



# FIVE WINTER SUN IDEAS FROM MARINER TRAVEL

## Caribbean

Sun-kissed white sand beaches, turquoise seas and swaying palms define the Caribbean and with thousands of stunningly beautiful islands to choose from – you really are spoiled for choice. The weather is at its most settled from December to April and during the peak winter season, the well known top class resorts such as Sandy Lane in Barbados and Carlisle Bay in Antigua book up very early. Cuba and Jamaica offer fantastic deals for a winter Caribbean holiday and if you want to combine history and sightseeing with beautiful beaches, superb diving and snorkelling, the Caribbean coast of Mexico is the place for you. Ask us about the new Mayakoba resort – it really is the last word in luxury. **Top Tip - Caribbean cruises are hard to beat for superb standards, value for money and a chance to see a different Caribbean Island nearly every day.**



## DUBAI

Overflowing with excitement and glamour, Dubai is flashy, fun and flamboyant. Anything is possible in this glitzy city, from world championship golf courses to the largest indoor ski slope in the world. You can shop till you drop in designer shops in the huge air conditioned malls, or step back in time in the bustling gold souks and spice markets. Dubai is home to some of the worlds' most luxurious hotels with impeccable service to impress even the most demanding guest. From October through to April, temperatures average at around 28C and rainfall is virtually non-existent. You can fly direct from many UK airports in about only seven hours and with miles of sandy beach and the warm waters of the Indian Ocean, Dubai a true winter hotspot. **Top Tip – if you fancy a quieter pace of life try one of the other Arabian resorts – Abu Dhabi and Oman also offer luxury hotels and fabulous beaches in a more traditional environment.**



## Egypt

A land of huge contrasts, Egypt has emerged as the number one winter holiday destination and in just a little over five hours you can be transported to this fascinating and exhilarating country. The resorts of the Red Sea have everything you could want for a relaxing beach holiday - superb hotels, sandy beaches, crystal clear waters and some of the best diving and snorkelling in the world. Simply nothing can prepare you for the scale and beauty of the mesmerising archaeological sites of a civilisation that can be traced back more than 5000 years. Cairo is home to the Pyramids and Sphinx and Luxor is considered to be the world's greatest outdoor museum with magnificent temples, tombs and monuments. Winter day time temperatures rarely drop between 23C, although it can cooler in the evenings and blue skies and bright sunshine are the order of the day. Egypt is ideal for a family holiday– the friendly and easy-going Egyptians adore children and many hotels are very child friendly – the perfect destination for Christmas, Easter and February half term. **Top Tip – Enjoy the best of both world's and combine a week's sightseeing in Luxor or on a Nile Cruise with a relaxing break on the Red Sea.**



## Canary Islands

Many of us have an image of the Canary Islands as a haven for mass tourism, but there really is so much more to this lovely group of islands. Each one different with diverse landscapes and unique charms and the main islands of Tenerife, Gran Canaria, Lanzarote and Fuerteventura really do offer something for everyone, with accommodation and resorts to suit all tastes and budgets. Sure, there are commercialised areas, but the Canary Islands have really kept abreast with the times with the development of luxury hotels and smart resorts. Just have a look at Abama, Tenerife's new Gran Luxe Resort Hotel – a private estate with its own golf course, superb spa and fabulous beach. With winter temperature averaging at 22C and a flight time of just over 4 hours, the Canaries are an ideal winter break for families and couples alike. **Top Tip - If you fancy somewhere a bit different ask us about the unspoilt islands of La Gomera and La Palma.**



## South Africa

There can be few places in the world which have such a winning combination of dynamic cities, breathtaking coastlines, fantastic wildlife and excellent food and wine. Whatever type of holiday you are looking for you will find it here – South Africa is truly a 'world in one country'. Sophisticated Cape Town with the iconic and dramatic backdrop of Table Mountain, golden beaches and cosmopolitan atmosphere is one of the most lovely cities in the world. World famous game reserves with luxury safari lodges are just a short flight or drive away and the renowned Garden Route, one of the best known journeys in the Southern Hemisphere will surely take your breath away. December to February are the peak months, but the weather in November and March is still very pleasant. **Top Tip – Driving in South Africa is a pleasure and you drive on the left hand side of the road**

