



**News on Canyon Madness Ranch, Chile Concept,
Colombian Journeys, Enchanted Expeditions, Grand Hotels Lux,
Las Torres Reserve, and Travel Pioneers**

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Dear Colleague,

Jane, Jessie, Jenna and I wish you a very Merry Christmas holiday and a Happy New Year! If you haven't traveled anywhere during 2021, we hope that adventure is just around the corner for you in the new year. Should you need any sort of inspiration, we invite you to take a look at our portfolio of cool companies in cool places.

Another challenging year in travel is coming to an end. However, we're more than grateful for the opportunities that we did have. We added new clients to the portfolio across **Europe, Africa** and **South America**. We were back in person events like **Virtuoso Travel Week in Las Vegas, Safari Pros** and the **USTOA Annual Conference in San Diego**. We were back on the road, doing sales calls in **California, Georgia** and **Florida**, and exploring **Ecuador** and **South Africa** (just to mention two of the beautiful countries we visited during this year).

We want to especially thank each of you for your support and we wish you and your loved ones a 2022 full of joy, health and new destinations to visit.

We hope to be able to see you in person soon. Happy Holidays!

Ana, on behalf of The Emerging Destinations team (Jane + Jessie + Jenna + Ana)





Upcoming Webinars

News at a Glance

Travel Pioneers

- **Important update regarding COVID-19 regulations in Costa Rica!**

Starting January 8th, 2022 hotels, restaurants, bars, casinos, shops, museums, art and dance academies, gymnasiums, resorts, and adventure tourism may admit only people who are fully vaccinated with Moderna, Pfizer-BioNTech, AstraZeneca, or Johnson&Johnson. This must be verified with a QR code or the printed vaccination certificate. This requirement applies to all travelers who are 12 years and older. The only exceptions are essential services such as supermarkets and pharmacies, which will not require proof of vaccination.

- **Panama** welcomes anyone fully vaccinated. Safety protocols for the country require masks in public and some towns have mandated a curfew. You can read complete guidelines [here](#) or [contact us](#) and we will advise on specifics.
- The best time to visit **Costa Rica's Coasts** is now! Pebbles of rain give way to pours of sunshine. Whether you're planning an impromptu winter escape or a family spring break vacation, Costa Rica has plenty of magic on offer. The humidity from rainy season has lifted and left an ideal climate to explore the distinct ecology only found in the jade seas off Costa Rica's shores. In the dry season, the sea sparkles a brilliant blue, a phenomenon created when tiny living creatures give off light.

Las Torres Reserve

- **Hotel Las Torres Patagonia** is already open! Make sure to secure your space with its All Inclusive Programs, Puma Trekking or B&B Packages.
- **Las Torres Reserve** is accepting reservations for the national park's 2021-22 southern hemisphere summer season as most of **the trekking facilities** - including the campsites and refugios in Central and Frances sectors and the campsites at Seron sector - **are already open and receiving hikers!** For more info about the trekking circuits, the accommodation options offered along the W or O circuit, rates, booking policy, etc. check out the new digital brochure [here](#).
- Check out the latest version all of the **marketing materials** (updated November 30th) you need from **Las Torres Reserve**: photo gallery, digital brochures, videos, and more!. Click [here](#).

Grand Hotels Lux

- **The Grand Hotel Punta del Este** is investing nearly \$25 million destined to the **construction of 60 rooms**, a modern **events' and convention center**, and a **rooftop bar**. More info and renders [here](#).
- **Recoleta Grand Hotel**, located in one of the most beautiful neighborhoods of Buenos Aires, is offering a **Love Buenos Aires Package** valid for stays from October 2021 to December 2022. More info [here](#).
- **Iguazu Grand Resort** is offering a special package to welcome international travelers again. The daily rate of \$300 for 2 people in a Junior Suite, includes daily breakfast, a dinner for 2 with non alcoholic beverages, access to the Wellness Center, 3 outdoor swimming pools, tennis courts, casino and kids club, wifi. It is valid for stays until April 2022. More info & booking requests [here](#).
- **Panoramic Grand Hotel** is also celebrating with a great deal at their property overlooking the Iguazu River with a daily rate of \$220 for 2 people in a River View Room (valid until April 2022). Includes daily breakfast, gym access, swimming pool and roman bath, a dinner for 2 with non alcoholic beverages and wifi. More info & booking requests [here](#).

Canyon Madness Ranch

- Looking for private travel? Please [contact us](#) for information, availability and rates on property buyouts.

Enchanted Expeditions

- **Updated entry requirements to Ecuador!** Effective December 1st, all international travelers must present proof of having received the complete schedule of Covid-19 vaccine 14 days or more prior to their arrival in the country **AND** a negative Covid-19 test taken up to 72 hours before their arrival. Children from 2 to 15 years of age will only be required to present a negative PCR test result, but no proof of vaccination for this age group is required as of today. In addition to these requirements, travelers are required to submit the [Travelers' Health Declaration](#). More info [here](#).
- All travellers arriving in the **Galapagos Islands** must present a negative PCR test even with proof of full vaccination. More info [here](#).
- Interested in experiencing the wonders that **Ecuador mainland** has to offer? We are currently offering special rates on our **4-day North itinerary**. More info and rates [here](#).

Chile Concept

- **Updated entry requirements to Chile!** The following **airports** can be used for entry into Chile from **December 1st, 2021**: Santiago (SCL), Iquique (IQQ), Antofagasta (ANF) and Punta Arenas (PUQ). Open **land border crossings** from **December 15th, 2021**: Chacalluta - Border between Chile and Peru, Colchane - Border between Chile and Bolivia and Pino Hachado - Border between Chile (Araucania) and Argentina. Open **land border crossings** between Chile and Argentina from **January 1st, 2022**: Los Libertadores (Crossing to Mendoza),

Cardenal Samoré (Crossing to Bariloche/Villa Angostura) and Río Don Guillermo (Crossing to El Calafate). **Regulation on PCR tests for travellers from December 1st, 2021:** All persons who have received a booster vaccination (3rd dose) in the last six months prior to travel and this has been validated and consequently entered in the Chilean mobility pass will be exempted from the PCR tests and isolation upon entry into the country. All persons without receiving booster vaccination (3rd dose) 6 months before departure still have to take a PCR test upon entry and need to isolate. As soon as they receive a negative test result, the mobility pass will be activated. People who arrive in Santiago (SCL) and have a connecting flight will take the PCR test in Santiago airport, but no longer have to stay in Santiago, but can wait for the PCR test result at their final destination. More info can be found [here](#).

- As of **February 3rd, 2022, Easter Island** will be open to tourists again. Visitors to the island will need to be fully vaccinated, and provide a negative PCR test 48 hours before arrival, without the need of quarantine requirement on the island.
- Are you already planning a 2022 unforgettable trip for you or your clients? [Contact us](#) as we can tailor the perfect itinerary to discover the best of Chile.

Colombian Journeys

- **Updated entry requirements to Colombia!** Effective December 14th, 2021, new entry requirements apply for all travelers 18 years old and older arriving to Colombia by air: vaccinated non-resident foreign travelers need to present proof of vaccination. Unvaccinated people will not be allowed to enter Colombia. This entry requirement is in addition, and do not replace, the existing Check-Mig form that need to be filled in between 72 hours and 1 hour prior to arrival in, or departure from, Colombia. The **Check-Mig** form can be found [here](#). More info can be found [here](#).
- Are you looking for extraordinary experiences? Let us show you the best of our country and people. [Contact us!](#)

Who Knew Chilean Food Could Be So Yummy (Or Scenic)?



Whether you're staying at **Hotel Las Torres** or just passing through, one of the coolest aspects of **Las Torres Reserve** is a chance to sample authentic Chilean food at Coiron Restaurant. Dining on traditional, signature dishes with a panoramic view of the Torres del Paine mountains really adds a unique aspect to your experience in Patagonia. *Read more*

[here](#).

Downward Dog, Uplifting Nature

Bend your mind and body around an alluring blend of wildlife and yoga at **Enchanted Galapagos Lodge** in the highlands of Santa Cruz Island, the perfect place to relax and disconnect.

Each day starts with a yoga session lead by an experienced instructor... *Continue reading [here](#).*



Change Your Latitude and Attitude This Winter



Jimmy Buffet said it best: There's nothing like a change in latitude to change your attitude. Like a winter break in Punta del Este, Uruguay's hip beach resort. Where the sunny southern hemisphere summer season has only just begun.

Overlooking the golden sands of Playa La Brava, there's no better place to base a beach vacation in the chic resort town than **The Grand Hotel Punta del Este**. *Read more [here](#).*

Time to Explore the Unknown — Nicaragua

Nicaragua continues to fly under the radar as a Central American travel destination. Which means the country's scenic lakeshores, Pacific Ocean beaches, volcanic national parks, baseball stadiums and historic colonial towns are refreshingly uncrowded compared to the region's more popular destinations. It's time to explore the unknown. *More [here](#).*



Where South America Meets the South Pacific

Travel & Leisure magazine just named Chile's Easter Island as



one of the “[Top 5 Island Destinations](#)” of Latin America. So isn’t it high time that you discovered the place where South America meets the South Pacific?

Chile Concept offers a four-day/three-night exploration of a fabled island also called Rapa Nui by the local Polynesian inhabitants and Isla de Pascua in Spanish. *Continue reading [here](#).*

The Undiscovered Side of the Caribbean

Forget all of those over-crowded tropical holiday destinations and head for Colombia with its largely undiscovered paradise islands in the southwest Caribbean.

Located closer to Nicaragua and Costa Rica than the Colombian mainland, the islands of Providencia and San Andrés are easily reachable by air from the coastal city of Cartagena. *More [here](#).*



Kip’s Canyon Madness



Kip Rahmig, the firearms specialist at **Canyon Madness Ranch**, talks about shooting activities, other outdoor adventures, and the incredible landscape of northeast New Mexico. *Read the full interview [here](#).*

Mini Fantastic Facts About Chile for Kids

If you’re wondering where to take the kids on the next vacation, this short video might convince the entire family to make plans for visiting Chile.



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