

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,

I hope you're enjoying summer and taking advantage of the long days and nice weather to spend some quality time outdoors in nature or playing sports.

For those of you planning a last minute summer escape, I highly recommend taking a short flight to **Panama** and the paradise **Bocas del Toro islands** in the **Caribbean Sea** (it's currently "*wave season*" for good surfing and the archipelago is <u>outside the hurricane belt</u>). Our friends at L**a Coralina Island House** have some great options (like a **5x4**) for you and your clients.

Wildlife lovers can take advantage of some **great discounts** available for sailing the **Galapagos Islands** with **Enchanted Expeditions** onboard any of their three motor yachts. Specials valid on selected departure dates are being offered for the remainder of this month, plus August and September. I've done this trip twice already and can help you convince your clients or decide which itinerary to book.

Patagonia is one of the world's most stunning regions and a once in a lifetime experience for sure. October marks the start of a new season and **Hotel Las Torres** in **Chile** still has availability and will be unveiling rooms completely renovated and refurbished. Find out more below. **River House Lodge** in **Argentina** has some **unbeatable promos** for those who want to enjoy the beauty of the annual spring bloom.

Guyana is always a good choice for adventurous travelers and people looking for remote, off the beaten path places.

I invite you to browse this month's blogs and specials below and hopefully gain some new ideas for your clients' next trips.

Best regards,

Ana (on behalf of the Emerging Destinations team)

News at a Glance

Enchanted Expeditions

- Free (*) air ticket & hotel night for select cruise dates! Have you dreamed of seeing the unique wildlife & stunning landscapes of the Galapagos Islands? A liveaboard boat cruise offers a more immersive experience to observe and photograph iconic species such as marine iguanas, blue-footed boobies, Galapagos penguins, giant tortoises, and so many more, up close in their natural habitat! We're offering special rates for select dates in August & September 2024... 6-day cruise from US\$3,375. Get in touch to plan your dream trip to the enchanted islands! (*) domestic Ecuador mainland to Galapagos return ticket.
- Travel Industry ALERT! Are you traveling to the Galapagos Islands? <u>Contact us</u> for **discounted** travel agent rates at <u>Enchanted Galapagos Lodge</u>, a beautiful and peaceful paradise in the highlands of **Santa Cruz Island**.

<u>La Coralina Island House</u>

- Missed our webinar "*La Coralina Island House 101*'? Don't worry! You can watch it <u>here</u>.
- Take advantage of the **Stay Longer Package 5x4** and **get the 5th night for free** when paying 4 consecutive nights. Valid for stays until the end of October. More info <u>here</u>.
- The "Family Constellations Retreat" will be held at La Coralina Island House from October 9th to
 13th and there're still a few spots available if you have any clients interested in making the first
 step towards a more harmonious life...a once in a lifetime experience! More info (day by day
 schedule, rates, etc) here.
- New Year's Eve Buyout: The House, our private villa facing La Coralina Bay and the Caribbean Sea is the ideal place for you to celebrate the New Years Eve with your loved ones. It's available from December 27th to January 3rd and can accommodate up to 15 people within its 6 ensuite rooms. Take a look at this hidden gem <u>here</u> and <u>contact us</u> if you're interested in getting a customized proposal and/or make a booking.

<u> River House Lodge Patagonia</u>

Special November Discount: Book your stay for November now and receive a special discount of 15%, applicable for both, individual stays as well as the full buyout of the lodge. This offer is available for new bookings only and needs to be made before August 31st. Don't miss out on this opportunity to enjoy our top-notch amenities and beautiful surroundings at a reduced rate. Plan your stay today and take advantage of this limited time offer. For reservations or any inquiries, please contact us at info@riverhousepatagonia.com

- Christmas Buyout: Take advantage of our exclusive offer to book the entire lodge for your family and friends this Christmas. Enjoy the privacy and comfort of having the whole place to yourselves. Our lodge accommodates a maximum of 12 people, making it ideal for an intimate and luxurious holiday gathering. This option is perfect for those looking to celebrate the Festive Season in style and create unforgettable memories. <u>Contact us</u> to receive a customized proposal.
- Holiday Availability (December 22nd 2024 to January 4th 2025): We still have a few spots open for the Festive Season! Enjoy a memorable holiday with us, with a minimum stay of just 3 nights. It's the perfect time to unwind, celebrate and enjoy all that we have to offer during this special time of the year. For reservations, please contact us at info@riverhousepatagonia.com

Las Torres Patagonia

- Join our webinar "Las Torres Patagonia Natural & Cultural Reserve: News & Updates for the 2024 2025 season" on Thursday, August 8th @ 3 pm EDT to learn about all the news and renovations they are doing in preparation for the upcoming season. Please register <u>here</u>
- **W Express +** is a new development at Las Torres for the season that will begin this coming October. This new program allows travelers to take the W Express and add a fourth night at the end to stay at Hotel Las Torres, where they can enjoy all of its comforts and amenities. Download the program with the day by day schedule, pricing, etc <u>here</u>
- Juan Lopez, Director of Sales & Marketing of Las Torres Patagonia, takes on a virtual tour highlighting all improvements, changes and renovations they're introducing for the upcoming season. Learn about it <u>here</u>.
- **Sustainability:** For the period 2023-2024, the Hotel Las Torres composting facility of the biointensive garden processed 17,382 kg of organic waste between October 2023 and April 2024, averaging 2,500 kg per month. A total of 6,190 kg of compost produced for use in the months of January to April of this year, an element that was accompanied by the new fertilizers developed during this period.
- Volunteer at Hotel Las Torres biointensive garden: The application for volunteering is open to anyone over 18 years of age, whether Chilean or foreign. You have until July 31st to apply at <u>huerta@lastorres.com</u>

<u>Hidalgo Tours</u>

- We are on the top 10% of the best things to do in the world by Tripadvisor: A recognition given to the best businesses, chosen by travelers from all over the world. The reviews, experiences and ratings we obtained highlight us as 2024 Tripadvisor's Travelers' Choice.
- You can access the **Agent Trade Pack** <u>here</u>. Download photos, videos, programs and get information from Hidalgo Tours DMC and Palacio de Sal Hotel.
- Travel Industry ALERT! <u>Contact us</u> for discounted travel agent rates at <u>Palacio de Sal Hotel</u>, the first salt hotel in the world located on the shores of the **Uyuni Salt Flats**.

<u>Guyana Tourism Authority</u>

- Interested in attending a Sports Fishing FAM in Guyana this October? Please email Jenna at jenna@emergingdestinations.com for details! *Limited spots available*
- Join our webinar "Guyana: The Diaspora Discovery" next Wednesday, July 24th @ 1 pm EDT to learn about updates in Guyana tourism and the adventures beyond Georgetown. Please register <u>here</u>



Short on time but still wanna see the iconic sights of Peru? This seven-day journey with **Enchanted Expeditions** begins in Lima with a tour of the bustling capital city, continues in Cusco the old capital of the Inca Empire, and ends with the famous ruins of Machu Picchu.

The Lima portion includes the Historic Center where the Spanish conquistadors and padres founded the Peruvian capital in 1535 and continues in chic Miraflores and the Bohemian neighborhood of Barranco overlooking the Pacific Ocean.

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The World's Coolest Bird: Guyana's Harpy Eagles

The Harpy Eagles of **Guyana** are one of the world's largest and most spectacular raptors. This massive bird of prey has fanned-out gray feathers on its head and a black breast band that separates its white belly from the gray face.

How strong is this beauty? According to the World Wildlife Foundation, Harpy Eagles can snatch a sloth from a treetop while flying and carry an animal weighing over 10 kilos (22 lbs.)

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The legendary birthplace of Inca civilization is an island in Lake Titicaca that can be visited on a long daytrip from La Paz, or even better, a multiday getaway organized by **Hidalgo Tours**.

Part of the adventure is just getting there. The journey starts with a 3.5-hour drive from La Paz along the western edge of the Andes that includes the ferry crossing of the Strait of Tiquina.

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San Martin de los Andes Daytrip

San Martín de los Andes makes a great day trip from **River House Lodge Patagonia**. Located on the base of the Andes at the eastern end of Lacar Lake, the picturesque town was founded in the 1890's as a military outpost and service center for local ranching and logging operations.

The creation of Lanin National Park in the 1930s led to decreased logging and increased tourism as the park's primary gateway.

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Weddings at La Coralina



A wedding at **La Coralina Island House** is an invitation to experiencing moments of happiness, idling, dreaming, exploring, encountering, conversing, sharing, healing. A journey that includes memories of a lifetime and some best kept secrets.

The Panama Caribbean resort offers two wedding options:

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Video of the Month



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Latest Updates from Las Torres Patagonia

Learn more about Las Torres Patagonia at <u>https://lastorres.com</u>.



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