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## **Welcome Letter**

Dear WTM Media,

Welcome to World Travel Market London 2025.

We're pleased to welcome you to the 45<sup>th</sup> live edition of the show here at Excel London, taking place from Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> November.

As a central hub for the travel community to gather, exchange ideas, drive innovation, and accelerate business outcomes, WTM London continues to be the world's leading travel & tourism event, and this year is no different.

On track to be the biggest and most influential edition yet, over the next three days WTM London is set to welcome over 4,000 exhibitors from 184 countries and more than 70 conference sessions, with over 200 speakers inspiring and facilitating learning, exhibitor announcements, events and entertainment.

Driven by the surging global demand for travel and the continued expansion of Excel London, WTM London 2025 will also see a number of new features, from the brand-new **TrendFest stage**, spotlighting immersive experiences, themed activations and daily presentations, to the debut of **WTM TV**, a dedicated channel designed for exhibitors to educate, engage, and connect with visitors on a new level.

For the first time ever, WTM London has named Britain's national tourism agency **VisitBritain** as **Premier Partner** for this year, indicating a closer relationship between the flagship trade event and the UK government.

This guide outlines key details regarding the Global Media Centre, press conferences, press receptions, exhibitor's events, press releases, and interview opportunities, to help make the most of your time at the show. If you haven't already, we recommend downloading the WTM app, to help you locate exhibitors and the quickest route to meetings, available on iPhone and Android.

The image library can be found <u>here</u> and will be updated daily. All of the latest exhibitor news can be found here <u>here</u>, along with WTM London's news <u>here</u>.

We will be located in the media centre and available at <a href="https://www.weinitro.com/without.nih.gov/">wtmpr@daviestanner.com/without.nih.gov/</a> if you need any assistance throughout your time at WTM London.

We hope you have a great show and look forward to connecting!

Davies Tanner
WTM London's PR Team



# INTERNATIONAL MEDIA CENTRE Located at N1-500

WTM FLOORPLAN



The International Media Centre (N1-500) is the exclusive area for anyone with a media badge, serving as a base and focal point for news and information about the event and exhibitors.

International Media Centre Opening Times:

- o Tuesday 4th November & Wednesday 5th November 09:30 18:00
- Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> November 09:30 17:00
- The International Media Centre is located next to the West Entrance (Custom House)
- Media will have access to a cloakroom in S2 (located by the West Entrance, opposite the Purple Theatre)
- Returning this year, the Media Centre will be serving coffee, tea and cold drinks complimentary to press
- Don't forget to bring your water bottle for hydration throughout the day water stations will be available throughout the show for refills
- Please bring your own laptop as there will not be any communal computers available
- We do not provide attachments so please bring your own charging device power stations are available throughout the Media Centre
- There is no printer for any urgent printing requirements, please visit the Business Centre in the Undercroft



### **KEY EVENTS FOR MEDIA**

#### **TUESDAY 4TH NOVEMBER**

#### **Opening Ceremony**

08:50am - 09.05am

Location: West Entrance

Join World Travel Market's new Event Director Chris Carter-Chapman as he opens the show alongside Premier Partner VisitBritain and Minister for Tourism Stephanie Peacock.

#### WTM Opening Press Conference + Media Breakfast (media badge only)

10:00am - 11:00am

Location: International Media Centre (N1-500) - Press Conference Room

WTM London is proud to uncover the latest trends and insights shaping travel landscape, as well as a host of predictions for the future of our industry with the exclusive WTM Global TravelReport, in association with renowned researchers Oxford Economics.

#### Ministers' Summit in association with UN Tourism and WTTC

#### 10:30am - 12:30pm

Location: ICC Maritime Suite, George V, Room 1 (L3)

Now in its 19th year, this year's Summit will convey the potential of tourism to drive positive change, titled *Reimagining Tourism Investment Models: Building Next-Generation Incentives*. Inviting over 50 tourism minsters from across the globe, the summit is a vital debate every year, to overcome key issues and shape the future of tourism for a better world.

#### **WTM Official Welcome**

11:15am - 11:30am

Location: Yellow Theatre (S12)

Chris Carter-Chapman sets the scene for the week ahead.

#### **WTM Networking Party**

17:00pm - 19:30pm

Location: TrendsFest - Main Stage

Open to all. Join WTM in celebrating day one of the show – with live entertainment, drinks, and the opportunity to make meaningful connections.



### **KEY EVENTS FOR MEDIA**

#### WEDNESDAY 5TH NOVEMBER

#### Media & Influencer Forum

14:00pm - 17:00pm

Location: International Media Centre (N1-500) – Press Conference Stage

A firm favourite at WTM London, this forum brings together journalists, editors, influencers and content creators for an inspiring and practical session that explores the ever-evolving world of media, content and storytelling.

#### **Comedy Sells: How Humour is Selling Travel**

10:30am - 11:15am

Location: Yellow Theatre (S12)

What makes travellers laugh, might also make them book! Presented by BBC Studios, with guest appearance from comedian Maisie Adams, hear how this type of storytelling can help brands and destinations capture audiences.

#### **Summit: Reclaiming Inclusion**

From 10:45am

Location: Orange Theatre (N12)

Diversity, equity, accessibility and inclusion (DEAI)'s powerful role in the future of tourism will be the focus of the Orange Theatre throughout the second day.

#### **Summit: The Technology Case for Empathy in Travel**

#### From 10:45am

Location: Purple Theatre

The Purple Theatre will be dedicated to technology's critical role in travel during a time of disruption.

#### Food for Thought: How Gen Alpha are Already Redefining Travel

11:30am - 12:15pm

Location: Yellow Theatre (S12)

Join food futurist Tony Hunter as he explores how food, technology, and travel converge and Gen Alpha is reshaping gastronomy tourism.

• For all WTM Connect Me app assistance, please visit one of the information points in the boulevard, or the Meeting areas in the Community Hubs (north and south)



### **KEY EVENTS FOR MEDIA**

#### THURSDAY 6TH NOVEMBER

**Summit: Welcome to the Marketing Summit** 

From 10:30am onwards

Location: Yellow Theatre (S12)

Join hosts Matthew Gardiner and Tina Charisma as they kick off the WTM Marketing Summit 2025. Expect a day of inspiring insights, innovation and industry-shaping conversations at the Yellow Theatre throughout the day.

#### **WTM Content Creators Networking**

#### 12:30pm - 14:00pm

Location: International Media Centre (N1-500) - Press Conference Stage

The exclusive WTM Content Creators Networking event is *the* place for influencers to connect with peers and exhibitors seeking exciting collaborations.

An Audience with Richard E. Grant: Storytelling Beyond the Screen

15:30pm - 16:15pm

Location: Yellow Theatre (S12)

Explore the world through the eyes of storyteller and national treasure, Richard E. Grant, in this exclusive interview.

#### **WTM Closing Comments**

#### 16:15pm - 16:30pm

Location: Yellow Theatre (S12)

Stay tuned for more news on what to expect for WTM 2026, as Event Director Chris Carter-Chapman closes the show with exciting new updates.



## WTM EXHIBITOR PRESS CONFERENCES 2025

#### **TUESDAY 4TH NOVEMBER**

#### WTM Opening Press Conference + Media Breakfast (media badge only)

10:00am - 11:00am

Location: International Media Centre (N1-500) – Press Conference Room

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#### MELLENIUM - 2027, European Year of the Normans Press Conference

#### 11:00am - 11:45am

Location: Stand: International Media Centre (N1-500) - Press Conference Room

Discover the region's tourism plan for 2026 and beyond, including a cross-border European project.

## Greece Insights with HE Olga Kefalogianni, Nikos Hardalias and historian and author Bettany Huges OBE

#### 12:30pm - 13:30pm

Location: International Media Centre (N1-500) – Press Conference Room

Gain insight into Greece's record-breaking tourism success and present projects for 2026 and beyond, with a drink's reception by Region of Attica to follow.

## Experience Oman and IRONMAN: A New Era of Sports and Adventure Tourism in the Sultanate of Oman

#### 14:00pm - 14:45pm

Location: Stand: International Media Centre (N1-500) - Press Conference Room

Join Experience Oman as it announces a new partnership with The IRONMAN Group and reveals host locations for 2026-2030, marking a new era for tourism.



### WTM EXHIBITOR PRESS CONFERENCES 2025

#### WEDNESDAY 5TH NOVEMBER

The World's Best Cities Report 2026 presented by Resonance + Ipsos

10:00am - 10:45am

Location: Stand: International Media Centre (N1-500) - Press Conference Room

With London ranking #1 for the 11<sup>th</sup> consecutive year, join Resonance + Ipsos as they release its annual World's Best Cities ranking for 2026, spotlighting the top 100 cities shaping the planet's future.

Wonderful Indonesia: "Go Beyond Ordinary" Campaign Launch

11:00am - 11:45am

Location: International Media Centre (N1-500) - Press Conference Room

#### **Regnum The Crown**

12:00pm - 12:45pm

Location: Stand: International Media Centre (N1-500) – Press Conference Room

Be the first the hear about the latest property developments from this leading European hotel group.

### Trail to Elegance – Greek National Tourism Organisation 13:00pm – 13:45pm

Location: International Media Centre (N1-500) - Press Conference Room

GNTO invites you to explore Greece's contrasting beauty from the newly launched Peloponnese Trail to the timeless grace of Mykonos.



## **WHAT'S ON: TRENDSFEST**

Brand new to this year, the TrendsFest stage will showcase immersive and interactive experiences from across the globe – including wellness, gastronomy, music & more.

## TUESDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER

10:00AM – 10:40AM	Mindful Mornings
10:00AM - 10:40AM	Start with purpose, intention and vitality.
11:00am – 11:40am	Romanian folk dancers
	Experience the Romanian twist on dance.
12:00pm – 12:40pm	Empowering Experiences Through Tech, Community & Local Insight
	VOX Group CMO John Boulding explores how technology can bring traveller's and communities together.
	Can We Imagine the Future of Experiences?
13:00pm – 13:40pm	The New Quiet Luxury: Where food, story, film and Al bring culture to life through human connection.
	Croatian Cuisine - TrendsFest Cooking Corner
13:00pm – 14:00pm	Join a Croatian-themed cooking demo and explore flavours from Split to Zaqgreb.
14:00pm – 14:40pm	Hear Songs of Taiwan
	One of the world's leading harmonica groups from Taiwan.
	Discover Barbados' Finest Food & Drink
17:00pm – 18:00pm	A taste of the island with every bite.



## **WHAT'S ON: TRENDSFEST**

## WEDNESDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER

10:00AM – 10:40AM	Mindful Mornings
	Release, rebalance and reset mid-way.
11,00am 11,40am	Dancing in the Dominican
11:00am – 11:40am	Experience a culture through authentic dance and artistic expression.
15:00pm – 15:40pm	A taste of Greece - TrendsFest Cooking Corner
	A delicious demo of Greek cuisine.
	Borneo Rhythms: Sarawak's Culture in Motion and Craft
15:00pm – 15:40pm	An authentic cultural showcase with a glimpse into the rich heritage of Borneo.
	Bahamas Junkaroo
16:00pm – 16:40pm	

## THURSDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER

10:00AM – 10:40AM	Mindful Mornings
	Integrate, grow and carry it forward.
11:00am – 11:40am	Rhythm & Vibes: A preview of Saint Lucia Jazz and Arts Festival
	Come and enjoy the soulful sounds of Saint Lucian jazz guitarist Ronald 'Boo' Hinkson and singer Christa Bailey.
11:00am – 12:00pm	A taste of Ecuador: Guaguas de Pan & Colada Morada - TrendsFest Cooking Corner
	Join Head Chef David Reyes for a delicious food and drink demo.
13:30pm – 14:00pm	Lima with a Pinch of Lime: Ceviche the Peruvian Way - TrendsFest Cooking Corner
	Join Chef Percy Izaguirre as he prepares the dish that best represents the rich culinary heritage of Peru.



## **ON STAND EVENTS**

## TUESDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER

	EGYPTAIR Flight Giveaways, S6-530
ALL DAY	Be in with the chance to win flights & discover about this flagship service.
	RSVP: frances@wearelotus.co.uk
	PROMPERÚ, S5-220
ALL DAY	Enjoy food samples, coffee demonstrations, Cacao making and traditional dance displays.
	RSVP: barry@goshpr.co.uk
	Balearic Island's Government Press Conference, N5-220
11:00am – 12:00pm:	Join the President and Minister of Tourism as they deliver the latest.
	RSVP: balearicislands@wearelotus.co.uk
	Lombardia Showcooking with Chef Enrico Derflingher, N3-510
13:00pm – 14:00pm:	Former British Royal chef to demonstrate risotto with wine tasting
	RSVP: marketing@in-lombardia.it
	What's so great about Tokyo?, N11-505
14:00pm – 15:00pm:	An insightful seminar on this world-class destination.
	RSVP: wtm@tokyoseminar.co.uk
	Menorca's Opening Cultural, N5-220
15:00pm – 15:30pm	Join the island as it unveils its first edition of a new art-focused event.
	RSVP: marta@wearelotus.co.uk
	Tuscany Press Conference, N2-240
15:30pm – 16:30pm	Hear exclusive destination updates and plans.
	RSVP: anna.beketov@finnpartners.com
	What's so great about Tokyo?, N11-505
16:00pm – 17:00pm	An insightful seminar on this world-class destination.
	RSVP: wtm@tokyoseminar.co.uk
	Sarawak Networking Cocktails, N10-400
16:30pm – 17:30pm:	Plus, engaging conversations, shared ideas and new connections.
	RSVP: sadia@apac-now.com
	Andalucia 'Afterwork', N6-200
16:30pm – 17:30pm:	An informal drop-in event with Andalucian drinks, gastronomy and music.
	RSVP: marta@wearelotus.co.uk
	Bermuda Coffee & Cocktail Hour, S6-235
17:00pm – 18:00pm	Featuring Bermudian specialties.
	RSVP: sadia@apac-now.com



## **ON STAND EVENTS**

## WEDNESDAY 5TH NOVEMBER

	EGYPTAIR Flight Giveaways, S6-530
ALL DAY	Be in with a chance to win flights and hear about the flagship service.
	RSVP: frances@wearelotus.co.uk
	Spain's Tourism Agenda 2030
10:30am – 11:10am:	The Secretary of State for Tourism to provide the country's bold
	national plan.
	RSVP: marta@wearelotus.co.uk
	Sarawak Tourism Board's Media Briefing, N10-400
10:30am – 11:30am:	A welcome dance following by address by the Minister for Tourism.
	RSVP: sadia@apac-now.com
	Jordan Press Briefing with Richard Hammond, S11-300
11:00am – 12:00pm:	Exciting developments for 2026 to be revealed, including a new experience in Wadi Rum.
	RSVP: mala@slcrepresentation.com
	Lake Como and Valtellina's Mountains, N3-510
11:00am – 12:00pm:	Hear about how northern Italy's neighbouring regions are becoming
11.00diii - 12.00piii.	two of the most popular destinations.
	RSVP: claudia.rinaldi@ariaspa.it
	Andalucia's Tourism Agenda: Panel Discussion, N6-200
12:30pm – 13:30pm	Covering key topics like diversifying tourism flow, sustainable tourism and enhanced connectivity.
	RSVP: marta@wearelotus.co.uk
	Sharjah Tourism Traditional Coffee & Emirati Delicacies, S9-220
12:30pm – 13:30pm:	Be the first to hear about destination developments and press trip
	opportunities.
	RSVP: Sharjah@wearelotus.co.uk
	Lombardia Showcooking with Chef Enrico Derflingher, N3-510
13:00pm – 14:00pm:	Former British Royal chef to demonstrate risotto with wine tasting
	RSVP: marketing@in-lombardia.it
	Corendon Airlines Happy Hour, N8-506
15:00pm – 16:00pm:	Enjoy the authentic taste of Corendon with complimentary drinks and doner wraps.
	RSVP: annabel@prwhenyouneedit.co.uk



## **ON STAND EVENTS**

## WEDNESDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER - CONTINUED

16:00pm – 17:00pm	Iceland Media Reception and Presentation, N8-400 Focused on astro-tourism.
	RSVP: panos.papadopoulos@finnpartners.com
17:00pm – 18:00pm	Bahamas Junkanoo Performance, S6-335  Join the fun!  RSVP: anna.beketov@finnpartners.com
18:00pm – 18:30pm	HotelPlanner drinks, Tapa Tapa  Located just outside of London Excel join the team as they wrap up day two.  RSVP: rachel.santacruz@finnpartners.com

## THURSDAY 6TH NOVEMBER

13:00pm – 14:00pm:	Lombardia Showcooking with Chef Enrico Derflingher, N3-510 Former British Royal chef to demonstrate risotto with wine tasting RSVP: marketing@in-lombardia.it
	Oman Book Launch, S11-210
17:00pm – 17:30pm	Celebrate with Mark Evans as he reveals his new book: A Journey to Arabia
	RSVP: anna.beketov@finnpartners.com



## **INTERVIEW WALL**

The WTM camera crew returns to interview key names of the travel industry. Media badge holders are invited to take part, and journalists are encouraged to ask their own questions. As always, the WTM Interview Wall is located in the **International Media Centre (N1-500).** 

## **TUESDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**

10:30am – 10:45am:	Megan Owens, Sales Manager, The Celtic Collection
10:45am – 11:00am:	His Excellency Saad Bin Ali Al Kharji, Chairman of Qatar Tourism and Chairman of the Board of Directors, Visit Qatar
11:00am – 11:15am:	Helgi Eysteinsson, CEO, Iceland Travel
11:15am – 11:30am:	HE Khalid Jasim Al Midfa, Chairman, Sharjah Commerce and Tourism Development Authority
11:30am – 11:45am:	Andreas Fiorentinos, Secretary General, Greek National Tourism Organisation
11:45am – 12:00pm:	Ms Rosa Harris, Director, The Cayman Hotels
12:00pm – 12:15pm:	Dona Regis-Prosper, Secretary General and Chief Executive Officer, Caribbean Tourism Organization
13:00pm – 13:15pm:	Manuel Butler, Director, Spanish Tourist Office
13:15pm – 13:30pm:	Rebecca Miano, Minister for Tourism and Wildlife, Kenya Tourism Board
13:30pm – 13:45pm:	Jessica Canelo, Marketing Director of Sernatur, Chile
13:45pm – 14:00pm:	Patricia Yates, CEO, VisitBritain
14:00pm – 14:15pm:	Rodrigo Esponda Cascajáres, MD, Los Cabos
14:15pm – 14:30pm:	Aminath Mohamed, Manager, Destination Marketing, Visit Maldives



## **INTERVIEW WALL - continued**

## TUESDAY 4TH NOVEMBER

14:30pm – 14:45pm:	Turky Kari, Official Spokesperson and Executive Director of Marketing, AROYA Cruises
15:00pm – 15:15pm:	Luis Alejando Dávila, Vice President, Tourism ProColombia
15:15pm – 15:30pm:	Simon Powell, CEO, Inspiretec
15:30pm – 15:45pm:	Mr. Hamed El Chiaty, Chairman, Travco Group
15:45pm – 16:00pm:	Paula Llobet, Minister for Tourism, Innovation, and International Relations, Region of Valencia
16:00pm – 16:15pm:	H.E. Dr. Emad Hijazeen, Minister for Tourism and Antiquities, Jordan Tourist Board
16:15pm – 16:30pm:	Harris Whitbeck, Director-General, INGUAT (Guatemala)
16:30pm – 16:45pm:	YB Dato Sri Abdul Karim Rahman Hamzah, Minister for Tourism, Creative Industry, and Performing Arts, Sarawak
16:45pm – 17:00pm:	Mr. Colin C. James, CEO, Antigua and Barbuda Tourism Authority
17:00pm – 17:15pm:	Abdulla Yousuf, Director of International Operations, Department of Culture & Tourism Abu Dhabi



