

No hidden extras

15 all-inclusive winter sun holidays

Bargain beaches Malta

According to data crunchers at love-holidays.com, Malta is the most budget-friendly place for a winter escape. The booking site offers no-frills all-inclusives to the Mediterranean isle for less than £250 a week. Even the four-star db Seabank Resort & Spa can be nabbed for £45pp per night, and is a good choice for winter: there's an indoor pool, gym, bowling alley and wellness centre to keep you entertained if it isn't sunbathing weather. It's also easy to explore further afield, with Malta's old capital Mdina only a 25-minute drive away. *Seven nights from £318pp including flights (loveholidays.com)*

A couple's Christmas Mauritius

Holiday prices usually skyrocket over the festive season, which makes the Veranda Paul et Virginie Hotel & Spa a particularly good find. Turquoise Holidays is offering a 10 per cent discount on stays at this luscious, adults-only retreat near Grand Baie, even over Christmas. Which means you'll pay less to swap freezing climes, dull TV repeats and turkey leftovers for 27C sunshine, SUPing, kayaking, saunas, snorkelling, Mauritian music, delectable Creole dishes and cocktails on the beach. Every room has a sea view, though the gorgeous infinity pool is the ultimate sunset spot.

Seven nights from £2,799pp including flights (01494 678400; turquoiseholidays.co.uk)

Solo sun Cape Verde

Guaranteed sunshine, crowd-free shores, only a six-hour flight from the UK – Cape Verde is a wonderful winter choice. And Friendship Travel's break at smart Club Boa Vista, on the Atlantic archipelago's Boa Vista island, is particularly wonderful for warmth-seeking solos. There are no single supplements to pay and everything is included: your own room, meals, drinks, access to the vast, golden beach, snorkelling, windsurfing, daytime activities, evening entertainment and a group of like-minded travellers with whom to socialise if you wish. *Seven nights from £1,855pp for solos, including flights; November 18 & 25 2022, January 27, February 23 2023 (0289 446 2211; friendshiptravel.com)*

The ultimate escape Caribbean

Skip a whole month's worth of winter weather on P&O Cruises' no-fly voyage to the Caribbean this December. Sailing from Southampton aboard the contemporary-feel, family-friendly MV Ventura, you'll call in at sun-soaked ports in Madeira, Barbados, St Lucia, Grenada, the Dutch Antilles, Dominica, Guadeloupe, Antigua, St Kitts, the British Virgin Islands, St Martin and the Azores

before arriving home 35 days later.

It's an impressive tally of exotic destinations, delivered for just £73 per day. While at sea, make the most of the ship's four pools, sea-view gym, opulent two-tier theatre and bars. *35 nights from £2,565pp; December 1 2022 (seascanner.co.uk)*

City and sunshine Morocco

Designed in traditional Moroccan style, the exotic Iberostar Club Palmeraie sits in an oasis of 100,000-plus palm trees, gazing at the Atlas mountains. You can take a dip in the hotel's (heated) pools, relax in the hammam, dine on delicious local dishes and try a range of activities,

from archery to belly-dancing. However, while it's tempting to stay put, Marrakech's busy souks are only 15 minutes away, so make the most of the resort's free shuttlebus to access a heady explosion of Arabian culture. Book with Tropical Sky by 31 October to save up to £200pp.

Seven nights from £549pp including flights (01342 547010; tropicalsky.co.uk)

Exceptionally all-inclusive Maldives

The opulent OZEN Life Maadhoo isn't the cheapest choice for winter sun. But according to experts Inspiring Travel, the extras here make its all-inclusive offering a cut above. Luxe villas, exquisite food, powdery-white beaches and

