

Dear Colleague,

We're thrilled to report that every single country where our clients are located have opened their international borders and eased Covid-19 travel restrictions.

So if you have clients interested in escaping the winter to somewhere with warmer temperatures, we can point you in the direction of amazing experiences in Costa Rica, Colombia, Ecuador, Chile, Uruguay, Argentina and elsewhere in Latin America.

For those who aren't ready to venture so far from home, remember that Canyon Madness Ranch in New Mexico is a great domestic option.

Please check out our portfolio of cool companies in cool places and their latest news and offers below.

On another note, Emerging Destinations is proud to be a Founding Elite Member of <u>Women Travel Leaders</u>, an invitation-only community of inspirational and influential female travel business owners, executives, influencers, journalists, managers, hoteliers, representatives, and directors from around the world.

The WTL community has supported its members throughout the pandemic and encourages an exchange of best practices, resources, references, ideas and dialog through masterminding and community exchange.

WTL is now accepting applications for members at the Founding Members rate. We highly recommend applying for this deeply supportive community before rates increase in 2022. The application can be found <u>HERE</u>.

We love being a part of Women Travel Leaders and hope you'll join us!

Happy Thanksgiving to our friends in the USA!





News at a Glance

Travel Pioneers

- Important update regarding COVID-19 regulations in Costa Rica!

 Starting January 8th, 2022 hotels, restaurants, bars, casinos, shops, museums, art and dance academies, gymnasiums, resorts, and adventure tourism may admit only people who are fully vaccinated with Moderna, Pfizer-BioNTech, AstraZeneca, or Johnson&Johnson. This must be verified with a QR code or the printed vaccination certificate. This requirement applies to all travelers who are 12 years and older. The only exceptions are essential services such as supermarkets and pharmacies, which will not require proof of vaccination.
- Panama welcomes anyone fully vaccinated. Safety protocols for the country require
 masks in public and some towns mandate a curfew. You can read the complete
 guidelines here or contact us and we will advise on specifics.
- We are entering the bird season in Costa Rica...Across the flyways of the world, birds are migrating, flashing their brilliance against the sky. On the volcanic sand coasts of Costa Rica, shorebirds scurry across the soft earth by mangroves, flying from their high-tide roots to feed. Many places offer opportunities to glide through esturiares in slender boats to survey the commotions of wings and walls. If you have birdwatchers among your clients, contact us as we can help you creating a unique itinerary!
- Missed our last webinar "Unexplored Costa Rica with Travel Pioneers"? Don't
 worry! You can access the full webinar recording for travel agents here and a special
 session for tour operators here.

Las Torres Reserve

- Hotel Las Torres Patagonia will be open with its All Inclusive Programs, Puma Trekking, B&B Packages and horseriding tours on December 1st.
- Las Torres Reserve is accepting reservations for the national park's 2021-22 southern hemisphere summer season as most of the trekking facilities - including

- the campsites and refugios in Central and Frances sectors and the campsites at Seron sector , **are already open and receiving hikers!** For more info about the trekking circuits, the accommodation options offered along the W or O circuit, rates, booking policy, etc. check out the new digital brochure here.
- Check out the latest version all of the marketing materials (updated October 15th) you need from Las Torres Reserve: photo gallery, digital brochures, videos, and more!. Click here.

Grand Hotels Lux

- Effective November 1st, **Uruguay** has open the borders to international travelers. You can get more information about entry requirements here.
- The Grand Hotel Punta del Este is investing nearly \$25 million destined to the construction of 60 rooms, a modern events' and convention center, and a rooftop bar. More info and renders here.
- Recoleta Grand Hotel, located in one of the most beautiful neighborhoods of Buenos Aires, is offering a Love Buenos Aires Package valid for stays from October 2021 to December 2022. More info here.
- **Iguazu Grand Resort** is offering a special package to welcome international travelers again. The daily rate of \$300 can accommodate 2 people in a Junior Suite, includes daily breakfast, a dinner for 2 with non alcoholic beverages, access to the Wellness Center, 3 outdoor swimming pools, tennis courts, casino and kids club, wifi. It is valid for stays until April 2022. More info & booking requests here.
- Panoramic Grand Hotel is also celebrate's with a great deal at their property
 overlooking the Iguazu River with a daily rate of \$220 for 2 people in a River View
 Room (valid until April 2022). Includes daily breakfast, gym access, swimming pool
 and roman bath, a dinner for 2 with non alcoholic beverages and wifi. More info &
 booking requests here.
- The Grand Hotel Punta del Este has reopened last October 7th and has created
 a 3 day/2 night Romantic Package for travelers looking for a perfect getaway close
 to Buenos Aires. This offer includes a massage and three course dinner during the
 stay and starts at \$630 + tax and will be valid until December 23rd, 2021. More
 info here.

Canyon Madness Ranch

• Looking for private travel? Please <u>contact us</u> for information, availability and rates on property buyouts.

Enchanted Expeditions

Updated entry requirements to Ecuador! All international travelers must present proof of having received the complete schedule of Covid-19 vaccine 14 days or more prior to their arrival in the country OR a negative Covid-19 test taken up to 72 hours before their arrival. In all cases, travelers are required to submit the Travelers' Health Declaration. More info here.

- Missed our last webinar "Why Mainland Ecuador should be your clients next
 South American destination"? Don't worry! You can watch it here.
- All travellers arriving in the **Galapagos Islands** must present a negative PCR test even with proof of full vaccination. More info here.
- Are the Galapagos Islands on your bucket list? Don't let the 2021 ends without taking advantage of the last minute deals (up to 40% off!) available on 16 selected sailing dates onboard M/Y Beluga or M/Y Cachalote Explorer. More info here.
- Interested in experiencing the wonders that Ecuador mainland has to offer? We
 are currently offering special rates on our 4-day North itinerary. More info and
 rates here.

Chile Concept

- Updated entry requirements to Chile! The following airports can be used for entry into Chile from **December 1st, 2021**: Santiago (SCL), Iquique (IQQ), Antofagasta (ANF) and Punta Arenas (PUQ). Open land border crossings from December 1st, 2021: Chacalluta - Border between Chile and Peru, Colchane -Border between Chile and Bolivia and Pino Hachado - Border between Chile (Araucania) and Argentina. Open land border crossings between Chile and Argentina from January 1st, 2022: Los Libertadores (Crossing to Mendoza), Cardenal Samoré (Crossing to Bariloche/Villa Angostura) and Río Don Guillermo (Crossing to El Calafate). Regulation on PCR tests for travellers from December 1st, 2021: All persons who have received a booster vaccination (3rd dose) in the last six months prior to travel and this has been validated and consequently entered in the Chilean mobility pass will be exempted from the PCR tests and isolation upon entry into the country. All persons without receiving booster vaccination (3rd dose) 6 months before departure still have to take a PCR test upon entry and need to isolate. As soon as they receive a negative test result, the mobility pass will be activated. People who arrive in Santiago (SCL) and have a connecting flight will take the PCR test in Santiago airport, but no longer have to stay in Santiago, but can wait for the PCR test result at their final destination.
- Missed our last webinar "A paradise called Patagonia...a place to visit at least
 once in a lifetime"? Don't worry! You can access the full webinar recording here.
- Are you already planning a 2022 unforgettable trip for you or your clients? <u>Contact</u> <u>us</u> as we can tailor the perfect itinerary to discover the best of Chile.

Colombian Journeys

- Updated entry requirements to Colombia! International travelers visiting
 Colombia do not need to present a negative PCR test to enter the country. They
 only have to do their <u>Check-Mig</u> registration 24 hours before their flight. More info
 can be found <u>here</u>.
- Are you looking for extraordinary experiences? Let us show you the best of our country and people. <u>Contact us!</u>

Four Awesome Adventures at Iguazu



flight. Read more here.

Get wet, stay dry, fly high — so many ways to discover South America's legendary cascade.

Guests at the **Iguazu**

Grand or **Panoramic Grand** hotels on the Argentine side can arrange a guided stroll along the boardwalks that overlook the falls, a sure-to-getwet boat trip, a 4×4 drive through the rainforest that engulfs the falls, and even a panoramic helicopter

Reinventing Colombia

It's a little bit Amazon and a whole lot of Andes. A little bit Caribbean and a rich mosaic of indigenous and colonial cultures. One of the most modern nations in Latin America but also a place where you can easily dive into the wilderness. Have you guessed which country we're talking about?

The answer is really kind of obvious – Colombia. *Continue reading here*.



What's So Cool About Guatemala? Plenty



Is Guatemala anywhere near the top of your travel bucket list? Because if it's not, it certainly should be. And **Travel Pioneers** can design a personalized itinerary that hits all of the highlights. Central America's largest country has much to offer: Mayan heritage and colonial cities, diverse nature and active volcanoes, majestic rivers and impressive lakes. *Read more here*.

Did you know that Torres del Paine is the best place on the entire planet to experience and photography mountain lions in the wild? There's still time to book a "Puma Encounter" between December and April at Las Torres Reserve.

The all-inclusive Puma Encounter features a perfect blend of adventure, traditional culture and travel comfort. *More here*.



Adventure Ecuador



Good things come in small packages — a saying that perfectly describes the outdoor adventure options available in Ecuador.

The little nation on the Equator might be tiny compared to geographical giants like Argentina and Brazil. But it packs a huge punch when it comes to trekking,

climbing, biking and water sports.

Here are some of the adventures that **Enchanted Expeditions** can arrange on the Ecuadorian mainland. *Continue reading <u>here</u>*.

South America's Ultimate Road Trip

Declared one of the world's great road trips by National Geographic and others, **the Carretera Austral** (Southern Highway) meanders for more than 770 miles through northern Patagonia.

Chile Concept can set you up with a self-drive rental car to explore this incredible place (and its numerous national parks) on your own. *More here*.



New Mexico's Cowboy Couture

During your stay at **Canyon Madness Ranch**, take some time away from the horseback riding



and other outdoor adventure sports to shop for authentic cowboy and cowgirl duds.

Legendary Western wear outfitters like Cavender's in Albuquerque and Maverick's of Santa Fe offer a chance to purchase boots, hats, belts, jeans and other cowpoke fashion on your way to the ranch. Or arrange a day trip Solano's in Raton, up near the New Mexico-Colorado border. Continue reading <u>here</u>.





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