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● U.S. and Canadian travel agents meet in Palma to discover the joys of the Balearics and the mainland as a holiday destination.

Palma.—A group of 75 U.S. and Canadian travel agents and tour operators will be meeting in Palma's Hotel Victoria from Monday to discover the joys of the islands as a holiday destination. The group have been invited by Turespaña, the national

tourism promotion organisation, with the visit being closely coordinated by the Council of Mallorca's tourism department.

During their three-day visit, the travel agents and tour operators will be given an insight

into the Balearic and Spanish tourist industries. The U.S. market is becoming increasingly important for the island since the launch of direct flights from New York last year. The flights are due to restart again shortly.



First U.S. tourists arrive on the island on direct flight last year.

400 migrants die crossing the Med

Madrid.—More than 400 migrants and refugees drowned in early 2023 while attempting to cross the central Mediterranean from North Africa to Europe, the most fatalities in the past six years over a three-month period, a United Nations agency says. The International Organization for Migration (IOM) docu-

mented 441 migrant deaths between January and March on the world's deadliest migration route, in what it says is likely an undercount. Around half of those deaths were linked to delays in state-led rescue efforts and, in one case, the absence of any rescue mission, it points out.

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Tycoon's yacht in Palma

Palma.—Amazon tycoon Jeff Bezos's new sailing yacht *Koru* arrived in Palma this week having set sail on her maiden voyage from Gibraltar last Thursday. *Koru* is understood to have cost Bezos \$485 million. *Koru* moored off Palma.

She is the tallest sailing yacht in the world with three towering masts that measure more than 230 feet and a crew of 60.

She is also one of the top 25 largest vessels in the world and the biggest to ever leave The Netherlands.

Amazon founder Bezos originally commissioned the yacht to be built in May 2021 by Dutch-based boating company Oceanco, dubbed project Y721. **Photo Joan Llado.**