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December 2023

Dear Colleague,

We've reached the end of another year. A great one for Emerging Destinations and the clients in our portfolio! We hope that it was amazing for you too.

The Emerging Destinations team just completed 3 days at the USTOA Conference in Los Angeles where we were busy updating US tour operators about our cool clients in cool places!

I assume that we're all very much looking forward for the Festive Season and some well-deserved time off with our families and friends to celebrate and recharge energies for a very promising 2024.

Pour a glass of champagne (or hot chocolate if it's too cold where you are), sit next to your Christmas tree and enjoy reading through our last Americas newsletter of 2023.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Warm regards,

Ana, Jenna & Jane

PS: Check out the Emerging Destinations "Beach Boy" outfits from USTOA below!





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:

[Vancouver/Victoria \(Canada\)](#): February 14th to 22nd, 2024

[West Coast Roadshow \(San Diego, Orange County, Los Angeles\)](#): March 4th to 8th, 2024

[East Coast Roadshow \(Boston, Philadelphia, New York\)](#): March 11th to 15th, 2024

News at a Glance

Chile Concept

- **Private Navigation through Valparaiso Bay.** This product is aimed at those looking to explore unique landscapes differently, open to experiencing the sea, and those who enjoy nature tourism and adventure experiences safely, without any major physical effort, and with good food standards. The 3-5 hour private sailing experience will always be within the bay, trying to move away from large vessels to have a more intimate space and a better perspective of the sunset. Contact us [here](#) for more info.
- **Whale Watching in the Chilean Patagonia.** The whale watching season begins on December 1st and departs from Punta Arenas. Your clients will enjoy a unique landscape surrounded by mountains, glaciers, lenga, and coihue forests, as well as marine life such as sea lions, petrels, cormorants, southern dolphins, and more. This service begins at approximately 4 am, lasts 13 hours, and operates on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays, and Sundays. Request more info [here](#).

Colombian Journeys

- **Magdalena River a must-travel destination in 2024.** Conde Nast Traveller Magazine featured the best destinations to visit on 2023, highlighting two new scenic river cruises through the Magdalena River, offered by the river-cruise company AmaWaterways with its two departures AmaMagdalena in November 2024, and AmaMelodia in January 2025. The routes will connect Barranquilla and Cartagena while exploring cities like Mompox, Palenque and Magangué, among others. Travelers can enjoy the local culture by delving into gastronomic, musical, and natural experiences. More info [here](#).
- **Inauguration of Beach #5 in Bocagrande (Cartagena).** Cartagena is the second most visited city in Colombia and as a responsible marketing strategy the Mayor's Office inaugurated the Beach #5 from the Bocagrande Sector in order to offer a greater and more comfortable space for locals and tourists. This opening is part of the Coastal Protection Project which aims to put into action sustainable development practices.

Enchanted Expeditions

- **Give the Gift of the Galapagos Islands this Holiday Season!** Get **20% off** on selected departure dates during **summer 2024** (discount available if booked before January 31st, 2024). More info [here](#).
- **Travel Industry ALERT!** Are you traveling to the Galapagos Islands? [Contact us](#) for discounted travel agent rates when you stay at our renovated [Enchanted Galapagos Lodge](#), a beautiful and peaceful paradise in the highlands of **Santa Cruz Island**.

La Coralina Island House

- **Wild Cocoa Retreat, from January 31st to February 3rd, 2024.** Come and join us in this exquisite journey. More info such as day by day schedule, rates, etc [here](#). Important! In case you want to secure the space for your clients, please [contact us](#). Wild Cocoa Retreat's rates are commissionable for tour operators and travel agents.
- **Elemental Goddess Retreat**, the ultimate experience for women seeking balance, renewal, and connection to their inner power. **From February 29th to March 3rd, 2024**, come and join us in this unforgettable journey, where ancient science meets feminine wisdom. More info such as day by

day schedule, rates, etc [here](#). Important! Elemental Goddess Retreat's rates are commissionable for tour operators and travel agents.

[Las Torres Reserve](#)

- **Camping Central, your outdoor experience at the beginning of the famous W and Base Torres trails.** If you are planning on doing any of the many trails in Torres del Paine, you need to know about Camping Central. More info [here](#).
- **Hotel Las Torres Patagonia celebrates 31 years of Family History and Sustainable Tourism.** In this blog we will review our history over the past three decades and the achievements we have made in the past year. Read it [here](#).

[Hidalgo Tours](#)

- **Agent Trade Pack.** Interested in accessing photos, videos, programs, information and more of Hidalgo Tours DMC? Click [here](#).
 - **Travel Industry ALERT!** Are you traveling to the **Uyuni Salt Flats**? [Contact us](#) for discounted travel agent rates when you stay at our [Palacio de Sal Hotel](#), the first salt hotel in the world.
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Bocas + Chocolate = Bliss



During your stay at **La Coralina Island House** in the tropical paradise Bocas del Toro islands in Panama, be sure to join the new Chocolate Tour.

After a boat ride to Isla Bastimentos, you'll arrive at La Loma Eco Lodge for an immersive chocolate experience. Learn about permaculture and different types of cacao, as well as other fruits, vegetables and plants that are grown and harvested in Bocas. [Read More](#)

Enchanted Galapagos Lodge

Rest, relax and reconnect at the **Enchanted Galapagos Lodge**. Located in the lush highlands of Santa Cruz Island, the boutique property offers guests the opportunity to unwind while admiring the

beauty that the highlands have to offer.

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Sand, Salt, Love



Bolivia's legendary Salar de Uyuni salt flats extend like an infinite white plain that during the rainy season becomes a mirror where the ground reflects the sky. One of the most beautiful natural spectacles in the world makes it feel like you're walking on (rather than beneath) the clouds.

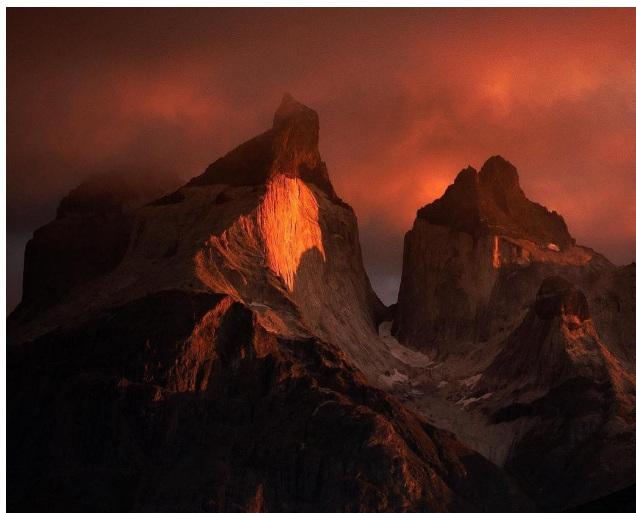
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Photos That Will Blow Your Mind

Photo courtesy of Alex Spencer Arellano (@alex.spncr)

If you're not already sold on visiting **Las Torres Reserve** in Patagonia, [check out](#) images snapped by the five finalists in the first-ever Las Torres Patagonia Photo Contest.

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Colombia - The Country of Beauty



Seeking to highlight the wonders of as unique South American destination, the government recently launched the new tourism campaign called "*Colombia, the Country of Beauty*".

The campaign will emphasize the fact that Colombia boasts not only two oceans, six snowcapped mountains, six deserts, and 42% of the national territory is Amazon rainforest, but also 10 percent of the planet's biodiversity immersed in culture rich surroundings. [Read More](#)

Discover Cape Horn and Chile's Antarctic

Explore the bottom end of the planet Earth on an adventurous cruise along the western edge of Tierra del Fuego that includes Cape Horn or a fly/cruise adventure from Punta Arenas to Chile's Antarctic Territory.

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