

Dear Colleague,

Although the snow is only starting to melt here on the Canadian prairies, I know that spring is well on its way for a lot of you! It's always such an exciting time of year as the seasons shift and life reemerges!

With spring in full swing, we know that Europe's busy summer season is right around the corner! While land availability in Iceland is increasingly harder to come by, don't forget that cruising the North Atlantic is a great option for your clients! **Iceland ProCruises** just announced three new specials starting April 7th — like Buy One/Get One 50% Off (see details below).

Perhaps your clients would prefer sailing through the Greek islands or exploring the culture and history of Athens this summer. It's not too late to get a quote from **PaxMore Greece!** 

As always, don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions.

Have a Hoppy Easter,



The Emerging Destinations team Jenna, Jane, & Ana

## News at a Glance

#### **Iceland ProTravel**

- Sara Gunnarsdóttir is the first Icelandic female director to be nominated for an Oscar! Check out the full story <u>here</u>.
- An Akureyri success story <u>Find out</u> how this hotel in the North of Iceland is changing the name of the game!
- Bring your family to Iceland for an unforgettable holiday! Icelands unique volcanic nature is amazing and something you have to see with your own eyes. On this packaged tour you will swim in The Blue Lagoon, watch the giant whales swim in the fjords not far from Reykjavik and of course you will see the charming capitol of Iceland; Reykjavik. Read on.

#### **Pax More Greece**

- Royal Caribbean announced that its 2,730-passenger Enchantment of the Seas, a
   Vision-class cruise ship, will homeport in Piraeus, Greece, between May-September
   2023. The Enchantment of the Seas will sail 7-night itineraries to Greek ports, such
   as Mykonos, Santorini, Chania and Corfu. The ship departing from Piraeus will
   have Ravenna, Italy, as its port of disembarkation. The itineraries will mark the first
   time that Royal Caribbean has based a ship in Greece.
- The island of Skopelos (North Sporades island group) in Greece is one of the most popular movie locations in the world that people want to visit, according to a recent study conducted by PACasino, a US-based online casino reviewer. The study analyzed TikTok views, Instagram hashtags, and Google search volumes to identify the most popular movie locations available to visit today. Known for being featured in the hit movie musical "Mamma Mia!", Skopelos, placed 10 on the list with an overall popularity score of 6.41/10.
- Demand for luxury villa rentals in Greece is on the rise all year round and mainly for the summer season, according to property experts Berkshire Hathaway
   HomeServices, a real estate brokerage franchise network with more than 50,000 professional realtors and some 1,500 offices in the US, Canada, Mexico, Europe and the Middle East. A recent report released by Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices titled "Europe India UAE 2023 Real Estate" found that Greece is a leading choice among visitors and investors for real estate due to its combination of landscapes, history, beaches, culture and fine weather.

#### **Iceland ProCruises**

- Save 50% with our 2 for 1 Special! Book now and take advantage of our 2 for 1 rates
  - that means you save 50% off our regular prices. Check out additional information on this special offer <a href="here">here</a>. This offer applies to specific departures only.
- Category 6 Special. Book now and take advantage of our Category 6 Special that means your guests will save 30% off our regular prices and will get a 500 USD

- shore excursion credit per person! Read more <u>here</u>. This offer applies to specific departures only.
- Our Single Traveler Offer is back! Single travelers pay no single supplement on selected sailings in 2023. Check out offer details <u>here</u>.

## **Emerging Destinations joins LuxPages and Squirrel Fish**



This spring join **LUXPages**, the ever-growing global community and directory of luxury travel professionals. With new suppliers added daily, travel advisor members can access in one place a world of vetted suppliers, including rep companies and DMCs, as well as other advisors; and find and connect with the suppliers you need with a robust search tool.

Click here for a demo on **LuxPages** 

# Squirrelfish

<u>SquirrelFish</u> helps hotels, lodges and operators all around the world market themselves and share your marketing resources more cheaply, effectively and professionally to international tour operators and travel agents. If you are looking for an alternative to Dropbox, Google or One Drive and don't want the expense of building your own website "Agent LogIn" area, then <u>SquirrelFish</u> is for you.

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# Upcoming Travel! Emerging Destinations On The Road

We will be in the following places over the next few months, and would love to see you! If we will be in your area, click on the link below to request an event invitation or schedule an appointment with us:

• Calgary: April 11 to 14

Philadelphia, PA: April 11 to 14
Seattle/Portland: June 12 to 16
New York, NY: June 12, 13 & 14
Chicago, IL: June 15 & 16

Grand Rapids, MI: June 19
Detroit area, MI: June 20
Cleveland, OH: June 21
Columbus, OH: June 22

#### Seaventure: The Perfect Ship for Exploring Iceland and Greenland



The flagship of **Iceland ProCruises**, Seaventure was specifically designed for extraordinary moments. The small ship is incredibly agile and maneuverable making a change of course effortless for a rare wildlife sighting.

In addition, the Seaventure has been assigned the highest ice class for passenger ships. A greater density of steel plates in the hull and a massive stem are just two of the elements that allow the expedition ship to glide safely through the waters around

Iceland and Greenland.

#### Read More.

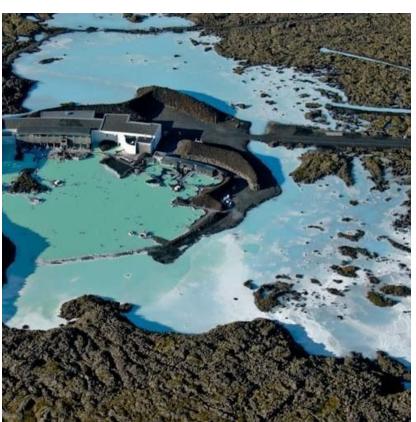
Thessaloniki: The Capital of Macedonia Region

A trip to Thessaloniki, the second largest city in Greece is a must throughout the year. It's a city rich in history, influenced by many different cultures and people at the crossroads of the eastern and western world and full of

contradictions that will captivate your heart; it is ancient and modern, youthful and old-fashioned; with creative, energetic vibes but also a uniquely slow pace with the locals being masters of the art of slow living. Continue Reading.



#### Iceland's Best Hot Springs



Iceland thrives on geothermal energy and the tradition of public bathing is deeply rooted in Icelandic culture. Not without reason, the island is home to hundreds of public geothermal baths.

There are different types of baths. On the one hand are proper indoor/outdoor spas, which are financed by an entrance fee. But there are also hundreds of small natural hot springs, which can be used for free or for a small donation.

More Here.

What's Better Than A Weekend? A Greekend!



#### Iceland and Greenland Aboard the Seaventure

Discover the beauty of the "Land of Ice and Fire" aboard the Seaventure. **Iceland ProCruises** offers unique and authentic soft expedition-style cruises around

Iceland and Greenland.







































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