

## APRIL 2026

So I thought I would give you a little update of what we have been up to.

After our recent rebrand a lot of time has been spent working on the new website and other media projects. There is also a new monthly newsletter taking shape so look out for that in May. A link to sign up for it will be available on the website and social media.

A couple of clients have recently been to New York and have had the most fabulous time. Its one of the most popular city destinations we book and there are lots of amazing deals for this year and 2027 available at the moment.

If its somewhere you have had on your bucket list but just haven't got round to it then DO IT. Get in touch for more information on what we can offer.



A couple of weeks ago I was lucky enough to go to Mamma Mia! The Party at the O2 in London. Set in a specially designed Green taverna, it transports you to the island of Skopelos for a night of Mediterranean food, a live show, and an ABBA disco. The venue is a purpose built recreation of Nikos' Taverna. complete with real fountains, Mediterranean decor, and a warm 25-degree "island" climate.

Unlike the films, this is a new story adapted by comedian Sandi Toksvig. The plot follows taverna owner Nikos and his family, with ABBA's greatest hits performed by the cast and musicians all around you.

Tickets include a four-course Greek feast served as sharing platters.

We all had the BEST time and would thoroughly recommend it. Great food, cocktails, singing and dancing.....what more could you want!



[www.mammmiatheparty.co.uk](http://www.mammmiatheparty.co.uk)

# LATEST FOREIGN TRAVEL NEWS

## 1. New EU border system causing major disruption

The EU's **Entry/Exit System (EES)**—a biometric passport control system—has now gone fully live across Europe. It requires non-EU travellers (including Brits) to register fingerprints and facial data.

- Airports across countries like Spain, Portugal, and the Netherlands have seen **queues of up to 3 hours and missed flights**
- Confusion and technical issues mean some airports have **temporarily suspended checks** to cope with demand
- Experts warn this could lead to **continued disruption into the summer travel season**

Bottom line: expect longer processing times when entering Europe in 2026.

## 2. Greece eases rules for UK travellers

In a notable exception, Greece has **scrapped EES biometric checks for British tourists** to reduce airport chaos.

- Decision follows reports of severe delays and missed flights
- Aims to keep travel smooth ahead of peak summer tourism
- Other EU countries are still enforcing the system strictly

Greece may be a smoother entry point compared to other EU destinations right now.

## 3. Middle East conflict impacting travel costs & flights

The ongoing conflict involving Iran is starting to affect global travel:

- Risk of **jet fuel shortages** could lead to **flight cancellations or higher fares**
- UK travellers are already **cutting back on overseas trips** due to rising costs and uncertainty

Travel may become more expensive and less predictable in the coming months.

## 4. New UK entry and passport rules causing confusion

Several rule changes are catching travellers off guard:

- The UK now enforces a **mandatory Electronic Travel Authorisation (ETA)** for many visitors—no permit, no travel
- Dual nationals must **use a British passport (or special certificate)** to re-enter the UK

- Some travellers have been **denied boarding or stranded abroad** due to misunderstandings

Double-check your documents before flying—rules are stricter than before.

## 5. Outlook: a potentially chaotic summer

Across the board, travel experts are warning of a difficult season:

- Border delays (EES) + fuel concerns + staffing pressures
- Possible **route cuts or fare increases**, especially with budget airlines
- Governments may adjust or suspend rules if disruption worsens

### Overall takeaway

International travel in 2026 is being reshaped by **new border technology, geopolitical tensions, and stricter entry rules**. The biggest immediate impacts are delays at European borders and tighter documentation requirements—so planning ahead is more important than ever.

## HOLIDAY HOTSPOTS

This year's most popular long-haul holiday hotspots reflect a mix of classic tropical escapes and emerging cultural destinations, with travellers increasingly seeking both relaxation and unique experiences. Destinations in **ASIA**—particularly **Thailand** and **Japan**—are seeing huge demand thanks to their blend of beaches, food, and culture, while long-haul favourites like **Mexico** and the **Caribbean** (including **Barbados** and **Jamaica**) remain popular for all-inclusive sunshine breaks and improved flight access. At the same time, more adventurous travellers are heading to destinations such as **Costa Rica**, **Namibia**, and **India** for wildlife, eco-tourism, and cultural immersion. Overall, the trend for 2026 long-haul travel is shifting toward “experience-led” holidays—combining nature, luxury, and authenticity—rather than purely traditional beach getaways.

Whatever your holiday hotspot is get in touch and we can organise your next dream holiday.