



News on **Iceland ProCruises**, **Iceland ProTravel**,

Pax More Greece and **Porto & The North Tourism Board**

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Dear Colleague,

Jambo from Kenya! Don't worry, this is still our Europe newsletter. But this Canadian Prairie girl is enjoying Kenya's equatorial climate for a few weeks while back home Saskatchewan has already had its first snowfall.

I can hardly believe there are only two months left in 2023 — where has the time gone? If you have clients looking for last-minute New Year's plans then look no further, as we have (limited) space still available for NYE in **Iceland**.

But enough about 2023. Those of us in the travel biz are already planning for 2024. And our Europe clients are ready to welcome your guests next year.

Have clients interested in cruising **Iceland** or **Greenland** next summer? The **Early Bird Special** at **Iceland ProCruises** runs through December 31st, so now is the time to book.

What about a summer getaway in **Greece** or **Porto & The North of Portugal**? We have you covered there, too!

As always, contact me with any questions or to [book a 1:1](#) conversation. I'll be in Montreal, Toronto, Los Angeles and Dallas before the end of the year, so let me know if you're in any of those cities and would like to meet up (scroll down for exact dates).

Happy-eating-all-your-kids'-leftover-candy-day! Warm regards,

Jenna

The Emerging Destinations team
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Upcoming Webinars

News at a Glance

Iceland ProCruises

- It's time to plan an unforgettable journey into the heart of the Arctic by browsing our [2024 cruise catalog](#), featuring new voyages that will leave you in awe.
- **[New for 2024: Adventure West Greenland](#)**. Prepare to be mesmerized as you venture northward from Kangerlussuaq on a journey to discover picturesque fishing villages and dramatic polar landscapes. This is your chance to explore the uncharted beauty of West Greenland.
- Join us in 2024 for West Greenland or another cruise like no other. Secure your spot now and take advantage of our [Early Bird Discount](#) until December 31st, 2023!

Iceland ProTravel

- **Iceland ProTravel is celebrating it's 20 years anniversary!** For twenty years we have been welcoming guests from all over the world for an unforgettable experience in our unique country.
- Our **New Years Packages** are selling fast and very limited availability left. Icelanders are crazy about [New Years Eve](#) and every year they host the biggest fire works show on earth when families get together to celebrate and shoot up an incredible amount of fire works.
- On October 24, women in Iceland went on strike as part of the campaign pushing for gender equality, especial regarding gender based violence and wage discrimination. It is estimated that around 90% of women in Iceland put down there work, both at workplaces and at home. Iceland has been ranked as the most gender-equal country in the world for 14 years in a row by the World Economic Forum.
- Do you have clients going to Iceland this winter to try their luck at spotting the **Northern Lights**? Make sure to share [this article](#) with them before they go!

Porto & The North

- Did you miss our webinar, "**Immersive Experiences in Porto**" last week? You can watch the recording [here](#)!

[Pax More Greece](#)

- The world's first museum dedicated to the legendary Greek soprano **Maria Callas** has opened its doors in Athens, coinciding with the **100th anniversary** of her birth. The Museum will house a permanent collection of over **1,000 objects** that belonged to or are related to the legendary opera singer.
- The **protection** of Cycladic island culture, **biodiversity** and **intangible cultural heritage** is the focus of the new "**Cycladic Identity**" initiative presented a few weeks ago at the Museum of Cycladic Art in Athens. Watch the [video](#).
- Greece remains among the leading destinations winning over long-haul travelers in the **September-December** period, found the latest report released by the European Travel Commission (ETC) in collaboration with **Eurail BV**.
- Ikaria island (North Aegean Sea) has been ranked **7th** as one of the **best value destinations in the world** by the renowned travel guide "**Lonely Planet**" in their "**Best in Travel 2024**" edition.

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:

- [Toronto | Canada](#): Wednesday, November 22nd to Friday, November 24th
- [Montreal | Canada](#): Monday, November 27th & Tuesday, November 28th
- [Dallas, Houston, Austin and San Antonio, TX](#): Friday, December 8th to Friday, December 15th
- [Vancouver/Victoria | Canada](#): February 14th - 22nd, 2024

IPC Port-of-Call: Spotlight on the Westman Islands

Located off the south coast of Iceland, a shore excursion in the remote — and very volcanic —



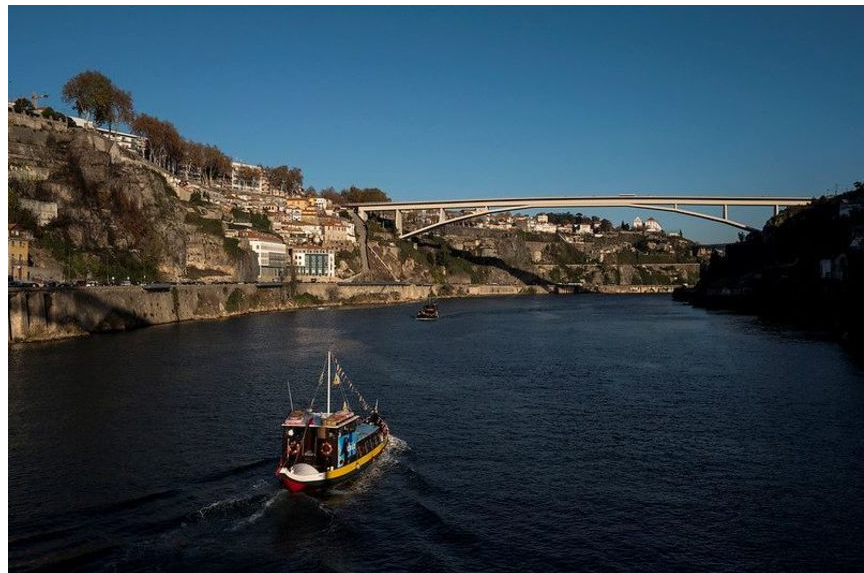
Westman Islands (Vestmannaeyjar) affords **Iceland ProCruises** passengers a chance to appreciate nature in its purest form during the popular “*Iceland Circumnavigation*” cruises that sail around the island each summer. Heimaey is the only one of the archipelago’s 15 islands with year-round human inhabitants. Most 4,100 residents live in the main town, Vestmannaeyjabær.

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8 Ways to Get Wet in Porto

From surfing and paddling to sailing and river rafting, here are eight ways to get in or on the water around **Porto** in northern Portugal.

1) Set Sail; 2) Wake Up!; 3) Ride Rapids; 4) Surf's Up!; 5) Peaceful Paddle; 6) Under the Bridges; 7) Tube Time; 8) Water World



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Snaefellsjokull - Iceland's Newest National Park

Created in June of 2001, Snaefellsjokull National Park was established to protect the unique nature of the area and important historical sites as well as making traveling in the



remote region easier and more accessible.

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Kythira: Travel to the Jewel of the Ionian Islands

Nestled between the Ionian and Aegean Seas, Kythira's unique blend of natural beauty, rich history, and warm hospitality creates an enchanting tapestry that leaves visitors spellbound. Kythira is a Greek island that captivates the heart and soul of all who set foot upon its shores. As the first light of dawn kisses Kythira's rugged cliffs, the island awakens in a symphony of colors. Its picturesque villages, with their whitewashed houses adorned with colorful shutters and vibrant bougainvillea, seem to cascade down the hillsides, offering breathtaking views of the endless azure horizon.



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Porto & North Travel Series: City Breaks Part 1 - Guimaraes & Braga

In this episode of the "Porto & North" travel series, Gabo The Guide undertakes an exploration of Braga and Guimarães.



It All Tastes Greek to Me - Kourabiedes (Christmas Butter Cookies)

The first episode of "*It All Tastes Greek To Me*" shows you step-by-step how to make kourabiedes (Christmas butter cookies dusted with icing sugar).



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