



Dear Colleague,

We hope you had a fantastic holiday season and a wonderful New Year! This past December, the Emerging Destinations team were all together for the first time in two years -- what a treat!

South America is hot, one reason why we have decided to host the **Re•think South America Travel Show** powered by Latam Airlines. The first part of the trade show will be virtual and will take place on **February 23rd & 24th**. Registration for travel buyers is **free of charge** and have just opened! If you are interested in attending the 2-days virtual event, establish new relationships, reconnect with old friends in the industry, and create new business opportunities... mark your calendar and register <a href="here">here</a>!

Our clients in the Americas region are very much looking forward to the 2022-2023 season, so please take a look below at the latest news from our portfolio of cool companies in cool places!

Best regards,

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





# 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, Sinovac, Sinopharm, and Covaxin. 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. Safety protocols and entry requirements can be found here.
- Panama welcomes visitors from all countries, either if they are fully vaccinated or not. However, non vaccinated travelers will have to present a negative Covid-19 test for entry. Furthermore, non vaccinated travelers arriving from or that have transited through High Risk Countries in the last 15 days will be required to quarantine for 72 hours in a hotel, at their own cost. Safety protocols for the country require

- masks in public and some towns have mandated a curfew. You can read complete guidelines <u>here</u> or <u>contact us</u> and we will advise on specifics.
- Are you attending Emotions Trade Show in Buenos Aires (February 13th to 16th)? Please make sure to stop by Travel Pioneers' booth and meet our Co-Founder and Director, Katrin von Enden.

#### **Las Torres Reserve**

- Hotel Las Torres Patagonia is already open and will receive guests until the end of April 2022! Make sure to secure your space with its All Inclusive Programs, Puma Trekking or B&B Packages.
- Las Torres Reserve is still taking 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 <a href="here">here</a>.
- Las Torres Reserve has a US dedicated phone number + 1 323 982 3761.
- Missed our last webinar "Q&A session Live from Torres del Paine National Park"? Don't worry! You can watch it here.
- Check out the latest version all of the **marketing materials** (updated November 30th) you need from **Las Torres Reserve**: photo gallery, digital brochures, videos, and more!. Click here.

#### **Grand Hotels Lux**

- 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 <a href="here">here</a>.
- Recoleta Grand Hotel, located in one of the most beautiful neighborhoods of Buenos Aires, is offering an Executive Stay Package valid for stays until December 31st, 2022. The daily rate of \$150 for 2 people in a Deluxe Studio, includes daily breakfast, complimnetary office/private work station during the stay, access to the outdorr swimming pool and Fitness Center, early check and late check out. More info & booking requests here.
- **Iguazu Grand Resort** is offering a special package to welcome international travelers again. The daily rate of \$300 for 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 <a href="here">here</a>.
- 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 <a href="here">here</a>.

## **Canyon Madness Ranch**

- Missed our last webinar "An Intro to Canyon Madness Ranch, a Rare Breed of Madness"? Don't worry! You can watch it here.
- Looking for private travel? Please <u>contact us</u> for information, availability and rates on property buyouts.

#### **Enchanted Expeditions**

- Updated entry requirements to Ecuador! Effective December 1st, 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 AND a negative Covid-19 test taken up to 72 hours before their arrival. Children from 2 to 15 years of age will only be required to present a negative PCR test result, but no proof of vaccination for this age group is required as of today. In addition to these requirements, travelers are required to submit the "Travelers' Health Declaration". More info here.
- All travellers arriving in the **Galapagos Islands** must present a negative PCR test even with proof of full vaccination. More info <a href="here">here</a>.
- Enchanted Expeditions is offering special cruise pricing for selected departures in 2022! Take advantage of those incredible deals an explore the Galapagos
   Islands either on M/Y Beluga or on M/Y Cachalote Explorer. The specials are ranging from \$2,090 to \$3,100 US dollars (6-day and 8-day cruise) and there are more than more than 20 departure dates available during February and March 2022. 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**. <u>Contact us!</u>

## **Chile Concept**

- Updated entry requirements to Chile! (updated January 13th, 2022). The following airports can be used for entry into Chile: Santiago (SCL), Iquique (IQQ), Antofagasta (ANF) and Punta Arenas (PUQ). Open land border crossings: Futaleufu (Los Lagos Region), Huemules (Aysen Region), Jeinimeni (Aysen Region), Austral Integration (Magallanes Region), and Los Libertadores (Valparaiso Region). Regulations & entry requirements: To have completed a vaccination program (2 doses), which must be validated at <a href="merosuments-entropy decirity">merosuments merosuments</a>. To have completed a vaccination program (2 doses), which must be validated at <a href="merosuments-entropy decirity">mevaccumo.gob.cl</a> before entering Chile. All persons over the age of 2, need to present a negative PCR test taken up to 72 hours before boarding. And then, must undergo a second mandatory PCR test performed upon arrival to Chile. Have a health insurance with a minimum coverage of USD30,000 that includes coverage for any expenses arising from Covid-19. Complete the "Traveler's Affidavit" form online up to 48 hours before boarding. More info can be found <a href="merosuments-health-healt
- As of **February 3rd, 2022**, **Easter Island** will be open to tourists again. Visitors to the island will need to be fully vaccinated, and provide a negative PCR test 48 hours before arrival, without the need of quarantine requirement on the island.
- Contact us as we can tailor the perfect itinerary to discover the best of Chile.

### **Colombian Journeys**

- Updated entry requirements to Colombia! Effective December 14th, 2021, new entry requirements apply for all travelers 18 years old and older arriving to Colombia by air: vaccinated non-resident foreign travelers need to present proof of vaccination. Unvaccinated people will not be allowed to enter Colombia. For those who do not have the fully vaccination series or who do not comply 14 days after having finished the schedule, they will be able to enter the country presenting a negative PCR test, issued no more than 72 hours before the boarding date and time. This entry requirement is in addtion, and do not replace, the existing Check-Mig form that need to be filled in between 72 hours and 1 hour prior to arrival in, or departure from, Colombia. The Check-Mig form can be found here. More info here.
- Missed our last webinar "Colombia, an Enchanted Land"? Don't worry! You can watch it here.
- Are you attending Emotions Trade Show in Buenos Aires (February 13th to 16th)? Please make sure to stop by Colombian Journeys' booth and meet our Managing Partner Guillermo Villoria.
- Sofitel Baru Calablanca opened on December 1st, 2021. Located on the Peninsula of Baru (45 minutes boat from Cartagena) and feauturing 187 rooms, 3 restaurants and 7 bars, this hotel is a paradise on the truquoise waters of the Caribbean Sea. <u>Contact us</u> as we have great deals to experience this new property.

#### Mad About Canadian Canyon



Canyon Madness Ranch hovers above one of New Mexico's unsung natural treasures - the awesome Canadian River Canyon. Yeah, it's pretty darn deep. But that's not the only thing that makes the canyon and its river so special. Read more here.

Got Cabin Fever? How About a Beach Escape in Uruguay?

It's not too late to plan a winter beach escape in Punta del Este. After all, it's summer down south. And there's no better place to hit the sand than **The Grand Hotel Punta del Este**.

Uruguay's ultimate sun, sea and sand resort offers more than a dozen miles (20 km) of South Atlantic beaches. *Continue reading here*.



#### Panama - Way More Than a Big Canal



Thanks to its unique geography - a narrow isthmus only 30 miles across in places - Panama makes it easy to visit bothe the Caribbean and Pacific coasts on a single vacation. *Read more here*.

#### Chile's Otherwordly Atacama

One of the world's great deserts and considered the driest place on planet Earth - the Atacama dominates the northern end of Chile. it's no ordinary desert: snowcapped volcanoes, endless beaches, flamingo-filled lakes, and old Spanish colonial towns are also part of the Atacama mix. More <u>here</u>.



The Alternative Amazon - Colombia

When people who have never been there picture Colombia in their minds,



they probably envision the Andes mountains or Caribbean beaches. But it's also one of nine nations that share the vast Amazon Basin. As a matter of fact, more than a third of Colombia's landmass falls within the Amazon. Continue reading <a href="https://example.com/here">here</a>.

## Discover the Quiet Side of South America

Virtually untouched by tourism and considered one of the hidden treasures of South America, Guyana is blessed natural with beauty, pristine rainforests, vast savannahs and extraordinary wildlife. Enchanted **Expeditions** offers four different ways to discover South America's inly English-speaking country. *More here*.



#### Torres del Paine Mountain Tales

**Las Torres Reserve** helps outfit and organize an extraordinary kayak journey and wheelchair trek along the "W" Circuit of Torres del Paine National Park for Australian Paralympic athlete Chris Alp.









































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