

News on Enchanted Expeditions, Guyana Tourism Authority, Hidalgo Tours, La Coralina Island House, Las Torres Patagonia and River House Lodge Patagonia

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Dear Colleague,

Greetings from a sunny cold day in Buenos Aires! It looks like winter has arrived a month early for us, so what better time to plan a trip to the increasingly warm weather in the US?

Next month, I'm attending the **Travel Leaders Edge Conference** in National Harbor in Maryland and Adventure Elevate in Asheville, North Carolina, both on behalf of Las Torres Patagonia. If you're at either of these shows, please drop me a line so we can schedule a meeting or drinks.

Speaking about trips, last month I attended the **Emotions BA** trade show on behalf of **La Coralina Island House**. If you weren't there but are interested in learning more about this gorgeous hotel on the Caribbean Sea (outside the hurricane belt), feel free to schedule a one-on-one virtual meeting with me <u>here</u> or sign up for our webinar on June 25th <u>here</u>. La Coralina has lots of **special packages** (like the 5x4), yoga retreats, and more for you and your clients.

Another member of the Emerging Destinations portfolio offering great packages — not only for your clients but also **unbeatable fam opportunities** this summer for travel advisors — is **Enchanted Expeditions** in **Ecuador**. Have you been dreaming of sailing the Galapagos Islands? Now is the moment to make that dream come true! Review their special for the travel trade here.

Last month, my colleagues Jenna and Paula embarked on a memorable trip to Bolivia with Hidalgo **Tours DMC** including a stay at the **Palacio de Sal Hotel**, built with more than a million blocks of salt and located on the edge of the **Uyuni Salt Flats**. Please stay tuned for their upcoming webinar on the experience.

While they were exploring Bolivia, Jane and I were discovering **Argentine Patagonia** with our new client **River House Lodge Patagonia**. It was a magical four-days at one of the most cozy but still

luxurious places I have ever stayed. On top of that, our first-time fly-fishing experience was a great success. Jane snagged more than seven trout and I caught (and released) the biggest fish of the day. If you don't believe our fish story, see below the "proof." If you missed our webinar on **River House Lodge Patagonia** last week, you can watch it here.

We invite you to take a read of this month's newsletter. As usual, our clients have amazing news, promos and offers to share with you as well as some secrets to be revealed.

Enjoy the reading!

Ana (on behalf of the ED team: Jane, Jenna, Paula & Ana)



News at a Glance

<u>Hidalgo Tours</u>

- Check out the **Agent Trade Pack** <u>here</u> where you can access (and download) photos, videos, programs, information and much more from Hidalgo Tours DMC and Palacio de Sal Hotel.
- **Travel Industry ALERT!** Contact us for discounted travel agent rates at Palacio de Sal Hotel, the first salt hotel in the world located on the shores of the Uyuni Salt Flats.

Guyana Tourism Authority

- Missed our webinar "Discover Guyana: South America Undiscovered"? Don't worry! You can watch it here.
- Take a look at the May newsletter issued by Guyana Tourism Authority <u>here</u>.
- The Aiden Hotel by Best Western is on track to officially open in August 2024.
- Are you attending the Adventure Elevate North America from June 11 to 13? Please make sure to meet Jane Behrend who will be representing Guyana Tourism Authority.

Enchanted Expeditions

- Take a look at **Summer Promos** to sail the Galapagos Islands with Enchanted Expeditions <u>here</u>. A wide range of departure dates from June to September to offer to your clients.
- Great news for travelers interested in visiting Genovesa and Española Islands! After a monitoring period of 8 months, the Galapagos National Park authorities have lifted all restrictions based on the negative results found for Avian Flu (H5N1) as per the latest evaluation and control of the local bird populations. More here.
- Travel Industry ALERT! Tour operators and travel advisors, this promo is for you. Take advantage
 of this Fam Offer to sail the Galapagos Islands onboard M/Y Beluga or M/Y Cachalote Explorer
 from now to the end of August. More info here.
- Are you attending the Tour & Travel Exchange trade show from June 6 to 9? Please make sure to meet Judy Carvalhal, owner of Enchanted Expeditions.

La Coralina Island House

- Did you know that Bocas del Toro archipelago, where La Coralina Island House is located, is on the Caribbean Sea but **outside** the hurricane belt?
- Take advantage of the **Stay Longer Package** and **get the 5th night for free** when paying 4 consecutive nights. Valid for stays until the end of October. More info here.
- Are you attending the Adventure Travel Trade Association World Summit from October 7 to 10? We are offering special discounted rates for the travel trade interested in a pre or post event, definitely a great opportunity to visit Bocas del Toro and experience our hotel, the newest luxury resort in the area. More info here.

<u>River House Lodge Patagonia</u>

- Missed our webinar "*River House Lodge Patagonia 101*"? Don't worry! You can watch it <u>here</u>.
- You can access the rates for the 2024-2025 season <u>here</u>. Our lodge is all inclusive and you can choose either for the Fishing All Inclusive Program of for the Leisure All Inclusive Program.
- **Great news for the upcoming 2024-2025 season!** We will be including the transfer in & out not only from San Martin de los Andes airport (CPC) but also from San Carlos de Bariloche airport

(BRC)!

<u>Las Torres Patagonia</u>

- Missed our webinar "Hotel Las Torres Patagonia 101"? Don't worry! You can watch it here.
- Are you attending the **Adventure Elevate North America** from June 11 to 13? Please make sure to meet Ana Kammerer who will be representing Las Torres Patagonia.
- We recently signed the **Glasgow Declaration**, an international commitment to combat climate change. More here.

The Secret To An Epic Adventure In Patagonia



Las Torres Patagonia offers a variety of lodging options for adventurers of all kinds looking for an unforgettable experience at the bottom end of the Earth.

Their mountain hostels (*refugios*) are the perfect choice for those who crave more than just a place to rest.

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Uyuni Unlimited - How To Make the Salt Flats Even More Magical

Just driving across Bolivia's incredible Uyuni Salt Flats is a life-changing experience. But you can make it even more magical via the special ways to experience one of South America's great natural wonders offered by **Hidalgo Tours**.

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El Dorado - Guyana's Gold Mystery



Could there really be a stunning undiscovered city of gold in the **Guyana** wilderness?

Exploration of the New World by Europeans inspired a number of fascinating stories about lost worlds and new discoveries.

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Chocolate Tasting in the Galapagos

Growing cacao plants at **Enchanted Galapagos Lodge** started as a fun hobby for owner Judy and her husband Rodolfo. To their surprise, the plants did very well, and they are excited to share with guests.

The tasting experience starts with a casual walk through the lodge orchard to learn about Arriba

Nacional cacao plants — considered the best in the world — and continues with a chance to make fresh artisanal chocolate and then enjoy eating some.

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Bocas Island Hopping - Isla Bastimentos



A short boat ride from Bocas Town, the wild and wonderful Isla Bastimentos is one of the largest islands in the Bocas del Toro archipelago and one of the most popular day trips for guests at **La Coralina Island House**.

It's said that Christopher Columbus christened the island Bastimentos ("*Provisions*") upon setting foot on the island during his fourth and last voyage to the New World in 1502.

Variety is the Spice of River House Lodge

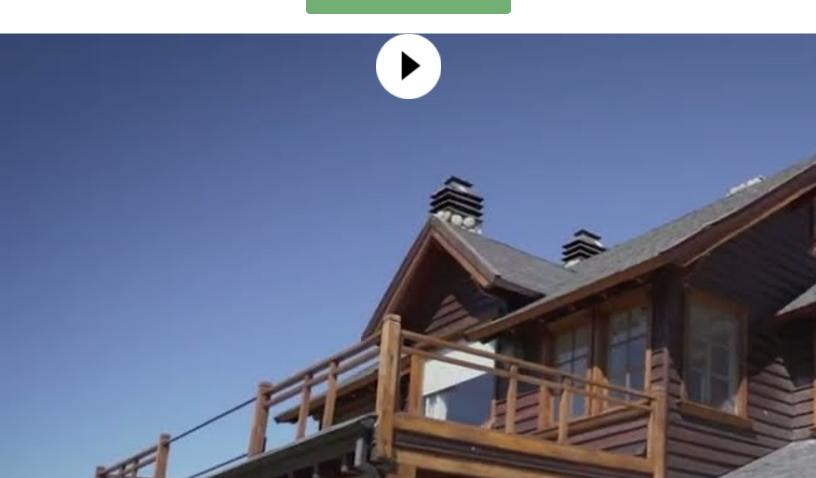
You don't have to be an avid fly fisher to stay at Argentina's **River House Lodge**.

Among the many optional daily activities are hiking, yoga, massage, mountain biking, whitewater rafting, golfing, and even cooking and tango lessons.

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Video of the Month





River House Lodge is located on the Chimehuin River in the north of the Argentine Patagonia. The mythical Chimehuin is one of the most famous rivers in the world for fly fishing. The lodge has six spacious ensuite rooms with excellent amenities and everything you need for an awesome angling adventure on the Chimehuin and other local waterbodies.











































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