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10 November 2026: Spain transport checks, Kraków advice and a new solo-touring offer

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This UK Outbound Travel Briefing covers 4–10 November: Spanish transport arrangements, updated Kraków advice and a dated UK fog warning require targeted operational checks, not blanket cancellation messages. (agencias.iberia.com) Higher Bank Rate and a new solo-touring promotion create separate affordability and selling considerations; neither establishes a change in UK holiday bookings. (bankofengland.co.uk)

Headlines

- Spain: distinguish the 10/12 November rail strikes from the 11 November general strike.[1][2] (grupo.renfe.com)
- Iberia flexibility includes eligible customers whose flights are still operating.[3] (agencias.iberia.com)
- Kraków: FCDO advice targets the immediate area of Main Market Square.[4] (gov.uk)
- Bank Rate rises to 4%; household-budget context is not a holiday-sales measure.[5] (bankofengland.co.uk)
- Just You’s November booking promotion applies to selected 2027 departures.[6] (travelweekly.co.uk)

Key figures

19,203,000 visits[7]

UK-resident overseas visits — dated background

2023-Q4 · Released on 17 May 2024, this stale ONS observation is background rather than evidence of November 2026 demand.[7]

299,351,416 passengers[8]

UK airport passengers — annual context

2025 · Released on 13 February 2026, the CAA total includes inbound and connecting traffic and is not UK-resident outbound demand.[8][9]

70%[10]

Overseas holiday intention — ABTA survey

2026 · Released on 13 October 2026, this representative UK-adult survey measures overseas holiday intention over the next 12 months, not bookings or completed calendar-year travel.[10]

Developments that matter

The first priority is Spain. Iberia's notice published on 6 November introduces flexibility for travel affected by the general strike scheduled for 11 November. This is a ticket-policy development, not confirmation that every Spanish flight will be cancelled. Recommendation: identify eligible departures and returns before proposing changes, then check the rest of each package separately.[3] (agencias.iberia.com)

Second, the FCDO updated Poland advice on 7 November after a shooting in Kraków's Main Market Square. Its advice, marked current on 10 November, says police detained the perpetrator and directs people nearby to follow local authorities and local media. Recommendation: contact guides and travellers using central itineraries; avoid presenting this geographically specific update as a nationwide instruction to cancel Poland holidays.[4] (gov.uk)

Third, the Met Office's 9 November bulletin, published at 12:55 UTC, reported an overnight yellow fog warning for parts of central England and Wales. Recommendation: prioritise airline-status and airport-transfer checks for 10 November departures. The bulletin does not establish airport cancellation totals or verify that the warning remains active throughout publication day.[11] (metoffice.gov.uk)

Destination access and operations

Iberia's arrangements cover eligible 075 tickets issued by 6 November for travel to or from Spain on 11 November, including flights still operating. Replacement travel is permitted from 7

November up to 26 November 2026. Recommendation: confirm ticket eligibility and permitted rebooking before changing accommodation, excursions or transfers; airline flexibility does not itself settle those supplier arrangements.[3] (agencias.iberia.com)

Renfe's notice concerns SEMAF strikes on 10 and 12 November: minimum services are 72% for high-speed/long-distance trains and an average of 65% for Media Distancia. These are prescribed service levels, not measured cancellation rates, and must not be substituted for the separate 11 November timetable. The retrieved notice does not display a publication date.[1] (grupo.renfe.com)

Catalonia's government notice, dated 6 November, specifies 66% of usual Cercanías and regional services during stated peak periods on 10 November and 33% otherwise. For 11 November it specifies 25% between 06:30–09:30 and 16:30–21:00, with no service otherwise. Recommendation: reconfirm individual trains and commission locally checked alternatives for Barcelona-area transfers; national percentages are insufficient for itinerary planning.[2] (web.gencat.cat)

Value and holiday calendar

The fourth development is affordability context. On 5 November, the Bank of England raised Bank Rate by 0.25 percentage points to 4%, citing energy-supply disruption pushing up motor-fuel costs and utility bills. This supports reviewing payment communications and total-trip value, not asserting that holiday sales have fallen or every household's borrowing costs changed immediately.[5] (bankofengland.co.uk)

Reuters' 9 November report, timestamped 12:03 UTC, quoted sterling at $1.3421 and 83.41 pence per euro. These are dated market quotations, not retail exchange rates or equivalent package-price reductions. Recommendation: refresh currency assumptions when comparing discretionary destination spending, while keeping supplier prices and exchange fees separate.[12] (aol.com)

Fifth, Travel Weekly reported on 9 November that Just You's Purple November campaign offers savings of up to 10% on more than 400 European and worldwide tours, for selected 2027 departures booked by 30 November. Recommendation: test a solo-touring shortlist around Sicily or Andalucía, checking live availability, inclusions and terms before quoting. The offer is advertised availability, not measured booking growth or market-wide discounting.[6] (travelweekly.co.uk)

Calendar segmentation remains local. South Lanarkshire, Scotland, listed 9 November as an in-service day in its calendar approved on 9 September 2025. That date has passed; it was neither a

newly announced break nor a Scotland-wide holiday. Recommendation: validate future family campaigns against the relevant council and school calendar.[13] (southlanarkshire.gov.uk)

Latest market evidence

Fresh publication does not mean current-week demand. IAG's results released on 6 November describe the three months to 30 September 2026: British Airways reported North Atlantic capacity growth of 2.2% and unit-revenue growth of 12.0% against 2025; Europe recorded 1.0% and 2.5%, respectively. Recommendation: assess regional airline economics separately rather than applying a blanket pricing narrative. These network results cover multiple origins and passenger types, not November UK package bookings or quoted leisure fares.[14] (rns-pdf.londonstockexchange.com)

The frozen TravelSpy inventory contains no new or revised records since the previous edition. Its ONS quarterly visits series remains stale: 19,203,000 visits in 2023-Q4, released on 17 May 2024. This limitation concerns the stored evidence pack, not all statistics available elsewhere.[97]

CAA's stored 2025 total of 299,351,416 passengers was released on 13 February 2026 and includes inbound and connecting traffic. ABTA's 2026 survey, released on 13 October, records 70% of representative UK adults intending an overseas holiday over the next 12 months. Neither is a weekly outbound booking measure, and they must not be combined. No valid UK Google Trends series is available in this pack.[8][10][9]

Actions for travel businesses

Recommendations — operational control: maintain separate booking-level worklists for Spain's different strike dates, Kraków itineraries and departures exposed to the dated fog warning. Record supplier confirmation, traveller contact and unresolved connections; measure outstanding cases and time to resolution rather than assuming disruption from an advisory alone.[3][2][4][11] (agencias.iberia.com)

Recommendations — commercial tests: compare a clearly itemised solo-touring offer with a destination-led version using matched audiences and departure periods. Track qualified enquiries, quote-to-book conversion and margin after inclusions; do not present these proposed tests as observed results. Check the promotion's booking deadline separately from its departure dates.[6] (travelweekly.co.uk)

Recommendations — value discipline: test clearer total-cost and payment-date information before resorting to broad discounts. Refresh sterling assumptions at quotation time and retain a

dated audit trail. The household-budget and currency evidence supports careful communication, not a forecast of weaker demand or guaranteed cheaper holidays.[5][12] (bankofengland.co.uk)

Data gaps and limitations

- The frozen TravelSpy pack has no new or revised records since 3 November; its ONS outbound series ends in 2023 and is stale. This is not a claim that newer ONS evidence is unavailable elsewhere.[9]
- No valid, unambiguous UK Google Trends series is stored; search interest cannot be substituted for bookings.[9]
- The retrieved Renfe notice verifies service arrangements but does not display the research brief's claimed 9 November publication date; it is not counted towards the fresh-source minimum.[1]
- Individual flight and train operation, disruption totals and the fog warning's live status throughout 10 November were not verified; dated notices are not cancellation evidence.[3][12][11]
- Retail exchange rates, live promotion inventory and measured package prices or weekly UK outbound bookings were not independently established.[12][6][9]

Methodology

Figures come from market-specific statistics stored by TravelSpy with source timing and attribution, or cited published research. Each report is drafted by an AI research analyst, automatically checked figure-by-figure against the stored records, and independently fact-checked by a separate AI reviewer before publication. Sources keep their own periods, populations and units and are never blended. Sentiment, search interest and price indices are not bookings; airport passengers include nonresidents and connections. First-observed dates are not provider publication dates.

- **UK travel research**: included
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