

Dear Colleague

Greetings from a sunny and calm day in the Caribbean, where I'm enjoying a few days off before embarking on a new adventure with my colleague Jenna: We're heading to **Kenya** for the pre-opening of our new client, the **JW Marriott Masai Mara Lodge**!

Like every month, we're bringing to you amazing and exclusive deals from our clients in the Americas portfolio: **Enchanted Expeditions** (**Galapagos Islands, Ecuador**) is offering up to 40% off on selected departures dates during February and March; **La Coralina Island House** (**Bocas del Toro, Panama**) has launched an amazing Easter Package to take advantage of in April; and **Hotel Las Torres Patagonia** (**Torres del Paine National Park, Chile**) is offering one free night in Santiago or Punta Arenas for travelers enjoying Patagonia during March and April.

But not all travel is last minute. If you're already planning summer vacations or even Holiday Season getaways for your clients, **Colombian Journeys** and **Chile Concept** can help you create unique itineraries that showcase the best of those beautiful South American countries.

Take a break on your busy day, enjoy reading this month's newsletter, and start planning that once-in-a-lifetime trip for your clients (or why not you and your loved ones too!).

Best regards,

Ana, on behalf of The Emerging Destinations team (Jane + Jenna + Ana)



Upcoming Travel! Emerging Destinations On Th 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:

- Clearwater, FL (breakfast presentation): Monday, February 27
- Tampa, FL (lunch & learn presentation): Monday, February 27
- Sarasota, FL (cocktail reception): Monday, February 27
- Naples, FL (cocktail reception): <u>Tuesday, February 28</u>
- Boca Raton, FL (dinner party): <u>Wednesday, March 1</u>
- Fort Lauderale, FL (breakfast resentation): Thursday, March 2
- Miami, FL: Thursday, March 2 & Friday, March 3
- San Diego, CA: Monday, March 20 & Tuesday, March 21
- Orange County/Los Angeles, CA: <u>Wednesday, March 22 to Friday, March</u>
 <u>24</u>
- Los Angeles & area, CA: Monday, March 27 & Tuesday, March 28
- San Francisco/San Jose, CA: Wednesday, March 29 to Friday, March 31
- New York City, NY: Jane is attending the MAPTA event: <u>Wednesday</u>, <u>March 29</u>
- Canada: Calgary: <u>April</u>



News at a Glance

Enchanted Expeditions

• Last Minute Specials! We're offering special cruise pricing for selected departures during February and March. Take advantage of incredible deals and

explore the Galapagos Islands on M/Y Beluga or M/Y Cachalote Explorer. More info **here**.

- Easter in 2023 can be a great time to travel and spend time with the family. The Galapagos Islands are your perfect getaway and the Enchanted Galapagos Lodge still has availability! <u>Contact us</u> and secure your room.
- Albatross nesting season in the Galapagos... one of the highlights of visiting the archipelago! Nearly the entire population of 25,000 to 30,000 return to Española Island from April to December. We would like you to know that we have several spaces available onboard the M/Y Beluga and M/Y Cachalote Explorer during the month of June, one of the best months to watch these beautiful birds do their mating dances! <u>Contact us</u> for availability.
- Enchanted Galapagos Lodge launches new website. Explore this magical place located in the highlands of **Santa Cruz Island** and start planning your next Ecuadorian escape. Discover your home away from home <u>here</u>.

La Coralina Island House

- Hunting for the perfect Easter getaway? Make the most of the Easter long weekend at La Coralina Island House, the newest luxury resort in Bocas del Toro. Easter Package, 4 days/3 nights, from US\$675 per night (2 people). More here.
- **Travel Industry ALERT!** <u>Contact us</u> for discounted travel agent rates at this new luxury resort on the banks of the Caribbean Sea... a paradise for people looking to relax and discover new wellness' hot spots.

Las Torres Reserve

- Get a Free Night in Santiago or Punta Arenas when booking a 3 nights All Inclusive Program at Hotel Las Torres Patagonia. This special promo applies to new bookings only and is valid for travels in March and April 2023. More info here.
- Las Torres Reserve, with the DNA of sustainability and conservation. From the distant Chilean Patagonia, in the heart of Torres del Paine National Park, a sustainable cocktail and craft beer project is revealed as the best conservation message from a community that has turned sustainable tourism into its main asset. More <u>here</u>.

Chile Concept

• **<u>Contact us</u>** as we can tailor the perfect itinerary to discover the best of Chile.

Colombian Journeys

Cartagena, one of the most beautiful cities in the world. According to Travel
 + Leisure Magazine, Cartagena is one of the most beautiful, preserved, and
 photogenic cities in the world; declared by the UNESCO as a World Cultural
 Heritage, it allures its visitors with its incredible beaches and Caribbean islands, its
 state of conservation, its colorful buildings and local street food. You can enjoy a
 day in Cartagena by simply observing people on the city plaza, tasting delicious

local food, and enjoying nights full of live music from a salsa orchestra in a traditional bar. Read the full article **here**.

- 7 of the best things to do in Colombia. Afar Magazine shortlisted a wide range of activities that you can't miss on your next trip to Colombia. Read the full article here.
- Inside one of the most luxurious historic hotels. The Sofitel Legend Santa Clara, which used to be a historic convent in the city of Cartagena, has renovated 25 of its rooms. Learn more about the history of this iconic hotel and its restoration process on Fortune Magazine <u>here</u>.

15 Amazing Pictures You Can Snap on the "W" Circuit



No matter what type of camera you have, the natural beauty of Torres del Paine can transform any photograph into an unforgettable memory of Chilean Patagonia's most famous backpacking circuit.

Read more *here*.

Bocas Surf Crew

The Bocas del Toro islands in Panama are gaining a global reputation as a great place to surf. **La Coralina Island House** wants to make sure that it's not just visitors catching those waves by teaching young islanders how to hang ten through a nonprofit called the Bocas Surf Crew.

"Living on an island in the Caribbean and investing in

these kinds of destinations, you have to be very responsible in many, many, many ways," says La Coralina managing director Ariel Barrionuevo.

Continue reading <u>here</u>.



A Trip to Rejuvenate Your Soul



Mark Willuhn, executive director of Explore Mesoamerica, experienced the transformational power of Ecuador nature during a tour with Enchanted Expeditions.

"During the midst of the pandemic . . . my wife and I decided that we needed to travel in 2022," writes Mark in his blog about the

journey.

Read more <u>here</u>.

Colombia's World Heritage Carnival

If you've already experienced Mardi Gras in New Orleans, Carnival in Trinidad or the Carnaval do Rio de Janeiro, then your next music, dance and food-and-drink filled blowout should be the annual pre-Lent carnival in Barranquilla. Let **Colombian Journeys** show you the way . . .



More <u>here</u>.

What Chile Concept Can Do for You



A DMC that specializes in all of Chile — from the Atacama Desert and Patagonia to Santiago and Easter Island — **Chile Concept** offers personalized, customized travel at very competitive rates.

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Wish You Were Here: Surfing Bocas del Toro

Surfer magazine sent a crew to check out the waves in the Panamanian paradise islands.





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