



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

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Dear Colleague,

Even though I recently enjoyed a two-week vacation in Rio de Janeiro, worldwide circumstances make me feel like it's time to spend more time with my loved ones and reconnect in a peaceful and remote place.

If you're feeling the same, I invite you to armchair travel with our South and Central American clients. Sit back and imagine what it's like to snorkel or scuba the coral reefs of Bocas del Toro in Panama, soak in the Tabacon Hot Springs of Costa Rica, swim with penguins, sea lions and marine iguanas in the Galapagos Islands, trek Chile's incomparable Torres del Paine National Park, birdwatch in the Antioquia rainforest in Colombia, feel the spray on your face at Iguazú Falls in northern Argentina, bike the jacaranda-lined avenues of Buenos Aires, or simply taste a Tannat wine at any of Punta del Este's renowned cellars or vineyards.

And if you decide to convert any of those dreams into reality, take the time to catch up on the latest news and offers in this month's newsletter from our cool clients in the western hemisphere . . . and pick your next travel destination!

If you need assistance with anything, we're always here for you. Also, feel free to book a virtual appointment with us (above) so we can chat and help with your trip planning.

Best regards,

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



## Upcoming Webinars

# News at a Glance

### Chile Concept

- **Updated entry requirements to Chile! (as of March 15th, 2022).** To have completed a vaccination program (2 doses), which must be validated at [mevacuno.gob.cl](https://mevacuno.gob.cl) before entering Chile. All persons over the age of 2, need to present a negative PCR test taken up to 72 hours before boarding. Have a health insurance with a minimum coverage of \$30,000 US dollars that includes coverage for any expenses arising from Covid-19. Complete the "**Traveler's Affidavit**" form online up to 48 hours before boarding. A PCR or antigen test shall be randomly done at the point of entry into Chile. More info can be found at Chile's Official Site [here](#).
- [Contact us](#) as we can tailor the perfect itinerary to discover the best of Chile.

### Colombian Journeys

- President Iván Duque announced that as of March 1<sup>st</sup>, all places where at least 70% of the population has been fully vaccinated, the **mandatory use of masks in open spaces will be eliminated**. The cities and departments where this program will start to operate will be Bogotá, Medellín, Barranquilla, Nariño, Tolima, Santander, Boyacá, Quindío, and other 451 municipalities.
- On November 20<sup>th</sup>, Hurricane Lota devastated 98% of Providence Island's infrastructure which depended mostly on tourism and its residents faced very difficult times. Today, we are proud to announce that the Colombian Government informed that the recovery and reconstruction of the island is almost complete and is expected **to be open to tourism on June 23<sup>rd</sup>**. **Providencia** offers beautiful landscapes and it is the second largest coral reef in the northern hemisphere. The island is known for its colonial history, its inhabitants, its Caribbean style colourful wooden slat houses and its tranquillity. The island is a 20 minute flight from **San Andres** or an 8 hour boat ride. The 17km<sup>2</sup> of empty bays found here make this an ideal location or enjoying the sea and the beach, perfect for relaxing or water sports such as scuba diving or snorkelling.
- In response to the indigenous community request (to aid in its ecological, environmental and spiritual recovery and healing), the **Tayrona National Park** will be closed from June 1st to 15th and from October 19th to November 2nd.

- The **Iguaque Flora and Fauna Sanctuary**, located about 25 minutes from **Villa de Leyva**, is temporarily closed due to renovation works in the tourism infrastructure surrounding the protected area in order to improve the visitor's experience. The Sanctuary may reopen again in April, but exact dates weren't confirmed yet.
- Are you attending the **Emotions Buenos Aires Trade Show** from April 3rd to 6th? Please make sure to visit Colombian Journeys' booth and/or schedule a meeting with Managing Director Guillermo Villoria.

## Enchanted Expeditions

- Missed our last webinar "**Galapagos & mainland Ecuador, a perfect combination**"? Don't worry! You can watch it [here](#).
- **Updated entry requirements to Ecuador!** As of February 11th, all travelers will be required to fill out and sign a *Personal Health Statement* before disembarking from the plane. This document should be handed into the Ministry of Health representatives at the immigration lounge before clearing customs. In addition to this, all travelers older than 3 years must present a negative PCR test taken up to 3 days before their flight to Ecuador **OR** proof of having received the complete schedule of Covid-19 vaccine 14 days or more prior to their arrival in the country. More info can be found at Ecuador's Official Site [here](#).
- Enchanted Expeditions is offering **special cruise pricing** for **selected departures in 2022!** Take advantage of those incredible deals and 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 is still availability on some March and April departure dates. More info [here](#).

## Grand Hotels Lux

- Missed our last webinar "**Discover the highlights of Buenos Aires month by month**"? Don't worry! You can watch it [here](#).
- If you can work from anywhere, why not work from somewhere extraordinary? **The Grand Hotel Punta del Este** is offering some extra perks for those planning a **Workcation in Punta del Este**: Bookings of 3 or more consecutive nights will **get extra 15% off**. To access this special offer, please enter code **ED2022** when booking the room or suite on [www.puntagrand.com](http://www.puntagrand.com) or give this special discount code to the Reservations' department ([reservas@puntagrand.com](mailto:reservas@puntagrand.com)). All bookings will include wifi, free local calls, coffeemaker and complimentary capsules, Aqua di Parma toiletries, among other in-room amenities. Valid for stays before October 31st, 2022 and do not apply for Easter Holiday. Non combinable with other promotions and/or discounts. Subject to availability.
- **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 an **Executive Stay Package** valid for stays until December 31st, 2022. The daily rate of \$150 US dollars for 2 people in a Deluxe Studio

includes daily breakfast, complimentary office/private work station during the stay, access to the outdoor swimming pool and Fitness Center, early check and late check out. More info & booking requests [here](#).

## La Coralina Island House

- In conjunction with Therese Skovgaard Poulsen from **Veda Wellness Retreats** (Bali) during 2022 we will be offering 6 amazing **Yoga Retreats**. Pick the date that best suits you or your clients (**available dates in March, April, May & December**). Check exact dates, schedule, prices and further information to **secure a spot** for you and/or your clients [here](#). A great opportunity to spend 4 days with Therese as she will be sharing her knowledge and health techniques!
- Are you organising a **multigenerational trip** or looking for a **special venue for a small group's celebration**? La Coralina Island House can offer you its **Grand Villa** (The House). Featuring 1 master bedroom + 5 suites, infinity private swimming pool facing La Coralina Bay, spacious living room, and chef services, among other VIP services, it's the perfect place for groups up to 24 people, traveling in the same bubble and looking for a memorable experience. [Contact us](#) for more information, availability and a customized proposal.
- **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 at the Panama's Official Site [here](#).

## Las Torres Reserve

- Missed our last webinar "**History of Las Torres Reserve and how the company came to be**"? Don't worry! You can watch it [here](#).
- The famous trail to Torres Base in Torres del Paine National Park, one of the most hiked in Patagonia, has been suffering inevitable erosion. In order to control and improve the state of the trails in the Park and lead the design and construction of new trails, an alliance was formed between Las Torres Reserve, Conservation VIP, CONAF and Torres del Paine Legacy Fund, to work together with the same goals. More info [here](#).
- Need digital brochures, maps, rates, photos, videos, etc? Be sure to check **Las Torres Reserve Trade Pack** [here](#).
- **Las Torres Reserve** has a US dedicated phone number + 1 323 982 3761. You can also contact them (even on weekends) via WhatsApp + 56 9 8357 9064.

## Travel Pioneers

- Missed our last webinar "**A romantic getaway in Costa Rica**"? Don't worry! You can watch it [here](#).
- **Updated entry requirements to Costa Rica!** Beginning April 1st, **Costa Rica** will no longer require travelers to complete an online Health Pass when visiting the destination. In addition, unvaccinated travelers will no longer be required to

purchase a travel insurance policy. More info can be found at the Costa Rica Tourism Board's website [here](#).

- **Updated entry requirements to Belize!** Effective March 1st, fully vaccinated travelers, who can show proof of vaccination, are no longer required to present a negative Covid-19 test for entry into **Belize's** airport, land borders or seaports. More info can be found at Belize's Tourism Official site [here](#).
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## La Coralina Island House joins Emerging Destinations



Emerging Destinations is pleased to welcome **La Coralina Island House** to our portfolio of cool companies in Latin America and other cool destinations around the globe.

Located in the Bocas del Toro Archipelago along Panama's Caribbean coast, La Coralina overlooks a turquoise bay and golden-sand beach along the west side of Isla Colon.

*Read more [here](#).*

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## Hotel Spotlight: Recoleta Grand Hotel

The **Recoleta Grand** is strategically located in the vibrant Recoleta neighborhood, the cultural and financial center of Buenos Aires. Ideal for a leisure or business stay, the hotel pulsates urban energy, boasting its own style, elegance and culture, while being close to many of the Argentina capital's main streets and attractions. *Continue reading [here](#).*



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Coffee Kids



**Travel Pioneers** vision is to inspire travelers and truly make a difference in their lives. The Costa Rica-based travel bespoke travel company aims to contribute through experience and by working hand in hand with local communities in Latin America through organization like Coffee Kids. *Read more [here](#).*

### Chile's Lakes & Volcanoes Region

South of the wine country and north of Patagonia is another Chile's many magical regions, an area of big lakes, snowcapped peaks, and villages founded by German and Swiss settlers that looks a lot more like the Alps than your typical image of South America.



**Chile Concept** offers three custom-designed experiences in the region. *More [here](#).*

### Don't Miss Disney's "Enchanted" Colombia



*Encanto* - the new animated movie from Disney - tells the tale of an extraordinary family who live in the mountains of Colombia, in a magical house, in a vibrant town, in a wondrous, charmed place called Encanto.

Be sure to catch the film and plan your own enchanted vacation in the colorful South American nation with **Colombian Journeys**. *Continue reading*

*[here](#).*

### Ecuador's Captivating Pacific Coast

A visit to the Pacific Coast of Ecuador will give travelers a completely different view of Ecuador - nature reserves, archeological ruins, cacao and banana plantations. *More [here](#).*



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## The Perfect Patagonia Honeymoon



**Hotel Las Torres** offers the perfect balance of thrilling adventures and quiet, romantic moments for newlyweds and couple looking to enjoy a honeymoon experience amid one of the world's most dramatic landscapes. *Continue reading [here](#).*

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## The Galapagos Islands are a Pristine Paradise

This short National Geographic video showcases a few of the reasons why the Galapagos Islands are considered a living laboratory of evolution that helped inspire Charles Darwin.



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