and traditional crib scenes adorning homes and balconies. Valletta and Sliema shine as the most festive destinations.
- **New Year’s Eve Fun:** Celebrate with locals in Valletta’s St. George’s Square, the waterfront, or Floriana’s St. Anne’s Street, featuring street parties and a spectacular midnight pyrotechnic display.

## Iceland ProCruises – BIG UPDATE

- Iceland ProCruises is **setting a new course for the 2025 season and is significantly expanding its offerings** to include expedition cruises for the first time. With the expedition ships MV HONDIUS, MV PLANCIUS and MV ORTELIUS there are three ships to choose from. The same applies to all of them: the small and maneuverable ships are used to get to know the destinations intensively. The expedition cruises go to Iceland, Svalbard and Greenland. The tour operator, Island ProTravel, relies on on-board lecturers and exclusive pre-cruise programs. The ships can accommodate 108 to 170 passengers. Guests can experience the special nature by kayaking, hiking on glaciers or on Zodiac trips through the pack ice. Iceland ProCruises offers attractive early bird discounts for the 2025 program until the end of the year: Save US\$ 500 p.p. until Dec 31st, 2024!

## Iceland ProTravel

- **Northern Lights Special:** Get a chance to experience the stunning Northern Lights in the capital of Iceland, Reykjavik. On this vacation, you will take part in an evening tour hunting for Northern Lights. Optional excursions available are the famous Geysir area, the waterfall Gullfoss, the Southcoast, the unique Blue Lagoon, and much more! 4 Days from USD 530.- per person
- <https://www.icelandprotravel.com/individual-tours/city-breaks/northern-lights-special.html>
- **Group Travel:** We at Iceland ProTravel love organizing new adventures that suit your needs and wishes. Be it classical classic ring road tours around Iceland, special highland trips or expeditions, special interest tours for history buffs, bird watchers, tours with emphasis on geology or geography, tours to chase the Northern Lights, Game of Thrones tours, gourmet tours, tours for choirs, ladies clubs, men’s clubs, tours to bond together groups and families, LGBT tours, cultural tours or tours of any special interest, then look no further. Our multilingual and friendly staff has years of experience and will create the perfect itinerary for you quickly and efficiently.
- [Check out](#) more events in Iceland this December
- **New Years Offer:** Enjoy an unforgettable New Year’s festival in Reykjavik filled with unique experiences and amazing fireworks. Don't miss the breathtaking panoramic views of Reykjavik from the top floor of Perlan, where you will enjoy a festive Gala Dinner on New Year's Eve. Savor the rich flavors of Iceland at Ingólfsskáli Viking Restaurant, search for the Northern Lights, and

take part in a festive tour around Reykjavik, including delightful Christmas treats! The trip to the highlights of the Golden Circle completes this unique journey. 5 Days from USD 1,007.- per person

- <https://www.icelandprotravel.com/individual-tours/city-breaks/new-years-eve-in-iceland.html>

## Yadi Travel

- **Royal Mansour Expands:** Experience luxury in Morocco as Royal Mansour unveils a new hotel in Casablanca and plans additional openings in northern Morocco and Rabat, elevating Morocco's appeal for luxury travelers.
- **New Direct Flights:** Enjoy direct flights from Newark (EWR) to Marrakech (RAK) three times a week—no layovers, just pure Moroccan magic.
- **Authentic Moroccan Experiences:** With Yadi Travel, immerse yourself in Moroccan culture by spending a day with local families—enjoy home-cooked meals and traditions for a genuine connection.
- **Seamless Multi-Destination Journeys:** Easily explore Morocco, Spain, and Portugal with short flights and ferries connecting you from Marrakech's souks to Barcelona's art scenes, or from Algarve's coastlines to Fes' historic markets.
- Did you miss our webinar "**Yadi Travel Morocco 101: The Adventure Awaits**"? Don't worry, you can watch it [here](#).

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### A Guide to Iceland's Winter Magic



Skip the hustle and bustle of Iceland summer by visiting the big North Atlantic island this winter.

We're talking Northern Lights and icy waterfalls, hiking across glaciers and exploring ice caves, chilling out Iceland's famous hot springs. And if you happen to be north of the Arctic Circle, days when the sun never rises.

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### Morocco's Art Deco Treasures

A blend of Western-style Art Deco and traditional Moorish motifs, Moroccan Art Deco remains one of the nation's most distinctive and cherished architectural styles.

In the early 20th century, Morocco experienced a significant architectural and artistic transformation with the rise of Art Deco style.

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Honey, Malta is Sweeter Than You Think



From beeswax candles and mead to the amber nectar you pour on your pancakes, Malta has a heritage of honey making that stretches back more than 2,000 years.

The Mediterranean archipelago even has its own species — the Maltese honeybee (*Apis mellifera ruttneri*), which evolved after the last ice age around 10,000 years ago when the islands were separated from mainland Europe.

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Video of the Month





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**All Year is Party Time in Iceland**

Nearly every town and village in Iceland has some kind of festival. Kamilla and some future festivalgoers share a few of their favorite highlights. [www.icelandprotravel.com](http://www.icelandprotravel.com)

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