



**News on Chile Concept, Colombian Journeys,
Enchanted Expeditions, Grand Hotels Lux,
La Coralina Island House, Las Torres Reserve**

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Dear Colleague

As you're receiving this monthly newsletter, I'm boarding a plane to **Panama**, where I'll be leading an educational trip to experience the gorgeous and newest luxury resort in **Bocas del Toro — La Coralina Island House**.

Please follow my trip on social media or sign in [here](#) for the day-by-day itinerary webinar I'll be conducting on **October 4th**.

On another note, it's with mixed feelings that our colleague Jessie is leaving the company by the end of the month. She joined Emerging Destinations eight years ago and has always been a great pillar for Jane. We will miss her commitment, professionalism and passion. We're proud of her growth and sure she will rock it in her new position at Singita.

Lastly, in the past few weeks, some of you have been contacting us asking for help during the **Festive Season**. We know it's not easy to find a room at this time of the year. But our clients in the Americas' portfolio still have availability either for **Christmas** or **New Year's Eve**. So please drop us a line with your last-minute requests and we will assist you and make the connections as needed.

In the meantime — and while you look for travel inspiration — pour yourself a glass of wine (or a cup of coffee if you're still at the office) and read our blogs below.

I look forward to your booking requests . . . **Central and South America** are waiting for you and your clients!

Best regards,



Upcoming Webinars

News at a Glance

Chile Concept

- **Looking for availability during Festive Season?** Chile Concept not only has amazing deals with the most relevant hotels across Chile...they also have guaranteed space in Atacama, Patagonia and Easter Island. [Contact us](#) if you have any request for either Christmas or New Years' Eve and we will help you with a memorable itinerary for your clients.
- **Chile has eased all entry restrictions!** As of **September 1st**, visitors to Chile **don't need** to validate and/or homologate their vaccinations nor fill in any sworn declaration (known as "*Travel Affidavit*"). The mobility pass is no longer required and your proof of vaccination is all that you need to move within Chile. Tourists non fully vaccinated still need to present a negative PCR test.
- [Contact us](#) as we can tailor the perfect itinerary to discover the best of Chile.

Colombian Journeys

- **Recovery and growth of international tourism.** In a study conducted by *Migración Colombia*, it was identified that during **the first semester of 2022** more than 1.9 million foreign tourists entered Colombia, which represents **a growth of 218.7% international flights, a percentage above the international air traffic that only reached 65% recovery worldwide** compared to last year and an 88.2% of recovery since 2019 when 2.2 million foreigners visited. Also, during the same period, the Colombian Association of Travel Agencies and Tourism (ANATO) registered a recovery of 99%. Bogotá, Medellín, Cartagena, Cali, San Andrés, Santa Marta and Pereira are the main national destinations chosen for travelling.
- **Boat service schedule - Las Islas Hotel (Baru).** The shared boat service from Las Islas Hotel in Cartagena **changed its schedule starting August 1st, 2022**, having the space for pre-registration at 1:30pm in the Bodeguita harbor of

Cartagena door #2 and leaving at 2pm in the shared boat to the hotel for an approximately 45-minute ride.

- **Excursions to the Aquarium & Johnny Cay (San Andrés).** The excursions to the Aquarium and Johnny Cay in San Andrés **have changed**. Lunch is no longer included for biosafety reasons and the itineraries begin with the visit to the aquarium returning at noon to San Andrés to take lunch (free time – lunch not included) and around 2pm continue with the tour to Johnny Cay.
- **Horse riding experience - Coffee Region.** Horse riding tour through a traditional Hacienda that belongs to a family from Antioquia descendent from colonizers and horse breeders who organize cultural experiences in which they share their passion for animals, Spanish customs and Colombian traditions. Here, you will have the opportunity to observe the landscape from the Coffee Region, the coffee plantations and their workers, enjoy birds singing and the peacefulness from the mountain. You will get a tour through the stables, an explanation of the races and an Arabian and Spanish horse show. If you wish, you can participate voluntarily in the “*HRB fight against drought*” project. Duration: approx. 4 hours plus transfers from and to your lodging place. Note: includes snacks, fruit, and beverages from the region.

Enchanted Expeditions

- Missed our last webinar "**Explore Ecuador's birding Utopia with Enchanted Expeditions**"? Don't worry! You can watch it [here](#).
- **Last Minute Specials!** We're offering **special cruise pricing** for **selected departures** during **September and October**. Take advantage of incredible deals and explore the Galapagos Islands on M/Y Beluga or M/Y Cachalote Explorer. The specials range from \$2,090 to \$3,100 USD (6-day and 8-day cruise). More info [here](#).
- The Enchanted Galapagos Lodge (located in the highlands of Santa Cruz Island) will be closed until **mid of October, 2022**.
- **Looking for availability during Festive Season?** M/Y Beluga and M/Y Cachalote Explorer still have some cabins left on the **December 14th** departure (8-day cruise). And there are also some others for M/Y Beluga on the **January 4th** departure (8-day cruise). [Contact us](#) for further information and/or for securing a spot for your clients.

Grand Hotels Lux

- **Opening soon!** The Grand Center will be **Punta del Este's** premier venue for events, creating an inspiring environment perfect for any occasion. **The Grand Center**, an impressive building for Social and Corporate Events flexible to any kind of requirement, from weddings to conferences to work meetings, will offer an abundance of natural light and an outstanding view of the gardens and the ocean.
- New **Reservations'** email address for Recoleta Grand Hotel in **Buenos Aires!** Please make sure to update your address book and send your booking requests to reservebue@grand-hotels-lux.com.

- New **Reservations'** email address for our hotels in the **Iguazu Falls!** You can now send your booking requests and/or check availability for Iguazu Grand Resort and Panoramic Grand Hotel at reserveigr@grand-hotels-lux.com.

La Coralina Island House

- **Looking for availability during Festive Season?** We still have some rooms available at our adults only (12 years and above) **luxury resort** located on the banks of the **Caribbean Sea**. Rates starting at \$513 USD per room per night (double basis). Taxes are not included and we require a 5 nights minimum length of stay. [Contact us](#) to secure a room for your clients.
- **Agent Trade Pack!** Looking for photos and videos? Or maybe a list of activities to enjoy while in Bocas del Toro? What about a hotel's factsheet? Check out all the **marketing and sales materials** you need from La Coralina Island House, the newest luxury resort in Bocas del Toro! Click [here](#).
- Traveling to **Panama?** Or maybe you are interested in experiencing first hand the newest luxury resort in **Bocas del Toro?** [Contact us](#) for **discounted travel agent rates** with La Coralina Island House.

Las Torres Reserve

- **Last Minute Offer!** W Circuit Express Program will get upgraded to Hotel Las Torres Patagonia. New bookings (either at fully equipped camping sites or mountain hostels) staying before October 31st, 2022 will get upgraded to the hotel on the first night. [Contact us](#) for more info.
- We are in the grand final of **Adventure in Motion!** Our short film "**Sustainable Cocktails Made in Patagonia**" is the winner in the "**Adventure Needs Community**" category of the Adventure In Motion contest organized by the Adventure Travel Trade Association (ATTA). We are very proud to represent Patagonia, Chile and Latin America at the Adventure Travel World Summit 2022 in Lugano, Switzerland on October 5th where 800 professionals from the travel industry will vote for one of the three category winners to be named best film. We invite you to learn more and read the full story [here](#).
- **Agent Trade Pack!** Check out the latest version of all the **marketing and sales materials** you need from Las Torres Reserve (both, the trekking circuits and Hotel Las Torres Patagonia): published rates, special packages and programs, photo and video galleries, booking policies, and more! Click [here](#).

Best Things to Do in Bocas del Toro

With its incredibly comfy rooms, pampering spa, gourmet cuisine, and Caribbean beach, it would be easy to never leave **La Coralina Island House**.



But for those who like to explore there are plenty of other ways to discover the tropical paradise Bocas del Toro archipelago in Panama. *Read more [here](#).*

Uruguay's Punta del Este Goes Year Round

The Grand Hotel Punta del Este recently has interviewed Martin Laventure, Director of Tourism of Maldonado state and home of Uruguay's popular Punta del Este beach resort has become a year-round vacation destination and not just a southern hemisphere summer playground.

Continue reading [here](#).



What's Your Favorite Chile?



With many different regions — ranging from Easter Island and sophisticated Santiago to the unrelenting Atacama Desert and sub-polar Tierra del Fuego — Chile is like a dozen countries rolled into one.

Which flavor matches your Chile expectations?

Chile Concept helps you decide with a veteran, professional staff with a passion for their South

American homeland. *Read more [here](#).*

Colombia's "Lost City"

Founded around 1,500 years ago, Ciudad Perdida in the Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta is Colombia's equivalent of Machu Picchu. **Colombian Journeys** can take you there on an unforgettable five-day/four-night jungle trek. [More here.](#)



5 Great Reasons to Book Your Galápagos Vacation Now!



And you thought there was just one — the incredible wildlife! Check out these other reasons to visit the amazing Ecuadorian archipelago with **Enchanted Expeditions**. *Continue reading [here.](#)*

Patagonia Like You've Never Seen It Before

Whet your appetite for a trip to **Las Torres Reserve** and the rest of Patagonia by watching a new CNN nature documentary series called Patagonia: Life On the Edge of the World. [More here.](#)



Sustainable Cocktails - Bar Pionero

Meet Federico Gil, elite bartender at **Las Torres Reserve**, who 11 years ago arrived with his brother from Uruguay and continues to create incredible drinks that convey a message of conservation from the cocktail bar at Hotel Las Torres Patagonia in southern Chile.



 <i>The Royal</i> LIVINGSTONE <small>VICTORIA FALLS ZAMBIA HOTEL BY ANANTARA</small>	 ANANTARA <small>BAZARUTO ISLAND RESORT</small>	AVANI <small>Victoria Falls Resort</small>	 Babanango <small>GAME RESERVE</small>
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