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Dear Colleague,

Spring has finally arrived and there's lots of action at Emerging Destinations!

Jessie has moved to **Dallas**, where her husband accepted a great new job. So if you're in the Dallas-Fort Worth area — or based in any Texas city — please let us know because she's starting to visit every corner of the Lonestar State, spreading the word about the Emerging Destinations portfolio.

For those of you based in **New York City** and surroundings, Jane will soon be hosting the **Re**•**think South America Trade Show powered by Latam Airlines**, scheduled for **May 19th & 20th** at the Kimpton Hotel Eventi. Please let us know if you would like to attend (for free) or simply register <u>here</u>.

Last but not least, I'm doing in-person sales calls and hosting some breakfasts, lunches and cocktail parties in **NY**, **CT and RI** on **June 15th**, **16th and 17th**. If you're based in any of those beautiful Northeast states, please let me know and I'll be happy to add you to the attendance lists!

If you're still planning summer holidays for your clients, please make sure to check below for last minute deals in South and Central America.

As always, we're happy to assist with anything you need! If you'd like to catch up or need any kind of help, book a virtual appointment with me <u>here</u>.

Best regards,





News at a Glance

Chile Concept

- Chile has softened its entry requirements. All land borders throughout the national territory will open again on May 1st; reconnecting with countries such as Peru, Argentina, and Bolivia. Furthermore, Covid tests are no longer required to enter the country. Full vaccination is mandatory and needs to be validated on <u>mevacuno.gob.cl</u> before entering Chile (we recommend doing it 7 to 10 days minimum prior to departure). You need to have health insurance with a minimum coverage of \$30,000 US dollars that includes coverage for any expenses arising from Covid-19. A PCR or antigen test can be randomly done at the point of entry into Chile.
- Missed our last webinar "Atacama Desert, the driest place on Earth"? Don't worry! You can watch it <u>here</u>.
- <u>Contact us</u> as we can tailor the perfect itinerary to discover the best of Chile.

Colombian Journeys

- As of April 1st, the mandatory use of masks in open spaces has been eliminated in any town where at least 70% of its population have been fully vaccinated. This includes Bogota, Medellin, Barranquilla, Nariño, Tolima, Santander, Boyaca, and Quindio.
- **Encanto**, the Disney's animated film inspired by the history, geography and culture of Colombia, has won the **Best Animated Film Award** in the Oscar's Ceremony celebrated on March 27th. The song "*We don't talk about Bruno*" has been leading the Billboard charts for several weeks now, as well as the entire soundtrack; it even got more reproductions and sales than British singer Adele's last album. If you missed our webinar "**Colombia, an enchanted land**" you can watch it here.
- **Update on the Festival of the Flowers**! Dates have changed and now it will take place from August 8th to 15th, being the **Silleteros Parade** on the last day. This festival celebrates the traditions of the Antioquian culture as well as the art of being a *Silletero*, an ancestral practice that lives in the memory and heritage of the city

and the country. This celebration is held every year since 1957 and this year will be 100% in person.

- When planning excursions in Bogota, please remember that the Gold Museum (*Museo del Oro*) is closed on Mondays and the Botero Museum is closed on Tuesdays. Additionally, this year both museums will be closed the following dates: May 1st, May 29th, June 19th, December 24th, 25th and 31st. The Gold Museum will be also closed on December 8th.
- Ultra Air, the new low-cost airline in Colombia, started commercial flights operations on February 23rd. The first routes with two Airbus A-320 CEO Units are: Bogota-Medellin-Bogota, Bogota-Cali-Bogota, Bogota-Cartagena-Bogota, Bogota-Santa Marta-Bogota, Bogota-San Andres-Bogota, Medellin-Cartagena-Medellin, and Medellin-Santa Marta-Medellin.

Enchanted Expeditions

- **Updated entry requirements to Ecuador!** As of February 11th, all travelers over 3 years old entering the country by air must present a vaccination certificate with its QR code or a valid vaccination card with at least 14 days validity after your last vaccination. Those who do not have the complete series of shots may present a negative result of a PCR test carried out up to 72 hours prior to shipment to Ecuador or the Galapagos Islands. Any passenger under 3 years old doesn't need to present these requirements. The only type of test authorized for entry into the country is PCR. More info can be found at Ecuador's Official Site <u>here</u>.
- Last minute Summer Specials! Save in the Sun this Summer on these Enchanted Expeditions Galapagos cruise departures... Explore the **Galapagos Islands** either on M/Y Beluga or on M/Y Cachalote Explorer this summer and save on select departure dates during May, June, July & August. The specials are ranging from \$2,090 to \$3,100 US dollars (6-day and 8-day cruise). More info here.
- **Enchanted Galapagos Lodge** on Santa Cruz Island is ready to receive guests again after 2 years of renovations and significant improvements to the guests rooms and common areas. More info <u>here</u>.

Grand Hotels Lux

- Argentina has softened its entry requirements. Covid tests are no longer required to enter the country. Furthermore, vaccination is highly recommended but not mandatory. International travellers only need to submit a sworn statement 48 hours prior to arriving in Argentina. You can find it <u>here</u>. Medical travel insurance that includes/covers hospitalisation, quarantine, and transportation in case of Covid-19 for those who test positive, are suspected of Covid-19 infection or are in contact with a confirmed case.
- **Uruguay has softened its entry requirements.** Covid tests are no longer required to enter the country for people fully vaccinated or who have had the disease between 10 and 90 days prior to arrival in Uruguay. In case of having contracted Covid-19, the positive test result must be presented between a maximum of 90 days and up to 10 days prior to boarding or arrival in the country. You must have health insurance with a specific Covid-19 coverage

plan. Unvaccinated people can enter the country but will need to present a negative PCR test taken no more than 72 hours prior to boarding. A sworn statement must be completed prior to arriving in Uruguay. You can find it <u>here</u>.

We have recently launched our Grand Romance Packages, a great opportunity to combine Beach, Jungle & City on an unforgettable romantic experience in Argentina & Uruguay. More info <u>here</u>.

La Coralina Island House

- Are you traveling to Panama? Or maybe interested of experiencing by first hand the newest luxury resort in Bocas del Toro? <u>Contact us</u> for discounted travel agent rates with La Coralina Island House.
- In conjunction with Therese Skovgaard Poulsen from Veda Wellness Retreats
 (Bali) during 2022 we will be offering 4 amazing Yoga Retreats. Pick the date that
 best suits you or your clients (available dates in May & December). Check exact
 dates, schedule, prices and further information to secure a spot for you and/or
 your clients <u>here</u>. 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. <u>Contact us</u> for more information, availability and a customized proposal.
- Panama lifts masks regulations in outdoor spaces! More info 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 <u>here</u>.
- Don't miss "*Our Great National Parks*" on Netflix. A five-part documentary series about some of the world's most breathtaking national parks and the wildlife presented by former USA's president Barack Obama. On Episode 2, we will be able to explore the Chilean Patagonia, which features 24 unique national parks and is rapidly becoming one of the most protected places on the planet.
- We would like to present our offer of experiences, hotel rack rates (commissionable) and general booking policy for the upcoming season 2022-2023. Hotel Las Torres Patagonia will operate from September 22nd, 2022 to April 30th, 2023. Click <u>here</u>.
- We recognize that you, our clients, are looking for quick, efficient bookings, which is why we now offer a **new booking channel**, vía WHATSAPP, where you will be able to contact any one of our sales executives, who will be connected and ready to help you right away. To book or ask about availability via WhatsApp: + 56 9 8357 9064.
- Las Torres Reserve has a US dedicated phone number + 1 323 982 3761.

Travel Pioneers

- Updated entry requirements to Costa Rica! (as of April 1st). The temporary immigration measures for entering Costa Rica put in place due to the Covid-19 pandemic are repealed. This eliminates the requirement to complete the epidemiological form known as the *Health Pass* and the requirement of medical insurance for unvaccinated foreigners. All commercial establishments, activities, and events can operate at 100% capacity. Costa Rica maintains the requirement for the mandatory use of masks, the protocol for washing hands and taking temperatures, as well as compliance with health protocols for each tourist activity. More info can be found at the Costa Rica Tourism Board's website <u>here</u>.
- Updated entry requirements to Panama! (as of April 6th). Panama welcomes visitors from all countries, either if they are fully vaccinated or not. Travelers will not have to present a negative Covid-19 test for entry as long as they can provide physical or digital proof of at least 2 doses or complete vaccination scheme endorsed by the WHO, EMA and FDA, equal to or greater than 14 days after the last dose. Non-vaccinated or partially vaccinated travelers will be required to present a negative Covid-19 PCR or antigen test taken no more than 72 hours prior to their arrival to Panama. You can read complete guidelines at the Panama's Official Site <u>here</u>.
- Are you attending the **L.E/Miami Trade Show** from June 13th to 16th? Please make sure to visit Travel Pioneers' booth and/or schedule a meeting with Founders Catalina Herrera and Katrin Kirchhof.

Why We Love Costa Rica's Caribbean Coast



Two oceans border Costa Rica: the Atlantic Ocean in the east, and the Pacific Ocean in the west. Althought the coasts are very different in their culture and style, both offer paradisiacal beaches and charming villages with beautiful hotels and lodges. This is why we love Caribbean coast. *Read more <u>here</u>*.

Chile In a Day

On business in Chile, passing through or otherwise short of time? **Chile Concept** offers a number of half- and full-day excursions from Santiago and other major destinations in Patagonia, the Atacama Desert, the Lakes & Volcanoes region, and the Central Valley during which you can discover many of the best aspects of the best of Chile in just a few hours. *Continue reading <u>here</u>*.



Take A Salsa Tour in Cali . . .



... and then dance the night away at traditional local music clubs with **Colombian Journeys**. Viejotecas are dancing rooms where families from Cali reunite to celebrate Salsa, Pachanga, Charanga and Boogaloo from the 70's, 80's, and 90's and are the ideal places to feel and enjoy the most traditional party in the city. *Read more <u>here</u>*.

Galapagos: The Perfect Family Vacation?

With summer vacation just around the corner, it's time to think about taking the kids on the vacation of a lifetime in the Galapagos Islands. Let **Enchanted Expeditions** guide the way with a family sail on the 16passenger Nemo III. *More <u>here</u>*.



How to be a Responsible Traveler in Patagonia



Five tips on how visitors to southern Chile can respect both the environment and its inhabitants while staying at **Las Torres Reserve** or hiking the W or O Circuits at Torres del Paine National Park. *Continue reading <u>here</u>*.

Panama's Primo Paradise Islands

La Coralina Island House - the newest member of the Emerging Destinations family - lies along the east coast of the Isla Colón, the main island of the exotic Bocas del Toro archipelago on western Panama. *More <u>here</u>*.



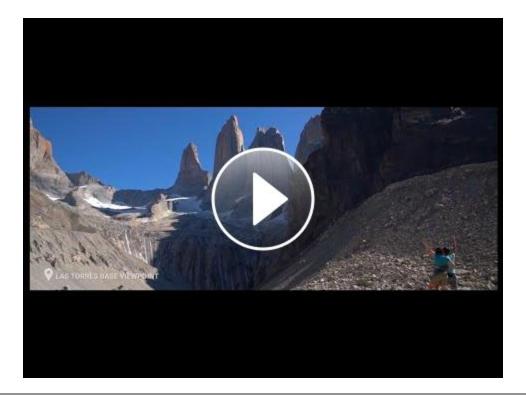
Hotel Spotlight: Iguazu Grand



From spacious Junior Suites to the imposing Diamond Collection, the 134 rooms of the **Iguazu Grand** in northern Argentina immerse you in the elegance of one of the prestigious hotels at Iguazú Falls. *Continue reading* <u>here</u>.

How to hike the "W" Circuit in Torres del Paine

The "W" Circuit is the perfect way to explore Torres del Paine National Park. You can find different accommodation options (camping, mountain hostels, cabins and hotel) and chose your perfect trip length. Live this great outdoor adventure and get ready for an unforgettable trip to the Eighth Natural Wonder of the World!





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