

TOURISM SOUTH EAST

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STENA LINE is doing its bit to help hardworking families, with FREE travel for all kids on the ferry operator's routes – including during the summer holidays. Stena's excellent fare on any of the Irish Sea routes and 1335 travel line – saving up to £30 per child return. There are no restrictions on when you can go, so you can even choose school breaks and Bank Holiday weekends. Stena Line's Marc Casey said: "An adult travelling with four kids in the car can save up to £100 return – which can be spent on a special day out." See stena.co.uk.

LOW-COST airline easyJet has launched a flight to Morocco, Tunisia is first to the country. With twice-weekly departures from Stansted, the firm expects to carry 10,000 passengers between the two destinations every year. EasyJet's Neil Steven said: "Morocco is a great summer holiday destination and we expect this route to be popular with those wishing to try somewhere different this summer." Fares start from £47.99 one-way. See easyjet.com.

GOOD news if the Eurovision Song Contest pruned your travel in Vienna. Austrian Airlines is starting flights from Manchester this September. The daily service has return fares from £179. See uk.aa.com.

MONARCH is also starting a new Sunday air route to Lyon for the French Alps from Manchester. Early morning flights start on December 20 and return should just about make the afternoon into the same day. One-way will be from £60. See monarch.co.uk.

A NEW route to Slovenia has started just in time for England's Euro 2016 qualifying match on June 16. Alia Airways will fly from Southampton to Maribor three times a week until October. Fares are from £69 each way. See alia.com.

IT'S 27C IN GREECE – make capital plans in Athens. BA Holidays has three nights' B&B at the 4* Cleo Hotel from £219, travelling from June 20 to July 20. See ba.com or call 0844 843 025.

IT'S 21C IN MADEIRA – and you can go to the island at the 14 Five Views Cruise near Funchal this month from £29. It's with First Choice flying from Manchester on June 25. See firstchoice.co.uk or call 0855 300 779.

MAURITIAUS – 27C. Seven nights' B&B is at the 4* Blu L'Herne is from £131. Let's see. Games on July 5. See the main.co.uk or call 01773 205 2545.

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travel

20 Top Father's Day breaks

It's Father's Day on June 21 – to give your dad a thrill, with one of these 20 brilliant breaks. From driving a supercar and dressing as a knight, to fine-dining and extreme sports, there is something for every bloke. If you're lucky, he'll take the family.

1. Activities

COASTERING: If your old man can't sit still, make him jump off a cliff. The Newquay Activity Centre in Cornwall has all manner of high-adrenaline activities to choose from – paddle boarding, surfing, the Cornish Challenge (think the Highland Games, on the beach, but more silly). We really like the look of coastering, for which you don a wetsuit, jump off cliffs and down waterfalls and generally get into places you shouldn't – ideal for show-off types. Activity days are from £35 which includes all the gear. See newquayactivitycentre.co.uk.

2. Cooking

BUTCHERY COURSE: Any dad can eat a steak. A good one will be able to cook one too. But the real pros will be able to carve one straight off the carcass – and perform other feats of butchery. Esherpton's Butchery Academy in Wexham, Cornwall, teaches all the skills of knife handling. It can also guide you around animals, from end to end, and show you how best to prepare meat for the table. Half-day courses start from £70. See esherpton-meat.co.uk.

3. Trainspotting

VINTAGE RAILWAY: Secretly, all men would like to drive a train – even better if it is a steam train. The Isle of Wight Steam Railway is a trainspotter's delight with vintage locos, rolling stock and other paraphernalia. Book early and you can ride on the footplate next to the driver, with the wind in your hair and steam up your nose. The journey from Sandbanks to Woodton takes around an hour. Family tickets are £25.50 and the footplate ride is £80. See islemuseum.co.uk.

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