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# Bulletin

Providing key information in a no-frills format for professionals who travel to write, edit, broadcast or create images.

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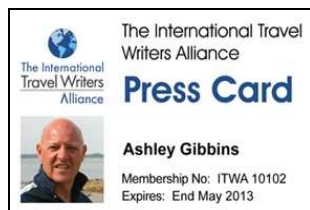
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### The Alliance press card



**The International Travel Writers Alliance Press Card now** provides Alliance journalists with formal recognition of their status and standing in the profession and a range of opportunities from Alliance travel partners.

Contact Ashley Gibbins at [Ashley@itwalliance.com](mailto:Ashley@itwalliance.com).

### Working with the Alliance

**The following travel industry partners and agencies have registered with the Alliance and are keen to work with Alliance travel writers, editors, broadcasters and photographers.**

**Other Alliance partners and agencies can be found at [www.itwalliance.com](http://www.itwalliance.com).**

#### Partners

##### **The Furano Tourism Association (Japan)**

Japanese wilderness in the very centre of Hokkaido, the north island, with snowplay, summer flower photography, spring blossoms or autumnal splendour.

The Furano Tourism Association has multi-lingual staff and volunteers to help visitors. Travel writers very welcome. If you can snag a lead, we will support you any way we can.

Visit : [www.furanotourism.com/en](http://www.furanotourism.com/en). Contact : Lucy Morrell at [lucy@furanotourism.com](mailto:lucy@furanotourism.com).

##### **Greener Pastures (India)**

Greener Pastures is a pioneering sustainable travel outfit founded in 2011 which promotes responsible tours and adventures to exotic places in northeast India, with a special emphasis on benefiting communities and natural habitats.

Visit : [www.thegreenerpastures.com](http://www.thegreenerpastures.com) Contact : Vaivhav Todi at [vaivhav@thegreenerpastures.com](mailto:vaivhav@thegreenerpastures.com).

##### **Secret Retreats (USA)**

Secret Retreats is a collection of unique properties (boutique hotels, villas, boats and restaurants) throughout Asia.

Its owners are vibrant advocates of their surroundings with the generosity to share special moments with travellers who are curious to experience and discover the "essence of Asia".

Visit : [www.secret-retreats.com](http://www.secret-retreats.com). Contact : Kat Johnston at [kat@secret-retreats.com](mailto:kat@secret-retreats.com).

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## Agencies

### Caliber Interactive (UK)

Caliber Interactive is the UK based marketing agency, working with travel clients like Thomson, First Choice, Orbitz, Expedia and Saga Travel.

Visit : [www.caliberi.com](http://www.caliberi.com). Contact : Tanya Korobka at [tanya.korobka@caliberi.com](mailto:tanya.korobka@caliberi.com).

### Venue Marketing Group (USA)

Located in Florida's premier destination, Palm Beach, Venue Marketing Group is a full service agency representing a top-tier collection of clients and venues in South Florida

Visit : [www.venueadv.com](http://www.venueadv.com). Contact : Enid Atwater at [enida@venueadv.com](mailto:enida@venueadv.com).

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## News

### The 2016 Adventure Travel World Summit, Anchorage, Alaska

19 to 22 September 2016

Anchorage, Alaska, has won the bid to serve as host of the 2016 Adventure Travel World Summit.

The Summit is the Adventure Travel Trade Association's (ATTA) premiere annual gathering of the global adventure tourism industry.

An estimated 700 adventure travel professionals, representing tour operators, gear companies, media outlets, travel agencies and advisors and destination marketers will attend.

Anchorage offers wildlife viewing, vast mountain ranges, access to the Arctic and millions of acres of National Parks.

Visit : [www.adventuretravel.biz](http://www.adventuretravel.biz). Contact : Casey Hanisko at [casey@adventuretravel.biz](mailto:casey@adventuretravel.biz).

### Lonely Planet : From the Source

From the Source, by Lonely Planet, introduces readers to the world's most authentic local dishes by focussing on the kitchens of the cooks who have perfected them.

These take in street-food vendors and Michelin-starred chef patrons.

From the Source: Italy

Lonely Planet's From the Source: Italy features recipes gathered from Italy's top to toe, from coast to coast, all harvested from the very places in which they originated.

From the Source: Thailand takes readers on a culinary tour of the country from the ancient cities of Lampang and Chiang Mai in the north.

From the Source: Mexico and From the Source: Spain will be released next year.

Visit : [www.lonelyplanet.co.uk](http://www.lonelyplanet.co.uk). For review copies or more information please contact [rebecca.law@lonelyplanet.co.uk](mailto:rebecca.law@lonelyplanet.co.uk).

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## **The Marker Waterfront Resort Key West, Florida**

The Marker Waterfront Resort is the first new hotel to open in Old Town, Key West for 20 years.

Located at Mile Marker Zero in the "Conch Republic" its name reflects the mile markers that lead the way to the southernmost city in the continental USA.

The Marker Waterfront Resort is found on the waterfront of the historic Old Town on William Street, just steps from the waterfront boardwalk, Duval Street and Mallory Square.

The resort has 96 state-of-the-art, Wi-Fi equipped, guestrooms and three swimming pools, including an adults-only, plus an open-air bar and restaurant.

Visit : [www.themarkerkeywest.com](http://www.themarkerkeywest.com). Cocontact : Cherise Stevens at [Cherise@cam-pr.com](mailto:Cherise@cam-pr.com).

## **The Plasticarium Museum, Brussels, Flanders**

Brussels Atomium will be opening an extension to its existing attraction in the Heysel area in December 2015.

The Plasticarium Museum, formerly a private collection which was on display by appointment will be opened to the general public in a large 5000sq metre space.

Temporary exhibitions dedicated to art and design of plastics in the 20th and 21st centuries, in partnership with Brussels cultural institutions will be also on display in this area.

Visit : [www.atomium.be](http://www.atomium.be). Contact : Anita Rampall at [anita@visitflanders.co.uk](mailto:anita@visitflanders.co.uk).

## **Nomad Campervans**

Nomad Campervans will launch its new multi-purpose Nomad 'Ranger' camper conversion, built on the new Volkswagen T6, at the Motorhome & Caravan Show 13 – 15 October 2015, NEC, Birmingham.

The Ranger camper will optimise the seating, travelling and space configuration without compromising on camper facilities.

The camper features a layout that combines the comfort of saloon car seating with the functionality of a campervan behind the seating area.

Visit : [www.bunkcampers.com](http://www.bunkcampers.com). Contact : Louise Corken at [louise@bunkcampers.com](mailto:louise@bunkcampers.com).

## **Accessible parks in Britain**

The Rough Guide to Accessible Britain: Family Days Out website is a compilation of the best accessible outings from around the country, suitable for the whole family.

The website features reviews of accessible picnic worthy green spaces around the country.

Visit : [www.accessibleguide.co.uk](http://www.accessibleguide.co.uk). Contact : Kate O'Brien at [kate.obrien@sirencomms.com](mailto:kate.obrien@sirencomms.com).

## **Circle Line Sightseeing Cruises, New York**

New York Circle Line Sightseeing Cruises have been awarded the 2015 Concierge Choice Award, for "Best Sightseeing and Tours", in New York City.

Since 1945, Circle Line Sightseeing Cruises has hosted over 60 million passengers in New York. Today, it is the only cruise line dedicated exclusively to sightseeing, with vessels made of steel and over-sized glass windows that offer views of the Manhattan skyline.

Visit : [www.circleline42.com](http://www.circleline42.com). Contact: Lisa Chamberlain [Lisa.chamberlain@btinternet.com](mailto:Lisa.chamberlain@btinternet.com).

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## FlightList PRO

FlightList PRO, the air charter listing site, has launched an upgraded Charter Operator Directory.

The directory features new user capabilities accessing all 3,419 certificated operators worldwide and their 16,631 local charter aircraft.

This includes the complete 8,289 aircraft with 1,777 operators in the U.S., and 3,008 aircraft with all 699 operators in Europe.

FlightList PRO users can now find all charter operators by name, city, state/province, country, or by airport when an operator is basing any aircraft at that airport. Operators can also be located by aircraft types operated, safety ratings achieved, location or certificates.

Visit : [www.flightlistpro.com](http://www.flightlistpro.com). Contact : Rick Colson at [admin@flightlistpro.com](mailto:admin@flightlistpro.com).

## The National Trust, Wales

The National Trust has completed the restoration of Treleddydd Fawr Cottage, a Grade II listed property near St David's, and one of the last surviving examples of a traditional Pembrokeshire cottage.

It is now offering holiday accommodation.

Located in the coastal countryside, the one-bedroom cottage and its outbuildings date back to the early 1800s and were bequeathed to the Trust by Mr Glyn Griffiths, with the wish to preserve their personality and charm for others to enjoy.

The project was funded by the charity's Neptune coastline campaign – an initiative established 50 years ago to protect coastal heritage.

Visit : [www.nationaltrustholidays.org.uk](http://www.nationaltrustholidays.org.uk)

## The National Trust in Pembrokeshire

The National Trust owns and cares for a portfolio that covers 60 miles of the coast including 30 farms and 25 cottages and properties including Tenby's Tudor Merchant's House.

Visit : [www.nationaltrust.org.uk](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk). Contact : Sally Davies at [sally.davies@nationaltrust.org.uk](mailto:sally.davies@nationaltrust.org.uk).

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## Leads

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### 67 Pall Mall, London

67 Pall Mall, a new private members club founded by wine lovers, for wine lovers opens in November 2015

Located in St James's, and housed in Sir Edwin Lutyens' former Banking Hall, 67 Pall Mall's raison d'être is to provide a "home" for wine connoisseurs - a space in which to explore, savour and share the finest, and rarest wines from around the world.

Visit : [www.67pallmall.co.uk](http://www.67pallmall.co.uk). Contact : Abbie Cohen at [abbie.cohen@purplepr.com](mailto:abbie.cohen@purplepr.com).

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## Golf in Daytona Beach, Florida

Daytona Beach, located on the East coast of Florida and an hour's drive from Orlando and Central Florida attractions is also one of the State's fastest growing golf destinations

Daytona Beach is home to the LPGA International, which runs events throughout the year as well as offering two championship courses.

These are the signature Rees Jones course, which offers 7,088 yards of links-style play, and the Arthur Hills designed course that challenges golfers with water and sand hazards.

### Other area courses include :

- Indigo Lakes, consistently ranked as one of Florida's top 10 courses by GolfWeek Magazine
- the DeBary Golf & Country Club, a National Audubon Society-certified bird sanctuary, and
- the Pelican Bay Golf Club.

Visit : [www.destinationgolf.co.uk](http://www.destinationgolf.co.uk) and [www.daytonabeach.com](http://www.daytonabeach.com). Contact : Margaret Henriksson at [margaret@hatmarketing.com](mailto:margaret@hatmarketing.com).

## San Juan Gastronomic Market, Palma de Mallorca

The San Juan Gastronomic Market has opened in Palma de Mallorca in the S'Escorxador cultural centre, which was originally designed at the start of the 20th century as the city's central slaughterhouse.

The market now offers tapas as well as traditional Spanish market supplies with 17 food stalls, a cocktail bar, coffee stall and patisserie.

The San Juan Gastronomic Market will host regular food events, cooking classes, private tastings and show cookery.

Visit : [www.gastronomicosanjuan.es](http://www.gastronomicosanjuan.es) and [www.visitpalma.com](http://www.visitpalma.com). Contact : Kate McWilliams [kate@lotus-uk.co.uk](mailto:kate@lotus-uk.co.uk).

## Live music in New Orleans

The city that gave birth to jazz and the first US city to build an opera house now has more options for live entertainment than ever before.

New Orleans has entire streets and neighborhoods dedicated to nightlife and live entertainment.

The most famous of which is Bourbon Street and the French Quarter.

But beyond Bourbon Street lies Frenchmen Street in the Faubourg Marigny – home to more than a dozen live music venues, restaurants and bars.

Beyond Frenchmen, is the St. Claude corridor which is adding new live performance bars and restaurants.

Familiar live music halls still hosting shows nightly include Tipitina's, Preservation Hall, Snug Harbor, The Howlin' Wolf, The Maple Leaf, d.b.a. and The Spotted Cat.

Visit : [www.neworleanscvb.com](http://www.neworleanscvb.com). Contact : Kristian Sonnier at [ksonnier@neworleanscvb.com](mailto:ksonnier@neworleanscvb.com).

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## Cycling in Tuscany, Italy

Tuscany is one of the most spectacular stretches on the Via Francigena, the medieval pilgrimage route from Canterbury also known as the Camino to Rome.

Francigena Ways, the Camino to Rome specialists, have a range of Tuscan cycling itineraries..

Autumn is harvest time in Tuscany and temperatures are mild, which makes it a good time to explore Tuscany on two wheels.

From late September to late October and even early November, the region enjoys temperatures ranging from mid-10s (November) to mid-20s (September), fine weather conditions for walking and cycling.

Visit in September to witness local vineyards harvesting their grape, travel in October to taste the best mushrooms of the season or head to picturesque San Miniato in November for the 'White Truffle Festival'.

The route takes in the historic walled town of Lucca, the UNESCO-listed medieval towers of San Gimignano and Siena, as well as the rolling landscapes of the Tuscan countryside.

Visit : [www.francigenaways.com](http://www.francigenaways.com). Contact Maria Golpe at [maria@greenlifetours.com](mailto:maria@greenlifetours.com).

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## What's on

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### Annual autumn events in Macau

#### **Venetian Macau Open**

15 to 18 October 2015

With views of the South China Sea, The Macau Golf and Country Club is one of Asia's most challenging golf courses and is home to this annual event which has become one of the most prestigious tournaments on the Asian Tour.

Four-time major champion Ernie Els and six-time Asian Tour winner Scott Hend are two of the big players that will compete to win this year's title and its million-dollar cash prize.

Visit : [www.thevenetianmacaopen.com](http://www.thevenetianmacaopen.com).

#### **18th Lusofonia Festival**

23 to 25 October 2015

Reflecting the western side of Macau's culture, the annual Lusofonia Festival brings together live musical performances, traditional games, handmade products, art collections and gastronomy from Portuguese-speaking territories.

#### **15th Macau City Fringe Festival**

1 to 15 November 2015

Macau has its own Fringe festival, characterised by quirky performances by both local and international artists.

Taking place in different venues across Macau, the programme includes exhibitions, workshops, dance and music performances and theatre functions.

Visit : [www.macaucityfringe.gov.mo](http://www.macaucityfringe.gov.mo).

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### **15th Macau Food Festival**

13 to 29 November 2015

The Macau Food Festival is one of Macau's most popular festivals. During 17 consecutive days, the event celebrates food from around the world, including Asian, European and Macanese flavours.

Visitors can also enjoy a variety of live musical performances, games, competitions and fireworks displays.

### **62nd Macau Grand Prix**

19 to 22 November 2015

The Macau Grand Prix represents the climax of the Formula 3 calendar combining the best motorcycle, WTCC and Formula 3 races on the Guia Circuit, one of the most challenging street circuits in the world.

Visit : [www.macau.grandprix.gov.mo](http://www.macau.grandprix.gov.mo).

Visit : [www.macautourism.gov.mo](http://www.macautourism.gov.mo). Contact : Enrique Martin at [enrique@humewhitehead.co.uk](mailto:enrique@humewhitehead.co.uk).

### **Autumn events in Dallas, Texas**

Dallas, Texas has seen a transformation in recent years and is now a walkable city with an eclectic mix of neighbourhoods.

With distinct personalities that together offer new dining and entertainment experiences, attractions, beautiful hotels and great tax free shopping facilities. This autumn visitors going to Dallas can enjoy many events that will make their Dallas break one to remember.

#### **The State Fair of Texas, Dallas**

The State Fair of Texas has been a tradition since 1886 and at 24 days is the longest running fair in the USA (25 September to 18 October 2015).

The State Fair of Texas celebrates all things Texan by promoting agriculture, education, and community involvement through quality entertainment in a family-friendly environment.

Visit : [www.bigtex.com](http://www.bigtex.com).

#### **Dallas Museum of Art**

Dallas Museum of Art (DMA) is currently staging the largest exhibition of works of American artist, Jackson Pollock ever assembled ( until 20 March 2016).

Jackson Pollock: Blind Spots offers critical new scholarship on this understudied yet pivotal period in the artist's career and provides radical new insights into Pollock's practice.

Visit : [www.dma.org](http://www.dma.org).

#### **Creatures of Light: Nature's Bioluminescence**

The Perot Museum of Nature and Science stages a special autumn exhibition that will immerse visitors in the world of living light.

The exhibition opens on 31st October 2015 and visitors will experience the plants and animals that glow from the deepest parts of the ocean, from flickering fireflies to glittering jellyfish.

Visit : [www.perotmuseum.org](http://www.perotmuseum.org).



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## **Autumn at the Arboretum**

The Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Gardens stages its annual Autumn at the Arboretum festival (to 25 November 2015). It includes a Pumpkin Village created with more than 75,000 pumpkins, gourds and squash.

Visit : [www.dallasarboretum.org](http://www.dallasarboretum.org).

Visit : [www.visitdallas.com](http://www.visitdallas.com). Contact : Kirsty Dillury at [Kirsty@ttmworld.co.uk](mailto:Kirsty@ttmworld.co.uk).

## **Autumn events in the Cultural Heart of Germany**

The self-styled Cultural Heart of Germany takes in Saxony, Saxony-Anhalt and Thuringia.

### **Leipzig Festival of Lights**

9 October 2015

Leipzig's annual Festival of Lights commemorates the peaceful revolution when 70,000 demonstrators gathered here in 1989, paving the way for the fall of the Berlin Wall.

The 2015 festival, features audio, video and light installations, and, as each year, visitors are invited to form an illuminated '89' with thousands of candles.

### **Dresden's Frauenkirche (Church of Our Lady)**

22 to 31 October 2015

This autumn, Dresden's iconic Frauenkirche (Church of Our Lady) is celebrating the 10th anniversary of its reconstruction with a weeklong festival. At the end of World War II, nothing but a heap of rubble was left of one of the city's most beautiful buildings.

A unique rebuilding project that started in the 1990ies after the country's reunification helped restore the church.

### **The 'Handel in Autumn' Festival, Halle**

20 to 22 November 2015

Halle's Handel in Autumn festival offers concerts featuring international top artists in this city on the Saale river.

### **Weimar Onion Market**

9 to 11 October 2015

Celebrated since 1653, the festival is dedicated to all things onions including colourful onion braids that are decorated with dried flours.

The town centre becomes an open-air stage of market stalls with traders selling food, traditional handicraft and agricultural products, plus there are several stages for entertainment and music.

## **Wine festivals**

Autumn sees a range of wine festivals in the area including in Saxony-Anhalt where Saale-Unstrut is Europe's northernmost wine region.

Wine villages stage wine festivals from September until the beginning of November.

In Saxony, Radebeul, just outside Dresden and at the centre of the Saxon Wine Route, is putting on a wine harvest festival from 25 to 27 September 2015.

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## Autumn colours

For autumn colours, the UNESCO World Heritage Site Hainich National Park in Thuringia is best visited at this time of year.

This primeval forest right in the middle of Germany covets an area of 7,500 hectares.

There are guided tours for visitors as well as numerous signposted trails taking hikers through this huge unexploited woodland area. Undisputed highlight: The treetop trail for stunning views on nature's finest from high above.

Visit : [www.culturalheart.info](http://www.culturalheart.info). Contact : Barbara Geier at [barbara@bconnects.net](mailto:barbara@bconnects.net).

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## Reasons to write about

### Cycling in Tuscany & the Dolomites with Adler Spa Resorts

Adler Resorts is a bijou collection of four Italian properties by the Sanoner family.

With three hotels in the Dolomites and one in Tuscany, Adler Spa Resorts offers the chance for serious cyclists to train at altitude, pushing themselves up steep mountain roads, while others might prefer the gentler slopes of the Tuscan hills.

**Adler Dolomiti**, which is situated in the heart of Ortisei, is within reach of the 30 cycling trails at altitudes between 700 and 2,450 metres, which are to be found in Val Gardena/Alpe di Siusi.

The longest of these trails is the 1,000 kilometre Sellaronda, which has always been well-known by skiers, but only recently opened as a summer circuit for mountain biking.

Visit : [www.adler-dolomiti.com](http://www.adler-dolomiti.com)

### Adler Thermae

In southern Tuscany, the Adler Thermae is located in the Val d'Orcia (another UNESCO World Heritage Sites recognised for its outstanding natural beauty), which also provides visually stunning and good conditions for bike touring, thanks to its gentle rolling hills.

Around the Adler Thermae, there are over 200 kilometres of hiking and cycling trails, as well as more than 1000 kilometres of GPS guided trails for mountain bikes, e-bikes and racing bikes.

Visit : [www.adler-thermae.com/en](http://www.adler-thermae.com/en)

Visit : [www.adler-resorts.com/en](http://www.adler-resorts.com/en). Contact : Sue Heady at [sue@headycommunications.com](mailto:sue@headycommunications.com).

### Alacati, the Turkish Aegean

Alacati is a sophisticated Aegean coastal town backed by hillsides of vineyards and olive trees which still has its traditional air of cobbled streets and original stone cottages.

As one of the best-preserved historic towns in Aegean Turkey, it has fine boutique hotels and is also a popular gourmet destination. It is also close to historic sites as Ephesus.

Known as Turkey's premier windsurfing and kite surfing resort, Alacati is also one of top spots in the world for the sport.

Alacati has unspoilt sandy beaches nearby and is popular with well-heeled Turks, though as yet not so widely known by international travellers.

## About Explore Alacati

Explore Alacati is an umbrella association representing 22 hotels in Alacati, and is part of the Turkish Small Hotels Association (TURKODER).

### Hotels represented by Explore Alacati include:

- Alavya Hotel :  
www.alavya.com.tr/alavya
- Alura Hotel :  
www.alurahotel.com
- Asma Han Hotel :  
www.asmahanotel.com
- Beyevi :  
www.beyevi.com.tr/eng
- Cadde 75 :  
www.cadde75otel.com/en
- Chigdem Boutique Hotel :  
www.alacatichigdemhotel.com
- Cumbali Konak :  
www.cumbalikonak.com/en
- Evbharat Hotel :  
www.evbharat.com/en
- Imrenhan Hotel and Residences :  
www.alacatiimrenhanotel.com
- Incirliiev Hotel :  
www.ncirliiev.com/en/incirliiev
- Kapari Hotel :  
www.alacatikaparihotel.co.uk
- Kurabiye Hotel :  
www.kurabiyeotel.com/en
- La Capria Suite Hotel :  
www.lacapriasuitehotel.com/en
- Luce Hotel :  
www.lucealacati.com/en
- Manastir Alacati Hotel :  
www.manastiralacati.com
- Sakin Ev :  
www.sakinev.com
- Sultan Konak :  
www.alacatisultankonak.com
- Tas Hotel :  
www.tasotel.com
- Viento :  
www.vientoalacati.com/en
- Villa Fora :  
www.alacativillafora.com/en
- Zeytin Konak Hotel :  
www.alacatizeytinotel.com
- 1850 Hotel :  
www.1850alacati.com

Visit : [www.explorealacati.com](http://www.explorealacati.com). Contact : Serra Celikkan at [alacati@redmintcomms.co.uk](mailto:alacati@redmintcomms.co.uk).

## Yukon's Scenic Drives

The Yukon has seven spectacular scenic drives lined with parks, historic sites and abundant wildlife, which take approximately two to five days to complete.

Cruise the historic **Alaska Highway** – the northern route that winds through eight Yukon communities, Kluane National Park, major attractions and Yukon's capital city, Whitehorse.

From gold panning to glaciers, the **Klondike/Kluane Loop** combines authentic Klondike Gold Rush history with the best of Yukon's pristine wilderness into one magnificent loop.

The **Silver Trail** will lead you into the history of Yukon's other precious metal history, and you'll be rewarded with an authentic off-the-beaten-path experience.

Traversing one of the Yukon's least-populated regions, the **Campbell/Canol Drive** winds past inviting lakes, sparkling rivers and scenic vistas. A quiet, more remote experience with rewarding fishing and wildlife viewing.

Travel the famed **Dempster Highway**, Canada's only all-season road to cross the Arctic Circle. Among the world's most unique driving routes, this unpaved two lane highway is an original driving adventure.

The **Golden Circle Drive** takes road trippers from Whitehorse through picturesque Yukon towns and spectacular mountains and alpine passes to the rugged coast of Alaska.

On the **Southern Lakes Circuit** you will explore a network of deep blue lakes backed by coastal mountains and villages filled with artists and historic sites, all just a short drive from Whitehorse.

Visit : [www.travel yukon.com](http://www.travel yukon.com). Contact : Lisa Chamberlain at [Lisa.chamberlain@btinternet.com](mailto:Lisa.chamberlain@btinternet.com).

## Macs Adventure

Macs Adventure has launched four new self-guided walking and cycling tours of the French island of Corsica.

This is a Mediterranean island is known for its wild landscapes, hearty food and wines.

### **Walking: Corsica in Style and Walking: Corsica: Island of Beauty**

These walking tours start from the Citadel in Corte – a fortress perched on a rocky outcrop - and then travel down into the Tavignano Gorge.

The itinerary also includes :

- a walk from the Gorge de la Restonica to Lake Melo
- A walk from the port town of Calvi to the hill top chapel of Notre Dame de la Serra
- a coastal walk along the peninsula to the Revellata Lighthouse, and
- a strenuous hike up mountain Capu di a Veta.

### **Walking: Corsica mountain trails to the sea**

This moderately rated self-guided tour will suit those who like to walk through contrasting scenery; mountains, river gorges, cliffs, coastlines, lakes and natural pools.

It takes in the interior of the island and the coastline experiencing the Scala Santa Regina Gorge and Radule Waterfall.

### **Cycling Around the Cape of Corsica**

This cycle tour passes through local villages and port towns on quiet, minor roads with views of rugged cliffs, weathered Genoese Towers and rolling hills of vineyards.

Macs Adventure is a specialist in self-guided walking, cycling and activity holidays in the UK, Europe and selected long-haul destinations.

Visit : [www.macsadventure.com](http://www.macsadventure.com). Contact : Frances Tuke at [frances@lotus-uk.co.uk](mailto:frances@lotus-uk.co.uk).

## Hornblower Cruises

Hornblower Cruises has added two new yachts to its fleet of over 70 vessels.

The new additions are part of the company's New York fleet and complement the historic vessels that reside in San Francisco and Southern California.

### **Hornblower Esprit**

The Hornblower Esprit, which was recently christened in the New York Harbor, is 90 feet with a capacity of 100 passengers.

### **Sensation**

Formerly the Vista Jubilee, Sensation is a 114 feet long yacht which accommodates up to 400 passengers.

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## Hornblower Cruises historic Vessels

### San Francisco Belle

The 292-foot San Francisco Belle was built in Louisiana in 1994 and was originally used as a floating casino on the St. Charles River in Missouri. Her classic lines, stern paddlewheel and ornate detailing recall the elegant riverboats of the late 1800s.

With a capacity for 2,200 guests, the Belle is the largest capacity dining yacht on the west coast and boasts the grandeur and style that is uniquely San Francisco.

### Wild Goose

Originally christened the USS YMS-328, the Wild Goose was a US Navy Yard Mine Sweeper, which was built in Ballard, Washington.

The yacht's most notable owner was actor John Wayne who purchased the vessel in 1962 and entertained many famous passengers, including presidents Richard Nixon and Ronald Reagan, until his death 17 years later.

The yacht was listed on the US National Registry of Historic Places in July 2011.

### Zumbrota

One of the most historic yachts sailing out of Marina del Rey, the Zumbrota was built (in 1896 in Sarasota, FL for circus baron Charles Ringling and was named Zumbrota after Zumbro Falls, Minnesota where the large Ringling family had lived.

The historic vessel features teak decks, sparkling brass, polished woodwork and a galley large enough to serve up to 125 passengers were added.

### High Spirits

Built in 1929, High Spirits yacht was originally constructed as a sister ship to President Franklin D. Roosevelt's presidential yacht, Sequoia.

Now located in San Diego, the High Spirits, at 112 feet in length, can accommodate up to 150 guests.

Hornblower Cruises operates over 70 vessels, including the three largest dining yachts on the West Coast and has ports in San Francisco, Berkeley, Sacramento, Long Beach, Newport Beach, Marina del Rey, San Diego and New York City.

Visit : [www.hornblower.com](http://www.hornblower.com) or [www.hornblowernewyork.com](http://www.hornblowernewyork.com). Contact: Molly Blaisdell at [mblaisdell@hornblower.com](mailto:mblaisdell@hornblower.com).

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## A place to stay

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### Conrad Chicago

The Conrad Chicago is set to open in spring 2016, overlooking North Michigan Avenue on Erie Street.

The 20-story property will offer 287-rooms, of which 12 are expansive suites.

Visit : [www.conradhotels.com](http://www.conradhotels.com). Contact : Chloe Bowditch at [chloe@grifcopr.com](mailto:chloe@grifcopr.com).

## Adrián Hoteles, Tenerife

### 5\* Hotel Jardines de Nivaria

The five-star Hotel Jardines de Nivaria sits right next to the beach in the exclusive Playa Fañabé area of Costa Adeje.

The hotel, considered one of the most luxurious in south Tenerife, combines Art-deco and Spanish traditional style enhanced by the dome that crowns the main building and represents the stars and constellations visible from the hotel during the spring equinox.

### 5\* Roca Nivaria Gran Hotel

The Roca Nivaria Gran Hotel, the latest addition to the Adrián Hoteles portfolio, is located in the Playa Paraíso area on the southern coast of Costa Adeje.

The five-star hotel features a total of 289 rooms with private terrace, an infinity pool with Balinese chill-out beds and sea views, open-air Jacuzzi and rooftop sun terrace, four restaurants and bars, and a 'mini club' for children.

### 4\* Hotel Colón Guanahaní

Hotel Colón Guanahaní is an adults-only hotel located 150m from the sandy beaches of Playa Fañabé.

The four-star boutique reopened in late 2014 following a €3.5 million refurbishment and features 154 colonial-style rooms.

Visit: [www.adrianhoteles.com](http://www.adrianhoteles.com). Contact : Sarah Habicht at [sarah@humewhitehead.co.uk](mailto:sarah@humewhitehead.co.uk).

## Belmond Mount Nelson Hotel, Cape Town, South Africa

The Belmond Mount Nelson Hotel has teamed up with author Alexander McCall Smith to stage No.1 Ladies' Detective Agency, The Musical in the hotel's Grill Room.

The musical runs from Tuesday to Sunday at Belmond Mount Nelson Hotel until mid-December 2015, following which it will travel to Johannesburg before touring.

Visit : [www.belmond.com](http://www.belmond.com). Contact : Emily Boynton at [emily.boynton@belmond.com](mailto:emily.boynton@belmond.com).

## The Crowne Plaza Hotel at Aberdeen International Airport

The new Crowne Plaza Hotel at Aberdeen International Airport is located a 5-minute walk from the passenger terminal.

The hotel has 165 luxury bedrooms, contemporary and elegant décor, a grill restaurant with a menu based on fresh seasonal local produce, and two bars.

It will be the third Crowne Plaza hotel in Scotland after Edinburgh and Glasgow,.

The hotel is owned and operated by Dominvs Hospitality which also owns the 193 bedroom Holiday Inn Express Aberdeen Airport, which opened in May 2015.

Other properties include the Holiday Inn Darlington North, Mercure Sheffield Parkway and Holiday Inn Dumfries hotels.

One of the fastest growing hotel companies in the UK it has hotels Manchester, Oxford and London in the pipeline.

Visit : [www.cpaberdeem.com](http://www.cpaberdeem.com) and [www.dominvsgroup.com/hospitality](http://www.dominvsgroup.com/hospitality). Contact : Scott Thornton at [info@hotelpr.co.uk](mailto:info@hotelpr.co.uk).

## Natural Retreats new US locations

Natural Retreats has added a number of new US locations to its portfolio including :

- Lake Tahoe, California
- Turpin Meadow Ranch, Wyoming
- Alpine House, Wyoming
- Bald Head Island, North Carolina, and
- St. Simon's Island, Georgia.

The destinations are located in or near to a National Park.

Visit : [www.naturalretreats.com](http://www.naturalretreats.com). Contact : Nicole Lovett at [Nicole@grifcopr.com](mailto:Nicole@grifcopr.com).

The Cap Vermell Estate, Mallorca

Located on the beautiful valley of Canyamel near the north-east coast of Mallorca, the 49 acre low-density Cap Vermell Estate, has 12 bespoke villas.

The Park Hyatt Mallorca, Beach Club and Country Club will open on the estate in spring 2016.

Visit : [www.grupocapvermell.com](http://www.grupocapvermell.com). Contact : Flora Beaumont at [flora@grifcopr.com](mailto:flora@grifcopr.com).

## Waldorf Astoria Driving Experiences

Waldorf Astoria Hotels & Resorts has launched the Waldorf Astoria Driving Experiences for guests at 12 of the brand's 26 hotels and resorts across North America, Europe, and the United Arab Emirates

The package includes access to new Ferrari, McLaren, Lamborghini, and Porsche models, tips from experienced racing professionals, and the opportunity to drive along beautiful pre-determined routes giving guests a truly unforgettable day on the road.

Visit : [www.waldorfastoria3.hilton.com](http://www.waldorfastoria3.hilton.com). Contact : Cecile Tootel at [Cecile@grifcopr.com](mailto:Cecile@grifcopr.com).

## Park Hyatt Mallorca

The Park Hyatt Mallorca is set to open in the 2nd Quarter of 2016 on the Cap Vermell Estate.

The only Park Hyatt hotel in the Mediterranean, the resort will overlook the Canyamel valley with views of the sea and the ancient town of Artá.

Next to an international standard 18-hole golf course, Park Hyatt Mallorca will also be within walking distance to the historic Coves d'Artá.

Visit : [www.parkhyatt.com](http://www.parkhyatt.com). Contact : Claire Griffin at [Claire@grifcopr.com](mailto:Claire@grifcopr.com).

## Le Saint-James, Bouliac, France

Le Saint-James, a contemporary Relais & Chateaux hotel in Bouliac is located within the vineyards on the 'Balcony of Bordeaux' views over the River Garonne and the city in the distance.

It is a short drive to Saint-Émilion and some of the most iconic Chateaux in the region, and Bordeaux.

Visit : [www.saintjames-bouliac.com](http://www.saintjames-bouliac.com). Contact : Emma Simmons at [pr1@perception-uk.com](mailto:pr1@perception-uk.com).

## Starwood Hotels & Resorts, Dubai

Starwood Hotels & Resorts is to open four new hotels in Dubai under Starwood's Aloft and Element brand flags.

Scheduled to open in 2018, the four new Aloft hotels and Element hotel will introduce 816 rooms in Dubai ahead of the Dubai World Expo 2020.

Aloft hotels is spearheading Starwood's growth in the mid-market hotel segment in the Middle East.

**The three hotels are :**

### **Aloft Dubai Dubiotech**

Aloft Dubai Dubiotech will be located in the world's first free zone area dedicated to the life science industry.

The hotel is 20km from the Dubai International Airport and 40 km from the new Dubai World Central International Airport.

### **Aloft Dubai Studio City**

Aloft Dubai Studio City will be located in Dubai Studio City, a part of Dubai Media City that drives business in broadcast, movie, television and music production.

Located 15 minutes from Dubai International Airport and the city centre, Dubai Studio City is easily accessible from all areas of Dubai.

### **Aloft Dubai IMPZ**

Aloft Dubai IMPZ will be located in Dubai's dedicated media production zone, International Media Production Zone (IMPZ).

The hotel will serve as a hub for the art, printing, publishing and media production businesses in the area.

### **Element Dubai IMPZ**

Element, Starwood's eco-innovation lab, will offer 168 studio properties and double rooms with amenities including 'healthy' breakfast and evening reception, saline swimming pools, fitness centres, bikes-to-borrow and electric vehicle charging stations.

Starwood currently operates 51 hotels and resorts across the Middle East under the brands :

- The Luxury Collection
- Element Hotels
- St. Regis
- Sheraton
- Westin
- W Hotels
- Le Méridien
- Four Points by Sheraton, and
- Aloft.

The company has plans to double its portfolio in the region in the next five years.

Visit : [www.starwoodhotels.com](http://www.starwoodhotels.com). Frank Tigani at [frank.tigani@starwoodhotels.com](mailto:frank.tigani@starwoodhotels.com).



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### **The Capital Centre Arjaan by Rotana, Abu Dhabi**

The Capital Centre Arjaan by Rotana in Abu Dhabi will officially open on 1 November 2015 - the Group's 13th property in the Emirate.

Located in the heart of Abu Dhabi, Capital Centre Arjaan by Rotana will be situated in Capital Centre is near to the Abu Dhabi National Exhibition Centre and Yas Island attractions.

Capital Centre Arjaan is also adjacent to Centro Capital Centre by Rotana and is part of Rotana's Capital Centre Complex, which will be complemented next year with the opening of Capital Centre Rotana in 2016.

Rotana currently manages a portfolio of over 85 properties throughout the throughout the Middle East, Africa, South Asia and Eastern Europe.

Visit : [www.rotana.com](http://www.rotana.com). Contact : Laura Smith at [laura@ktapr.com](mailto:laura@ktapr.com).

### **The Cap Vermell Beach Hotel, Mallorca**

The Cap Vermell Beach Hotel, Mallorca has established a new partnership at four of Mallorca's top, 18-hole luxury golf courses.

Located in the valley of Canyamel on the north-east coast of Mallorca, the hotel is a 10 minute drive from the internationally recognised courses :

- Canyamel Golf Club
- Pula Golf Club
- Capdepera Golf Club, and
- Club de Golf de Son Servera.

Mallorca offers year-round sun, which allows visitors to make the most of the 23 golf courses across the island.

The Cap Vermell Beach Hotel has 12 Mallorcan-style rooms with en-suite bathrooms and private balconies with views of the bay.

Visit : [www.grupocapvermell.com](http://www.grupocapvermell.com). Contact : C harlotte Rous at [Charlotte@grifcopr.com](mailto:Charlotte@grifcopr.com).

### **Rome Cavalieri, Italy**

The Rome Cavalieri, Waldorf Astoria Hotels & Resorts has been recognised as Europe's Leading Luxury City Resort and Italy's Leading Luxury City Resort at the World Travel Awards 2015.

Located on 15 acres of private Mediterranean parkland overlooking the Eternal City, the Rome Cavalieri offers 345 guestrooms and 25 luxuriously appointed Suites; an exclusive Imperial Club; an elegant Grand Spa with one indoor and three outdoor pools.

It has the three-star Michelin restaurant La Pergola; as well as the world's most prestigious art collection housed within a hotel.

Visit : [www.waldorfasteria.com](http://www.waldorfasteria.com). Contact : Nicole Lovett at [Nicole@grifcopr.com](mailto:Nicole@grifcopr.com).

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## Botique accommodation on Mustique

The island of Mustique is located in the stream of islands of St Vincent and the Grenadines a hundred miles west of Barbados.

The island offers a range of boutique properties offering intimate hideaways for couples and small families including :

Lavender Hill Cottage : Located at the northern tip of the island this retreat is newly available for rental, and offers pretty colonial style interiors, an infinity pool and unrivalled views.

Samambaia : an original Messel villa is located in tropical gardens and comes with a house manager/cook and private vehicle.

Messelia : recently refurbished villa overlooks Britannia Bay

### Cotton Hill Residence : a private villa within the Cotton House Hotel.

Visit : [www.mustique-island.com](http://www.mustique-island.com). Contact : Lucy Fleming [lucyflemingpr.co.uk](mailto:lucyflemingpr.co.uk).

Atlantis by Giardino, Zurich, Switzerland

The Atlantis by Giardino, Zurich, will open on 1 December 2015, following an extensive renovation programme.

In its time the hotel has played host to Steve McQueen, Freddie Mercury, Shirley MacLaine and Muhammad Ali.

Styled as an urban retreat, the 95-room hotel is located in the western part of Zurich and near to the edge of a forest at the foot of the Üetliberg mountains.

Visit : [www.atlantisbygiardino.ch](http://www.atlantisbygiardino.ch). Contact : Sue Heady at [sue@headycommunications.com](mailto:sue@headycommunications.com).

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## Job shop

**The International Travel Writers Alliance Job Shop** enable the Alliance's partners to place - and journalists to receive - information on in-house jobs, special assignments or one-off projects.

### Addition services through Job shop

The Alliance's travel journalists can also :

- create an anonymous job seeker profile or upload a CV for potential employers to search
- set up **Job Alerts** so as to be notified if a job is posted that matches the journalists skills or interests and access job searching tools and tips

Visit : [www.jobtarget.com/home/home.cfm?site\\_id=14773](http://www.jobtarget.com/home/home.cfm?site_id=14773)

## The American Attractions Collection, Orlando

**The American Attractions Collection is a collection of attractions and tours aimed at promoting some of the best tourist “must dos” in North America and money saving cards that provide travellers with meal deals.**

The American Attractions Collection currently covers Orlando, New York and Las Vegas.

**The Orlando partners in the initiative include :** Florida Dolphin Tours

### Artegon Marketplace Orlando

The Village at Artegon Marketplace Orlando is a new 1.1 million-square-foot shopping and artisan marketplace on International Drive.

Over 165 of Florida’s most talented artisans and craftspeople come together to showcase and sell everything from jewellery, accessories, leather goods as well as locally sourced food and drink.

In The Great Hall there are caricaturists, henna and jawa tattoo painters, canvas airbrush artists and other edgy performers.

Singers, jugglers and stilt walkers perform throughout the day providing a new place to experience the sights, sounds and flavours unique to Central Florida.

Visit : [www.artegonmarketplace.com](http://www.artegonmarketplace.com).

### Boggy Creek Airboat Rides

Boggy Creek Airboat Rides is the longest established and closest airboat ride company to the Orlando theme parks.

Guests will skim across Florida’s wetlands, through tall grasses at 45 mph, searching for alligators and wildlife.

Thirty-minute tours run continuously throughout the day with no reservation required.

There is also a one-hour daytime tour for an even longer experience and a one-hour night expedition, searching the swamps for the intimidating alligator!

Visit : [www.bcairboats.com](http://www.bcairboats.com).

Florida Dolphin Tours offer a choice of family friendly days and nights out ‘with transport included’ ranging from Swimming with Dolphins and Manatees to Limousine character dining experiences, and Kennedy Space Center.

Florida Dolphin Tours is the only operator to offer an exclusive guided tour of space shuttle Atlantis with every Florida Dolphin Tour Kennedy Space Centre excursion.

Visit : [www.floridadolphintours.com](http://www.floridadolphintours.com).

### Fun Spot American Theme Parks

Fun Spot American Theme Parks has parks in Orlando on I-Drive and the other in Kissimmee on the 192 next to Old Town Kissimmee.

The Orlando location now includes three new roller coasters including Orlando’s only wooden roller coaster White Lightning and the 250 ft SkyCoaster which is the largest in the world and 2nd tallest to the world famous 300 sq ft SkyCoaster located at the Kissimmee park.

There are also multi-level go-kart tracks, a 101-foot Ferris Wheel, bumper cars and bumper boats.

Visit : [www.fun-spot.com](http://www.fun-spot.com).

### Orlando Balloon Rides

Orlando Balloon Rides is the largest passenger ride operator on the Eastern seaboard of the United States.

Visitors can see the sunrise on an early morning flight ascending anywhere from tree tops to several thousand feet with views of the theme parks, orange groves, forests and Florida swamps.

Visit : [www.orlandoballoonrides.com](http://www.orlandoballoonrides.com).

### Revolution Off Road Experience

Revolution Off Road Experience is a leading motor and water sports venue in Orlando where guests drive Dune Buggies, Quad Bikes (ATV's) and 4x4's.

Mucky Ducks is part of the Revolution Off Road Experience with vehicles used the 6 to 8 wheel Argo amphibious UVT's or "Mucky Ducks".

There is also bass fishing in a 65-acre lake and water skiing.

Visit : [www.revolutionoffroad.com](http://www.revolutionoffroad.com).

### WonderWorks

*WonderWorks*, the upside-down house on International Drive, features over a 100 interactive exhibits for a full morning, afternoon or evening's worth of entertainment.

Visitors can feel a 5.3 simulated earthquake, be blown away by hurricane force winds, land the shuttle, lie on a bed of nails, pilot a fighter jet or design and ride your own roller coaster.

*WonderWorks* has added a gyroscope billed as the 'Astronaut Training Challenge' to its line up.

Two visitors at a time can board the gyroscope and they should experience a feeling of weightlessness and the roll-and-tumble effect that's associated with space travel.

The attractions, tours and savings cards are available through :

- Do Something Different : [www.dosomethingdifferent.com](http://www.dosomethingdifferent.com)
- Attraction World : [www.attractionworld.com](http://www.attractionworld.com), and
- Viator : [www.Viator.com](http://www.Viator.com).

**Contact : Margaret Henriksson at [margaret@hatmarketing.com](mailto:margaret@hatmarketing.com).**

### The "Outta Control" Magic Comedy Dinner Show (part of *WonderWorks*).

The "Outta Control" Magic Comedy Dinner Show, which, is located inside *WonderWorks* has been entertaining audiences of all ages for over fifteen years with a mixture of magic, impersonations and high-energy improvisational comedy.

Visit : [www.wonderworksonline.com](http://www.wonderworksonline.com).

### The Kids Eat Free Card Orlando

The Kids Eat Free Card Orlando is valid at over 120 restaurants in the main tourist areas of Orlando

The card, allows children 11 and under, to eat free for the duration of their holiday when accompanied by a full-paying adult.

Restaurants are situated in the most popular tourist areas of International Drive, Lake Buena Vista, Disney/Kissimmee area, Universal City Walk area, Universal Park area and Florida Mall/Sandlake Road area.

Visit : [www.kidseatfreecard.com](http://www.kidseatfreecard.com).

### Play4Less Card Orlando

The Play4Less Card Orlando, which is free to download, offers up to 5%-20% savings to visitors at the gate on arrival.

Visit : [www.play4lesscard.com](http://www.play4lesscard.com).



## Walking tours around New York City

NYC & Company, New York City's official marketing, tourism and partnership are offering walking tours around New York City's five boroughs.

### Big Apple Greeter

Big Apple Greeter sets visitors up with a free and friendly greeter to show them around the exciting neighborhoods and cultural attractions that make New York City a great destination to visit year-round.

Visit : [www.bigapplegreeter.org](http://www.bigapplegreeter.org).

### Free Tours by Foot

Free Tours by Foot offers self-guided tours through neighborhoods including Harlem and Buschwick, as well as themed guided tours, such as street art and graffiti, and night tours. For a true local experience.

Visit : [www.freetoursbyfoot.com](http://www.freetoursbyfoot.com).

### Big Onion Walking Tours

Offering more than 30 history-based tours through locals' perspectives, Big Onion Walking Tours takes visitors back in time with its Immigrant New York tour, as well as historical neighborhood tours of the Lower East Side and Brooklyn Heights.

Visit : [www.bigonion.com](http://www.bigonion.com).

### New York Historical Tours

New York Historical Tours brings visitors on a walking tour of the newly expanded High Line, where they can learn about the history of the area, along with a tour of the Chelsea and Meatpacking neighborhoods.

Visit : [www.newyorkhistoricaltours.com](http://www.newyorkhistoricaltours.com).

### Staten Island's Historic Richmond Town

Staten Island's Historic Richmond Town offers themed guided tours of its beautiful grounds that showcase how New Yorkers lived and worked during the 17th century.

Visit : [www.historicrichmondton.org](http://www.historicrichmondton.org).

### Carreta Tours

Carreta Tours invites visitors on a customized tour of the borough's neighborhoods and diverse cultures.

Visit : [www.carretatours.com](http://www.carretatours.com)

### Metropolitan Walks

Those wanting to know about the little-known history of the City can book a tour with Metropolitan Walks, which takes in the historical events that took place around Washington Square Park and allows visitors to craft their own group tour of any city neighborhood.

Visit : [www.metropolitanwalks.com](http://www.metropolitanwalks.com).

### Inside Out Tours

With Inside Out Tours, visitors can learn about the classic architecture of Midtown Manhattan including the Chrysler Building and the United Nations Building.

Visit : [www.insideouttours.com](http://www.insideouttours.com).



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### **The Wall Street Experience**

In Lower Manhattan, The Wall Street Experience is guided by Wall Street insiders who share their stories about the history, architecture and financial achievements of the world's financial capital.

Visit : [www.thewallstreetexperience.com](http://www.thewallstreetexperience.com) and [www.wallstreetwalks.com](http://www.wallstreetwalks.com).

### **Walks of New York**

Broadway fans can join Walks of New York for their exclusive Disney on Broadway Tour, which includes a walking tour of Broadway's iconic landmarks and a chance to try on official costumes and props at the New Amsterdam Theatre.

Visit : [www.walksofnewyork.com](http://www.walksofnewyork.com).

### **Food walking tours**

There are several food walking tours :

#### **Turnstile Tours**

Sample Caribbean and Latin American fare along with a tour of Brooklyn's "Avenue of Puerto Rico" with Turnstile Tours.

Visit : [www.turnstiletours.com](http://www.turnstiletours.com).

#### **Food on Foot Tours**

With Food on Foot Tours, visitors can enjoy self-guided and local-guided tours of the City's best bagels, Asian cuisine in Queens, Brooklyn's waterfront neighborhoods and group-only sandwich tours.

Visit : [www.foodonfoottours.com](http://www.foodonfoottours.com).

#### **Ahoy New York Food Tours**

Ahoy New York Food Tours take guests to family-owned shops and off-the-beaten-path establishments in Little Italy and Chinatown.

Visit : [www.ahoynewyorkfoodtours.com](http://www.ahoynewyorkfoodtours.com).

**Visit : [www.nycgo.com](http://www.nycgo.com). Contact : Sean Altberger at [saltberger@nycgo.com](mailto:saltberger@nycgo.com).**

### **Walks of New York's Greenwich Village Food Tour**

In collaboration with chef Mario Batali, Walks of New York's Greenwich Village Food Tour is a culinary walk around the neighborhood's distinct eateries, including two of the chef's Italian restaurants.

Visit : [www.walksofnewyork.com](http://www.walksofnewyork.com).

### **New York Parks**

Visitors can learn about Central Park's ecology and history with self-guided and guided tours with the Central Park Conservancy

Visit : [www.centralparknyc.org](http://www.centralparknyc.org).

### **DUMBO Discovery Tours**

Brooklyn Bridge Park and the Brooklyn's DUMBO neighborhood are part of BQE Tours' DUMBO Discovery Tours

Visit : [www.bqetours.com](http://www.bqetours.com).

### **Cititrek's Forever Wild Greenbelt Tour**

In Staten Island, the Greenbelt is highlighted as part of Cititrek's Forever Wild Greenbelt Tour.

Visit : [www.cititrek.com](http://www.cititrek.com).

**For more information on these and other walking tours in New York City visit : [www.nycgo.com/alltours](http://www.nycgo.com/alltours).**



## Cycling in Serbia

**The Balkans state of Serbia offers cyclists landscapes like Djerdap Gorge and the national parks of Fruška Gora and Tara.**

For the cultural there are medieval monasteries and ornate Orthodox churches, ancient fortresses and traditional Austro-Hungarian styled villages reflecting the influence many different cultures have had on Serbia over the centuries.

### **Bike Belgrade**

Bike Belgrade offers a range of daily cycling tours of the capital, all of which are escorted by English speaking guides.

Options include the riverside areas of the Sava and Danube or focussing on city centre highlights.

### **The Circular Day Tour**

The Circular Day Tour on Mount Bobija is located in Azbukovica, near the town of Ljubovija, only two hours' drive from Belgrade.

This mountain is rarely included on tourist maps, but is a paradise for nature lovers. The circular route takes you through the canyon of Tribuće with its deciduous forest and rocky outcrops where you can spot the griffon vulture.

### **The Beast From The East**

The Beast From The East (EuroVelo 11), runs through Serbia from the Hungarian border at Djala, travelling south to the Macedonian border at Jablanica.

This route features flatlands, rivers, dense forests and countless villages. From Belgrade, the route crosses the Danube heading south past historic churches and breathtaking scenery before eventually crossing into Macedonia.

### **The Danube Bike Trail**

The Danube Bike Trail stretches for 2,857 km following Europe's second longest river through nine countries.

It also forms part of the even longer EuroVelo 6, the epic "Rivers Route" which stretches from the Atlantic to the Black Sea.

Serbia's section of the Danube Bike Trail is over 660 km in length beginning at Backi Breg on the Hungarian border and running through to Negotin on the Bulgarian border.

Highlights include the Upper Danube Nature Reserve, Fruška Gora National Park and the Djerdap 'Iron Gate' Gorge – the longest in Europe, and one of the most beautiful stretches of the entire Danube.

On route is the 14th century Golubac Fortress, monasteries and Belgrade itself.

Serbian tour operators offering Danube tours include: Magellan and ACE Adventure.

### **The Iron Curtain Trail**

The Iron Curtain Trail is extraordinarily tough.

This EuroVelo 13 route from the Arctic Circle to Turkey traces the Cold War Iron Curtain divide between East and West Europe.

The more moderate Serbia stretch skirts the borders with Hungary, Romania and Bulgaria and runs through the flat plains of the north to the mountains of the East.

Its undoubted highlight is Djerdap Gorge and the passage between the Iron Gates.



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### **Mountain biking**

Mountain biking is increasingly popular in Serbia, with marked cycle routes on most of Serbia's well known mountain areas like Kopaonik, Zlatibor and Stara Planina.

There are also cable lifts for transporting cycles.

Western Serbia itself has 400 km of marked paths crossing breathtaking areas such as Tara National Park, which itself has 27 bike path routes.

### **The Fruška Gora National Park**

Fruška Gora National Park also offers a genuine mountain bike experience.

Located 80 km from Belgrade, there are almost a dozen designated forest routes where cyclists can take on steep climbs whilst encountering very few people.

### **Cycling events**

The Tour de Serbie  
June

The annual Tour de Serbie – founded in 1939, when Serbia had virtually no paved roads – ranks as one of the most important and best organised stage races in this part of Europe.

### **The Fanatic MTB Marathon**

The Fanatic MTB Marathon is one in a series of mountain biking events held each year in the area with this one taking place in May as organised by the aptly named Fanatic Mountain Biking Club.

It is one of the major events of the Serbian MTB season. There are three races – the short (just 32km), the medium (56km) and the big marathon – a full-on 80km of tough riding.

**Visit : [www.serbia.travel](http://www.serbia.travel). Contact : Jovanka Ristich at [Jovanka@jpr-online.co.uk](mailto:Jovanka@jpr-online.co.uk).**



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