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

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December 2024

Dear Colleague,

I can't believe this is our last Americas newsletter of 2024. Not sure about you, but time flew for me this year!

As the end of the year nears, our clients in Central and South America find themselves in the middle of their high season. However, there's still availability to enjoy the long summer days in that part of the world (as well as **special offers** like 4x3 at **River House Lodge in Argentina** and **Hotel Las Torres in Chile**).

When you're planning 2025 trips, keep in mind that **La Coralina Island House in Panama** is conducting nine retreats (more info [here](#)). You can also create personalized group retreats using their premises.

Wildlife lovers shouldn't miss the **Galapagos Islands**, and 2025 is the perfect year to achieve that goal. Ninety-five percent of the archipelago's land area is a national park where you can find more than 45 species of endemic birds, 42 reptiles, 15 mammals and 79 types of large marine animals. **Enchanted Expeditions** offers six- and eight-day cruises or island hopping using the comfy Enchanted Galapagos Lodge as a basecamp.

The most adventurous travelers should add **Guyana** to their bucket list. Being the only English-speaking country in South America, it's a must for travelers looking for an off-the-beaten-path destination and rare wildlife like the harpy eagle, black caiman, giant anaconda, jaguar and the arapaima (the world's largest freshwater fish).

The possibilities are endless, and our clients in the Americas can cover almost anything a traveler might desire. And please make sure these destinations are on your clients' travel radar.

On behalf of the Emerging Destinations team, we wish you a Merry Christmas and a healthy and prosperous 2025. Thank you for your continuous support for us and our amazing clients.

Best regards,

Ana (on behalf of Jane, Jenna and Paula)

*PS: last week Jane, Jenna and me met at the USTOA Annual Conference in Marco Island, FL. We missed Paula from our team, who was on her way to Morocco!*



## Upcoming Travel

### Emerging Destinations On The Road

- Sacramento, Napa Valley, Walnut Creek and San Francisco (CA). January 13 to 16. [Want to meet?](#)
- Nashville (TN). January 23 & 24. [Want to meet?](#)

- New York City (NY). February 17 & 18. \* *River House Lodge Patagonia (Argentina) in person sales calls* \* [Want to meet?](#)
- Denver (CO). February 18 & 19. [Want to meet!](#)
- Denver and Boulder (CO). February 20 & 21. \* *River House Lodge Patagonia (Argentina) in person sales calls* \* [Want to meet?](#)
- Sacramento (CA). February 24. \* *River House Lodge Patagonia (Argentina) in person sales calls* \* [Want to meet?](#)
- Oakland and Berkeley (CA). February 25. \* *River House Lodge Patagonia (Argentina) in person sales calls* \* [Want to meet?](#)
- San Francisco (CA). February 26. \* *River House Lodge Patagonia (Argentina) in person sales calls* \* [Want to meet?](#)
- San Jose (CA). February 27. \* *River House Lodge Patagonia (Argentina) in person sales calls* \* [Want to meet?](#)

## News at a Glance

### Enchanted Expeditions

- **New Galapagos Entry Declaration Form.** Effective this month, all visitors arriving in Galapagos will have to fill out a declaration form with their personal details, luggage description and provide information about places with wild or domestic animals been visited within the last 72 hours. The new procedure is part of the Galapagos National Park's ongoing control measures to protect the islands' unique ecosystem. The form can be filled out online [here](#) up to 48 hours prior to the flight. A **confirmation code** will be sent to your email, which must be shown to Galapagos National Park representatives upon arrival.
- On December 6th, Ecuador's capital city, Quito celebrated 490 years of history, culture & resilience!
- [Check out](#) this new interview with our Founder Judy Carvalhal on the award-winning travel industry show Soul of Travel Podcast presented by JourneyWoman.
- **Want to learn more about Ecuador** (either mainland or the Galapagos Islands) as well as Enchanted Expeditions current offerings, motor yacht cruises and all inclusive lodge? Book a Zoom 1:1 meeting with Ana from our team [here](#).

### La Coralina Island House

- We are pleased to announce our **2025 Retreats' Calendar**... A collection of carefully curated retreats that provide the perfect escape from the ordinary. Rejuvenation for the body and mind, a deeper connection with nature, and transformative experiences. Check out the full calendar [here](#). Contact us for more information and/or bookings [here](#).
- **Hiking Experience.** Discover the hidden beauty of Bocas del Toro through this exciting hiking experience that will connect you with nature in its pure state. From lush rainforest to stunning Caribbean landscapes.
- **Coral Restoration** join us for an unforgettable underwater adventure! Dive into the world of coral reefs and help protect our oceans with our Coral restoration tours. Our land-based introduction and guided tours offer a unique opportunity to contribute to marine conservation efforts.

### River House Lodge Patagonia

- **Special Offer 4x3!** River House Lodge Patagonia is offering a 4x3 special for any new bookings for stays on their All Inclusive Leisure Program in March and April 2025. Contact us for more info [here](#).



- Lucas Iachetti and Santino Roca from River House Lodge Patagonia's sales team will be doing sales calls in New York City (NY), Denver and Boulder (CO) and various cities in CA (San Jose, Sacramento, San Francisco, Oakland and Berkeley) in February. If you want to meet them in person, please let us know [here](#).

## Las Torres Patagonia

- **Special Offer 4x3!** Hotel Las Torres Patagonia is offering a 4x3 special for any new bookings for stays from January to April 2025. Contact us for more info [here](#).
- The World Food Travel Association named Puerto Natales a *Culinary Capital*, meeting high standards for gastronomic tourism. First city in Chile and fourth globally to receive the title.
- Las Torres Patagonia celebrated the recognition with a sustainable cocktail program by Federico Gil, Head Bartender at Bar Pionero.
- Las Torres Patagonia won *Tourism Marketing Strategy of the Year* at the 2024 Fedetur Awards.
- Las Torres Patagonia participated in the *International Luxury Travel Market (ILTM)* in Cannes, France, December 2–5.

## Guyana Tourism Authority

- **To learn more about Guyana's** diverse wildlife, top notch ecotourism and fishing experiences, book a Zoom 1:1 meeting with Jenna from our team [here](#).

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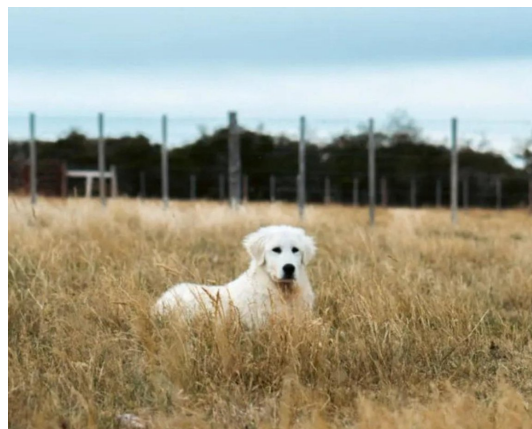
### Meet the Maremmas: Guardians of Patagonia

Everyone knows that dogs are man's best friend. But down in Patagonia, they're also great guardians, playing a crucial role in maintaining the balance of the ecosystem.

They do that by their incredible canine skills to protect flocks of sheep in the heart of Chilean Patagonia.

For many years, the puma posed a constant threat to the families who dedicated their lives to sheep farming — a noble and traditional activity in southern Chile.

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Panama's Bocas del Toro archipelago seems straight out of a tropical dream. From emerald jungles teeming with life to crystal clear Caribbean waters, this paradise is packed with hidden gems waiting to be explored.

Venture off the beaten path and you'll discover a side of Bocas that few get to experience. Especially when you wander through ancient rainforests, where the air is thick with the scent of exotic flora and the songs of rare birds echo through the trees.

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Pedaling Patagonia: Mountain Bike at River House Lodge



In the same way that Argentine Patagonia provides ideal conditions for hiking and horseback riding, it's also nirvana for mountain bikers.

**River House Lodge** can help design your own bespoke cycling routes and provide a guide to lead the way.

For a casual ride, explore the property's diverse trails on a mountain bike. For intermediate riders, Rosales Lagoon makes a great outing. While more experienced cyclists can venture deep into the National Park's rugged terrain. The lodge guides ensure a safe and enjoyable ride, with options for packed lunches and scenic stops.

The [Trailforks](#) app offers info and maps and 15 recommended bike rides and 200 overall routes around the town of San Martín de los Andes and Lanín National Park. The routes are rated from Easy (green circle) and More Difficult (blue square) to Very Difficult (black diamond) and at least one Extremely Difficult (double black diamond).

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Guyana: The Ultimate Birder's Paradise



With upwards of 820 species — almost 200 of them found in capital city Georgetown — it should come as no surprise that **Guyana** is one of the world's top destinations to spot a mind-boggling variety of birds.

Of all nature's treasures in this tropical country, the birds are a special highlight for nature enthusiasts, with ample locations and trails suitable for birdwatchers.

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## Whitewater Rafting Ecuador

With many different rivers tumbling down the east side of the Andes into the Amazon Basin and the western flank of the mountains into the Pacific, Ecuador offers an array of whitewater rafting possibilities.

For those staying in Quito, **Enchanted Expeditions** offers a one-day rafting adventure on the Toachi and Blanco rivers on the Pacific side that includes two to three hours of whitewater fun in the gorgeous cloud forest.

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Video of the Month



## Small Group Nature, Wildlife & Culture Tours in Ecuador

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