

Welcome to 2023, Colleague!

On behalf of the Emerging Destinations team, we hope you had a wonderful Holiday Season and New Year! We are excited to see what 2023 holds for us and hope that it's a great year for you, too.

Below you can browse our team's upcoming travel schedule and news from our fantastic Europe portfolio.

Don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or would like to book an appointment with me to learn more about any of our cool clients in cool places!

Wishing you all the best in 2023!



The Emerging Destinations team Jenna, Jane, & Ana

# Upcoming Travel! Emerging Destinations On The 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:

- Washington, DC: Tuesday, January 24
- Canada: Edmonton/Leduc/Red Deer: Monday, January 23 to Friday, January 2

- Reno, NV: Tuesday, January 31 & Wednesday, February 1
- Sacramento, CA: Thursday, February 2
- Truckee, CA: Friday, February 3
- St. Petersburg/Sarasota/Tampa, FL: Monday, February 27
- Naples, FL: <u>Tuesday, February 28</u>
- Fort Lauderdale, FL: Wednesday, March 1
- Miami, FL: Thursday, March 2 & Friday, March 3
- San Diego, CA: Monday, March 20 & Tuesday, March 21
- Orange County/Los Angeles, CA: Wednesday, March 22 to Friday, March 23
- Los Angeles & area, CA: Monday, March 27 & Tuesday, March 28
- San Francisco/San Jose, CA: Wednesday, March 29 to Friday, March 31
- Canada: Calgary: <u>April</u>



# **News at a Glance**

## **Iceland ProCruises**

- Our Early Bird Discount has been extended! Save 20% on any Iceland ProCruises 2023 sailings by booking before February 28th, 2023. Check out details here!
- Iceland ProCruises has announced a Iceland Circumnavigation Family special!
- Our Sales & Marketing Manager, Svenja Laukart, is accepting 1:1 virtual meetings
   Monday through Friday until January 30th. Please <u>let us know</u> if you'd like to book
   a meeting with her to learn more about Iceland ProCruises!

# **Iceland ProTravel**

- Delta Air Lines To Launch Detroit Keflavik Flights Next Year! Read more **here**.
- Have clients travelling to Iceland this winter? <u>Check out</u> some travel advice and tips!
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#### **Pax More Greece**

• **Costa Navarino** in the Peloponnese, Greece, was the recipient of two leading global accolades at the 9th annual Gala Ceremony of the World Golf Awards. Held recently in Abu Dhabi, the event saw a global gathering of golf industry pioneers, influencers and leading figureheads where the best golf organizations were honored following a year-long search for the world's favorite golf tourism and hospitality brands.

- Acropolis in Athens Becomes Accessible to Visually Impaired Visitors, as a tactile
  route has been recently inaugurated as part of a larger program aiming to make the
  Acropolis monument in Athens accessible.
- Athens' Odeon of Herodes Atticus in Top 10 of World's most beautiful theaters. The Odeon of Herodes Atticus, located on the southwest slope of the Acropolis hill in Athens, was recently hailed as one of the Most Beautiful Theaters in the World. The recognition comes as part of a study conducted by Premier Inn, UK's largest hotel brand with over 800 hotels, which used eye-tracking technology to study which theaters people's eyes were drawn to the most.
- The **Grand Hyatt Athens** is in the process of wrapping up a major expansion project, which will make it the largest Grand Hyatt-branded hotel in Europe.

## Icelands Culinary Revelations



Tasting Iceland doesn't only mean enjoying the fresh fish and Icelandic lamb onboard **Iceland ProCruises**. It also means getting to know the local specialties during our excursions.

These are just a few of the flavorsome things that passengers can do during IPC's 10-day/9night "Iceland Circumnavigation"

voyages in the summer of 2023:

Meet and chat with local fisherman Kári who lives in Ísafjördur fishing village. **Read More** 

# Spice up your vacation on Spetses, the island of the spices

Known as Isola di Spezzie (Island of Spices) under Venetian rule, at just 54 nautical miles from Athens, lies a picturesque, car-free island with a unique architecture, naval history and culture. Spetses flourished during the early 18th century, developing into a significant naval power, dominating the major shipping routes of the Mediterranean.

#### **Continue Reading**



# Iceland's Golden Circle



If you've ever wondered what the Golden Circle is, how it got its name, and what its must-see spots are, **Iceland ProTravel** all the answers.

The Golden Circle (Gullni hringurinn in Icelandic) got its name because the circular route from Reykjavik — which you can easily do in one day — features three of the country's main attractions — Thingvellir, Geysir and Gullfoss. The gold

derives from Gullfoss, which literally means "Golden Waterfall." More Here

#### The Secret Side of Greek History

Travel to places where time has stood still.

...Where ancient kings lie behind marble doors.

...Where echoes of ancient drama can still be heard

...Where rocks have remained untouched for thousands of years

...Where the Oracle's prophesies still stand.

... And where castles shine in the bright Mediterranean light.

Ready to see the whole picture? Click onto <a href="www.visitgreece.gr">www.visitgreece.gr</a> to find out more about all of the things you can discover in Greece no matter what the season.

Then ask the experts at **Pax More** (<u>www.paxmore.gr/en/</u>) to design your perfect Greece vacation.



# Cheers to Greek Wine!

This is the last of Jane Behrend's trip reports on her recent visit to Greece with Pax More.

Retsina may be the best-known Greek wine, but it's far from being the best.
With a viniculture heritage that stretches back more than 6,500 years — and 28 main wine producing regions and 20 indigenous grape varieties — Greece now



produces some of the best vintage in the Mediterranean region.

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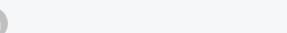
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