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Spain flight, hotel bookings jump as tourists avoid Middle East

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Madrid.—Spain and Portugal are experiencing a surge in late spring and summer flight and hotel bookings as millions of travellers steer away from war-affected destinations and hubs in and around the Middle East, industry data show. Summer flight bookings to Spain, including transit, soared 32% year-on-year as of April 2, while hotel searches rose 28%, according to digital travel marketing platform Sojern. Portugal recorded a 21% rise in flight bookings, with hotel searches up 16%. Travel data firm Mabrian noted a pullback from Middle Eastern destinations last month and an uptick for the southern Mediterranean, with Spain, which rivals France as the world's most visited country, the main beneficiary of the shift.



A REALLY SUPER YACHT SAILS INTO MALLORCA

One of the world's largest and most sophisticated sailing yachts is presently moored in Port Adriano, having arrived earlier this week. The *Maltese Falcon* has won numerous design awards and cost in excess of 150 million dollars to build. The yacht is easily controlled and has been seen to sail off her anchor and away from berths within harbours. The yacht's sophisticated computer detects parameters such as wind speed automatically and displays key data. An operator must always activate the controls, yet it is possible for a single person to operate the yacht. PHOTO: JOAN LLADO.