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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 – and a roving ambassador's role - in the profession.

See Appendix one for the directory of opportunities for press card holders.

## Registering with the Alliance

To register with the Alliance visit : [www.itwalliance.com](http://www.itwalliance.com), and register as a :

- **Member** : travel writers, broadcasters and photographers
- **Editor** : commissioning editors
- **Partner** : travel and tourism industry organisations, or
- **Agency** : agency representatives with travel or tourism clients

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## Opportunities

**Alliance members looking to take advantage of any of the following opportunities should be on assignment, with a commission or able to obtain one.**

### Indie Travel Guides

Indie Travel Guides give the indie traveller an insight into how to get the best out of the travelling experience.

They are geared to whetting the appetite for adventure by giving readers a taste of a profiled city or country's unique culture and flavour.

Each Indie Travel Guide is written by independent travellers who enthusiastically share the best top ten traveller highlights and the hidden, often missed, local gems.

Alliance members can obtain review copies.

Visit : [www.guides.indietravelpodcast.com](http://www.guides.indietravelpodcast.com). Contact : Craig Martin at [craig@indietravelmedia.com](mailto:craig@indietravelmedia.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

### Québec City, Canada

Québec City is one of North America's most beautiful cities and a world-class destination.

It has natural, cultural, and historical attractions, outdoor activities minutes from town and internationally renowned festivals and events among 400 years of history.

Visit : [www.quebecregion.com](http://www.quebecregion.com). Contact : Richard Seguin at [richard.seguin@quebecregion.com](mailto:richard.seguin@quebecregion.com).

### Variarts Travel, China

Variarts Travel offers 'insider' tours of Shanghai, Beijing and greater China with the ethos of services defined by 'luxury and local'.

Visit : [www.variarts.com](http://www.variarts.com). Contact : Francis Hartnett at [francis@variarts.com](mailto:francis@variarts.com).

### VisitBritain

*VisitBritain* is the national tourist board for Britain. It is responsible for promoting Britain as a travel destination in 21 International markets.

Visit Britain works closely with journalists looking to highlight or visit Britain.

Visit : [www.visitbritain.org](http://www.visitbritain.org). Contact : Emma Fitzgerald at [emma.fitzgerald@visitbritain.org](mailto:emma.fitzgerald@visitbritain.org).

## Agencies

### **A Head for PR (UK)**

[www.aheadforpr.co.uk](http://www.aheadforpr.co.uk)

A Head for PR provides public and media relations and videography. It offers results driven PR campaigns raising your profile across all media channels, delivering key messages to the right people, through the best channels within cost effective budgets.

The agency gets great results for our clients offering targeted B2B trade campaigns in the specialist media and across regional press and broadcast as well as business to consumer strategies that involve national press, TV and radio as well as social media like Twitter and Facebook.

A Head for PR works with tourism and travel providers and Destinations.

Contact : Jane Adkins at [jane@aheadforpr.co.uk](mailto:jane@aheadforpr.co.uk).

### **JSC Sport (UK)**

[www.jscsport.co.uk](http://www.jscsport.co.uk)

JSC is a sports PR agency that also specialises in Food and Drink PR.

Contact : Sarah-Jane Muirie at [sjmuirie@jscsport.co.uk](mailto:sjmuirie@jscsport.co.uk).

### **Bitner/Hennessy (USA)**

[www.bitner.com](http://www.bitner.com)

Bitner/Hennessy creates successful communications programs, with a balanced approach that uniquely integrates public relations, marketing and events.

For more than 25 years, this powerful combination has been achieving maximum results for clients.

The agency offers in-depth, multi-cultural marketing and communication expertise in a diverse variety of industries, including transportation, real estate, entertainment, retail, healthcare, travel and tourism and government. In addition, most professional staff members are former journalists including former newspaper reporters, magazine editors and broadcast news professionals.

Contact : NancyGlasgow at [nancy@bitner.com](mailto:nancy@bitner.com).

## News

### **Cruising in Europe**

Ninety-six ships have sailed back to European waters from their winter routes in the Caribbean, Latin America, Africa and Asia.

It brings the total fleet in the region this summer to 200 cruise ships, operated by 65 lines, serving at least 530 destinations stretching from the Mediterranean to the Arctic.

The Cruise Lines International Association (CLIA) is the world's largest cruise industry trade association with representation in North and South America, Europe, Asia and Australasia.

CLIA represents the interests of cruise lines, travel agents, port authorities and destinations, and various industry business partners before regulatory and legislative policy makers.

CLIA is also engaged in communications to promote the value and desirability of cruise holiday vacations with thousands of travel agency and travel agent members and members of the media.

Visit : [www.cruising.org](http://www.cruising.org). Contact : Oliver Claydon at [OClaydon@bell-pottinger.com](mailto:OClaydon@bell-pottinger.com).

## Garden of the Gods, Colorado

Colorado's Garden of the Gods public park has been listed the 3rd best park in the world and the 2nd best park in the USA in the TripAdvisor Travellers Choice Attractions list.

The park, which is situated in Colorado Springs, is one of Colorado's most stunning natural attractions.

An estimated 1.7-2 million people visit the Garden of the Gods each year which is a National Natural Landmark.

The park is open all year round and visitors can explore over 24 kilometres of trails winding through the prehistoric site.

TripAdvisor recognised the 1,319.12 acre park for its stunning red sandstone rock formations, views of Pikes Peak, hiking trails, vegetation, wildlife and rock climbing.

Stanley Park in Vancouver came first worldwide and New York City's Central Park won the national award.

Visit : [www.colorado.com](http://www.colorado.com). Contact : Fiona Pettitt at [fiona@cellet.co.uk](mailto:fiona@cellet.co.uk).

## Patsy Cline home opens in Virginia

Fifty years since the passing (1963) of Patsy Cline, one of the most enduring country music legends, the home in which she spent her teenage years before her rise to fame is now open to travellers as a museum in the State for Lovers.

Located in the historic town of Winchester, the Patsy Cline Historic House serves as a reminder of her legacy, and is a National Historic Landmark and on the Virginia Landmarks Register.

Visit : [www.CelebratingPatsyCline.org](http://www.CelebratingPatsyCline.org). Contact : Lisa Cooper at [lisa.cooper@kbc-pr.com](mailto:lisa.cooper@kbc-pr.com).

## Orient-Express Orcaella

Orient-Express Hotels has launched its new river cruiser, Orcaella, which will cruise along the foothills of the Himalayas on the Chindwin River and through hidden Myanmar.

Orcaella is a traditional Irrawaddy Flotilla ship built by local craftsman in Yangon.

Operating between January to April and July to December, Orcaella will offer seven and 11 night cruise itineraries with journeys departing from Mandalay, Yangon and Bagan.

Orcaella's combination of draft and length means she can reach lesser visited destinations, such as the Chindwin River, providing guests with the opportunity to engage with remote communities.

All itineraries can be combined with stays in Yangon, Inle Lake or Ngapali on the Indian Ocean.

Visit : [www.orient-expressimages.com](http://www.orient-expressimages.com). Contact : Samantha Strawford at [samantha.strawford@orient-express.com](mailto:samantha.strawford@orient-express.com).

## Jungfrau Region, Switzerland

The Jungfrau Region is celebrating the 75th anniversary of the first climbing of the Eiger North Face, in July 1938, by four German/Austrian alpinists Anderl Heckmair and Ludwig Vörg, Fritz Kasperek and Heinrich Harrer.

Visit : [www.jungfrauregion.ch](http://www.jungfrauregion.ch). Contact : Martin Strahm, [martin.strahm@jungfrauregion.ch](mailto:martin.strahm@jungfrauregion.ch).

## The 2nd European Choir Games

Following the success of the first European Choir Games 2013 in Graz, Austria, the 2nd European Choir Games will be held in Magdeburg, Germany between 5 and 12 July 2015.

Visit : [www.interkultur.com](http://www.interkultur.com). Contact : [press@interkultur.com](mailto:press@interkultur.com).

## New York

Visual Travel Tours has released "Exploring Downtown Manhattan: The Heart of New York," an app allowing visitors to experience a walking pictorial tour.

Web: [www.visualtraveltours.com](http://www.visualtraveltours.com). Contact : Marie Profant at [mprofant@visualtraveltours.com](mailto:mprofant@visualtraveltours.com).

## Croatia enters the EU

Croatia became the 28th member of the European Union on 1 July 2013.

As an EU member, foreign visitors are now entitled to free healthcare using the EHIC card.

EU residents with a European visa can also visit Croatia without requesting another visa following their accession.

Visit : [www.croatia.hr](http://www.croatia.hr). Contact : Tim Thackray at [Tim.Thackray@Rooster.co.uk](mailto:Tim.Thackray@Rooster.co.uk).

## Leads

### The Mother Mary church, Zeytinliada, Turkey

The Mother Mary church, dating from the early Byzantine era (circa 500AD) and located in the modern-day village of Zeytinliada near Erdek, is to open to tourists as a new archeopark.

Visit : [www.goturkey.com](http://www.goturkey.com). Contact : [turkeytourism@redmintcomms.co.uk](mailto:turkeytourism@redmintcomms.co.uk).

### Ramblers Routes (UK)

Following advice from its volunteers, the Ramblers' has created 90 new walks in the British seaside.

The include :

- the Seven Sisters in Sussex to Land's End in Cornwall
- the Isle of Anglesey to the Isle of Wight
- the Outer Hebrides to South Devon, and
- the Norfolk coast to the North Sea beaches.

Each route has an online routecard featuring a description, photos and maps – including Ordnance Survey Landranger and Ordnance Survey Explorer – as well as the option to print the route and download GPX data.

Visit : [www.Ramblers.org.uk/ramblersroutes](http://www.Ramblers.org.uk/ramblersroutes). Contact : Angelah Sparg at [angelah@ramblers.org.uk](mailto:angelah@ramblers.org.uk).

### The Door Museum of Corum

The Central Anatolian province of Corum will be home to Turkey's first door museum.

The museum will be in the Iskilip district, known for its wooden houses, centuries old fountains and historic structures.

Visit : [www.goturkey.com](http://www.goturkey.com). Contact : [turkeytourism@redmintcomms.co.uk](mailto:turkeytourism@redmintcomms.co.uk).

## **The Palm Beach Zoo, West Palm Beach, Florida**

The Palm Beach Zoo is a non-profit, Association of Zoos and Aquariums accredited zoological organization housing over 1,400 animals within 23-acres of lush tropical habitat.

In addition to exciting animals from all over the world living in natural habitats, the Zoo features a variety of amenities, attractions, daily shows, experiences, and events.

Visit : [www.palmbeachzoo.org](http://www.palmbeachzoo.org). Contact : Claudia Harden at [claudia@palmbeachzoo.org](mailto:claudia@palmbeachzoo.org).

## **G Adventures, West Africa**

G Adventures has extended the itinerary for its 2014 voyage up the coast of West Africa onboard its expedition vessel MS Expedition.

Passengers will now journey for 32 days to ports in South Africa, Namibia, Angola, Congo, Sao Tome & Principe, Benin, Togo, Ghana, Sierra Leone, Guinea-Bissau, The Gambia, Senegal, Western Sahara, the Canary Islands and Morocco.

Visit : [www.gadventures.co.uk](http://www.gadventures.co.uk). Contact : Casey Mead at [caseym@gadventures.com](mailto:caseym@gadventures.com).

## **Wild Planet Adventures**

Wild Planet Adventures offers rare and exotic wildlife viewing tours in Africa, Belize, Borneo, Brazil, Costa Rica, Galapagos, India, Laos, Nepal, Panama, Peru, Thailand and Zambia.

The company's Peru & Galapagos fall Ultimate Wildlife expedition targets a September-October phenomenon in the Peruvian Amazon that brings upwards of 1,000 birds at a time to the world's largest macaw and parrot clay lick at the Tambopata National Reserve.

Visit : [www.wildplanetadventures.com](http://www.wildplanetadventures.com). Contact : Dave Wiggins at [dave@travelnewssource.com](mailto:dave@travelnewssource.com).

## **Kerry Vale Vineyard, Shropshire UK**

Kerry Vale Vineyard is an English vineyard situated on the Welsh / English border of rural Shropshire.

Planted in 2010, the vineyard of 6,000 vines made up of three varieties - Rondo, Pheonix and Solaris, covers six acres of farmland at the eastern tip of the Vale of Kerry.

Run by the husband and wife Geoff and June Ferguson the vineyard is in an area of great archaeological interest.

Part of the vineyard covers the east side of the Roman fort of Pentreheying, whilst another section formed the edge of two Roman marching camps. The site is also home to the remains of Bronze Age funerary monuments, a druid road, a medieval settlement and Offa's Dyke is just a field away!

Visit : [www.kerryvalevineyard.co.uk](http://www.kerryvalevineyard.co.uk). Contact : Nadine Roach at [nadineroach1@gmail.com](mailto:nadineroach1@gmail.com).

## **Flight of the pufflings', Iceland**

The flight of the puffins' is one of the highlights of the birding year, and sees millions of baby puffins fly their nests for the first time.

Transun's four-night \_Scenery and Spectacle package gives guests the chance to spot puffins in Iceland's Faxaflói bays.

The trip also includes visits to the world's northernmost capital city, Reykjavik, stops at the country's hot springs and geysers and bubbling mud pools.

Visit : [www.transun.co.uk](http://www.transun.co.uk). Contact : Beth Higham at [Beth.Higham@sirencomms.com](mailto:Beth.Higham@sirencomms.com).

## **The Big Tribute Festival**

The Big Tribute Festival, Wales' first ever festival weekender made up exclusively of tribute will be held in Aberystwyth between 22 and 25 August 2013.

More than 30 bands will play on two stages with live performances and non-stop greatest hits from the cream of the UK's tribute bands.

Visit : [www.thebigtribute.co.uk/](http://www.thebigtribute.co.uk/). Contact : Duncan Foulkes at [duncan.foulkes@btinternet.com](mailto:duncan.foulkes@btinternet.com).

## **Winter in South Dakota**

When the snow falls in South Dakota, the US state has more than 1,500 miles of snowmobile trails, 350 of which course their way through the Black Hills.

The 109-mile Mickelson Trail offers snowshoeing, cross-country skiing and snowmobiling (allowed only on a portion of the Deadwood to Dumont section).

The Black Hills are also home to two ski resorts, Terry Peak and Mystic Miner Ski Resort at Deer Mountain, both near Deadwood.

Hill City is a small mountain town featuring a variety of shops, art galleries and wineries.

Western South Dakota's world-famous attractions like Mount Rushmore National Memorial, Crazy Horse Memorial, Custer State Park and Badlands National Park are open year-round for visitors.

Spearfish Canyon offers breathtaking views of the Black Hills with its frozen waterfalls and limestone palisades.

Visit : [www.tourism.sd.gov](http://www.tourism.sd.gov). Contact : Wanda Goodman at [wanda.goodman@travelsd.com](mailto:wanda.goodman@travelsd.com).

## **Fishing in the UK**

Pitchup.com is a free online guide to 5,000 camping and caravanning sites in the UK, Ireland and France.

Users can search and book a camping or caravanning holiday based on more than 80 criteria, such as adults only and campfires allowed.

In addition there are listings for nearby events, Good Pub Guide pubs and VisitBritain attractions.

Visit : [www.pitchup.com](http://www.pitchup.com). Contact : Cass Helstrip at [Cass.helstrip@whitetigerpr.com](mailto:Cass.helstrip@whitetigerpr.com).

## **Callaway Gardens, Georgia**

Callaway Gardens located on 6,500 acres in Pine Mountain, Georgia includes a resort, preserve and residential community.

Highlights include a butterfly conservatory, horticultural center, discovery center, chapel, inland beach, nature trails, a zip line/obstacle course and special events throughout the year.

Callaway Gardens is home to a forest preserve which is under conservation easement.

This conserved, sustainably-managed land is used for biological studies and environmental education programs.

Visit : [www.callawaygardens.com](http://www.callawaygardens.com). Contact : Rachel Crumbley at [rcrumbley@callawaygardens.com](mailto:rcrumbley@callawaygardens.com).

## Sceptre Tours

Sceptre Tours has the Ultimate Luxury Chauffeur Ireland vacation which features stays in five-star hotels and transportation via private chauffeur-driven car.

Properties include :

- the Four Seasons in Dublin
- the g Hotel in Galway
- Killarney Park Hotel in Killarney, and
- the Ritz-Carlton Powerscourt in Wicklow.

Visit : [www.SceptreTours.com](http://www.SceptreTours.com). Contact : JC Communications at [Jane@JCCommunicationsllc.com](mailto:Jane@JCCommunicationsllc.com).

## What's on

### Ragley Hall Battle Proms, Warwickshire, UK

31 August 2013

Ragley Hall in Warwickshire is to host its third Battle Proms open air concert on Saturday 31 August.

Guests are invited to take picnic hampers and enjoy an unrivalled blend of musical talent, expert displays and pyrotechnics.

Visit : [www.ragleyhall.com](http://www.ragleyhall.com). Contact : Tanya Aspinwall at [Tanya@marketingaloud.co.uk](mailto:Tanya@marketingaloud.co.uk).

### Swiss Chamber Music Festival, Adelboden, Switzerland

14 to 29 September 2013

The annual Swiss Chamber Music Festival with its classical concert series brings together young musicians with established ensembles in the Alpine village of Adelboden.

Highlights of the festival will be the opening concert by the Berne Chamber Orchestra and the closing concert by Camerata Zürich.

Visit : [www.adelboden.ch](http://www.adelboden.ch). Contact : Adrian Roesti at [a.roesti@adelboden.ch](mailto:a.roesti@adelboden.ch)

### New York City Restaurant Week

22 July to 16 August 2013

NYC Restaurant Week Summer 2013 offers diners deals on meals at almost 300 participating restaurants.

During the annual Restaurant Week, three-course prix-fixe meals are priced at \$25 for lunch or \$38 for dinner excluding beverages, gratuities and taxes. NYC Restaurant Week was created in 1992.

Visit : [www.nycgo.com/restaurantweek](http://www.nycgo.com/restaurantweek). Contact : Jessica Flood at [jessicaf@hillsbalfour.com](mailto:jessicaf@hillsbalfour.com).

### Traida del Agua" (Water Fight), Gran Canaria

Annually August

The "Traida del Agua" (Water Fight) in Telde is a popular fiesta in Gran Canaria and the biggest water fight in Europe.

More than 12,000 attend the festival each year on 11 August to pick up water pistols, water balloons and buckets, pots and pans to soak each other on the streets. There is a parade and fireworks. Telde is a 30 minute drive up the coast from five star Seaside Palm Beach Hotel at Maspalomas.

Visit : [www.grancanaria.com](http://www.grancanaria.com) and [www.hotel-palm-beach.co.uk](http://www.hotel-palm-beach.co.uk). Contact : Juana Alemand at [jaleman@grancanaria.com](mailto:jaleman@grancanaria.com).



### **Dye Hard Cup” golf tournament,Casa de Campo, Dominican Republic**

10 to 15 November 2013

Casa de Campo, which is located in the city of La Romana, in the eastern region of the Dominican Republic, will stage the first annual “Dye Hard Cup” golf tournament, which is open to professionals and amateurs will be held on all four of the Casa de Campo's golf courses, designed by Pete Dye.

Golfers will be able to play the “Teeth of the Dog” golf course, listed as the number one golf course in Latin America and number 47 in the world, according to Golf Magazine.

Visit : [www.casadecampo.com.do](http://www.casadecampo.com.do) and [www.godominicanrepublic.com](http://www.godominicanrepublic.com)? Contact : Esther Smith at [pr.uk@godominicanrepublic.com](mailto:pr.uk@godominicanrepublic.com).

### **The 7th Annual American River Music Festival, Lotus, California**

13 to 15 September 2013

Situated on the South Fork of the American River in the Sierra Nevada foothills, the Coloma Lotus valley provides the backdrop for 30 live music performances.

The festival features vintage rock, blues, new and old grass, sweet jam and folk musicians.

Main stage performances are alongside the river.

Visit : [www.americanrivermusic.org](http://www.americanrivermusic.org). Contact : Noel Robinson at [americanrivermusicfestiva@gmail.com](mailto:americanrivermusicfestiva@gmail.com).

### **San Francisco Fringe Festival**

6 to 21 September 2013

The San Francisco Fringe Festival returns for its 22nd year with Indie theater comprising 158 performances and more than 36 shows in 14 days.

Visit : [www.sffringe.org](http://www.sffringe.org). Contact: Gary Carr at [carrpool@pacbell.net](mailto:carrpool@pacbell.net).

### **Navarino Bike Festival, Costa Navarino, Greece**

11 to 13 October 2013

The “Navarino Bike Festival” will be the first international mountain bike race in the southwest Peloponnese giving visitors the chance to explore the rich countryside.

Aiming to highlight Greece's natural beauty, whilst also establishing an international cycling race, "Navarino Bike Festival" gives cycling professionals and enthusiasts the opportunity to test their endurance through new and challenging race experiences.

Costa Navarino is a destination in the Greek region of Messinia in the southwest Peloponnese.

Visit : [www.costanavarino.com](http://www.costanavarino.com). Contact : Marina Papatsoni at [atvmpapatsoni@temes.gr](mailto:atvmpapatsoni@temes.gr).

### **Bamba Experience**

Bamba Experience provides hop-on hop-off, independent travel, and adventure trips to destinations including

treks to Machu Picchu via the less traveled Salkantay route the Choquequirao trek along the Apurimac Canyon Lares trek Inca Trail trek, and the Machu Picchu jungle adventure.

Visit : [www.bambaexperience.com](http://www.bambaexperience.com). Contact : Laurent Steiner at [laurent@bambaexperience.com](mailto:laurent@bambaexperience.com).

## Reasons to write about

### The Lindisfarne Gospels, Durham, UK

Visitors to the North East of England to view the Lindisfarne Gospels can enjoy a glimpse of medieval life at a castle with links to Saint Cuthbert.

The Lindisfarne Gospels book is one of the greatest landmarks of human cultural achievement.

Created by the community of St Cuthbert on Lindisfarne, around the year 700, it is one of the best examples of Medieval creativity and craftsmanship.

The Lindisfarne Gospels Durham exhibition presents for the first time the full story of the Lindisfarne Gospels, its influence on Medieval Europe and how artistic traditions from Britain and the Mediterranean mainland came together in North East England.

The illuminated manuscripts which comprise the Lindisfarne Gospels are the focal point of the Lindisfarne Gospels Durham Exhibition.

The Lindisfarne Gospels Durham Exhibition, will be at Durham's World Heritage Site at Palace Green Library until 30 September 2013 when the Gospels will return to the British Library in London.

The ancient Lumley Castle hotel, at Chester-le-Street, has its origins in the ninth century.

Guests at the castle, which sits in nine acres of grounds, can stay either in the main building or in converted courtyard accommodation.

Visit : [www.lindisfarnegospels.com/lindisfarne-gospels-durham-exhibition](http://www.lindisfarnegospels.com/lindisfarne-gospels-durham-exhibition) and [www.lumleycastle.com](http://www.lumleycastle.com).  
Contact : Emma Walker at [emma@sortedpr.com](mailto:emma@sortedpr.com).

### Bordeaux, France

Bordeaux is a riverside city that enables visitors to stroll through the elegant streets surrounded by stone columns and noble facades evoking the prosperity that has come from centuries of being one of the world's greatest wine centre.

The transformation of Bordeaux city followed a programme of renovation begun back in 1996 by Alain Juppé, the current Mayor of Bordeaux.

The dark, dirty limestone buildings were cleaned and restored and the riverbank regenerated and, as a result, UNESCO World Heritage status was awarded to Bordeaux in July 2007.

#### **Wine tourism : Château Mouton Rothschild**

Château Mouton Rothschild will open a new art gallery this summer to permanently house the travelling exhibition, Mouton Rothschild: Paintings for the Labels.

The new display space forms part of major renovations at the Pauillac First Growth, and will be the first time that all of the original artworks commissioned for the labels will be on display at the estate.

Visit : [www.bpdr.com/gb](http://www.bpdr.com/gb)

#### **Château Feret Lambert**

Valerie Feret has converted a wing of the family Château into a 400m<sup>2</sup> store. With the look of a typical French home, the difference is that everything is for sale, from furniture to artwork to bibelots.

The Château also has guest rooms.

[www.feret-labonnelle.com/gb\\_feretlambert.htm](http://www.feret-labonnelle.com/gb_feretlambert.htm)

## Les Quatre Saisons des Medocaines

The Duo des Medocaines, Armelle Falcy Cruse and Martine Cazeneuve, have launched this new concept whereby each season, visitors can experience a different activity including wine and cheese in Spring; treats in Summer; the harvest in the Autumn; and blending in the Winter.

### Hôtel La Cour Carrée

Although the hotel, which opened in summer 2012, is located in a building that dates back two centuries, it has an elegant, contemporary décor.

Visit : [www.lacourcarree.fr](http://www.lacourcarree.fr).

Visit : [www.bordeaux-tourisme.com](http://www.bordeaux-tourisme.com). Contact : Emanuele Barrasso at [emanuele@randr.co.uk](mailto:emanuele@randr.co.uk).

## Chiang Mai, Thailand

Chiang Mai is the largest and most culturally significant city in northern Thailand and the capital of Chiang Mai Province some 700 km (435 mi) north of Bangkok, and among the highest mountains in the country.

Chiang Mai means "new city" and was so-named because it was the new capital of the Lanna kingdom founded in 1296.

The city itself offers the charm of its Old City, with historic temples and other architecture, and the chance to explore the streets and the narrow lanes on foot or by bicycle.

The countryside around Chiang Mai has an abundance of attractions, with its hilltribe and craftsmen villages, trekking, rafting and nature walks, and opportunities for golfing on international standard greens.

Centara hotels have three different accommodation styles in Chiang Mai with the choice of a city centre hotel, a Lanna-inspired resort in a garden setting, and a peaceful resort set in its own extensive parkland with mature trees and a lake.

These are :

- Centara Khum Phaya Resort & Spa
- Centara Duangtawan Hotel Chiang Mai, and
- Suansawan Chiang Mai

Visit : [www.centarahotelsresorts.com](http://www.centarahotelsresorts.com). Contact : Ian Mills at [imills@avenuesales.co.uk](mailto:imills@avenuesales.co.uk).

## Al Zubarah, Qatar

The town of Al Zubarah, Qatar is the largest archaeological site to be inducted into the UNESCO World Heritage List.

A historic coastal town that is now abandoned, Al Zubarah is regarded as one of the largest and best preserved examples of an 18th to 19th Century merchant town.

Covering an area of 60 hectares, the archaeological site showcases remains of palaces, mosques, streets, courtyard houses, fishermen's huts, harbour and cemeteries.

A layer of sand blown from the desert has preserved these remains, which now enables visitors from around the world to step back in time and experience the rich Qatari history.

Day tours are available with Qatar International Adventures.

Visit : [www.qia-qatar.com](http://www.qia-qatar.com) and [www.visit.qatartourism.gov.qa](http://www.visit.qatartourism.gov.qa). Contact : Jessica Flood at [jessicaf@hillsbalfour.com](mailto:jessicaf@hillsbalfour.com).

## Ostrava, the Czech Republic

Ostrava, the Czech Republic's third city, is located in the Moravian-Silesian region 300 km from Prague.

It sits at the borders of the Czech Republic, Poland and Slovakia, with easy access to Vienna, the Upper Silesian industrial conurbation in Poland, and the Slovak capital Bratislava.

A new concert hall is being planned for the city centre and an interactive museum – the Great World of Technology – is nearing completion, along with an extension to the city's art gallery (to be known as the 'White Shadow').

### Lower Vítkovice

This huge historic industrial complex is being transformed into an exciting new leisure, entertainment and education zone with a powerful and memorable industrial atmosphere.

Originally founded by the Rothschilds as the Vítkovice ironworks, today the complex offers guided tours of the historic works and blast furnace, and an industrial backdrop to music festivals.

### The Gong

A former gas holder has been transformed into a multi-purpose auditorium known as the Gong.

### Blast Furnace 1

Almost 70 metres high, this historic local landmark towers over the entrance to the Lower Vítkovice complex and offers panoramic views of the entire city.

Visit : [www.ostrava.cz](http://www.ostrava.cz) and [www.msregion.cz](http://www.msregion.cz). Contact : [borgulova@czechtourism.com](mailto:borgulova@czechtourism.com).

## Birding Cruises

Active travel company, AdventureSmith Explorations offers a number of small ship cruise locations for bird watchers.

These include :

### Alaska

Hundreds of bird species migrate to Alaska's arctic each summer, crossing over Alaska's inside passage.

Glacier Bay National Park is a spot for birders with puffins and the rare Kittlitz's Murrelet. Glacier Bay Adventure Cruise spends several days inside Glacier Bay.

### Galapagos Islands

There are 56 native bird species in the Galapagos, with 80 percent found only here.

Thirteen species of Darwin's Finches are notoriously hard to identify but can be found throughout the archipelago. Itineraries with Espanola Island during the breeding season of May-November gives the chance to view the Waved Albatross with its eleven-foot wingspan.

### The Amazon

Delfin Amazon Cruises brings guests into contact with Macaws and Toucans and also local species such as Antbirds and Hoatzin's during excursions into small tributaries and lakes.

Travel during the high water season of December-May for the best chance to see a variety of birds.

## **The Antarctic Peninsula**

Cruising the Antarctic Peninsula reveals many species of penguin, such as Chinstrap, Adelie and Gentoo.

For a greater diversity of penguins, including King penguins, and the chance to witness huge colonies of up to a million birds, there is an Antarctic cruise that includes South Georgia and the Falkland Islands.

Travel in the early season of November and December to view courtship behavior, nesting and eggs. January and February are best to view newly hatched chicks and adolescents entering the water.

## **Papua New Guinea**

Papua New Guinea is one of the most exotic locations for viewing birds aboard a small ship.

The diversity of species rivals anywhere and the region is particularly famous for endemic species such as the Raggiana and Blue Birds of Paradise and rare finds including the Fire Maned Bowerbird.

Most trips are scheduled during the dry season in October and November.

Visit : [www.adventuresmithexplorations.com](http://www.adventuresmithexplorations.com). Contact : Sara Widness at [sara@widnesspr.com](mailto:sara@widnesspr.com).

## **Morgan's Rock, Morgan's Rock**

Morgan's Rock, Nicaragua's pioneering, upscale ecolodge, is located on a private beach for endangered giant sea turtles and has created its own wildlife and habitat protection system.

The turtles have found a prime nesting ground where at night they return to where they were born lay up to 120 eggs that hatch 50 or so days later.

Hotel guests can observe both the spawning and hatching.

The Olive Ridley turtle is Morgan's Rock's most frequent visitor, weighing up to 90 pounds and living up to 60 years.

About once a month during nesting season the Giant Leatherback turtle can also be observed on the beach.

Of the seven species of marine turtles that exist in the world today, five are endangered.

In Nicaragua sea turtles are threatened by predatory animals and poachers who sell eggs on the black market for consumption in bars and restaurants. This has put Nicaragua's sea turtles in peril.

Visit : [www.morgansrock.com](http://www.morgansrock.com). Contact : Sara Widness at [sara@widnesspr.com](mailto:sara@widnesspr.com).

## **A place to stay**

### **Centara Grand Phratamnak Resort Pattaya, Thailand**

Centara Hotels & Resorts will soft open its five-star Grand Phratamnak Resort hotel in Pattaya's Phratamnak Hill district in September 2013.

Phratamnak Hill is home to luxury condominiums and villas, and the newly built hotel leads directly onto the beach.

The hotel will also operate a complimentary shuttle service to and from Central Festival, the city's premier lifestyle and convention complex.

Visit : [www.centarahotelsresorts.com](http://www.centarahotelsresorts.com). Contact : Ian Mills at [imills@avenuesales.co.uk](mailto:imills@avenuesales.co.uk).

## The Loews Madison Hotel, Washington, DC

The Loews Madison Hotel has just launched Let's Move!, a fitness getaway package inspired by Michelle Obama's popular fitness and wellness campaign in the United States.

In recent years, the First Lady has been at the forefront of the battle against obesity and launched a nationwide campaign 'Let's Move', designed to get US citizens moving and eating healthily.

Loews' new fitness package, also entitled "Let's Move!", is inspired by the Obamas' commitment to healthy living and offers travellers a number of activities and accessories during their visit to Washington, DC.

The Loews Madison Hotel, which is located a short walk from the White House and Embassy Row, was opened by President John F. Kennedy in 1963.

Visit : [www.loewshotels.com](http://www.loewshotels.com). Contact : David Wilson at [david.wilson@kbc-pr.com](mailto:david.wilson@kbc-pr.com).

## The Hotel d'Inghilterra, Rome

The Hotel d'Inghilterra is part of the Royal Demeure luxury hotel chain, a collection of historic palazzi in some of Italy's most important cities.

Privately owned by an Italian family, the boutique Hotel D'Inghilterra, or 'the English hotel', has long had ties to Britain.

The luxury property was a firm favourite of the poet Keats, and Elizabeth Taylor, Gregory Peck, Mark Twain and Ernest Hemingway during the Dolce Vita years of the early 1900s.

Travellers looking for hospitality more like that of a private luxury home can also choose other Royal Demeure hotels including :

- in Rome the Residenza di Ripetta and the Hotel Beverly Hills Rome
- in Florence the Hotel Helvetia & Bristol
- in Siena the Grand Hotel Continental, and
- in Vicenza the Hotel Villa Michelangelo.

Visit : [www.RoyalDemeure.com](http://www.RoyalDemeure.com). Contact : Liam Colman at [Liam.Colman@brightergroup.com](mailto:Liam.Colman@brightergroup.com).

## In Turkey

### Shangri-La Bosphorus, Istanbul

Shangri-La Hotels and Resorts' first Turkish property, Shangri-La Bosphorus, has opened on the European side of Istanbul, bringing the hotel's signature spa brand, CHI, to the city.

Visit : [www.shangri-la.com/istanbul](http://www.shangri-la.com/istanbul).

### Mama Shelter, Istanbul

French hotel brand Mama Shelter in Istanbul's Taksim district is located at the top of Demirören mall and has 81 rooms located at the 5th and 6th floor.

Visit : [www.mamashelter.com/en/istanbul](http://www.mamashelter.com/en/istanbul).

### #bunk design hostels, Istanbul

#bunk design hostels have opened their first budget hostel in Istanbul's Beyoglu district.

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

### **DoubleTree by Hilton, Istanbul**

DoubleTree by Hilton has opened its fifth hotel in Turkey, in the Avcilar district of Istanbul.

Visit : [www.doubletree3.hilton.com](http://www.doubletree3.hilton.com).

### **Grand Tarabya, Istanbul**

The 5-star Grand Tarabya overlooking the Bosphorus, and one of Istanbul's oldest luxury hotels, has re-opened after renovations.

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

### **Wyndham Istanbul Kalamis Marina Hotel**

The five-star Wyndham Istanbul Kalamis Marina Hotel has opened on the Asian coast of the city.

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

### **Club Med**

Club Med has opened a new resort in Belek, close to Antalya on the Mediterranean coast.

It offers a range of facilities and activities for families as well as being close to an 18-hole golf course and 2.5km sandy beach.

Visit : [www.clubmed.co.uk](http://www.clubmed.co.uk).

### **Raffles**

A new Raffles hotel, with one of the largest spas in the city, will open in summer 2013 in the Zorlu Centre in Istanbul.

It will have a signature Raffles Spa, set to be one of the largest spas in Istanbul.

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

### **Starwood Hotels and Resorts**

Starwood Hotels and Resorts are set to open three new hotels in Turkey in the coming years with the Sheraton Adana Hotel, the Sheraton Bursa Hotel and the Aloft Bursa.

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

### **Sensatori hotel, Sorgun**

Thomson is opening its fifth Sensatori hotel in Sorgun, near Side in Antalya province, for summer 2013.

Visit : [www.thomson.co.uk](http://www.thomson.co.uk).

### **Mandarin Oriental, Bodrum**

The Mandarin Oriental, Bodrum will open the Mandarin Oriental, Bodrum, in 2014.

The group's first hotel in Turkey, will be located on a 60-hectare site with panoramic views over the Aegean Sea.

Plans are also in place for the opening of the Mandarin Oriental Bosphorus in 2016.

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

### **The Rhossos Rotana Resort, Iskenderun**

The Rhossos Rotana Resort and Serviced Apartments, a 300-room city resort located in Iskenderun the commercial centre of the Hatay region in Turkey's southeast, will open in 2014.

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

### **Four Seasons Resort Cesme**

Four Seasons Hotels and Resorts will open a new resort in Cesme, Izmir, in 2016.

The Four Seasons Resort Cesme, to be located in an area renowned for its vineyards and therapeutic thermal springs, will be the company's third property in Turkey.

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

Visit : [www.goturkey.com](http://www.goturkey.com). Contact : [turkeytourism@redmintcomms.co.uk](mailto:turkeytourism@redmintcomms.co.uk).

### **Hotel Lone, Croatia**

Hotel Lone, is located in the Istrian coastal resort of Rovinj, in the region of Istria, Croatia.

It lies close to the sea, is surrounded by the Zlatni Rt Forest Park and is a short walk to the town centre. It was winner of Newbuild Hotel at the European Hotel Design Awards.

Hotel Lone has also opened an outdoor pool with three seawater pools and waterfalls circled by a matching white stone terrace.

Visit : [www.lonehotel.com/en](http://www.lonehotel.com/en). Contact : Raquel Fonseca at [RFonseca@quatro-pr.co.uk](mailto:RFonseca@quatro-pr.co.uk).

### **The Amari Buriram United, Thailand**

Thailand-based ONYX Hospitality Group has been appointed to operate a 60-room football themed hotel in Thailand's North Eastern province, Buriram.

The Amari Buriram United will be a tribute to football and the local team, Buriram United. The hotel structure has a stadium design with most rooms looking into a central area which includes a mini football field and swimming pool.

Visit [www.amari.com](http://www.amari.com) and [www.onyx-hospitality.com](http://www.onyx-hospitality.com). Contact : Jessica Flood at [jessicaf@hillsbalfour.com](mailto:jessicaf@hillsbalfour.com).

### **The Kempinski Hotel Barbaros Bay, Bodrum, Turkey**

The Kempinski Hotel Barbaros Bay in Bodrum, Turkey, is launching an adult-only Sublime Sundeck for guests looking for a hot hangout.

Guests can spend the whole day on the Sublime Sundeck, a soothing spot to enjoy the Aegean Sea scenery, before the evening's DJ sets.

Visit : [www.kempinski.com/bodrum](http://www.kempinski.com/bodrum). Contact : Lallie Fraser at [lallie@grifcopr.com](mailto:lallie@grifcopr.com).

### **Paradisos Hills Hotel, Cyprus**

Paradisos Hills Hotel is a 15-bedroom boutique hotel, located just outside the traditional Cypriot village of Lysos in the Akamas Peninsula of Western Cyprus.

All rooms have private balconies, with stunning sea or mountain views.

Paradisos Hills Hotel is 14 kilometres from the beaches of Polis Chrysochou and 45 kilometres from Paphos International Airport.

Visit : [www.paradisoshills.com](http://www.paradisoshills.com). Contact : Leila Stocker at Email [leila@turtle-pr.com](mailto:leila@turtle-pr.com).



### **Blue Haven Resort and Marina, True Turks and Caicos Islands**

The Blue Haven Resort and Marina, Turks and Caicos Islands opens in December 2013.

The resort is located in the Leeward area of Providenciales, and will be the only resort and marina in this Caribbean destination.

The property will have 35 suites and a fully renovated Bellingham Marine 78-slip marina accommodating yachts up to 220 feet on floating docks.

It will be located close to all the popular water sports activities in Turks and Caicos, including the world's third largest barrier reef.

Visit : [www.bluehaventci.com](http://www.bluehaventci.com). Contact : Rebecca Widness at [rebecca@widness-co-pr.com](mailto:rebecca@widness-co-pr.com).

### **Princesa Yaiza Suite Hotel Resort, Lanzarote**

The five-star Princesa Yaiza Suite Hotel Resort in Lanzarote is offering guests complimentary gourmet workshops and masterclasses ranging from traditional Japanese cooking to authentic Spanish tapas.

The Princesa Yaiza Suite Hotel is located within manicured gardens and sea views looking on to Fuerteventura and Isla de Lobos.

Visit [www.princesayaiza.com](http://www.princesayaiza.com). Contact : Charlie Fox at [Charlie@grifcopr.com](mailto:Charlie@grifcopr.com).

## Travel guides

The following travel publishers will provide review copies to Alliance members.

### AA Travel Guides

Visit : [www.shop.theaa.com/store/travel-guides](http://www.shop.theaa.com/store/travel-guides).  
Katie Stephens at [katie.stephens@theaa.com](mailto:katie.stephens@theaa.com).

### Anova Books

[www.anovabooks.com](http://www.anovabooks.com). Helen Ponting at  
[hponting@anovabooks.co](mailto:hponting@anovabooks.co)

### Berlitz

[www.berlitzpublishing.com](http://www.berlitzpublishing.com).

### Bradt Travel

[www.bradtguides.com](http://www.bradtguides.com). Rachel Fielding at  
[rachel.fielding@bradtguides.com](mailto:rachel.fielding@bradtguides.com)

### Brit's Guide

[www.foulsham.com](http://www.foulsham.com). Margaret Lashbrook at  
[margaret.lashbrook@lineone.net](mailto:margaret.lashbrook@lineone.net) or Sue Wilkins at  
[wilkins@foulsham.com](mailto:wilkins@foulsham.com).

### Cicerone

[www.cicerone.co.uk](http://www.cicerone.co.uk). Contact : Sarah Spencer at  
[sarah@cicerone.co.uk](mailto:sarah@cicerone.co.uk)

### Eland Publishing

[www.travelbooks.co.uk](http://www.travelbooks.co.uk). Barnaby Rogerson at  
[barnaby@travelbooks.co.uk](mailto:barnaby@travelbooks.co.uk).

### Fisher's Travel SOS

[www.fisherstravelsos.com](http://www.fisherstravelsos.com). Furgan Syed at  
[furqan.syed@fisherstravelsos.com](mailto:furqan.syed@fisherstravelsos.com).

### Global Travel Publishers

[www.africa-adventure.com](http://www.africa-adventure.com). Kate Bandos at  
[kate@ksbpromotions.com](mailto:kate@ksbpromotions.com).

### Globetrotters LogBook

[www.globetrotterslogbook.com](http://www.globetrotterslogbook.com). Giedo Claes at  
[giedo@globetrotterslogbook.com](mailto:giedo@globetrotterslogbook.com)

### Inn House Publishing

[www.innhousepublishing.com](http://www.innhousepublishing.com). Kathryn McWhirter at  
[kathrynmcwhirter@btopenworld.com](mailto:kathrynmcwhirter@btopenworld.com).

### Insight

[www.insightguides.com](http://www.insightguides.com). Julia Spence at  
[julia.spence@ukonline.co.uk](mailto:julia.spence@ukonline.co.uk).

### In your pocket guides

[www.inyourpocket.com](http://www.inyourpocket.com). Craig Turp at  
[editor@inyourpocket.com](mailto:editor@inyourpocket.com).

### Jane's Smart Art Guides

[www.JanesSmartArt.com](http://www.JanesSmartArt.com). Jane McIntosh  
at [MJM@JanesSmartArt.com](mailto:MJM@JanesSmartArt.com)

### Jonglez Publishing

[www.jonglezpublishing.com](http://www.jonglezpublishing.com). Alexandre They at  
[alexandre@editionsjonglez.com](mailto:alexandre@editionsjonglez.com).

### Kuperard Publishers

[www.kuperard.co.uk](http://www.kuperard.co.uk). Contact : Geoffrey Chesler at  
[geoffreychesler@btinternet.com](mailto:geoffreychesler@btinternet.com).

### Morris Communications

[www.themilepost.com](http://www.themilepost.com). Contact Kate Bandos at  
[kate@ksbpromotions.com](mailto:kate@ksbpromotions.com).

### Odyssey Books & Guides

[www.odysseypublications.com](http://www.odysseypublications.com). Contact : Caroline  
Eden at [caroline@odysseypublications.com](mailto:caroline@odysseypublications.com)

### Oxygen Books city-lit

[www.oxygenbooks.co.uk](http://www.oxygenbooks.co.uk) Malcom Burgess at  
[malcolm@oxygenbooks.co.uk](mailto:malcolm@oxygenbooks.co.uk)

### Rough Guides

[www.roughguides.com](http://www.roughguides.com). Contact :  
[press@roughguides.com](mailto:press@roughguides.com)

### Summersdale travel publications

[www.summersdale.com](http://www.summersdale.com). Contact : Dean  
at [dean@summersdale.com](mailto:dean@summersdale.com).

### Take two Books

[www.taketwobooks.com](http://www.taketwobooks.com) Sarah Duvalle at  
[Sarah@taketwobooks.com](mailto:Sarah@taketwobooks.com).

### Turnleft

[www.turnleftguides.com](http://www.turnleftguides.com) Contact: Nick Buteau at  
[nick@turnleftguides.com](mailto:nick@turnleftguides.com)

## Alliance initiatives

### The International Travel Writers Alliance Press Card



**The Alliance introduced its press card to meet a number of specific objectives.**

#### 1 : Industry recognition

The Alliance press card provides our journalists with formal and industry-wide recognition of their status as a professional travel writer, editor, broadcaster and/or photographer.

The Alliance is the world's largest association of professional travel journalists and also has links to over 4,000 travel industry representatives worldwide.

These partners have welcomed the opportunity to work ever more closely with press card holders.

#### 2 : Opportunities for press card holders

We are developing an ever growing number of specific opportunities for our press card holders.

The current package of opportunities for is attached as Appendix one to each issue of the Alliance's fortnightly bulletin.

**In addition, Alliance press card holders receive :**

- a) the card itself, formally confirming membership of the International Travel Writers Alliance
- b) the Alliance members logo for use with email signature and on websites and stationery, and
- c) membership of the Alliance Press Card Holders LinkedIn group, which enables additional networking opportunities.

#### The fee

The fee for the card (including all postage, packaging and taxes) is as follows :

- a one-year card : GBP45/EUR58/USD75/CAD74/AUD72
- a two-year card GBP75/EUR97/USD125/CAD124/AUD119 or
- a three-year card GBP100/EUR129/USD167/CAD165/AUD159.

When paying from outside the UK, payment can currently only be accepted via PayPal which incurs an 8% administrative cost, which will make the fee as follows:

- a one-year card : GBP49/EUR63/USD81/CAD80/AUD78
- a two-year card : GBP81/EUR105/USD135/CAD134/AUD129
- a three-year card : GBP108/EUR139/USD180/CAD178/AUD172

For more information contact : Ashley Gibbins at [Ashley@itwalliance.com](mailto:Ashley@itwalliance.com)

## The Global Travel ITWA Prepaid MasterCard

The **International Travel Writers Alliance** has launched its **Global Travel ITWA Prepaid MasterCard**, a new initiative brought to you in partnership with *Global Currency Exchange Network*, one of the UK's leading foreign exchange companies.

For more details and to apply for The Global Travel ITWA Prepaid MasterCard visit :

<https://itwa.gcencurrencycards.com/?r=1952>

## The Alliance Syndication Network

The **Alliance Syndication Network** will be of interest to those who have online travel publications including travel websites and blogs, bulletins and newsletters etc.

For more information contact : Ashley Gibbins at [Ashhley@itwalliance.com](mailto:Ashhley@itwalliance.com).

## The International Travel Writers Alliance Job Shop

The **International Travel Writers Alliance Job Shop** is a developing resource of information on jobs for journalists - across the world.

It will enable the Alliance's partners to place - and journalists to receive - information on in-house jobs, special assignments or one-off projects.

To find out more visit : [www.itwalliance.com](http://www.itwalliance.com) and click **Job shop**

## The International Travel Writers Alliance

## AllWays traveller



The **International Travel Writers Alliance** is the world's largest association of professional travel writers, editors, broadcasters and photographers.

[www.itwalliance.com](http://www.itwalliance.com)



**AllWays traveller** provides independent travellers with an equally independent view of the world from the professional travel journalists in the Alliance

[www.allwaystraveller.com](http://www.allwaystraveller.com)

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## Appendix one

# The Alliance press card holders directory

August 2013

### The International Travel Writers Alliance



The International Travel  
Writers Alliance

**Press Card**



**Ashley Gibbins**

Membership No: ITWA 10102  
Expires: End May 2013

**The International Travel Writers Alliance provides its journalists, partners and their agencies.:**

#### 1: Credibility

An Alliance press card holder enjoys genuine credibility, as a professional travel journalist, within the travel and tourism industry.

#### 2 : Opportunity

Alliance press card holders can take advantage of a range of specific opportunities and benefits from travel industry partners.

These partners welcome the chance to develop effective and long term working relationships with Alliance accredited travel journalists.

#### 3 : Accountability

The Alliance press card places a responsibility on the holder to be accountable :

- for themselves, as a professional travel journalist
- to the Alliance as a global organisation of professional travel journalists, and
- to those travel industry representatives who will support that card holder.

In addition, International Travel Writers Alliance press card holders are *roving ambassadors* for the Alliance

They help to create an ever greater awareness of the Alliance and the way it works to best effect with travel journalists and travel industry organisations.

For more information on obtaining an **International Travel Writers Alliance Press Card** contact [Ashley@itwalliance.com](mailto:Ashley@itwalliance.com)

**NB : New entries to the directory are highlighted blue**

### Opportunities A to B

- 40Berkeley, Boston
- Abbots Brae Hotel, Dunoon, Argyll, Scotland
- Adelboden, Switzerland
- Adventure Cat Sailing, San Francisco Bay
- The Aegean Suites Hotel, Skiathos, Greece
- Africa Safari Holidays
- Ahms Resorts, Thailand
- Aikbank Farmhouse, Yorkshire, UK
- Akamas Villas, West Cyprus
- Alta Badia, Italy
- Anacaona Boutique Hotel, Anguilla, British West Indies
- Anguilla Luxury Villa Collection, British West Indies
- Asa Ransom House, New York State
- **The Asia Gardens, Alicante, Spain**
- Atlantic City, New Jersey
- Audio Tours USA
- Aurora Expeditions
- The Azores
- Bath Tourism Plus
- Benidorm
- Bloomington, Minnesota
- Bon Vivant (London)
- Bournemouth, UK
- Brandywine Valley, Pennsylvania
- Bright Consortia
- The Broadway Collection New York
- BusyBus, Liverpool & Chester – UK

## C to E

- Camp Denali & North Face Lodge, Alaska
- Cannizaro House
- Captain Cook Cruises, Australia
- The Castle Inn Hotel, Lake District UK
- Champagne-Ardenne Tourisme The Charles Cotton Hotel, UK
- Charming Hotels Madeira
- The Chilterns, UK
- Ciclismo Classico
- City Running Tours-Chicago
- The Classic Air Force, Newquay, UK
- Coastline Villas, Corsica, Ibiza and Mallorca
- Colorado
- Colorado River & Trail Expeditions
- Coombe Abbey, Coventry, UK
- The Copamarina Beach Resort, Puerto Rico
- Crans Montana, Switzerland
- DDG Retreat, Spain
- **Delphina Hotels & Resorts, Sardinia**
- Derbyshire Country Houses, UK
- D-Hotel Maris, Maris, Turkey
- Diallo Tours, West Africa
- Discover Walks : London, Paris, Barcelona, Rome, Prague, Lisbon, St Petersburg and San Francisco.
- Dom Pedro Laguna Beach, Fortaleza, Brazil
- **Dunton Hot Springs, Colorado**
- The DRG Retreat, Spain
- **Düsseldorf, Germany**
- **The Dylan Amsterdam**
- The Ebrington Arms, UK
- The Elphinstone Hotel, Scotland
- The Essex Inn, Chicago
- EUROPA-PARK, Germany
- Experience Nottinghamshire
- The Exploratorium, San Francisco

## F to J

- Finland
- Focus Hotels
- Four Pillars Hotels, UK
- Frontier Travel
- Frontiers Travel
- **Gaggan Restaurant, Bangkok**
- Generator Hostels, Europe
- Goldener Berg Hotel, Oberlech, Austria
- Grand Canyon West, Arizona
- Greater Miami and the Beaches, Florida
- Great Hotels of the World
- The Great Lakes USA
- Group Travel World
- Hangzhou, China
- The Haweswater Hotel, Cumbria UK
- Hawks Cay Resort, Florida Keys, USA
- Helpful Holidays, UK
- **The Heritage Railway Association (UK)**
- Hertz car hire
- Hg2 city guide
- Hidden Pousadas Brazil
- Hilton Head Island, South Carolina
- HistoricBritain.com
- Historic House Hotels, UK
- Hotel d'Europe, Avignon, France
- The Hotel Fort Canning, Singapore
- Hotel H1898, Barcelona
- **Hotel Pont Royal, Paris**
- HouseTrip
- Holidaylettings
- Home Base Holidays
- Home land Tours'
- The Horseshoe Inn, Scottish Borders
- The Hoste, Norfolk UK
- Hungary
- Hyatt Regency Clearwater Beach Resort and Spa, Florida, USA
- Hyatt Regency Trinidad, Port of Spain, Trinidad
- Independence Missouri
- Indonesia
- **Inn by the Sea, Maine, USA**
- The Inn on Fifth, Naples, Florida
- InterContinental London Westminster, UK
- The InterContinental Marseille - Hotel Dieu, France
- Juneau, Alaska The Katikies Hotel and

## K to O

- Kirini Suites and Spa, Santorini Greece
- Ker & Downey Botswana
- Kempinski Russia
- Kissimmee
- Knock Castle Hotel and Spa, Scotland
- Kempinski Hotels Worldwide
- Kempinski Hotel Barbaros Bay, Turkey
- Kempinski Gold Coast City, Ghana
- Košice, Slovakia
- La Residencia Mallorca
- Linthwaite House, Cumbria UK
- Livigno, Italy
- LocalGuiding, worldwide
- The Loch Melfort, Scotland
- The Lot Valley, France
- Lovelady Shield, Cumbria
- **Love Loch Lomond, Scotland**
- Lumley Castle Hotel, Chester le Street, nr Durham, UK
- Macau, China
- Made London – West End Theatre Shows
- Madesimo, Italy
- Malawi, Africa
- Mallorca Hotels: Hotel Bon Sol Resort & Spa, Hotel Tres and Hotel Dalt
- Mercy Hotel Lisboa, Lisbon
- The Montcalm at The Brewery London City
- Montes e Vales, Portugal
- The Moorland Garden Hotel, Dartmoor UK
- The Moevenpick Resort & Spa Dead Sea
- Murada, and Hotel Mar i Vent, Mallorca
- Michael Neave Kitchen and Whisky Bar, Edinburgh
- The Marriott Paris Champs-Elysees, Paris
- Mir Corporation
- Mohonk Mountain House, New York State
- Myanmar (formerly Burma)
- Myrtle Beach Seaside Resorts
- Newcastle Gateshead Marriott Hotel Metrocentre
- New York Circle Line Sightseeing Cruises
- Niagara, USA
- Nicols Boating Holidays, France
- No.1 Traveller : Heathrow Terminal 3, Gatwick North and South Terminals, Stansted and Birmingham Airport.
- Norfolk Hideaways, UK
- Núñez i Navarro Hotels, Barcelona
- The Oetker Collection, Europe
- ON AIR WORLD radio
- One World Trekking
- Orient-Express Hotels
- The Otago Central Rail Trail, New Zealand

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- The Palace of Versailles, France
- The Palms Hotel & Spa, South Beach, Miami
- The Pheasant Inn, Cumbria UK
- Pembrokeshire, South West Wales
- Philadelphia, PA
- Phoenix Park Bike Hire
- **Pine River Ranch**
- Pocono Mountains, Pennsylvania
- Poole, Dorset UK
- Pismo Beach, California
- Québec, Canada
- Rabbie's tours (UK)
- The Ramada Encore Hotel, Gateshead, UK
- **Rancho Valencia Resort & Spa, San Diego, USA**
- Ravenstone Manor, Cumbria UK
- The Renaissance Paris Arc de Triomphe, Paris
- Reykjavik Bike Tours, Iceland
- Reykjavik Segway Tours, Iceland
- Rockford, Illinois
- Rosalie Bay Resort, Dominica
- Royal Demeure luxury hotels, Italy
- The Royal Park and The Cranley, London
- Sail Lofts St Ives
- Scotland's Personal Hotels
- Secret London
- Senderos (Latin America)
- Shakespeare Country, UK
- Shieldhill Castle Hotel, Scotland
- Silversea Cruises Sugnall Hall, Staffordshire, UK
- South Oxfordshire, UK
- Steamboat Springs Ski Resort, Colorado
- Swaziland and Malawi
- Talbot County, Maryland USA
- The Taskonaklar Boutique Hotel, Turkey
- **Tenerife**
- theExplorateur
- Three Nelson Hotels in Cheshire, UK
- Tipi Adventure, Herefordshire UK
- Tiroran House, Mull, Scotland
- Tongabezi Lodge, Zambia
- Tontine Hotel
- Rushton Hall, Northamptonshire, UK
- Saigon Streets, China
- Towan Valley, Cornwall, UK
- Truro, Cornwall, UK
- The Valley Forge, Pennsylvania

## U to Z

- Utah, USA
- Verbier, Switzerland
- The Villa Rosa Hotel, Nairobi
- Visit Orlando
- Visit Cornwall
- Visit Oxfordshire
- Visit South East England
- **Volcanoes Safaris, Uganda and Rwanda**
- Wedgwood the Restaurant, Edinburgh
- Welcome to Yorkshire, UK Whistling Arrow, Asia
- Wilderness Scotland
- The West Somerset Railway
- WildJunket Magazine
- Windsor and the Royal Borough, UK
- Wynyard Hall Hotel, County Durham, UK
- [www.cornwallscottages.co.uk](http://www.cornwallscottages.co.uk)
- the Yukon, Canada
- Zambian Dawn Safaris

### **40Berkeley, Boston**

40Berkeley, located in the heart of Boston, is New England's largest hostel and a leading budget traveller destination on the East Coast. It is one of *HostelWorld's* forTop 10 Hostels in the US.

40Berkeley will be delighted to consider providing accommodation to Alliance press card holders able to profile the hostel in their features.

Visit : [www.40Berkeley.com](http://www.40Berkeley.com). Contact : Oliver Mernick-Levene at [40berkeleyhostel@gmail.com](mailto:40berkeleyhostel@gmail.com).

### **Abbots Brae Hotel, Dunoon, Argyll, Scotland**

The Abbots Brae Hotel is a four star family hotel located In Dunoon on the Cowal Peninsula.

The award winning hotel sits in 2 acres of woodland and boasts stunning views across the River Clyde estuary. Eight spacious bedrooms are individually named after places within the Cowal Peninsula, with each room displaying photographs and the history related to the place-name.

The hotel will always be happy to hear from Alliance press card holders who are interested in writing about this part of Scotland.

Visit : [www.abbotsbrae.co.uk](http://www.abbotsbrae.co.uk). Contact : Colin Macpherson at [info@abbotsbrae.co.uk](mailto:info@abbotsbrae.co.uk).

### **Adelboden, Switzerland**

Adelboden is a traditional mountain village at the end of the Engstligen valley in the Bernese Oberland region of the Swiss Alps.

From Adleboden the cable cars and ski lifts to take visitors up to some of the most spectacular Alpine scenery.

From December to early-May, Adleboden's snow covered mountain slopes are a magnet for winter sports enthusiasts.

From June to October, the mountainsides turn into a lush green tapestry of grass that carpets the area.It is then the walkers and bikers who come to Adelboden.

Adelboden will be delight to hear from Alliance press card holders on assignment.

Visit : [www.adelboden.ch](http://www.adelboden.ch). Contact : Adrian Roesti at [a.roesti@adelboden.ch](mailto:a.roesti@adelboden.ch).



## **Adventure Cat Sailing Charters, San Francisco**

Adventure Cat Sailing Charters has a fleet of spacious catamarans that take guests on a stable, safe ride combining the exhilaration of fresh air and waves on our deck with the protection and outstanding views from our covered cabin.

It's the chance to enjoy some of the Bay's most popular attractions up close with sailings around Alcatraz Island, directly underneath the Golden Gate Bridge and back to gaze at the city's famed skyline.

There's also the chance to see pelicans, sea lions, dolphins, and even the occasional whale.

Adventure Cat Sailing Charters will be delighted to consider offering its cruises to Alliance press card holders who are able to feature the experience,

Visit : [www.adventurecat.com](http://www.adventurecat.com). Contact : Sharon Schrum at [sharon@adventurecat.com](mailto:sharon@adventurecat.com).

## **The Aegean Suites Hotel Skiathos, Greece**

The Aegean Suites Hotel, Skiathos, Greece is located on a hillside among olive trees on the quiet outskirts of Skiathos town's port. It is an all-suite property overlooking the Aegean Sea.

With approximately 1,000 different types of herbs growing across Skiathos the hotel's Herb Hikes are an interesting, informative and educational as well as a good form of exercise and a chance to see some of the islands most beautiful sites.

The Aegean Suites Hotel will be happy to hear from Alliance press card holders interested in making arrangements to visit the hotel.

Visit : [www.aegeansuites.com](http://www.aegeansuites.com). Contact Kathryn at [Kathryn@ophirpr.co.uk](mailto:Kathryn@ophirpr.co.uk).

## **Africa Safari Holidays**

Africa Safari Holidays will be happy to offer any press trip services to Alliance press card holders who are looking to travel to East Africa.

Visit : [www.africasafariholidays.net](http://www.africasafariholidays.net). Contact : Agnes Njagi at [info@africasafariholidays.net](mailto:info@africasafariholidays.net)

## **Ahms Resorts, Thailand**

Founded in 2003, the AHM hotel group comprises three fully owned resorts in Koh Samui, Phuket and Hua Hin as well as akyra Chura Samui, which is managed by the group.

### **Aleenta Hua Hin-Pranburi**

Aleenta Hua Hin-Pranburi, the former beach house of AHMS Hotels Owner, Anchalika Kijkanakorn who turned it into Thailand's first boutique resort is located on 16km stretch of golden sands on Paknampran Beach, 20 minutes south of Hua Hin

It is known for gourmet dining sourced from its organic farm and laid-back beachfront experiences at its.

Visit : [www.aleenta.com/huahin](http://www.aleenta.com/huahin)

### **Aleenta Phuket-Phang Nga**

Sister property Aleenta Phuket-Phang Nga is located on the 20km long Natai Beach, and specialises in healthy, romantic retreats for couples, with yoga, spa, slow-food dining and a turtle release programme.

## **AKARYN**

On Koh Samui, the AKARYN is located on the 400m-long Hanuman Bay near to Chaweng, and offers authentic gourmet food, including the 100 candles dining on the rocks experience, a reef regeneration project as well as sprawling and very private pool villa accommodation.

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

## **akyra**

The *akyra* Chura Samui Close is located on Chaweng Beach and is an adults only resort for young couples within easy reach of the island's top shopping and entertainment hotspots.

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

The AHM hotel group will be delighted to consider offering accommodation to Alliance press card holders on assignment.

Visit : [www.aleenta.com](http://www.aleenta.com). Contact : Lysbeth Fox at [Lysbeth@foxpr.co.uk](mailto:Lysbeth@foxpr.co.uk).

## **Aikbank Farmhouse, Yorkshire, UK**

The Aikbank Farmhouse provides 5-star self-catering accommodation on the outskirts of the Lake District and the Yorkshire Dales.

Sleeping up to 10 people, the farmhouse dates back to the 18th century and is situated in 17 acres of private countryside.

Despite looking like an archetypal farmhouse from the outside, every room in Aikbank has been carefully designed and includes giant, Missoni candles and Timorous Beasties lamp bases and shades, mis-matched Mulberry voile curtains and a framed Manolo Blahnik silk scarf.

The Aikbank Farmhouse is located at the foot of the Farleton fells.

The market town of Kirkby Lonsdale, the focus of the painting by J.M Turner for its charming Ruskin's View, is a 10-minute drive away.

The Aikbank Farmhouse will be delighted to consider providing accommodation to Alliance press card holders on assignment.

Visit : [www.aikbank-lupton.com](http://www.aikbank-lupton.com). Contact : Julie Darroch at [julie.darroch@lakespr.co.uk](mailto:julie.darroch@lakespr.co.uk).

## **Alta Badia, Italy**

Alta Badia is a ski resort in the Dolomites of northern Italy, in the upper part of the Val Badia in South Tyrol offering a mix of skiing, scenery and gourmet food.

The climate in Alta Badia is a typical alpine microclimate with mild summers and long and cold winters. From December to February average temperatures are below zero and night time temperatures can fall to minus 20°C. However there is an average of 100 days of sunshine between December and March.

Alta Badia will be delighted to hear from Alliance press card holders who are interested in producing features on the region.

Visit : [www.altabadia.org](http://www.altabadia.org). Contact : Lynsey Devon at [lynsey@heavenpublicity.co.uk](mailto:lynsey@heavenpublicity.co.uk).

### **Akamas Villas, West Cyprus**

Launched in 2010, Akamas Villas is a luxury villa company based in West Cyprus, currently offering 40 luxury holiday-rental properties. Villas are situated in the mountainous conservation areas of Chrysochou Bay, Agarka, Polis, Latchi and Neo Chorio.

Akamas Villas will be delighted to hear from Alliance press card holders who are able to review one or more of the Akamas Villas.

Visit : [www.akamas-villas.com](http://www.akamas-villas.com). Contact : Leila Stocker at [leila@turtle-pr.com](mailto:leila@turtle-pr.com).

### **Anacaona Boutique Hotel, Anguilla, British West Indies**

Anacaona Boutique Hotel is located in the heart of the trendy West End on the beautiful island of Anguilla in the British West Indies overlooking and with access to wonderful Meads Bay.

It is a paradise for those who appreciate quality, friendly people, stable government, warm weather, beautiful beaches and excellent restaurants.

Anacaona Boutique Hotel, built in Mediterranean style with Caribbean colors, is run personally by the owners together with an experienced management team.

Anacaona Boutique Hotel will be delighted to consider offering accommodation to Alliance press card holders on assignment.

Visit : [www.anacaonahotel.com](http://www.anacaonahotel.com). Contact : Sue Ricketts at [sue@rickettsluxury.com](mailto:sue@rickettsluxury.com).

### **Anguilla Luxury Villa Collection, British West Indies**

The Anguilla Luxury Villa Collection and Recommended Luxury Villas, on Anguilla in the British West Indies, this Caribbean island's leading portfolio of high-end homes and estates for rental.

The Villas and estates can accommodate from 2 to 38 guests and some have private tennis courts, gyms, or a private dock and dinghy and boatman.

Many have beaches on their doorsteps or have easy access to adjoining beaches. Bankers, brokers and other senior executives will be able to stay in touch with their staff from private, well-equipped in-house offices.

The villas come either with minimal staff (manager, housekeepers, maintenance, poolman and gardener) or a complete line-up of private staff including chef and butler.

Visit : [www.anguillaluxurycollection.com](http://www.anguillaluxurycollection.com). Contact : Sue Ricketts at [sue@rickettsluxury.com](mailto:sue@rickettsluxury.com).

### **Asa Ransom House, New York State**

Asa Ransom House, which is a charming Clarence New York bed and breakfast, built in 1853, is romantic and secluded, but only 15 minutes away from Buffalo and 28 miles from Niagara Falls.

Guests enjoy glowing fireplaces in winter and spacious grounds full of herbs and flowers in the summer and can explore Buffalo, the beauty of Niagara Falls, and the charm of historic Clarence. In 2013 Asa Ransom House is featuring three day "Retreats" by Tina Tompkins Ames from February through October

Asa Ransom House will be delighted to consider requests for accommodation from Alliance press card holders who are on assignment and able to feature the establishment.

Visit : [www.asaransom.com](http://www.asaransom.com). Contact : Bob Lenz at [info@asaransom.com](mailto:info@asaransom.com).

## **The Asia Gardens, Alicante, Spain**

The 5 star Asia Gardens is located in the foothills of the Sierra Cortina mountain range, 150 metres above sea level and with views over the Mediterranean and Costa Blanca.

It stands beside two 18-hole golf courses and the theme parks Terra Mítica, Terra Natura and Aqua Natura.

The resort hotel is 2 km from the beach, around 10-15 minutes' drive from Altea and the Campomanes Marina, 25 minutes' drive from Alicante airport and just over an hour from Valencia.

The Asia Gardens will be delighted to consider offering accommodation to Alliance press card holders on assignment.

Visit : [www.asiagardens.es/en](http://www.asiagardens.es/en). Contact : Ros Boycott at [ros@masonrose.com](mailto:ros@masonrose.com).

## **Atlantic City, New Jersey**

From New Jersey's tallest lighthouse to deep sea fishing, and everything in between, you can always find exciting things to do in Atlantic City.

Relaxing at one of the Atlantic City casino spas, the excitement of 24/7 gaming, the thrill of a royal flush or finding a new pair of shoes, the sand in between your toes or visiting one of the many attractions – whatever your pleasure, it is always more pleasurable in AC.

Atlantic City attractions and activities include :

- antique shops, museums and cultural attractions
- piers and arcades
- an aquarium
- culture and history including Atlantic City Historical Museum and Art Center on Garden Pier, the Absecon Lighthouse and the Atlantic City Aquarium.

The Atlantic City Convention & Visitors Authority will be delighted to hear from Alliance press card holders who are able to feature the city.

Visit : [www.atlanticcitynj.com](http://www.atlanticcitynj.com). Contact : Greg Evans at [g.p.evans@btinternet.com](mailto:g.p.evans@btinternet.com).

## **Audio Tours USA**

Boston / Chicago / New York / Philadelphia / San Francisco / Washington DC

Audio Tours USA will be happy to provide complimentary MP3-based or app-based (iOS or Android) audio tours to Alliance press card holders.

Each tour contains 20-25 audio tracks highlighting the top sites and attractions in a given US city. The average track is 5-6 minutes.

The apps also incorporate photo's, location based functions, and all the information you need including hours of operation, prices, phone numbers & website address. The tours were professionally prepared by travel experts and narrated by a radio show host.

The tours provides the background and history to each site which makes the visit more interesting and meaningful.

The sites highlighted include iconic landmarks, historical sites, nature spots, sport venues, recreation areas, famous buildings, and top museums. The tours can be used in advance or as you visit.

Visit : [www.bvtours.com](http://www.bvtours.com). Contact : Shani Kaplan at [contact.bvtours@gmail.com](mailto:contact.bvtours@gmail.com)

## **Aurora Expeditions**

Aurora Expeditions is an Australian-owned adventure company specialising in Expedition cruises to wild and remote places.

In its quest to seek destinations that push the boundaries of travel, Aurora has purposely kept the number of participants on each departure small, allowing more intimate encounters with wildlife and cultures, and lessening its impact on the regions visited.

Each voyage is led by a team of expert naturalists, geologists, historians, staff and crew who help to unlock the wonders of these special places with the use of flexible, innovative itineraries.

Aurora Expeditions will be delighted to consider providing Alliance press card holders with trips for review purposes.

Visit : [www.auroraexpeditions.com.au](http://www.auroraexpeditions.com.au). Contact : Fiona Twyford at [fiona@auroraexpeditions.com.au](mailto:fiona@auroraexpeditions.com.au).

## **The Azores**

The nine islands of the Azores are in the middle of the North Atlantic and belong to Portugal.

These volcanic islands are renowned for their volcanic craters, lakes, stunning sea, thermal pools and mountain vistas, their flora and fauna and marine life.

The islands have played a hugely important part in European maritime history, due to their strategically significant position as the westernmost point of Europe.

Alliance press card holders are invited to request details of press trips to the Azores.

Visit : [www.azoreschoice.com](http://www.azoreschoice.com) and [www.visitazores.com](http://www.visitazores.com). Contact : David Wilson at [david.wilson@kbc-pr.com](mailto:david.wilson@kbc-pr.com).

## **Bath Tourism Plus**

Bath Tourism Plus will host press visits for Alliance press card holders to the Georgian and UNESCO World Heritage city of Bath.

Visit : [www.visitbath.co.uk](http://www.visitbath.co.uk). Contact : Audra McSherry at [audra\\_mcsberry@bathtourism.co.uk](mailto:audra_mcsberry@bathtourism.co.uk)

## **Benidorm, Spain**

Benidorm is a coastal resort on the Costa Blanca in the province of Alicante, Valencia, Spain.

With its unique microclimate, Benidorm is the perfect all year-round resort with a wide range of accommodation to suit all tastes and budgets from 5\* resort hotels to campsites.

The Visit Benidorm Tourist Board will be delighted to consider press requests from Alliance press card holders.

Visit [www.en.visitbenidorm.es](http://www.en.visitbenidorm.es). Contact Cathryn Hicks at [cathryn@douggoodmanpr.com](mailto:cathryn@douggoodmanpr.com) for more information.

## **Bloomington, Minnesota**

With a beautiful location on the banks of the Minnesota River, the city of Bloomington has much to offer travelers.

It is home to the world-famous Mall of America® and the Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge, Water Park of America and an extensive system of hiking and biking trails.

The city's #1 attraction by far, is Mall of America, the largest shopping center in the United States, welcoming over 40 million visitors annually. This shopping Mecca boasts 2.5 million square feet of retail

space, over 500 stores and entertainment options that range from nightclubs to the Nickelodeon Universe® amusement park to a 14-screen cinema.

Another popular Bloomington destination is the Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge, spanning 14,000 acres, with miles of hiking and biking trails, prime bird-watching opportunities, and an extensive visitors center.

Bloomington Tourism will be delighted to hear from Alliance press card holders who are able to feature the state.

Visit : [www.bloomingtonmn.org](http://www.bloomingtonmn.org). Contact : Fiona Pettitt at [fiona@cellet.co.uk](mailto:fiona@cellet.co.uk).

## **Bon Vivant (London)**

Bon Vivant, which is London's premier concierge service, advises on and arranges every travel, lifestyle and leisure need.

The Bon Vivant personal concierge will arrange holidays, recommend and book restaurants and bars, source tickets for the theatre, concerts and VIP events, and advise on a range of lifestyle services.

Bon Vivant will be delighted to hear from Alliance members in London on assignment who can profile the service.

Visit : [www.bonvivant.co.uk](http://www.bonvivant.co.uk) Contact : Emyr Thomas [info@bonvivant.co.uk](mailto:info@bonvivant.co.uk).

## **Bournemouth, UK**

Bournemouth in the county of Dorset on the south coast of England is one of the UK's most popular destination for tourists and a regional centre for leisure, entertainment, culture and recreation.

Bournemouth Tourism will be happy to hear from Alliance press card holders who are able to feature the destination..

Visit : [www.bournemouth.co.uk](http://www.bournemouth.co.uk). Contact : Sheron Crossman at [Sheron.Crossman@Bournemouth.gov.uk](mailto:Sheron.Crossman@Bournemouth.gov.uk).

## **Brandywine Valley, Pennsylvania**

The Brandywine Valley is located in Chester County, the home to Longwood Gardens, the inspiration of Pierre S. du Pont. Other du Pont attractions include Hagley, Neumours and Winterthur.

Three generations of the famed artistic Wyeth family were inspired by the region and the Brandywine River Museum houses the work of N.C., Andrew and Jamie Wyeth among other American artists.

Media giant QVC is headquartered in Chester County, producing 24-hour broadcasts and offering behind-the-scenes studio tours. Local wineries have flourished and the Brandywine Valley Wine Trail features tours, tastings, special events and more. And that's only half the story!

The Brandywine Valley will be delighted to hear from Alliance press card holders who are able to feature the area.

Visit : [www.brandywinevalley.com](http://www.brandywinevalley.com) Contact: Greg Evans [g.p.evans@btinternet.com](mailto:g.p.evans@btinternet.com)

### **The Bright Consortia**

Bright is a group of 14 specialist tour operators, cruise companies, tourist boards etc that provide training to independent local agents through a series of workshop dinners across the UK.

Bright will be delighted to hear from Alliance press card holders who work with the travel trade press.

Visit : [www.brightconsortia.com](http://www.brightconsortia.com). Contact Doug Goodman [doug@douggoodmanpr.com](mailto:doug@douggoodmanpr.com).

### **The Broadway Collection New York**

The Broadway Collection New York, a group of 24 new and classic Broadway musicals, selected for their unparalleled popularity with international audiences, will be pleased to host Alliance press card holders.

Please provide your card number when requesting tickets.

Visit: [www.broadwaycollection.com](http://www.broadwaycollection.com). Contact: John Bridge [John@made2010.com](mailto:John@made2010.com).

### **BusyBus, Liverpool & Chester, UK**

Sightseeing tour BusyBus, will host Alliance press card holders (with a guest) on a review basis. Visit: [www.busybus.co.uk](http://www.busybus.co.uk). Contact : Vera de Ruiten: [vera@busybus.co.uk](mailto:vera@busybus.co.uk)

### **Camp Denali & North Face Lodge, Alaska**

Camp Denali & North Face Lodge are two wilderness lodges located in the center of Denali National Park, Alaska.

The two lodges have been family owned and operated for over sixty years and offer unparalleled views of Mt. McKinley, exquisite food, a welcoming atmosphere, and guided hikes and outings led by knowledgeable naturalist guides.

Camp Denali & North Face Lodge will be delighted to hear from Alliance press card holders who are able to feature the lodges and would like review the accommodations.

Visit : [www.campdenali.com](http://www.campdenali.com). Contact: Katherine Schake at [katherine@campdenali.com](mailto:katherine@campdenali.com).

### **Cannizaro House, Wimbledon UK**

Cannizaro House is a 300 year old Georgian mansion located 16km from central London in 34 acres of parkland. All of its forty-six bedrooms have been individually designed and benefit from recently refurbished bathrooms complete with rain showers.

The property has undergone a £3million renovation with the highlight being The Orangerie, an al fresco conservatory offering Mediterranean artisan cuisine. Its award-winning restaurant serves European dishes and during summer months al fresco dining can be enjoyed on its large terrace.

Cannizaro House will be delighted to consider providing accommodation of Alliance press card holders on assignment.

Visit : [www.cannizarohouse.com](http://www.cannizarohouse.com). Contact : Lysbeth Fox at [lysbeth@foxpr.co.uk](mailto:lysbeth@foxpr.co.uk).

### **Captain Cook Cruises, Australia**

Captain Cook Cruises operates a fleet of 16 vessels and offers a choice of over 150 cruises weekly throughout Australia and Fiji.

These range from the Great Barrier Reef to the islands of Fiji, from the bays and beaches of Sydney Harbour to the outback vastness of the Murray River basin.

Captain Cook Cruises is a family-owned, Australian 'small ship' cruise operator and the recipient of numerous awards including :

- Australian, New South Wales, Tropical North Queensland and South Australian 'Tourism Awards for Excellence'
- Fiji Visitors Bureau 'Best Cruise Line', and the Australian Federation of Travel Agents 'Best Cruise Line'.

Captain Cook Cruises will be delighted to hear from Alliance press card holders who would like to review and feature their cruises

Visit : [www.captaincook.com.au](http://www.captaincook.com.au). Contact : Brooke Tolar at [pr@captaincook.com.au](mailto:pr@captaincook.com.au)

### **The Castle Inn Hotel, Lake District UK**

The Castle Inn Hotel is a four star family hotel located in the northern Lake District. The property offers large spacious rooms and is situated just moments from Lake Bassenthwaite and close to Skiddaw, one of the area's most popular peaks.

The Castle Inn is always happy to hear from Alliance press card holders who are interested in stories about the Lake District.

Visit : [www.castleinn-cumbria.co.uk](http://www.castleinn-cumbria.co.uk). Contact : Samantha Marsh at [samantha@infinitypublicrelations.co.uk](mailto:samantha@infinitypublicrelations.co.uk)

### **Champagne-Ardenne Tourisme**

Champagne-Ardenne Tourisme is four French departments boasting historic sites and châteaux, walking and cycling routes, a variety of sports, superb natural scenery and Champagne will be pleased to consider press visits for Alliance press card holders.

Visit : [www.champagne-ardenne-tourism.co.uk](http://www.champagne-ardenne-tourism.co.uk). Contact: Doug Goodman at [doug@douggoodmanpr.com](mailto:doug@douggoodmanpr.com)

### **Charles Cotton Hotel, Hartington, Derbyshire, UK**

For over 275 years the hotel has been welcoming customers through its doors. It is a world-renowned destination for anyone who loves walking and fishing and outdoor pursuits.

There are very strong links with fishing, in particular, given that the hotel is named after one of the authors of *The Compleat Angler*, Charles Cotton, which he co-wrote with his very good friend Sir Izaak Walton.

Charles Cotton was born at Beresford Hall, less than 3 miles from Hartington, which was set high above Beresford Dale.

Unfortunately, over centuries the hall fell into disrepair and all that remains of Charles's birthplace is a tower, which stands just to the east of where the hall once stood.



Alliance press card holders able to review are welcome to stay at the hotel and explore dales that you can walk to from the hotel; there is also fishing available for those who may wish to review for sporting magazines.

Visit : [www.charlescotton.co.uk](http://www.charlescotton.co.uk). Contact : Simon Turton at [simon@operapr.com](mailto:simon@operapr.com).

### **Charming Hotels Madeira**

The Portuguese-owned group Charming Hotels Madeira has a collection of boutique hotels, which are lovingly restored Manor Houses, traditional from Madeira and known as "Quintas".

Charming Hotels will be pleased to offer Alliance press card holders special rates on accommodation.

Visit: [www.charminghotelsmadeira.com](http://www.charminghotelsmadeira.com). Contact: Antonio Silva at [asilva@charminghotelsmadeira.com](mailto:asilva@charminghotelsmadeira.com)

### **The Chilterns, UK**

The Chilterns cover an area from Goring-on-Thames in Oxfordshire, through Buckinghamshire, via Dunstable Downs and Deacon Hill in Bedfordshire to near Hitchin in Hertfordshire.

#### **Cliveden**

In 1963 the Profumo Affair scandalised the nation and Cliveden hit the headlines as the place where John Profumo first met Christine Keeler. It is now a luxury hotel.

Visit : [www.clivedenhouse.co.uk](http://www.clivedenhouse.co.uk).

#### **Milton's Cottage**

Milton's Cottage is the only extant home of John Milton, the great English poet and parliamentarian.

It was in this grade 1 listed 16th century cottage, described by Thomas Ellwood as "that pretty box in Giles, Chalfont", that Milton completed Paradise Lost.

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

#### **Chenies Manor House**

In 1285, during the visit to Chenies of Edward I, the earliest occurrence is recorded of eggs being cooked and given to the villagers to celebrate Easter.

Henry VIII and Elizabeth I both visited and it is where Catherine Howard carried on the fatal dalliance with her lover Thomas Culpepper.

Visit : [www.cheniesmanorhouse.co.uk](http://www.cheniesmanorhouse.co.uk).

#### **Chilterns Open Air Museum**

This museum has a collection of restored historic buildings include the Thame Vicarage Room, High Wycombe Toll House, Shepard's Living Van and Iron Age house.

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

The Chilterns will be pleased to hear from Alliance press card holders on assignment who are able to feature the area.

Visit : [www.VisitChilterns.co.uk](http://www.VisitChilterns.co.uk). Contact : Mary Tebje at [mary@tourismleisure.com](mailto:mary@tourismleisure.com).

## **The Classic Air Force at Newquay - Cornwall Airport, UK**

The Classic Aircraft Trust preserves a unique collection of airworthy aircraft of the UK's post-war era.

These exhibits, with the exception of a DC3, are all British aircraft from the 1950's and 1960's, both military and commercial. These include the de Havilland Dragon Rapide and Dove, Vampire and Meteor, and just arrived, a BAC 1-11.

This Classic Air Force, is housed in its own 'living museum' at Newquay Aerohub, in Cornwall.

Entrance is free to Alliance press card holders and their families and it may be possible to also organise a flight in one of the historic aircraft.

Visit : [www.classicairforce.com](http://www.classicairforce.com). Contact : Malcolm Ginsberg at [malcolm@ginsberg.co.uk](mailto:malcolm@ginsberg.co.uk).

## **Coastline Villas, Corsica, Ibiza and Mallorca**

Coastline offers luxury villas on the islands of Corsica, Ibiza and Mallorca.

The portfolio comprises 30 villas from romantic retreats to sprawling family farmhouses, with some by the sea and others high on hillsides and privacy a main feature.

Coastline will be delighted to consider offering accommodation to Alliance press card holders able to feature one or more of its properties.

Visit : [www.coastline.co.uk](http://www.coastline.co.uk). Contact : Lynsey Devon at [lynsey@heavenpublicity.co.uk](mailto:lynsey@heavenpublicity.co.uk).

## **Colorado**

The US state of Colorado is a four-season destination offering world-class adventure and recreational pursuits, a thriving arts scene, a rich cultural heritage, flavorful cuisine, and renowned ski resort areas.

The state's breathtaking natural landscape boasts natural hot springs, hundreds of lakes and rivers, 10 national parks and monuments and 54 mountain peaks that top 14,000 feet.

The Colorado Tourism Office will be delighted to hear from Alliance press card holders who are able to feature the state.

Visit : [www.colorado.com](http://www.colorado.com). Contact : Fiona Pettitt at [fiona@cellet.co.uk](mailto:fiona@cellet.co.uk).

## **Colorado River & Trail Expeditions**

Colorado River & Trail Expeditions (CRATE) was founded in 1971 and specializes in deluxe multi-day rafting expeditions with an emphasis on off-river exploration.

The company originally started on the Colorado River in the Grand Canyon, but today operates throughout Utah and Canyonlands National Park on the Green and Colorado Rivers and Alaska and Canada on the Tatshenshini and Alsek Rivers.

Colorado River & Trail Expeditions will be delighted to consider providing Alliance press card holders with trips for review purposes.

Visit [www.crateinc.com](http://www.crateinc.com). Contact : Walker Mackay at [walkmin@crateinc.com](mailto:walkmin@crateinc.com).

## **Ciclismo Classico**

Ciclismo Classico is a specialised "boutique" tour operator that offers authentic and exciting cycling vacations.

Its well-crafted educational trips in Italy, France, Spain, Austria and New England are active immersions into local art, language, music and, of course, delicious cuisine.

Ciclismo Classico will consider offering tours to Alliance press card holders with a commission.

Visit : [www.ciclistomoclassico.com](http://www.ciclistomoclassico.com). Contact : Adam York at [adam@sublimepub.com](mailto:adam@sublimepub.com)

## **City Running Tours-Chicago**

City Running Tours-Chicago will give free 5k running or walking tours to Alliance press card holders.

Visit : [www.cityrunningtours.com/chicago](http://www.cityrunningtours.com/chicago). Contact : Marlin Keesler at [marlin@cityrunningtours.com](mailto:marlin@cityrunningtours.com)

## **Coombe Abbey Hotel, Coventry, UK**

Originally build in the 12th century as a Cistercian Abbey, Coombe Abbey has been restored to its former glory and has retains many of its original features.

Set in 500 acres of parkland overlooking formal gardens created by Capability Brown, the property is suited to a short break, wedding or conference – or even a medieval banquet!

Coombe Abbey will be delighted will be delighted to consider requests for accommodation from Alliance press card holders on a suitable assignment.

Visit : [www.coombeabbey.com](http://www.coombeabbey.com). Contact : Bernice Saltzer at [bernice@sortedpr.com](mailto:bernice@sortedpr.com).

## **The Copamarina Beach Resort, Puerto Rico**

The Copamarina Beach Resort, located on Puerto Rico's south-western coast, is a landscaped 20-acre tropical resort with a sandy beach fronting the Caribbean Sea.

Copamarina Beach Resort has 106 guest rooms with either a garden or sea view, two suites and two villas in a romantic, private setting.

Guests have full use of the beach, two swimming pools, jacuzzis, tennis courts, fitness centre and the Bodyderm Spa.

The Copamarina Beach Resort, which is a member of Great Hotels of the World, will be delighted to consider providing accommodation to Alliance press card holders on assignment.

Visit : [www.copamarina.com](http://www.copamarina.com) and [www.ghotw.com](http://www.ghotw.com). Contact : Ashleigh Silverman at [asilverman@ghotw.com](mailto:asilverman@ghotw.com).

## **Crans Montana, Switzerland**

Crans-Montana is a Alpine ski resort in south western Switzerland, in Valais canton.

Located on a plateau in the Valais region of Switzerland, Crans-Montana enjoys spectacular views stretching from the Matterhorn to Mont Blanc.

It is in the sunniest region of the Alps and enjoys more than 300 days of sunshine each year. The Plaine Morte glacier, at an altitude of 3,000 meters and accessible by cable car, provides some of the most challenging runs and one of the longest pistes at 12km.

Crans Montana will be delighted to hear from Alliance press card holders able to feature the resort.

Visit : [www.crans-montana.ch](http://www.crans-montana.ch). Contact : Katrina Blunden at [katrina@insightsmc.com](mailto:katrina@insightsmc.com).

### **DDG Retreat, Spain**

The DDG Retreat is located on the coast of Costa del Sol, 500 meters above the sea just outside one of the most picturesque Pueblo Blanco - Casares.

The village of Casares, which is located 14 kilometres from the bustling and cosmopolitan Costa del Sol, offers the visitor the most authentic character of those mountain villages that have preserved an ambience of quieter times.

Andalucia offers :

- eight hundred kilometres of coastline
- over three hundred days of sunshine a year
- two national parks, whales, orcas and dolphins
- the largest number of protected natural areas in Spain
- an historic and artistic heritage unique in the world,
- towns with local festivities all twelve months of the year, and
- a cuisine which features top quality produce.

The DDG Retreat will be delighted will be delighted to consider requests for accommodation from Alliance press card holders on a suitable assignment.

Visit : [www.ddgretreat.com](http://www.ddgretreat.com). Contact : Teresa Thomason at [teresa@teresathomason.com](mailto:teresa@teresathomason.com).

### **Delphina Hotels & Resorts, Sardinia**

Delphina is a collection of eight, four and five-star properties with award winning family facilities, located across the northern coast of Sardinia.

Whilst almost all Delphina resorts offer child-friendly services the jewel in the crown is the four-star Resort & Spa Le Dune, which is located in private grounds surrounded by sand dunes and scented junipers.

Le Dune has six fresh water swimming pools, 10 restaurants and five hotel options overlooking the Asinara Gulf.

Delphina Hotels & Resorts will be delighted to hear from Alliance press card holders interested in press stays.

Visit: [www.delphina.it](http://www.delphina.it). Contact : Jessica Howard at [delphina@mason-williams.com](mailto:delphina@mason-williams.com).

### **Derbyshire Country Houses, UK**

Derbyshire Country Houses owns 3 listed halls, which are available for private and corporate use.

- Lea Hall was the early childhood home of Florence Nightingale
- Harthill Hall dates back to the 1200s, and
- Riber Hall offers 11 self-catering apartments that cater for adults only.

All have been very tastefully restored and are very much at the higher end of the market.

Derbyshire Country Houses will be delighted to consider requests for accommodation from Alliance press card holders on a suitable assignment.

Visit : [www.derbyshirecountryhouses.com](http://www.derbyshirecountryhouses.com). Contact : Simon Turton at [simon@operapr.com](mailto:simon@operapr.com).

### **D-Hotel Maris, Maris, Turkey**

The five star D-Hotel Maris enjoys a cliff top location in a conservation area on the Datca Peninsula with views over the sea and small islands.

It has 200 rooms, five beaches and its own desert island. The popular resort of Marmaris is 35 km and Dalaman Airport 125 km away.

The nearby mountain village of Bayır is best known for its ancient plane tree that stands in the main village square next to the mosque and is said to be 2300 – 2500 years old.

The D-Hotel Maris will be delighted to consider offering accommodation to Alliance press card holders on assignment.

Visit : [www.dhotel.com.tr/en](http://www.dhotel.com.tr/en). Contact : Lysbeth Fox at [lysbeth@foxpr.co.uk](mailto:lysbeth@foxpr.co.uk)

### **Diallo Tours, West Africa**

Diallo Tours are located in Mbour, Senegal, West Africa, which is the region's most vibrant fishing centre and is located approximately 84km from Dakar, the capital of Senegal.

Situated at the most western tip of West Africa, Senegal and its border sharing neighbour, the Gambia, provide a gateway to discover and explore Africa.

Daillo Tours will be delighted to hear from Alliance press card holders on assignment.

Visit : [www.diallotours.com](http://www.diallotours.com). Contact : Abdoulaye at [info@diallotours.com](mailto:info@diallotours.com).

### **Discover Walks : London, Paris, Barcelona, Rome, Prague, Lisbon, St Petersburg and San Francisco**

*Discover Walks* offers fascinating alternative walking tours walking tours of London, Paris, Barcelona, Rome, Prague, Lisbon, St Petersburg and San Francisco.

The off-the-tourist-path tours and activities are led by enthusiastic natives of each city and are designed to be flexible and to get below the surface of each destination.

Services include free walking tours, where guests pay what they want at the end of the tour.

*Discover Walks* will be delighted to provide Alliance press card holders with a tour of one of their cities.

Visit : [www.discoverwalks.com](http://www.discoverwalks.com). Contact : Alexandre Gourevitch at [alexg@discoverwalks.com](mailto:alexg@discoverwalks.com).

### **Dom Pedro Laguna Beach, Fortaleza, Brazil**

The Dom Pedro Laguna Beach Villas & Golf Resort enjoys a beachfront location on the Aquiraz Riviera, Fortaleza, Brazil

The resort offers a golf course, watersports, fitness centre, massage treatments and numerous dining options.

Located 40 minutes from Fortaleza, the capital of the northern Brazilian state of Ceara, Dom Pedro Laguna is set within a 300 hectare ecological resort and leisure complex with 2km of coastline and year-round temperate weather thanks to its proximity to the equator.

The Dom Pedro Laguna Beach, which is a member of Great Hotels of the World, will be delighted to consider providing accommodation to Alliance press card holders on assignment.

Visit : [www.dompedro.com](http://www.dompedro.com) and [www.ghotw.com](http://www.ghotw.com). Contact : Ashleigh Silverman at [asilverman@ghotw.com](mailto:asilverman@ghotw.com).

### **Dunton Hot Springs, Colorado**

Dunton Hot Springs is a small and exclusive resort nestled deep in the San Juan Mountains of the Colorado Rockies.

This restored ghost town offers hand-hewn log cabins, a life-worn saloon serving food of startling quality, lung torturing trails followed by pampering massages, sensuous hot springs beneath shimmering snow banks.

This old mining town is located close to the desert, from the haunting beauty of Monument Valley and Canyon de Chelly, deep in the Navajo Reservation, through the sculpted wilderness of "Valley of the Gods" to our own vineyard in McElmo Canyon.

Dunton Hot Springs, which is open all year, will be delighted to consider offering accommodation to Alliance press card holders on assignment.

Visit : [www.duntonhotsprings.com](http://www.duntonhotsprings.com). Contact : Ros Boycott at [ros@masonrose.com](mailto:ros@masonrose.com).

### **Düsseldorf, Germany**

Düsseldorf on the Rhine is the state capital of Germany's most densely populated federal state, North Rhine-Westphalia and is one of Germany's top city destinations.

The city's heartbeat is to be found in the Altstadt, between the Rhine and Heinrich-Heine Allee, which has around 260 eateries, pubs, bars, discos and restaurants.

The Altstadt is also home to Altbier – a real Düsseldorf speciality, which is a dark, top-fermented speciality beer which has its origins in the Greater Düsseldorf area.

The Düsseldorf WelcomeCard is the cheapest and simplest way of getting to know the city. It offers unlimited use of trams and buses within the city area, and free or reduced-price entry to museums, various attractions and leisure facilities.

The Tourist-Information offices will provide card holders with a set of information containing the Düsseldorf City Guide, the official calendar of events and a current list of exhibitions.

Düsseldorf Marketing & Tourismus GmbH will be delighted to consider press trip requests from Alliance press card holders.

Visit : [www.visitduesseldorf.de](http://www.visitduesseldorf.de). Contact : Thea Lochmann at [lochmann.t@duesseldorf-tourismus.de](mailto:lochmann.t@duesseldorf-tourismus.de).

### **The Dylan Amsterdam**

The Dylan Amsterdam luxury hotel is located behind an historical façade besides the canals of the city's charming center.

Comprised of the Keizersgracht canal houses with a manicured courtyard at its heart, the luxury Dylan Hotel Amsterdam is continually recognized for its contemporary meets classic design, dedicated service and location.

The Dylan Amsterdam will be delighted to consider offering accommodation to Alliance press card holders on assignment.

Visit : [www.dylanamsterdam.com](http://www.dylanamsterdam.com). Contact : Ros Boycott at [ros@masonrose.com](mailto:ros@masonrose.com).

### **The Ebrington Arms, UK**

The Ebrington Arms is a 17th Century inn in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty in the rolling hills of the Cotswolds at Ebrington near Chipping Campden, Gloucestershire.

This Cotswold country pub offering award-winning food (awarded 2 rosettes by The Michelin Guide) and ales (winner of the CAMRA North Cotswolds Pub of the Year 3 times in a row) will be delighted to consider offering review accommodation on a case by case basis.

Visit : [www.theebringtonarms.co.uk](http://www.theebringtonarms.co.uk). Contact : Anna Sharp at [anna@asharppr.com](mailto:anna@asharppr.com).

### **The Elphinstone Hotel, Biggar, Scotland**

Situated in the centre of Biggar, thirty miles outside of Edinburgh, the Elphinstone Hotel is a traditional and charming Coaching Inn, with a history going back over 400 years. The Elphinstone Hotel will be delighted to consider hosting Alliance press card holders able to review.

Visit : [www.elphinstonehotel.co.uk](http://www.elphinstonehotel.co.uk). Contact : Su Hesketh at [su@crimsonedge.co.uk](mailto:su@crimsonedge.co.uk).

### **The Essex Inn, Chicago**

The Essex Inn has a fine location on Michigan Avenue, in the heart of downtown Chicago, minutes from Chicago's finest attractions. It provides excellent accommodations and free extras including free shuttle around downtown, rooftop pool, fitness centre and free wireless internet.

The Essex Inn will be delighted to consider requests for accommodation from Alliance press card holders who are on assignment and able to feature the establishment.

Visit : [www.essexinn.com](http://www.essexinn.com). Contact : Fiona Pettitt at [fiona@cellet.co.uk](mailto:fiona@cellet.co.uk).

### **EUROPA-PARK**

EUROPA-PARK, which is Germany's biggest theme park, located in the tri-border region of Germany, France and Switzerland, offers guests more than 100 attractions and international shows in 13 European themed areas, over 90 hectares.

EUROPA-PARK will be delighted to offer complimentary entrance press card holders plus one other where they have a written commission and on presentation of the card.

Visit : [www.europapark.com](http://www.europapark.com). Contact : [presse@europapark.com](mailto:presse@europapark.com).

### **Experience Nottinghamshire**

Experience Nottinghamshire invites Alliance press card holders to visit Robin Hood country. There will be the chance to see the Major Oak in Sherwood Forest, try your hand at archery, visit England's oldest pub and meet Robin Hood himself on a special guided tour.

Website: [www.experiencenottinghamshire.com/robin-hood](http://www.experiencenottinghamshire.com/robin-hood). Contact: Erin Huckle at [erin.huckle@experiencenottinghamshire.com](mailto:erin.huckle@experiencenottinghamshire.com)

### **The Exploratorium, San Francisco**

The Exploratorium museum has reopened at it's new home on Piers 15 and 17 along San Francisco's Embarcadero.

The Exploratorium, which has created over 1,000 participatory exhibits that mix science and art, offers visitors a variety of ways—including exhibits, webcasts, websites and events—to explore and understand the world around them.

The Exploratorium will be delighted to provide entrance to Alliance press card holders able to feature the museum.

Visit : [www.exploratorium.edu](http://www.exploratorium.edu). Contact : Linda Dackman at [ldackman@exploratorium.edu](mailto:ldackman@exploratorium.edu).

## Finland

Located between East and West, with snowy winters and warm, light-filled summers, Finland offers a number of fascinating contrasts.

Its unspoilt forests, as well as its thousands of islands and lakes, offer plenty of opportunities for visitors to enjoy beautiful natural surroundings. The Finns are also considered to be cool – a bit quiet and reserved. However, they are actually warm, friendly, hospitable and especially honest people once you get to know them.

Visit Finland, the Finnish Tourist Board will be delighted to hear from Alliance press card holders who are interested in feature the country.

Visit : [www.visitfinland.com](http://www.visitfinland.com). Contact : Henri Anundi at [henri.anundi@visitfinland.com](mailto:henri.anundi@visitfinland.com).

## Focus Hotels

Focus Hotels invite Alliance press card holders to review their three and four-star properties located in key destinations across the UK.

Visit : [www.focushotels.co.uk](http://www.focushotels.co.uk). Contact : Nat Frogley at [nat@bacall.net](mailto:nat@bacall.net)

## Four Pillars Hotels, UK

Four Pillars Hotels is an independent company, which currently operates six predominantly four star hotels in Oxfordshire and Gloucestershire and the Cotswolds.

- **Tortworth Court Four Pillars Hotel** This four-star is a stately Victorian country hotel located in 30 acres of landscaped grounds 18 miles north of Bristol in South Gloucestershire. The hotel has its own arboretum housing over 300 rare and exotic trees.
- **Cotswold Water Park Four Pillars Hotel** This contemporary four-star hotel is situated in a lakeside setting in a 55-acre conservation parkland area in The Cotswolds.
- **Oxford Spires Four Pillars Hotel** This four-star hotel is located half a mile from the centre of the city in 40 acres of protected parkland. This French Renaissance-style chateau houses the Rothschild Collection of art treasures and a fine Victorian garden with a Roccoco style aviary.
- **Oxford Thames Four Pillars Hotel** This four-star hotel is housed partly within historic medieval buildings three miles from the centre of Oxford in 30 acres of parkland leading down to the River Thames.

The four-star Oxford Witney Four Pillars Hotel is located close to the market town of Witney. The Cotswold Wildlife Park is nearby.

Four Pillars Hotels will be delighted to consider providing Alliance press card holders with accommodation for review purposes.

Visit : [www.four-pillars.co.uk](http://www.four-pillars.co.uk). Contact : Lucy Mayes at [lucy@humewhitehead.co.uk](mailto:lucy@humewhitehead.co.uk).

## Frontier Travel

Frontier Travel organise tailor-made holidays to Canada in both Summer and Winter.

The company will consider offering individual press trips for Alliance press card holders who can get commissions from UK national newspapers, websites or high end publications with large circulations.

Visit : [www.frontier-canada.co.uk](http://www.frontier-canada.co.uk) and [www.frontier-ski.co.uk](http://www.frontier-ski.co.uk). Contact: Sandra Potter at [sandrapotter@frontier-travel.co.uk](mailto:sandrapotter@frontier-travel.co.uk).



## Frontiers Travel

Frontiers Travel will consider offering tours to Alliance press card holders on assignment. Frontiers Travel specialise in the finest worldwide fly fishing and shooting destinations.

Visit : [www.frontierstravel.com](http://www.frontierstravel.com). Contact : Adam York at [adam@sublimepub.com](mailto:adam@sublimepub.com)

Gaggan Restaurant, Bangkok

The Gaggan restaurant has been voted No.10 at the inaugural edition of the Asia's 50 Best Restaurants 2013 and No 66 in the world top 100 restaurants as compiled by Restaurant magazine.

The 85-year-old whitewashed colonial-style wooden house is located in the heart of downtown Bangkok

Chef Gaggan Anand has cooked for former US President Bill Clinton, and Abdul Kalam Azad, the former President of India. His signature dishes include 'Papdi Chaat'; 'Tandoor lamb chops' and 'Iberian pork neck slow-cooked in a Goan vindaloo reduction.

Alliance press card holders in Bangkok and able to review are invited to dine at the restaurant.

Visit : [www.eatatgaggan.com](http://www.eatatgaggan.com). Contact: Gavin Nazareth at [pr@eatatgaggan.com](mailto:pr@eatatgaggan.com).

## Generator Hostels

Generator offers travellers stylish, central, safe and affordable accommodation. As Europe's fastest growing hostel brand, Generator currently has eight design-led properties and nearly 5,200 beds located across six countries, attracting guests from over 75 nationalities.

The award-winning group's portfolio of urban design hostels expanded to eight in spring 2013 with the addition of its first venture in Spain (Barcelona) and its second in Berlin.

These join Generator's existing portfolio of boutique-inspired hostels in Berlin East, Copenhagen, Dublin, Hamburg, London and Venice.

Characterised by their cutting-edge design, central locations, creative events, locally-inspired menus and wide range of room options, from private en-suite twins to female-only dorms, each Generator hostel offers free Wi-Fi, stylish bar and chill-out areas, 24-hour security plus a free walking tour of the city.

Welcoming, knowledgeable staff are on hand around the clock to provide advice on exploring the local area and other tips for a memorable city stay.

Generator would be happy to hear from Alliance press card holders keen to review one of their properties.

Visit [www.generatorhostels.com](http://www.generatorhostels.com) or contact Suzanne Seyghal via [Suzanne.seyghal@generatorhostels.com](mailto:Suzanne.seyghal@generatorhostels.com).

## Goldener Berg Hotel, Oberlech, Austria

The 4-star Goldener Berg Hotel is located at 1,750 metres above sea level in Oberlech, Austria and is surrounded by mountain.

During the ski season, which stretches over January, February and March and into April the hotel offers a luxury location right on the piste.

In May there is the blooming natural environment around Goldener Berg Alps Hotel. Alpine hiking is possible from May until the November rain sets in. The mild climate in June, July and August allows dinners on the hotel's sun terrace.

The Goldener Berg Hotel will be delighted to consider offering accommodation to Alliance press card holders on assignment (travel to the city excluded).

Visit : [www.goldenerberg.co.uk](http://www.goldenerberg.co.uk). Contact : Karen Luard at [kp@kpcommunications.co.uk](mailto:kp@kpcommunications.co.uk).

### **Grand Canyon West, Arizona**

The Grand Canyon Resort Corporation, which is wholly owned and operated by the Hualapai Nation, manages :

- Grand Canyon West
- Hualapai River Runners (whitewater rafting)
- Hualapai Ranch, and
- the Hualapai Lodge.

Grand Canyon West is a collection of viewpoints and attractions spread over 9000 acres of the Grand Canyon's West Rim in Northwest, 120 miles east of Las Vegas, Nevada.

It is the only place in the Canyon where visitors can access a boat ride on the Colorado River via helicopter and is home to the Grand Canyon Skywalk, a glass walkway 4000 ft above the canyon floor.

The site attractions are:

- Guano Point, with panoramic canyon views and the historic guano mine tram
- Eagle Point, the location of the Grand Canyon Skywalk
- the Native American Village with authentic dwellings of multiple tribes
- live Native American performances and,
- the Hualapai Ranch, a western town with cowboy entertainment, horseback riding, wagon rides and overnight cabins facing the Canyon rim.

The Hangzhou Tourism Commission will be delighted to consider offering accommodation to Alliance press card holders on assignment (travel to the city excluded).

Visit ; [www.hualapaitourism.com](http://www.hualapaitourism.com). Contact : Karen Luard at [kp@kpcommunications.co.uk](mailto:kp@kpcommunications.co.uk).

### **Greater Miami and the Beaches, Florida**

Greater Miami and the Beaches consists of a diverse group of neighborhoods.

Vibrant and contrasting areas – from ocean resort towns to the urban core, planned suburbs to pristine rural land, complemented by villages rooted in history.

The Greater Miami Convention & Visitors Bureau is an independent not-for-profit sales and marketing organization whose mission is to attract visitors to Greater Miami and the Beaches for leisure, business and conventions.

The Greater Miami Convention & Visitors Bureau will be delighted to consider press trips for Alliance press card holders on assignment.

Visit : [www.miamiandbeaches.com](http://www.miamiandbeaches.com). Contact : Lois Kettlewell at [Lois.Kettlewell@fourcommunications.com](mailto:Lois.Kettlewell@fourcommunications.com).

## Great Hotels of the World

Great Hotels of the World offers an unrivalled collection of the best 4 and 5 star luxury hotels and resorts.

Each hotel is selected for its dedication to the highest standards of luxury, unique sophistication, surroundings and innovative facilities.

Great Hotels of the World will be delighted to consider providing Alliance press card holders with accommodation for review purposes.

Visit : [www.ghotw.com](http://www.ghotw.com). Contact : Ashleigh Silverman at [asilverman@ghotw.com](mailto:asilverman@ghotw.com).

## The Great Lakes USA

The Great Lakes is the largest expanse of freshwater in the world with a unique and diverse landscape.

This region which is the size of continental Europe includes the U.S. states of Illinois, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, Wisconsin and Indiana with its capital city of Indianapolis.

Great Lakes USA will be delighted to hear from Alliance press card holders who are able to feature the region.

Visit : [www.greatlakesnorthamerica.co.uk](http://www.greatlakesnorthamerica.co.uk). Contact : Fiona Pettitt at [fiona@cellet.co.uk](mailto:fiona@cellet.co.uk).

## Group Travel World

*Group Travel World* is the best selling magazine for organisers of group travel in Europe. To read a sample issue online : [www.grouptravelworld.com/sample-issue](http://www.grouptravelworld.com/sample-issue)

Alliance press card holders can receive a hard copy of *Group Travel World*, by post (anywhere in the world). Print subscribers also get online access to the magazine.

Those interested should email Harley Denham with name card number and full postal address.

Visit : [www.grouptravelworld.com](http://www.grouptravelworld.com). Harley Denham at [Harley.Denham@grouptravelworld.com](mailto:Harley.Denham@grouptravelworld.com).

## Hangzhou, China

Hangzhou is the capital and largest city of Zhejiang Province in Eastern China.

A core city of the Yangtze River Delta, Hangzhou has a position on the Hangzhou Bay 180 kilometres (110 mi) southwest of Shanghai.

It has been one of the most renowned and prosperous cities of China for much of the last 1,000 years, due in part to its natural scenery. The city's West Lake, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, is its best-known attraction.

Hangzhou is known for its historic relics and natural beauty and retains its historical and cultural heritage.

The Hangzhou Tourism Commission will be delighted to consider hosting Alliance press card holders able to feature the destination (travel to the city excluded).

Visit : [www.gotohz.com](http://www.gotohz.com). Contact : Karen Luard at [karen.l@hotline-marketing.net](mailto:karen.l@hotline-marketing.net).

### **The Haweswater Hotel, Cumbria UK**

The Haweswater Hotel, an art-deco hotel located next to the secluded Haweswater Reservoir, Cumbria, UK, will be happy to consider offering accommodation to Alliance press card holders.

Visit : [www.haweswaterhotel.com](http://www.haweswaterhotel.com). Contact : Samantha Marsh at [samantha@infinitypublicrelations.co.uk](mailto:samantha@infinitypublicrelations.co.uk)

### **Hawks Cay Resort, Florida Keys, USA**

Hawks Cay Resort, a member of Preferred Hotels & Resorts and a AAA Four-Diamond Award, is located on Duck Key in the middle Florida Keys.

A premier destination in all of the Florida Keys it sits alongside the emerald water of the Atlantic Ocean, guests enjoy offshore, flats and backcountry fishing; diving; kayaking; kiteboarding and standup paddle boarding programmes.

There is the Cliff Drysdale tennis program; Segway tours and the only resort-based Dolphin Connection program in the continental U.S.

The 60-acre resort boasts 177 guestrooms and 160-plus two- and three-bedroom villas, a full-service marina, five signature restaurants, saltwater lagoon, five swimming pools, kid and teen clubs and the award-winning Calm Waters Spa.

Hawks Cay Resort will be delighted to consider offering accommodation to press card holders able to feature the resort.

Visit: [www.hawkscay.com](http://www.hawkscay.com). Contact: Holly Zawyer [Holly@cam-pr.com](mailto:Holly@cam-pr.com).

### **Helpful Holidays, UK**

Helpful Holidays, UK will consider offering accommodation to Alliance press card holders with a commission from suitable media.

Visit: [www.helpfulholidays.com](http://www.helpfulholidays.com). Contact: Pat Edgar at [PRMatters@dsl.pipex.com](mailto:PRMatters@dsl.pipex.com)

### **The Heritage Railway Association (UK)**

The Heritage Railway Association represents the heritage and tourist railways of Great Britain and Ireland.

These railways, and some tramways, have a large voluntary input with the aim of preserving some of Britain's railway heritage for both the present and the future.

Restored steam locomotive operate on most of the railways which run through scenic or interesting locations with some running through National Parks.

Special facilities on some railways include evening "Wine and Dine" trains (some of which include restored Pullman Cars) and Drivers Experience Days.

The Heritage Railway Association will be pleased to facilitate visits by Alliance press card holders to member railways.

Visit : [www.heritagerrailways.com](http://www.heritagerrailways.com). Contact David Woodhouse at [david.woodhouse@hra.gb.com](mailto:david.woodhouse@hra.gb.com).

## Hertz car hire

tx247 is the partner of Hertz car hire and the Hertz Golf and Drive initiative.

Hertz car hire, the world's leading vehicle renting organisation, operates from more than 8,500 locations in 150 countries worldwide.

Alliance press card holders can get Worldwide and year-round 10% additional discount on Hertz car hire best available rates and Free Hertz #1 Club membership, which offers a range of privileges and benefits including the fastest way to rent a car.

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Contact : Alexander Graham at [alexgraham@tx247.co.uk](mailto:alexgraham@tx247.co.uk).

## Hg2 city guides

The Hg2 city guide series has launched its new mobile applications available for iPhone, iPad and iPad mini.

The apps covering 49 cities and ski resorts are individually downloadable and provide an insider's guide to hotels, restaurants, bars, clubs, shops, sights and spas.

There are also maps and Itineraries to help plan a trip and a reviews and ratings facility allows users to become Hg2 reviewers

Cities covered to date include :

Almaty	Damascus & Aleppo	Marrakech	St Moritz
Amsterdam	Dubai	Megeve	Stockholm
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Beijing	Havana	Monte Rosa	Tel Aviv
Berlin	Istanbul	Moscow	Tokyo
Beirut	Johannesburg	Mumbai	Toronto
Bogota	La Grave	New Orleans	Val d'Isere
Buenose Aires	Las Vegas	New York	Verbier
Cape Town	Lisbon	Paris	Zermatt
Chamonix	London	Prague	Zurich
Chicago	Los Angeles	Rome	
Courchevel	Madrid	San Francisco	

Hg2 will be delighted to offer its city guide apps free to Alliance press card holders who are able to review the app.

Visit : [www.hg2.com](http://www.hg2.com). Contact : Marilyn MacDonald at [marilyn@hg2.com](mailto:marilyn@hg2.com)

## Hidden Pousadas Brazil

Hidden Pousadas offers independent travellers recommendations for uniquely beautiful places to visit and stay in Brazil.

Alliance press card holders with commissions for Brazil can enquire about staying at Pousadas within the special collection, outside of high season.

Visit : [www.hiddenpousadasbrazil.com](http://www.hiddenpousadasbrazil.com). Contact : Fola Odumosu at [fola@hiddenpousadasbrazil.com](mailto:fola@hiddenpousadasbrazil.com)

## Hilton Head Golf Island, South Carolina

Golf enthusiasts can find over 30 world-class quality golf courses on the Hilton Head Golf Island, many of which have been sculpted by golf course architects as Robert Trent Jones Sr., Pete Dye and Jack Nicklaus.

Hilton Head Island itself is a Low country resort town located on an island of the same name in Beaufort County, South Carolina, USA, 20 miles north of Savannah, Georgia and 95 miles south of Charleston.

Alliance press card holders are invited to request a round or two when able to feature the facilities on Hilton Head Golf Island.

Visit : [www.hiltonheadgolfisland.com](http://www.hiltonheadgolfisland.com). Contact : Glenn Gray at [ggray@buffalocommunications.com](mailto:ggray@buffalocommunications.com).

## HistoricBritain.com

HistoricBritain.com is an accommodation website with over 500 B&Bs and small hotels with heritage, and listings of 700 places to visit.

*HistoricBritain* generates revenue for those who incur the cost of maintaining Britain's heritage, through online booking of :

- hotels, inns, bed and breakfasts, and private houses that admit paying guests
- visitor tickets for museums, monuments, castles, houses and gardens that are open to the public, and
- guided tours.

*HistoricBritain.com* offers the lowest prices for all properties advertised, and up-to-date availability of its B&Bs - an accommodation sector not traditionally accessible online.

HistoricBritain.com will be delighted to consider requests for accommodation from Alliance press card holders on a suitable assignment.

Visit : [www.historicbritain.com](http://www.historicbritain.com). Contact : Leila Stocker at [leila@turtle-pr.com](mailto:leila@turtle-pr.com).

## The Historic House Hotels, UK

The Historic House Hotels comprise :

- Bodysgallen Hall in North Wales
- Hartwell House in Aylesbury, and
- Middlethorpe Hall in York.

Each building is at least 300 years old, and there are few hotels of such charm and historic interest.

In 2008 the group was gifted to the National Trust, by donation, to ensure their long-term protection and with all profits benefiting the houses and the charity.

Historic House Hotels will be delighted to consider requests for accommodation from Alliance press card holders on a suitable assignment.

Visit : [www.historichousehotels.com](http://www.historichousehotels.com). Contact : Alison Buxton at [alison.buxton@gmail.com](mailto:alison.buxton@gmail.com).

### **Holidaylettings**

Holiday Lettings offers a range of traditional and unique villas, cottages and apartments worldwide and will consider arranging accommodation at its listed properties for Alliance press card holders.

Visit : [www.holidaylettings.co.uk](http://www.holidaylettings.co.uk). Contact: Emilie and Kate on [press@holidaylettings.co.uk](mailto:press@holidaylettings.co.uk)

### **Home Base Holidays**

Home Base Holidays is pleased to offer one year complimentary home exchange membership to Alliance press card holders on assignment to cover home swap or budget holiday ideas.

Visit : [www.homebase-hols.com](http://www.homebase-hols.com). Contact : Lois Sealey at [info@homebase-hols.com](mailto:info@homebase-hols.com)

### **Home land Tours', Israel**

Home land Tours' provide small group and individual tours for those looking to strengthen their faith by visiting the land that is key to a deeper understanding of the Word of God.

All of its guides are licensed by the Ministry of Tourism and are very knowledgeable professionals and specialise in :

- Historical, Heritage and Cultural Tours of Israel
- Holy Land Tours
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### **The Horseshoe Inn, Scottish Borders**

The Horseshoe Inn is situated in a former blacksmiths shop in Eddleston within the picturesque Scottish Borders, five miles north of Peebles.

It has an award-winning fine dining restaurant, a bar and bistro as well as eight individually decorated bedrooms within the Lodge, a former Victorian primary school.

The Horseshoe Inn will be delighted to consider hosting Alliance press card holders able to review.

Visit : [www.horseshoeinn.co.uk](http://www.horseshoeinn.co.uk). Contact : Su Hesketh at [su@crimsonedge.co.uk](mailto:su@crimsonedge.co.uk).

### **The Hoste, Norfolk UK**

The Hoste is a four star boutique retreat located in Nelson's county and surrounded by countryside, unspoilt coastline, acclaimed nature reserves, picturesque villages and historic market towns.

A little more than a two hour's drive from London, this collection of hotels and luxury cottages with its two AA rosette restaurant and beauty spa, is located in one of Norfolk's loveliest villages, Burnham Market.

The Hoste will be delighted to consider offering accommodation to Alliance press card holders for review purposes.

Visit : [www.thehoste.com](http://www.thehoste.com). Contact :Kate at [kate@thehoste.com](mailto:kate@thehoste.com).

### **Hotel d'Europe, Avignon, France**

Hotel d'Europe, one of the oldest hotels in the world, is located in the centre of Avignon, a vibrant city with a relaxed cafe culture and intriguing history.

Dating back to 1799, this historical hotel has a gourmet restaurant and range of luxurious rooms and suites, most of which have views of the romantic streets of Provence.

The city's medieval bridge – immortalised in the children's rhyme Sur le Pont d'Avignon – is well worth visiting, and only five minutes' walk from the hotel. The Palace of the Popes – built in the 14th Century when the Catholic Church split briefly from Rome – is another attraction.

The Hotel d'Europe exudes an old-world charm and elegance in the heart of one of the most beautiful areas of France – truly the finest deluxe destination in Provence.

The Hotel d'Europe, a Great Hotel of the World, will be delighted to consider requests for accommodation from Alliance press card holders on a suitable assignment.

Visit : <http://www.ghotw.com/hotel/home/heurope.htm>. Contact : Ashleigh Silverman at [asilverman@ghotw.com](mailto:asilverman@ghotw.com).

### **Hotel H1898, Barcelona, Spain**

Hotel H1898, from Nuñez i Navarro Hotels Collection, has been placed in the top 10 Hotels in Barcelona by the Global Review Index.

Located in central Barcelona, Hotel 1898 is within walking distance of Boqueria Market, Las Ramblas, and Placa de Catalunya. Nearby points of interest also include Barcelona Cathedral and Gran Teatre del Liceu. Hotel Features.

The hotel will be happy to host Alliance press card holders who are producing features about about Barcelona.

Visit : [www.hotel1898.com](http://www.hotel1898.com). Contact : [pr@orbyce.com](mailto:pr@orbyce.com).

### **The Hotel Fort Canning, Singapore**

The Hotel Fort Canning, which forms part of Fort Canning Park - an historical landmark in the heart of Singapore, will be delighted to consider hosting Alliance press card holders on assignment.

Once used as a base for the British Far East Command pre/post World War II in Singapore, the Hotel Fort Canning has been restored and re-opened as a chic boutique hotel with 86 rooms and suites, two restaurants and a THANN Spa.

Visit : [www.hfcsingapore.com](http://www.hfcsingapore.com). Contact : Karen Luard at [kp@KPcommunications.co.uk](mailto:kp@KPcommunications.co.uk).



## Hotel Pont Royal, Paris

Located in the midst of the stylish Saint-Germain des Prés area, the five star Pont Royal, guests can immerse themselves in literary and artistic Paris.

There is the chance to stroll through the small side streets, where the best art galleries are found, and with the Seine never far away.

The Pont Royal will be delighted to consider accommodation for Alliance press card holders on assignment.

Visit : [www.leshotelsduroy.com/en/hotel-pont-royal](http://www.leshotelsduroy.com/en/hotel-pont-royal). Contact : Ros Boycott at [ros@masonrose.com](mailto:ros@masonrose.com).

## HouseTrip

HouseTrip, which is one of the world's largest holiday rental booking sites, offers self catering holiday rentals, which are available to book with the owners direct.

The HouseTrip portfolio has over 170,000 properties in hundreds of destinations worldwide, ranging from country cottages and spacious villas with private swimming pools to city centre apartment. It caters for those looking to rent entire house, apartment, castle or boat and then to live like a local.

HouseTrip will be delighted to hear from Alliance press card holders on assignment. The company has specific criteria, which they will discuss on an individual basis

Visit : [www.housetrip.com](http://www.housetrip.com). Contact : Ryan Levitt at [rlevitt@housetrip.com](mailto:rlevitt@housetrip.com).

## Hungary

Hungary is located in Central Europe and bordered by Austria, Slovakia, Ukraine, Romania, Serbia, Croatia and Slovenia. It is a popular tourist destinations, with Budapest, its capital, regarded as one of the most beautiful in the world.

Despite its relatively small size, the country is home to many World Heritage Sites, UNESCO Biosphere reserves, the second largest thermal lake in the world (Lake Hévíz), the largest lake in Central Europe (Lake Balaton) and the largest natural grassland in Europe (Hortobágy).

Hungarian Tourism will be delighted to hear from Alliance press card holders able to feature the country.

Visit : [www.gotohungary.com](http://www.gotohungary.com). Contact : Karin Jones at [media@gotohungary.co.uk](mailto:media@gotohungary.co.uk).

## Hyatt Regency Clearwater Beach Resort and Spa, Florida, USA

The Hyatt Regency Clearwater Beach Resort and Spa features 250 guest suites that blend tropical elegance with a luxurious carefree experience on Florida's West coast.

The resort offers Gulf views provide the backdrop for expansive floor plans ranging from deluxe to one and two-bedroom beach suites.

Each suite features a full kitchen and balconies or rooftop terraces. Guests can enjoy a variety of upscale amenities such as a resort swimming pool deck with 20 air-conditioned poolside cabanas and a children's pool area, a spa pool area on the 16th floor and multiple dining options, including the resort's signature seafood grill, SHOR.

Other amenities include the eco-friendly Sandava Spa and Camp Hyatt kids club, along with 12,000 square feet of indoor and 20,000 square feet of outdoor function space for premier beachside events.

Located less than 20 miles from international airports in both Tampa and St. Petersburg / Clearwater, resort is the centerpiece of the Clearwater Beach's new Beach Walk, a half-mile promenade offering entertainment, shopping, dining, strolling and more

The Hyatt Regency Clearwater Beach Resort and Spa will be delighted to consider offering accommodation to press card holders able to feature the resort.

Visit : [www.clearwaterbeach.hyatt.com](http://www.clearwaterbeach.hyatt.com). Contact : Claire Kunzman [Claire@cam-pr.com](mailto:Claire@cam-pr.com)

### **Hyatt Regency Trinidad, Port of Spain, Trinidad**

Hyatt Regency Trinidad, located in Port of Spain, Trinidad, is the first Caribbean hotel designed specifically for business and meetings guests.

Port of Spain, Trinidad's capital city, is the fastest growing city in the Caribbean and the region's 'business capital'.

The hotel's versatile event space showcases a 16,000 square foot Grand Ballroom and a 10,000 square-foot Ballroom with translation facilities.

Other guest facilities include a full-service fine-dining restaurant, lobby bar and lounge, fitness center and the 9,000 square-foot Spa Esencia. Hyatt Regency Trinidad provides a relaxing escape for business travelers with an infinity pool and terrace overlooking the Gulf of Paria.

Hyatt has a farm to table program for Waterfront and Spa Esencia. Local farmers develop produce never before grown in Trinidad just for the use of the hotel.

Hyatt Regency will be delighted to consider hosting Alliance press card holders able to review.

Visit: [www.trinidad.hyatt.com](http://www.trinidad.hyatt.com) Contact: Dana Pucci [Dana@cam-pr.com](mailto:Dana@cam-pr.com).

### **Independence Missouri**

Independence Missouri is happy to work with Alliance press card holders on assignment and will consider lodging, food and admission to attractions and will create customized itineraries.

Visit : [www.visitindependence.com](http://www.visitindependence.com). Contact : Janeen Aggen at [janeena@sbcglobal.net](mailto:janeena@sbcglobal.net).

### **Indonesia**

The Republic of Indonesia is the largest archipelago in the world, comprising more than 13,000 tropical islands fringed with white sandy beaches. Among the most well-known islands are :

- Bali
- Java
- Kalimantan (formerly Borneo)
- Papua
- Sulawesi (formerly Celebes)
- Sumatra, and
- the Maluku Islands (known as Moluccas, the original Spice Islands).

The destination offers richly diverse cultures and heritage, beautiful beaches and ecotourism along with green rainforests to trek through and deep blue pristine seas to dive and swim, and some of the warmest, most hospitable people on earth.

Indonesia will be delighted to hear from Alliance press card holders interested in featuring the country.

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

## **Indianapolis, Indiana**

Indianapolis - the Circle City has it all.

An artificial city laid down on the swampy marshes of a non-navigable river, Indy should have been a sleepy, small-town state capital.

Today two downtown landmarks, Monument Circle and Indiana War Memorial Plaza, are among America's great urban spaces. With a diverse roster of residential areas, from downtown's quaint Lockerbie Square to its retro Fountain Square to funky Broad Ripple not far away, Indy feels like home.

While famous for fast cars, Indianapolis is winning praise for reinventing the bicycle and pedestrian experience and the city enjoys a rich African-American legacy and unique local cuisine linked to history and cherished traditions

Visit : [www.visitindy.com](http://www.visitindy.com). Contact : Morgan Greenlee at [MGreenlee@visitindy.com](mailto:MGreenlee@visitindy.com).

## **Inn by the Sea, Maine**

Voted a World's Best Hotel by Travel + Leisure Magazine, 2012, Inn by the Sea is located on a mile of sandy beach and just fifteen minutes from the vibrant city of Portland, Maine.

Inn by the Sea offers fifty-seven guest rooms, suites and cottages making the property the perfect luxury Maine beach hotel for couples or family travel.

Sea Glass restaurant offers panoramic views of Crescent Beach from its intimate dining room or al fresco deck. Chef Mitchell Kaldrovich features the best of Maine's oceans and farms in his seasonally appropriate menus.

There is the chance to enjoy Signature cocktails and award-winning wines. SPA at Inn by the Sea offers a full complement of beach inspired body treatments, massages and aesthetics.

Inn by the Sea, on Crescent Beach, has been nationally recognized for its green and pet-friendly hotel practices.

Visit : [www.innbythesea.com](http://www.innbythesea.com). Contact : Rauni Kew at [rkew@innbythesea.com](mailto:rkew@innbythesea.com).

## **The Inn on Fifth, Naples, Florida**

The Inn on Fifth is a luxurious, 87-room boutique hotel in the heart of downtown Naples in Southwest Florida will be delighted to consider accommodations for Alliance press card holders on assignment. In addition, the Inn offers 32 new club level suites.

Visit : [www.innonfifth.com](http://www.innonfifth.com). Contact : Katharina Lane at [katharina@hayworthcreative.com](mailto:katharina@hayworthcreative.com)

## **InterContinental London Westminster, UK**

Named as one of the best new hotels in the world in Condé Nast Traveler's Hot List 2013, this luxury London hotel is located in the heart of Westminster.

Its façade compliments a renovated interior within an historic building, Queen Anne's Chambers, to create superb and spacious accommodation and the sophisticated Blue Boar Smokehouse and Bar.

If exploring London is your aim, this hotel is within minutes of Westminster Abbey, Big Ben, and the Houses of Parliament.

Visit : [www.ihg.com/intercontinental/hotels/gb/en/london/lonwm/hoteldetail](http://www.ihg.com/intercontinental/hotels/gb/en/london/lonwm/hoteldetail). Contact : Ashleigh Fleming at [ashleigh.fleming@ihg.com](mailto:ashleigh.fleming@ihg.com).

## The InterContinental Marseille - Hotel Dieu, France

The InterContinental Marseille - Hotel Dieu overlooks the Vieux Port, in the oldest district in Marseille known as the Panier.

Marseille is the vibrant capital of Provence and the hotel is housed in a listed historical monument dating back to the 18th century. Nearby the Calanques have been designated a Unesco World Heritage site.

The InterContinental Marseille - Hotel Dieu, France will be delighted to hear from Alliance press card holders who are in Marseille and able to review the hotel.

Visit : [www.ihg.com/intercontinental/hotels/gb/en/marseille/mrsha/hoteldetail](http://www.ihg.com/intercontinental/hotels/gb/en/marseille/mrsha/hoteldetail) . Contact : Self Lucy at [lucyself@hors-norme.com](mailto:lucyself@hors-norme.com).

## Juneau, Alaska

Juneau, Alaska's scenic capital city, has cosmopolitan charm and rich history combined with the stunning wilderness of the Tongass National Forest and the bountiful waters of the Inside Passage.

Juneau is Southeast Alaska's hub with convenient air and ferry service to Inside Passage communities and to Glacier Bay National Park, Seattle (only 2 hours) and Anchorage.

Visitors can :

- enjoy Alaska's most accessible glacier
- fly over the Juneau Icefield
- discover the State Museum
- gaze at humpback and orca whales
- take a glacier cruise
- tour a historic gold mine
- ride the Mount Roberts Tram
- savour fresh Alaskan seafood
- shop downtown galleries, and
- catch salmon and watch sea lions, seals, eagles and bears.

Juneau also has a thriving arts community with a local symphony, two major state wide music festivals, an award-winning theatre and countless local artists.

The Juneau Convention and Visitors Bureau will be delighted to hear from Alliance press card holders who are able to feature the city.

Visit : [www.traveljuneau.com](http://www.traveljuneau.com). Contact : Elizabeth Arnett at [elizabeth.arnett@traveljuneau.com](mailto:elizabeth.arnett@traveljuneau.com).

## The Katikies Hotel and Kirini Suites and Spa, Santorini, Greece

Santorini is an island in the southern Aegean Sea, about 200 km (120 mi) southeast of the Greek mainland. It is the largest island of a small, circular archipelago and forms the southernmost member of the Cyclades group of islands

### The Katikies Hotel

Located 300ft up on the cliffs of the village of Oia, Katikies is a free form architectural property of stairs, bridges, cubist cottages and views over the island's volcanic basin.

In the evenings, the Katikies Dinner restaurant has four tables suspended on a rooftop veranda on the volcano's rim.

## **Kirini**

Located on the edge of the village of Oia, the Kirini Suites and Spa has been newly renovated for 2013, all of which look out over the Caldera and the Aegean.

The Katikies Hotel and Kirini will be delighted to consider offering accommodation to Alliance press card holders with a 'high end' assignment.

Visit : [www.katikieshotelsantorini.com](http://www.katikieshotelsantorini.com) and [www.kirini.com](http://www.kirini.com). Contact : Aaron Moore at [aaron.moore@mediacofss.com](mailto:aaron.moore@mediacofss.com).

## **Kempinski Hotels worldwide**

Hoteliers since 1897, Kempinski has travelled the world in search of the most fascinating destinations without ever forgetting the finest traditions of its European heritage.

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Visit: [www.kempinski.com](http://www.kempinski.com). Contact: Hilary Philpott at [hilary.philpott@kempinski.com](mailto:hilary.philpott@kempinski.com)

## **Kempinski Barbaros Bay, Turkey**

Kempinski Hotel Barbaros Bay, Turkey is now offering guests an adult only silent beach with no background music, no motor boats, no phone conversations and no children.

Therapists from the resorts spa are also on hand to provide al fresco spa treatments on the beach. Located on its own private bay on the Aegean Coast of Turkey, Kempinski Hotel Barbaros Bay is made up of 24 suites and 149 rooms, each with their own view of the sea.

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Visit : [www.kempinski.com/bodrum](http://www.kempinski.com/bodrum). Contact: Hilary Philpott at [hilary.philpott@kempinski.com](mailto:hilary.philpott@kempinski.com).

## **Kempinski Gold Coast City, Accra, Ghana**

The five-star Kempinski Hotel Gold Coast City, is set to open early 2013, next to the Accra International Conference Centre, State House and National Theatre.

The hotel is the centrepiece of Accra Gold Coast City, a new downtown for the capital.

The Kempinski Hotel Gold Coast City will be delighted to consider press visits for Alliance press card holders on a case-by case basis.

Visit : [www.kempinski.com/accra](http://www.kempinski.com/accra). Contact Kathryn Peel at [kathryn@ophirpr.co.uk](mailto:kathryn@ophirpr.co.uk).

## **Kepinski Hotels in Russia**

### **St Petersburg**

The Kempinski Hotel Moika 22 is located in a charming and historical area, in the very heart of St Petersburg, on the Moika River, opposite the renowned Hermitage Museum and Palace Square.

The Hotel is just two minutes walk from the Nevsky Prospect and close to all major sights and shopping.

## **Moscow**

The 5 star Hotel Baltshug Kempinski Moscow offers the best views of the Kremlin. Located in the heart of Moscow.

## **Gelendzhik**

The Kempinski Grand Hotel Gelendzhik, is a new luxury resort and congress hotel on the Black Sea coast of Russia.

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Visit: [www.kempinski.com](http://www.kempinski.com). Contact: Hilary Philpott at [hilary.philpott@kempinski.com](mailto:hilary.philpott@kempinski.com).

## **Kissimmee**

Kissimmee, a short drive south of Orlando, puts visitors right in the middle of all the areas attractions including Walt Disney World®, Universal Orlando® and SeaWorld® Orlando.

There is also the chance to go flying across the water on a thrilling airboat ride and discover a world alive with tropical birds, turtles and legendary alligators. Travel to Old Town or tour the brick-lined streets of Celebration, where colorful restaurants offer a variety of dining options and unique shopping possibilities.

The Kissimmee Convention and Visitors Bureau will be delighted to hear from Alliance press card holders who are able to feature the area.

Visit : [www.visitkissimmee.com](http://www.visitkissimmee.com). Contact : Fiona Pettitt at [fiona@cellet.co.uk](mailto:fiona@cellet.co.uk).

## **Ker & Downey Botswana**

Ker & Downey Botswana, located in the heart of the Okavango Delta and Moremi Game Reserve, will be pleased to consider press visits to Alliance press card holders with a commission.

Visit : [www.kerdowneybotswana.com](http://www.kerdowneybotswana.com). Contact : Honour Schram de Jong at [honour@honourway.com](mailto:honour@honourway.com)

## **KOŠICE – Tourism, Slovakia**

Košice, the second largest city in Slovakia, is situated on the river Hornád at the eastern reaches of the Slovak Ore Mountains, near the border with Hungary.

The city has a well preserved historical centre with heritage protected buildings in Gothic, Renaissance, Baroque, and Art Nouveau styles and the St. Elisabeth Cathedral, Slovakia's largest church.

KOŠICE - Tourism, the official tourist authority for the Košice, will be delighted to hear from Alliance press card holders who are interested in visiting the city on assignment.

Visit : [www.visitkosice.eu](http://www.visitkosice.eu). Contact : Ivana Takacsova at [ivana.takacsova@visitkosice.eu](mailto:ivana.takacsova@visitkosice.eu).

## **La Residencia Mallorca**

La Residencia, Mallorca will consider offering one or two night's bed and breakfast accommodation from mid September-May to Alliance press card holders with a commission.

Visit : [www.laresidencia.com](http://www.laresidencia.com). Contact : Louise Davis at [louise.davis@laresidencia.com](mailto:louise.davis@laresidencia.com)

## Linthwaite House Hotel, Lake Windemere, Cumbria, UK

Located on 14 acres of peaceful, picturesque grounds and overlooking Lake Windemere, Linthwaite House is a luxury hotel in the Lake District.

The hotel's grounds are perfect for a peaceful stroll and trout fishing is available in the estate's own tarn.

Linthwaite House will be delighted to consider hosting Alliance press card holders able to review.

Visit : [www.linthwaitehousehotel.com](http://www.linthwaitehousehotel.com). Contact : Su Hesketh at [su@crimsonedge.co.uk](mailto:su@crimsonedge.co.uk).

## Livigno, Italy

Located in the Lombardy region of the Italian Alps, Livigno has been awarded the title of Best European Resort at the 2012 World Snow Awards. The resort offer great skiing with carnival in February a highlight of the ski season.

Summer in Livigno offers a range of activities on the slopes with cycling being a particularly popular.

Livigno will be delighted to hear from Alliance press card holders who are interested in producing features on the region.

Visit : [www.livigno.eu](http://www.livigno.eu). Contact : Lynsey Devon at [lynsey@heavenpublicity.co.uk](mailto:lynsey@heavenpublicity.co.uk).

## LocalGuiding

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Botswana	Greece	Malta	Scotland	Uzbekistan
Brazil	Guatemala	Mauritius	Senegal	Venezuela
Bulgaria	Honduras	Mexico	Slovakia South	Vietnam
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*LocalGuiding* will be delighted to hear from Alliance press card holders looking for a local tour guide in the destinations it covers.

Visit : [www.LocalGuiding.com](http://www.LocalGuiding.com). Contact : Robert Blessing at [rb@localguiding.com](mailto:rb@localguiding.com).

## **Loch Melfort Hotel, Argyll, Scotland**

The Loch Melfort is a family run hotel on the coast of Argyll, set in the Scottish West Highlands. All rooms have sea views over Asknish Bay towards Jura, Shuna and Scarba. The Asknish Bay Restaurant has been awarded two Rosettes by the AA every year since 2000.

The Loch Melfort will be delighted to consider hosting Alliance press card holders able to review.

Visit : [www.lochmelfort.co.uk/](http://www.lochmelfort.co.uk/). Contact : Su Hesketh at [su@crimsonedge.co.uk](mailto:su@crimsonedge.co.uk).

## **The Lot Valley, France**

The Lot Valley comprises the Départements through which the river Lot flows are, from its source, Lozère, Cantal, Aveyron, Lot and Lot-et-Garonne.

In 1980, the five local government bodies set up an organisation called l'Entente to coordinate and run Lot Valley development. Its task: to continue the economic, environmental, tourist and hydraulic development of the Valley.

An ambitious economic development programme covering waterway tourism and the valorisation of the environment fixed the major objectives : to facilitate the growth of a new tourist destination, while preserving the environment.

l'Entente will be delighted to hear from Alliance press card holders able to feature this region.

Visit : [www.valleedulot.com](http://www.valleedulot.com). Contact : Stephanie Khaou at [lotvalley1@gmail.com](mailto:lotvalley1@gmail.com).

## **Lovelady Shield, Cumbria, UK**

Lovelady Shield is an elegant Georgian Country House Hotel near Alston, Cumbria. It stands on the site of a former 13th century convent on the banks of the River Nent and within secluded gardens and un-spoilt countryside.

The hotel can also act as a base from which to visit the UK's Lake District, Hadrian's Wall, the North Pennines, Durham Cathedral and the Yorkshire Dales. The hotel has 2 rosette awards from the AA , and their restaurant provides elegant surroundings in which to enjoy the award winning cuisine prepared by our Master Chef, Barrie Garton.

Lovelady Shield will be delighted to consider hosting Alliance press card holders able to review.

Visit : [www.lovelady.co.uk](http://www.lovelady.co.uk). Contact : Su Hesketh at [su@crimsonedge.co.uk](mailto:su@crimsonedge.co.uk).

## **Love Loch Lomond, Scotland**

*Love Loch Lomond*, which is a group of tourism operators passionate about the Loch Lomond and Clyde Sea Lochs area, will be delighted to host press visits for Alliance press card holders as well as to offer a range of story ideas and activities.

Visit distilleries, climb mountains, try a segway safari or a photography course, sail on one of Scotland's most beautiful and famous lochs.

There is also the chance to visit its islands, walk on two of Scotland's Great Trails, visit boutique shops and farmers' markets or simply relax in Scotland's premier day visit and leisure destination.

Visit: [www.lovelochlomond.com](http://www.lovelochlomond.com). Contact: Johanna Campbell at [johanna@johannacampbell.co.uk](mailto:johanna@johannacampbell.co.uk)



## **Lumley Castle Hotel, Chester le Street, nr Durham, UK**

Standing proud for more than 600 years, the Lumley Castle dominates the County Durham landscape.

It is surrounded by parklands overlooking the River Wear and Durham County Cricket Ground and the historic city of Durham Newcastle, and is situated to explore the North East of England.

Lumley Castle is one of the finest Durham hotels and UK business and leisure destinations and has 73 bedrooms and suites, some of which boast bathrooms hidden behind bookcases or through a wardrobe.

Lumley Castle Hotel will be delighted to consider offering accommodation to Alliance press card holders able to feature the property.

Visit : [www.lumleycastle.com](http://www.lumleycastle.com). Contact : Emma Walker at [emma@sortedpr.com](mailto:emma@sortedpr.com).

## **Macau**

Macau, which is a Special Administrative Region of China since 1999, is located on China's south coast, 40 miles from Hong Kong.

It enjoys a Portuguese-Chinese heritage and, in 2013, celebrates the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary since the arrival of the Portuguese in Macau in the 16<sup>th</sup> century.

The destination's distinctive blend of cultures is reflected in the Historic Centre of Macau, a UNESCO World Heritage Site comprised of over 20 historic Sino-Portuguese buildings.

East-meets-West flavours are incorporated in Macanese cuisine, which features influences from Portugal, China, South America, Africa, India and Malaysia.

Macau also hosts a wealth of colourful events and festivals including :

- the Macau International Fireworks Display Contest, one of the biggest of its kind in the world, and
- the Macau Grand Prix, when tourists and locals will line the streets creating a party atmosphere as both cars and motorcycles separately race on one of the most demanding circuits in the world.

Macau Tourism will be delighted to hear from Alliance press card holders who are on assignment and able to feature the destination.

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

## **Made London – West End Theatre Shows**

PR agency made London will host Alliance press card holders at a selection of London musicals including MAMMA MIA! We Will Rock You and Wicked. Plus Opera & Ballet.

Subject to availability. For information on current shows visit: [www.officallondontheatre.co.uk](http://www.officallondontheatre.co.uk).

To request tickets contact: [info@made2010.com](mailto:info@made2010.com) Please provide your card number when requesting tickets.

Visit : [www.officallondontheatre.co.uk](http://www.officallondontheatre.co.uk).

## **Madesimo, Italy**

Madesimo is a classic mountain ski resort typical of the Italian Alpine region with the 'ski-holiday' launched by the Italian Touring Club in the resort in 1911.

Surrounded by mountains and Alpine landscapes, Madesimo is a summer and winter destination and convenient for popular tourist destinations like Lake Como and St. Moritz.

Madesimo will be delighted to hear from Alliance press card holders able to feature this region.

Visit : [www.visitmadesimo.it](http://www.visitmadesimo.it). Contact : Lynsey Devon at [lynsey@heavenpublicity.co.uk](mailto:lynsey@heavenpublicity.co.uk).

## **Malawi, Africa**

Malawi is the 'warm heart of Africa' offering a combination of lake, landscape, wildlife and culture in one of Africa's most beautiful and compact countries.

Malawi Travel Marketing Consortium is a partnership organisation of Malawi's travel and tourism industry including accommodation providers, tour and safari companies, car hire and air charter firms.

The Malawi Travel Marketing Consortium will be delighted to hear from Alliance press card holders.

Visit: [www.malawitourism.com](http://www.malawitourism.com). Contact : Mr Kelly White at [enquiries@malawitourism.com](mailto:enquiries@malawitourism.com)

## **Mallorca Hotels: Hotel Bon Sol Resort & Spa, Hotel Tres and Hotel Dalt Murada, and Hotel Mar i Vent, Mallorca**

Mallorca Hotels will be pleased to offer accommodation to Alliance press card holders with a commission for city breaks to Palma and spa & yoga, cycling, walking, hiking, cultural on the island.

Visit : [www.hotelbonsol.es](http://www.hotelbonsol.es), [www.hoteltres.com](http://www.hoteltres.com), [www.daltmurada.com](http://www.daltmurada.com) and [www.hotelmarivent.com](http://www.hotelmarivent.com).

Contact : Cathryn Hicks at [cathryn@douggoodmanpr.com](mailto:cathryn@douggoodmanpr.com).

## **The Marriott Paris Champs-Elysees, Paris**

The Marriott Paris Champs-Elysees, the only five-star hotel on the Champs-Elysees, will be happy to offer accommodation to Alliance press card holders who are in the city on an assignment.

Visit: [www.parismarriott.com](http://www.parismarriott.com). Contact: Bernice Saltzer at [bernice@sortedpr.com](mailto:bernice@sortedpr.com)

## **The Mercy Hotel Lisboa, Lisbon**

The Mercy Hotel Lisboa is a new 5\* boutique luxury property located on Mercy Street, between the Chiado and Bairro Alto districts of Lisbon.

It offers the ideal base for leisure and business guests with easy access to the city and excellent facilities right on the doorstep. Several cultural highlights, as well as excellent dining, shopping and nightlife are within easy walking distance of the hotel.

The Hotel Mercy would be pleased to consider press requests from Alliance press card holders with a commission.

Visit : [www.mercyhotel.com](http://www.mercyhotel.com). Contact : Cathryn Hicks at [cathryn@douggoodmanpr.com](mailto:cathryn@douggoodmanpr.com)

### **Michael Neave Kitchen and Whisky Bar, Edinburgh, Scotland**

Michael Neave Kitchen and Whisky Bar has recently opened on Old Fishmarket Close in the heart of Edinburgh's old town. It is the first acquisition by the young chef who has worked with talented chefs from The Bonham and the Amber restaurant in the Scotch Whisky Experience.

Michael Neave Kitchen and Whisky Bar will be delighted to consider hosting Alliance press card holders able to review.

Visit : [www.michaelneave.co.uk](http://www.michaelneave.co.uk). Contact : Su Hesketh at [su@crimsonedge.co.uk](mailto:su@crimsonedge.co.uk).

### **Mir Corporation**

Mir Corporation will consider offering tours to Alliance press card holders on assignment. Mir Corporation is a well-established tour-operator specialising in tours to Russia, the Trans-Siberian Railroad and tours to Central Asia.

Visit : [www.mircorp.com](http://www.mircorp.com). Contact : Adam York at [adam@sublimepub.com](mailto:adam@sublimepub.com)

### **Mohonk Mountain House, New York State**

Mohonk Mountain House is a National Historic Landmark resort and Historic Hotel of America located in New York's Hudson Valley, 90 miles north of New York City.

Owned and operated by the Smiley Family since its founding in 1869, the resort has been welcoming guests in a beautiful natural setting for 144 years.

The Victorian castle resort has been named the Number One Resort Spa in the United States in *Condé Nast Traveler's Readers' Choice Awards*.

Year-round recreation includes a spectacular Skating Pavilion, rock climbing, and 85 miles of trails for seasonal hiking, mountain biking, snowshoeing, and cross-country skiing. The grounds feature gardens, a nine-hole golf course, tennis courts, and stables for horseback riding and horse-drawn carriage rides.

Over 40 theme programs are presented annually, including culinary classes, gardening workshops, music festivals and nature programs.

The Mohonk Mountain House will be delighted to consider hosting Alliance press card holders with an appropriate commission.

Visit : [www.mohonk.com](http://www.mohonk.com). Contact : Laura Koster at [lkoster@btcmarketing.com](mailto:lkoster@btcmarketing.com).

### **The Montcalm at The Brewery London City**

The Montcalm at The Brewery London City is situated in the heart of The City of London.

The grade II listed building has been restored into a luxury five star hotel is conveniently located by the Barbican and in-between Liverpool Street and Moorgate stations.

Formerly the site of Whitbread & Co, Britain's first purpose-built mass production brewery, the original building dates back from as early at 1750 when Samuel Whitbread moved his brewing operations to Chiswell Street on the 'eastern rim of Georgian London'.

The hotel offers acclaimed English cuisine at The Chiswell Street Dining Rooms and traditional British fayre at the gourmet gastropub are offered at The Montcalm at The Brewery London City.

The Mountcalm will be delighted to consider offering accommodation to Alliance press card holders.

Visit : [www.themontcalmlondoncity.co.uk](http://www.themontcalmlondoncity.co.uk). Contact : Lysbeth Fox at [lysbeth@foxpr.co.uk](mailto:lysbeth@foxpr.co.uk).

## **Montes e Vales - cultural and activity tours in Portugal.**

Portugal is among the oldest countries in Europe with the same boundaries since 1297, an impressive medieval heritage and in the Douro Valley the oldest wine demarcated region in the world.

*Montes e Vales* provides visitors with the chance to to learn more about Portuguese wine, food and history during easy walks or biking tours.

*Montes e Vales* will be delighted to consider offering Alliance press card holders a tour for review purposes.

Visit : [www.walkinginportugal.com](http://www.walkinginportugal.com). Contact : David Monteiro at [info@walkinginportugal.com](mailto:info@walkinginportugal.com).

## **The Moevenpick Resort & Spa Dead Sea**

The Moevenpick Resort & Spa Dead Sea is located on the shore of the Dead Sea in Jordan - a peaceful area with renowned health benefits.

Many visitors flock to Jordan to float in the Dead Sea, and the benefits of the high-salt content mean that the water is extremely calming and healing, offering the ultimate relaxation therapy.

The resort has 346 rooms and suites which have been tastefully decorated to ensure that all guests have a comfortable stay.

There is also a Zara spa - one of the largest in the Middle East, which provides a wide variety of treatments to relax the mind, body and soul.

The Moevenpick Resort & Spa Dead Sea, a Great Hotel of the World, will be delighted to consider requests for accommodation from Alliance press card holders on a suitable assignment.

Visit : [www.ghotw.com/hotel/home/moevenpick-dead-sea.htm](http://www.ghotw.com/hotel/home/moevenpick-dead-sea.htm). Contact : Ashleigh Silverman at [asilverman@ghotw.com](mailto:asilverman@ghotw.com).

## **The Moorland Garden Hotel, Devon UK**

The Moorland Garden Hotel, which is under the new management of Sonia and Brian Meaden, enjoys a location between the Dartmoor National Park and the magnificent natural harbour of Plymouth.

An extensive refurbishment programme is under way to restore the hotel and its nine acres of gardens to their former glory. Located on the Devon-Cornwall border between the wilds of Dartmoor and the coast at Plymouth.

Diners at the hotel's Wildflower Restaurant and informal Dartmoor Bar can enjoy locally sourced produce including farmers aged beef fillet and 'Dartmoor raised lamb; two ways' Dartmoor ham and Cornish brie; locally sourced fish in a Dartmoor beer batter.

The Moorland Garden Hotel will be delighted to consider hosting Alliance press card holders able to feature the hotel.

Visit : [www.moorlandgardenhotel.co.uk](http://www.moorlandgardenhotel.co.uk). Samantha Kirton at [samantha@ipr-online.co.uk](mailto:samantha@ipr-online.co.uk).

## **Myanmar (formerly known as Burma)**

Myanmar, formerly known as Burma, has emerged from decades of military rule, and the South-East Asia nation is moving towards democracy and opening up economically.

With 28-day tourist visas, improved foreign exchange services, and new destinations and accommodations, Myanmar is now easier than ever to visit.

## **Slow Burma Travel**

Slow Burma Travel is a small tour operator in Myanmar, organizing tailor-made, personalized trips throughout Myanmar.

Established in 2010, and respecting the wishes of democracy leader, Nobel Prize laureate Ang San Suu Kyi, Slow Burma Travel offers individual, family and small group trips the heartland of Myanmar, as well as more off-the-beaten-track places.

Working with locals, communities, ethnic minorities, Buddhist monasteries and NGOs, Slow Burma Travel provides deep insights into Myanmar, authentic experiences away from the tourist hordes, and moments of wonder in this long-forgotten world.

Among the trips organized include colonial heritage tours of downtown Yangon's buildings, up-country tours in search of writer George Orwell, mountain biking adventures in Shan state, and China-Myanmar trips for Tai Chi practitioners from around the world.

Alliance press card holders are invited to contact Slow Burma Travel for information and advice about travel in Myanmar. In mid-late 2013 Slow Burma Travel will be offering media familiarization trips, in association with the Myanmar tourism industry.

Visit : [www.burma-travel.info](http://www.burma-travel.info) and [www.visit-myanmar.info](http://www.visit-myanmar.info). Contact : Keith Lyons at [keithalyons@gmail.com](mailto:keithalyons@gmail.com).

## **Myrtle Beach Seaside Resorts, South Carolina, USA**

Myrtle Beach Seaside Resorts is a collection of six oceanfront and ocean view condo-hotels in North Myrtle Beach and Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

Avista Resort, Prince Resort, Horizon at 77th, Grande Shores, Seaside and the Towers at North Myrtle Beach all provide the comforts of full-service resort hotels with the space and luxury of condominiums.

Each property features modern décor that reflects a coastal lifestyle and views of the pristine northern region of the Grand Strand.

Most hotels have fitness centers, an array of indoor and outdoor pools, on-site dining and access to world-class beaches.

Alliance press card holders are welcome to request a stay at Myrtle Beach Seaside Resorts when able to feature the collection of properties.

Visit: [www.myrtlebeachseasideresorts.com](http://www.myrtlebeachseasideresorts.com). Contact: Jane Milbrandt at [jmilbrandt@buffalocommunications.com](mailto:jmilbrandt@buffalocommunications.com).

## **Newcastle Gateshead Marriott Hotel Metrocentre**

Newcastle Gateshead Marriott Hotel Metrocentre has completed a £500,000 refurbishment to its leisure facilities.

The hotel, which is next to the Metrocentre, the biggest shopping centre in Europe, will be happy to host Alliance press card holders who would like to visit the North East of the UK.

Visit : [www.marriott.co.uk/hotels/travel/nclgh-newcastle-gateshead-marriott-hotel-metrocentre](http://www.marriott.co.uk/hotels/travel/nclgh-newcastle-gateshead-marriott-hotel-metrocentre)  
Contact : Bernice Saltzer at [bernice@SortedPR.com](mailto:bernice@SortedPR.com).

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

New York Circle Line Sightseeing Cruises will be delighted to host Alliance press card holders with a commission.

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

## **Niagara, USA**

The Niagara Tourism & Convention Corporation (NTCC) promotes the county as a premier destination for meetings, events, conventions, and leisure tourism.

Niagara Falls comprises the American Falls, Bridal Veil Falls and Horseshoe Falls. The historic village of Lewiston was the site of the first battle of the War of 1812 and the last stop for slaves escaping to freedom on the Underground Railroad.

The original Flight of Five locks that were built in 1840 still exist along the Erie Canal in Lockport. Surrounded by water, Niagara USA is also a fishing destination in and on Lake Ontario, Niagara River and Erie Canal.

The NTCC will be delighted to hear from Alliance press card holders who are interested in doing a story on Niagara Falls or Niagara USA.

Visit : [www.niagara-usa.com](http://www.niagara-usa.com). Contact : MichelleBlackley at [michelle@niagara-usa.com](mailto:michelle@niagara-usa.com)

## **Nicols Boating Holidays, France**

Nicols is a tour operator offering self-drive boating holidays on the rivers and canals of France, with over 20 different bases available throughout most regions of the country.

No previous boating experience or a licence is needed to take the helm of a stylish Nicols cruiser.

Travelling by boat is a great way to see France from a new perspective and enjoy the relaxed pace of life on the waterways.

Nicols will be delighted to consider press trips for Alliance press card holders who are able to review this fun and flexible holiday accommodation.

Visit: [www.boat-renting-nicols.co.uk](http://www.boat-renting-nicols.co.uk). Contact: Rob Jordan at [rob.jordan@mondomarketing.co.uk](mailto:rob.jordan@mondomarketing.co.uk).

## **No.1 Traveller : Heathrow Terminal 3, Gatwick North and South Terminals, Stansted and Birmingham Airport**

No.1 Traveller works with airlines, businesses and individuals to offer a convenient and comfortable service to take the stress out of going to and through airports.

It offers smart chauffeur-driven airport transfers and stylish 'pay-as-you-go' airport lounges (a complete 'driveway to runway' service) No.1 Traveller operates at Heathrow Terminal 3, Gatwick North and South Terminals, Stansted and Birmingham Airport.

No.1 Traveller is happy to offer a 50% discount rate for all International Travel Writers Alliance Press Card holders.

Those interested should contact : Charlie Spencer at [Charlie.Spencer@No1Traveller.com](mailto:Charlie.Spencer@No1Traveller.com), when wishing to make a booking with :

- Full name (as it appears on your passport)
- Flight date / time
- Flight number
- Which airport / terminal

Visit : [No1Traveller.com](http://No1Traveller.com). Contact : Charlie Spencer at [Charlie.Spencer@No1Traveller.com](mailto:Charlie.Spencer@No1Traveller.com).

## Norfolk Hideaways

Norfolk Hideaways, which is a holiday cottage/self-catering holiday company with 200 coastal cottages in North Norfolk, will be delighted to hear from Alliance press card holders on assignment. Press trips are available and subject to dates and availability.

Visit : [www.norfolkhideaways.co.uk](http://www.norfolkhideaways.co.uk). Contact : Danielle Howard at [danielle@junglepr.com](mailto:danielle@junglepr.com).

## The Oetker Collection - Masterpiece Hotels

The Oetker Collection - Masterpiece Hotels are one-of-a-kind, five-star hotels individually designed, with a unique character and distinctive atmosphere.

They are situated in some of the world's most appealing locations, such as Antibes, Baden-Baden, Marrakesh, Paris and Vence.

The Oetker Collection will be pleased to consider offering accommodation to Alliance press card holders.

Visit : [www.oetkercollection.com](http://www.oetkercollection.com). Contact : Julia Perowne at [jp@verypcc.com](mailto:jp@verypcc.com)

## Núñez i Navarro Hotels, Barcelona

Núñez i Navarro Hotels has nine hotels in Barcelona :

- Hotel Barcelona Universal
- Hotel Europark
- Núñez Urgell Hotel
- Hotel Paral.lel
- Hotel Granvía
- Hotel Jazz
- the B-Hotel, and
- Hotel 1898.

It has properties in Las Ramblas for visiting Boqueria Market and the Gothic area; in Passeig de Gràcia next to Antoni Gaudí buildings; in Plaza Catalunya at Fira de Barcelona and near Palau de Congressos.

Núñez i Navarro Hotels will be delighted to consider hosting Alliance press card holders who are visiting the city on assignment.

Visit : [www.nnhotels.com](http://www.nnhotels.com). Contact : Alba Plana at [pr@orbyce.com](mailto:pr@orbyce.com).

## ON AIR WORLD radio

*ON AIR WORLD radio* is broadcast across many radio stations in Australia with programmes available for broadcast on community and other radio stations worldwide. Its radio travel features the best things to do and see in various cities and regions around the world.

*ON AIR WORLD radio* is pleased to invite Alliance press card holders to supply audio interviews. The station cannot pay for features, at this stage, but believes it could give card holders exposure to world radio networks.

Card holders should also provide *ON AIR WORLD radio* an image in a jpeg format and a brief bio for its presenters page.

Visit : [www.onairworld.com](http://www.onairworld.com). Contact : Geoff Harrison at [worldtvinternational@gmail.com](mailto:worldtvinternational@gmail.com).

## One World Trekking

One World Trekking has been a leader in Worldwide Adventure Travel with two decades of experience in creating and guiding unique trekking and hiking itineraries across the globe.

It offers small group trekking trips and adventure tours throughout the great Himalayan kingdoms of Nepal, Bhutan, Ladakh, Tibet, Sikkim, the Karakoram and to Eastern Europe, Africa and South America.

One World Trekking will be delighted to consider providing Alliance press card holders with trips for review purposes. To hear one programme, which have over 4000 downloads per week, visit : [www.travelradioaustralia.com](http://www.travelradioaustralia.com).

Visit : [www.oneworldtrekking.com](http://www.oneworldtrekking.com). Contact : Andy Crisconi at [andy.crisconi@oneworldtrekking.com](mailto:andy.crisconi@oneworldtrekking.com).

## Orient-Express Hotels

Orient-Express Hotels is a luxury hotel company and adventure travel operator which began offering luxury travel experiences since 1976, when it purchased Hotel Cipriani in Venice.

Shortly after the company recreated the Venice Simplon-Orient-Express, linking London, Paris and Venice, along with other European cities.

Today the Orient-Express Hotels brand embraces 46 hotel, cruise and luxury rail businesses in 22 countries, including distinctive properties including :

- Hotel Cipriani in Venice
- Grand Hotel Europe in St Petersburg
- Hotel Ritz Madrid
- Mount Nelson Hotel in Cape Town
- Copacabana Palace in Rio de Janeiro, and
- Maroma Resort and Spa on Mexico's Riviera Maya

The Company also Orient-Express Hotels luxury tourist trains, three river cruise operations and one of New York's most iconic restaurants.

Orient-Express Hotels will be delighted to hear from Alliance press card holders who are assignment and able to feature one or more of its hotels. Requests considered on a case-by-case basis.

Visit : [www.orient-express.com](http://www.orient-express.com). Contact : Emily Wilson at [emily.wilson@orient-express.com](mailto:emily.wilson@orient-express.com).

## The Otago Central Rail Trail, New Zealand

The Otago Central Rail Trail is a 150-kilometre walking, cycling and horse riding track in the South Island of New Zealand.

The trail runs in an arc between Middlemarch and Clyde, along the route of the former Otago Central Railway, and has become a popular tourist attraction.

It's the chance to discover an untamed, natural environment, Otago's harsh and daring past, and the early engineering feats of the pioneers.

The Trail was the first rail trail in New Zealand and it's success encouraged John Key, the NZ Prime Minister, to establish further Trails throughout NZ.

The Otago Central Rail Trail will be delighted to hear from Alliance press card holders who do a lot of cycling or walking and who could feature the Trail.

Visit : [www.otagocentralrailtrail.co.nz](http://www.otagocentralrailtrail.co.nz). Contact : Edward Fox at [edwardfox@orcon.net.nz](mailto:edwardfox@orcon.net.nz).



## **The Palace of Versailles, France**

The Château de Versailles, which has been on UNESCO's World Heritage List for 30 years, is one of the most beautiful achievements of 18th-century French art.

The site began as Louis XIII's hunting lodge before his son Louis XIV transformed and expanded it, moving the court and government of France to Versailles in 1682.

Each of the three French kings who lived there until the French Revolution added improvements to make it more beautiful.

Alliance press card holders can get free admission to the Château de Versailles and its grand gardens.

Visit : [www.en.chateauversailles.fr](http://www.en.chateauversailles.fr). Contact : Talon at [1dad1kid@gmail.com](mailto:1dad1kid@gmail.com).

## **The Palms Hotel & Spa, Miami Beach, FL**

Just minutes from the heart of South Beach, with a city-block of grounds and a pristine stretch of white sandy beach, The Palms Hotel & Spa originally opened as the Sea Isle Hotel in 1939.

It was purchased by its current owners, the Krause Family, in 1989, renovated and re-opened as The Miami Beach Ocean Resort in the summer of 1992.

In the following years, the family continued to modernize and re-position the property, culminating in a 2010 re-launch as The Palms Hotel & Spa. The AAA Four Diamond property is now part of the exclusive collection of Preferred Hotels & Resorts, and one of few independently owned and operated full-service hotels on the beach.

The Palms will be delighted to consider requests for accommodation from Alliance press card holders on a suitable assignment.

Visit : [www.thepalmshotel.com](http://www.thepalmshotel.com). Contact : Vanessa Lopez at [VLopez@thepalmshotel.com](mailto:VLopez@thepalmshotel.com).

## **Pembrokeshire, South West Wales**

Pembrokeshire, South Wales will be delighted to consider offering accommodation to Alliance press card holders with a commission in suitable media.

Visit : [www.pembrokeshire.com](http://www.pembrokeshire.com). Contact: Pat Edgar [PRMatters@dsl.pipex.com](mailto:PRMatters@dsl.pipex.com)

## **The Pheasant Inn, the Lake District UK**

Located at the bottom of Sale Fell and close to Bassenthwaite Lake, the Pheasant Inn dates back to the 17th century and was the haunt of huntsman John Peel.

It is situated at the unspoilt northern end of the Lake District, within easy reach of Keswick and Cockermouth. The hotel bar, one of the most well known bars in the Lake District, is full of local character and characters some of whom are very knowledgeable and opinionated!

The Pheasant Inn will be delighted to consider hosting Alliance press card holders able to review.

Visit : [www.the-pheasant.co.uk](http://www.the-pheasant.co.uk). Contact : Su Hesketh at [su@crimsonedge.co.uk](mailto:su@crimsonedge.co.uk).

## Philadelphia

Philadelphia might be known as the birthplace of American democracy, but you'll find it's an ideal destination to explore its colorful neighborhoods, learn more about its rich history and delve into its spectacular sites and attractions.

Philly has all the excitement of big-city life with a quaint, hometown feel.

The Philadelphia Convention & Visitors Bureau will be delighted to hear from Alliance press card holders who are able to feature the city.

Visit : [www.discoverPHL.com](http://www.discoverPHL.com). Contact : Greg Evans at [g.p.evans@btinternet.com](mailto:g.p.evans@btinternet.com).

## Phoenix Park Bike Hire, Dublin, Ireland

Phoenix Park in Dublin has 20km of cycle paths and over 1750 acres of parkland to explore.

Located right at the entrance to the Park, Phoenix Park Bike Hire is a cost effective, healthy and enjoyable way to see attractions in the park and all that Dublin city has to offer. Many thousands of extra visitors are expected to choose Ireland in 2013 for The Gathering.

Visit : [www.phoenixparkbikehire.com](http://www.phoenixparkbikehire.com) and [www.thegatheringireland.com](http://www.thegatheringireland.com). Contact : Anna Sharp at [anna@asharppr.com](mailto:anna@asharppr.com).

## Pine River Ranch, Washington State

Pine River Ranch B&B and Wedding Venue has 22 acres of historic outdoor beauty.

Located just minutes outside Leavenworth - one of Washington State's biggest tourist cities – the ranch provides excellent accommodations including custom made log beds, river rock fireplaces, Jacuzzi tubs and breakfast delivered to your room.

Pine River Ranch will be delighted to consider requests for accommodation from Alliance press card holders who are on assignment and able to feature the establishment.

Visit : [www.prranch.com](http://www.prranch.com). Contact : Allan Gourlie at [allang@quicknbrite.com](mailto:allang@quicknbrite.com).

## Pismo Beach, California

Pismo Beach is located on California's famous Central Coast, half way between San Francisco and Los Angeles along the scenic Pacific Coast Highway and Highway 101.

This classic California beach town offers long white beaches for taking a pleasant stroll or for just enjoying the spectacular views of a Pismo Beach sunset.

Visitors also enjoy great weather year round, fabulous local wineries, golfing, riding the dunes in a four-wheel ATV on California's only drive-on beach, horseback riding, surfing, body boarding, and fishing from the historic 1200-foot Pismo Beach Pier.

The Pismo Beach Conference & Visitors Bureau will be delighted to hear from Alliance press card holders who are interested in featuring this destination.

For more information, please visit [www.ClassicCalifornia.com](http://www.ClassicCalifornia.com), or contact Suzen Brasile at [sbrasile@pismoeach.org](mailto:sbrasile@pismoeach.org).

## **The Pocono Mountains, Pennsylvania**

The Pocono Mountains region is 2,400 square miles of mountains, lakes, rivers, waterfalls and woodlands in Northeastern Pennsylvania.

The four-county region offers year round outdoor recreation, seasonal festivals and fairs, lavish spas and fine dining. The Pocono Mountains is two hours from both Philadelphia and New York City.

The Pocono Mountains Visitors Bureau will be delighted to consider press trip requests from Alliance press cardholders.

Visit : [www.800poconos.com](http://www.800poconos.com). Contact : Elizabeth A. Richardson at [Erichardson@poconos.org](mailto:Erichardson@poconos.org).

## **Poole, Dorset UK**

Poole's natural harbour complete with eight unique islands and striking peninsula is the largest in the Europe.

Recently featured in ITV1's Harbour Lives, Poole is a haven for sailors, wildlife and the latest water sport, with Britain's best beach - Sandbanks awarded more Blue Flags than any other UK resort.

Gateway to the world heritage Jurassic Coast, the safe shallow waters of Poole harbour make it the perfect place to learn everything from sailing and windsurfing to kayaks and stand up paddle boards.

The 110 miles of inland harbour and beaches mean there is alfresco dining, fresh seafood and waterside views to suit every budget and taste.

Much of the town's rich history is visible on the traditional working Quayside where you can explore the mix of Georgian and medieval buildings that bring Poole's seafaring history and smugglers to life.

Or cruise round the harbour and explore the National Trust's Brownsea Island to spot red squirrels, sika deer and displays by the fabulous birdlife sheltering at this wildlife hot spot.

Poole Tourism would be happy to hear from Alliance card holders who are able to feature the area.

Visit [www.pooletourism.com](http://www.pooletourism.com) Contact: Michelle Holland, [m.holland@pooletourism.com](mailto:m.holland@pooletourism.com).

## **Québec, Canada**

Québec is a unique land in North America. Unique for its geography, its history and its culture, which together have forged its bold and exuberant identity.

The region is multi-faceted geography, diverse landscapes, vegetation and climate and a rich history spanning five centuries, from colonial regime to the present-day challenge of maintaining the cultural vitality of this culture in North America!

Summer, fall, winter and spring: the contrasting seasons bring this vast territory to life, offering you four spectacular opportunities to discover the many faces of Québec!

Destination Québec will be delighted to hear from Alliance press card holders able to feature the area.

Visit : [www.bonjourquebec.com](http://www.bonjourquebec.com). Contact : Caroline Corfield-Rose at [caroline@corecommunications.co.uk](mailto:caroline@corecommunications.co.uk).

## **Rabbie's tours (UK)**

Rabbie's provides small group tours departing from Edinburgh, Glasgow, Dublin and London. These cover :

- the Scottish Highlands and Islands
- northern Britain, including the Lake District and York
- the heart of England
- northern Wales, and
- Devon and Cornwall.

Rabbie's will be delighted to hear from Alliance press card holders interested in a press review of its tours.

Visit : [www.rabbies.com](http://www.rabbies.com). Contact : Andrea McCallum at [andrea.mccallum@freshwater-uk.com](mailto:andrea.mccallum@freshwater-uk.com).

## **The Ramada Encore Hotel, Gateshead, UK**

The Ramada Encore Hotel, Gateshead is located minutes from the historic Newcastle Quayside, on the banks of the river Tyne, and within walking distance of restaurants, bars, theatres, art galleries and attractions, including :

- the Baltic Centre of Contemporary Art
- Gateshead Millennium Bridge, and
- the Metro Radio Arena.

The Ramada Encore Hotel, Gateshead will be happy to host Alliance press card holders on assignment.

Visit : [www.ramada.co.uk](http://www.ramada.co.uk). Contact : Bernice Saltzer at [bernice@sortedpr.com](mailto:bernice@sortedpr.com).

## **Rancho Valencia Resort & Spa, San Diego**

Rancho Valencia Resort & Spa reopened in 2012 after a 10-month, \$30 million property-wide renovation.

Since 1989, the award-winning Rancho Valencia Resort & Spa, Southern California's only Relais & Châteaux, property has a reputation as one of Southern California's most sought after luxury resorts.

Located in 45 acres of gardens, trails and olive groves and casitas this Mediterranean inspired, all-suite property has 49 luxury casitas with private patios, a three-bedroom Hacienda with a private pool and backyard, a world-class spa, fine dining restaurant and award-winning tennis program, as well as 12 residential villas.

The Rancho Valencia Resort & Spa will be delighted to consider accommodation for Alliance press card holders on assignment.

Visit : [www.ranchovalencia.com](http://www.ranchovalencia.com). Contact : Ros Boycott at [ros@masonrose.com](mailto:ros@masonrose.com).

## **Ravenstone Manor, Keswick, Cumbria UK**

Ravenstone Manor is a family run hotel situated just a short drive from the market town of Keswick in the Lake District.

Overlooking Bassenthwaite Lake, and set against the backdrop of Skiddaw, Ravenstone Manor provides guests with a vantage point to fully appreciate the beauty of the Lake District.

The grounds of the Hotel are a great start for many walks for any ability; a short amble through Dodd Wood looking for Ospreys nesting or the odd deer to a hike to the summit of Skiddaw.

Ravenstone Manor will be delighted to consider hosting Alliance press card holders able to review.

Visit : [www.ravenstonemanor.co.uk](http://www.ravenstonemanor.co.uk). Contact : Su Hesketh at [su@crimsonedge.co.uk](mailto:su@crimsonedge.co.uk).

### **The Renaissance Paris Arc de Triomphe, Paris**

The five-star Renaissance Paris Arc de Triomphe designed by Christian de Portzamparc, is just a few steps away from the famous landmark and Champs-Élysées Avenue.

A contemporary design, this Arc de Triomphe, Paris hotel's upscale guest rooms and suites are spacious and tastefully decorated and boast the latest in-room technology, including wireless Internet.

Outstanding among hotels in Arc de Triomphe, Paris, guests can indulge in delightful dining at the Makassar Lounge Restaurant serving contemporary French - Indonesian cuisine.

The Renaissance Paris Arc de Triomphe will be delighted to consider offering accommodation to Alliance press card holders who are able to review the hotel in their features.

Visit : [www.marriott.co.uk/hotels/travel/parwg-renaissance-paris-arc-de-triomphe-hotel](http://www.marriott.co.uk/hotels/travel/parwg-renaissance-paris-arc-de-triomphe-hotel). Contact : Bernice Saltzer at [bernice@sortedpr.com](mailto:bernice@sortedpr.com)

### **Reykjavik Bike Tours**

Reykjavik Bike Tours provide two wheeled tours of the essential 'must-see' sights of Iceland's capital and tell you the stories that bring these places to life!

It enables visitors to see and experience places that would be missed on foot or by bus and to meet local residents who know the ins and outs of the city.

The small group tours are made on comfortable, high quality bikes.

Reykjavik Bike Tours will provide press tours of Iceland's capital for Alliance press card holders.

Visit : [www.icelandbike.com](http://www.icelandbike.com). Contact : Stefan Helgi Valsson at [valsson@centrum.is](mailto:valsson@centrum.is)

### **Reykjavik Segway Tours**

Reykjavik Segway Tours provide sightseeing by segway in the capital city of Iceland.

Gliding along on the segway personal transporter is a unique experience available in Reykjavik for the first time in March 2013.

Reykjavik Segway Tours will be delighted to provide press tours of Iceland's capital for Alliance press card holders.

Visit : [www.reykjaviksegwaytours.com](http://www.reykjaviksegwaytours.com). Contact : Stefan Helgi Valsson at [book@reykjaviksegwaytours.com](mailto:book@reykjaviksegwaytours.com)

## Rockford, Illinois

Rockford is located in north central Illinois, just south of Wisconsin, halfway between Galena and Chicago.

Rockford life centers around the Rock River, which may divide the east side from the west, but brings people together for events such as the :

- Illinois Snow Sculpting Competition
- Fourth of July Festival
- Ski Broncs Water Ski Shows
- Rockford Art Museum
- Greenwich Village Art Fair and Rockford Art Guild's Artists' Fair
- On the Waterfront, Illinois' largest street music festival
- Music in the Park, and
- Holiday Festival of Lights.

Several museums cluster in Riverfront Museum Park on the west bank and Sinnissippi Gardens and Park stretch along the east bank. A trail network links them all.

Visit : [www.gorockford.com](http://www.gorockford.com). Contact : Fiona Pettitt at [fiona@cellet.co.uk](mailto:fiona@cellet.co.uk).

## Rosalie Bay Resort, Dominica

Rosalie Bay Resort, an eco-luxury and wellness retreat on the Nature Island of Dominica in the Caribbean, located along the Atlantic Ocean at the edge of a UNESCO World Heritage site,

The Rosalie Bay will be happy to consider accommodations for Alliance members on assignment.

Visit : [www.rosaliebay.com](http://www.rosaliebay.com). Contact: Julie Harper at [julie@madiganpratt.com](mailto:julie@madiganpratt.com).

## Royal Demeure luxury hotels, Italy

The Royal Demeure luxury hotel chain is a collection of historic palazzi in some of Italy's most important cities including :

- the Hotel d'Inghilterra, Residenza di Ripetta and the Hotel Beverly Hills, in Rome
- the Hotel Helvetia & Bristol in Florence the Grand Hotel Continental in Siena and,
- the Hotel Villa Michelangelo in Vicenza.

Each hotel has been meticulously refurbished with frescoed halls hosting modern art, marble bathrooms boast hydro-massage bathtubs and cosy restaurants offering traditional Italian cuisine.

The Royal Demeure group will be happy to consider hosting Alliance press card holders who are in Italy on assignment an able to review one or more of the properties.

Visit : [www.royaldemeure.com](http://www.royaldemeure.com). Contact : Anne-Marie Buckley at [Anne-Marie.Buckley@brightergroup.com](mailto:Anne-Marie.Buckley@brightergroup.com).

## The Royal Park and The Cranley, London

The Royal Park and The Cranley, two luxury, boutique hotels located in central London are delighted to welcome Alliance press card holders with suitable commissions.

Visit : [www.theroyalpark.com](http://www.theroyalpark.com) and [www.thecranley.com](http://www.thecranley.com). Contact : Li Boatwright at [Li@storringtoncommunications.com](mailto:Li@storringtoncommunications.com)

## **Rushton Hall Hotel and Spa, Northamptonshire**

Rushton Hall Hotel and Spa offers guests the chance to stay in what has been a stately home in rural Northampton since 1438.

Everything about Rushton Hall is grand from the moment you pass through its heavy timber doors. Most stunning, however, is the great hall with its magnificent timber roofing, ornate plasterwork, stained glass windows and fireplace.

Rushton Hall will be pleased to consider offering accommodation to Alliance press card holders.

Visit : [www.rushtonhall.com](http://www.rushtonhall.com). Contact : jacky Mcaulay at [j.Mcaulay@rushtonhall.com](mailto:j.Mcaulay@rushtonhall.com).

## **Saigon Streets**

Saigon Streets, which run 3 to 3.5 hour street food tours in Ho Chi Minh City, will be delighted to provide Alliance press card holders with a tour for review purposes.

Visit : [www.saigonstreeteats.com](http://www.saigonstreeteats.com). Contact : Barbara Adam at [theboss@thedropoutdiaries.com](mailto:theboss@thedropoutdiaries.com).

## **Sail Lofts St Ives**

A group of 12 award winning luxury holiday apartments surrounding a central courtyard, just metres from Porthmeor Beach in St Ives, with their own 'holistic' Ocean Spa.

Sail Lofts will be pleased to consider offering accommodation to Alliance press card holders with a commission.

Visit: [www.thesaillofts.co.uk](http://www.thesaillofts.co.uk). Contact: Peter Hutchinson at [peter@thesaillofts.co.uk](mailto:peter@thesaillofts.co.uk).

## **Scotland's Personal Hotels**

Scotland's Personal Hotels is one stop shop to finding hotels in Scotland, and offer visitors to Scotland :

- a large selection of independent hotels across Scotland and the chance to experience the real Scotland, and
- best rates guaranteed –travellers book direct with the hotels

Scotland's Personal Hotels can take care of all arrangements, book hotels, arrange car hire and offer advice on things to see and do, all over Scotland. There is no charge for this service.

Scotland's Personal Hotels will always consider hosting Alliance press card holders.

Visit : [www.scotland-hotels.com](http://www.scotland-hotels.com). Contact : Mark Linklater at [mark@scotland-hotels.com](mailto:mark@scotland-hotels.com).

## **Secret London – An unusual guide** **Secret London – Unusual bars & restaurants**

Following the success of “Secret London – An unusual guide” (Amazon bestseller) Jonglez Publishing has launch its first iPhone applications:

- Secret London – An unusual guide, and
- Secret London – Unusual bars & restaurants

Alliance press card holders able to review the applications can receive a code to download the app for free (iPhone users only).

Visit : [www.secret-london.co.uk](http://www.secret-london.co.uk). Contact : Kieran Meeke at [ksmeeke@me.com](mailto:ksmeeke@me.com).

## Senderos (Latin America)

Senderos is a UK based agency representing travel experiences across Latin America.

Its partners are estancias, rainforest and remote jungle lodges, expedition vessels and small upmarket hotels in destinations including the Galapagos and Antarctica, Brazil, Colombia, Peru, Ecuador, Argentina and Chile.

Senderos will be delighted to hear from Alliance press card holders interested in news, high resolution images and press trips.

Visit : [www.senderos.co.uk](http://www.senderos.co.uk). Contact : Gareth Lyons at [gareth@senderos.co.uk](mailto:gareth@senderos.co.uk).

## Shakespeare Country, UK

Shakespeare Country in Warwickshire is happy to host Alliance press card holders and their family for 1/2 nights to experience the region.

This includes staying in a 4 star hotel in the Stratford-upon-Avon District with tickets to :

- a Royal Shakespeare Company play
- the 5 Shakespeare Houses
- Heritage Motor Centre
- Stratford Butterfly Farm
- Ragley Hall
- Compton Verney
- Kenilworth Castle
- Stratford Armouries
- The MAD Museum.

Dates are subject to availability.

Visit : [www.Shakespeare-Country.co.uk](http://www.Shakespeare-Country.co.uk). Contact : Tanya Aspinwall at [tanya@marketingaloud.co.uk](mailto:tanya@marketingaloud.co.uk)

## Shieldhill Castle, the Clyde Valley, Scotland

Shieldhill Castle hotel is a 4 star hotel set in the upper Clyde valley 30 minutes from both Edinburgh and Glasgow.

The Castle dates back to 1199 and offers great character and charm amongst elegant surroundings.

The principal building has 16 en suite bedrooms, and the newly refurbished stable block has created a courtyard setting for an extra 10 en suite rooms.

Chancellor's restaurant, set within the Castle itself, has won numerous food and wine awards, including a two Rosette distinction from the AA.

In the grounds of the Castle and the surrounding areas, there is falconry, paintballing, clay pigeon shooting, helicopter flights, hot air balloon rides, fishing and golf.

Shieldhill Castle will be delighted to consider hosting Alliance press card holders able to review.

Visit : [www.shieldhillcastlehotel.co.uk](http://www.shieldhillcastlehotel.co.uk). Contact : Su Hesketh at [su@crimsonedge.co.uk](mailto:su@crimsonedge.co.uk).



## Silversea Cruises

Silversea Cruises is a luxury cruise line, offering guests large-ship amenities aboard its intimate, all-suite vessels: Silver Cloud, Silver Wind, Silver Shadow, Silver Whisper and Silver Spirit.

With the inclusion of the expedition ships Silver Explorer and Silver Galapagos (debuting late 2013), Silversea Cruises' itineraries encompass all seven continents and feature worldwide luxury cruises to the Mediterranean, Caribbean, both polar regions and over 500 fascinating destinations in between.

Silversea Cruises will be delighted to hear from Alliance press card holders, with suitable assignments, who are able to provide reviews of its cruises.

Visit : [www.silversea.com](http://www.silversea.com). Contact : Katie Francis visit : [kf@verypcc.com](mailto:kf@verypcc.com).

## South Oxfordshire, UK

South Oxfordshire is a popular location for film and TV productions because of its unspoilt rural character.

Over 50% of programmes in the ever-popular British TV crime series Midsomer Murders are filmed here.

South Oxfordshire's three main market towns have served as Midsomer's fictional town of Causton with :

- Thame with its food focus
- Wallingford's Thames river setting, and
- Henley on Thames, home of the world famous rowing regatta and arts festival where the 'blazers and boaters' combination is a colourful highlight of the social season.

South Oxfordshire will be happy to hear from Alliance press card holders looking for visits, itineraries, story ideas, fact checking and copyright free images.

Visit : [www.southernoxfordshire.com](http://www.southernoxfordshire.com) and [www.visitmidsomer.com](http://www.visitmidsomer.com). Contact : Jackie Ellis at [jackie@tourism-angles.co.uk](mailto:jackie@tourism-angles.co.uk).

## Steamboat Springs Ski Resort, Colorado

Seven thousand feet up in the Colorado Rockies, nestled quietly below one of the largest resort mountains in North America, sits a small but vibrant community firmly linked to its ranching heritage and Western tradition.

Known around the globe for the deep, untouched powder that collects between the tall aspen and evergreens, Steamboat generously provides tree skiing and riding that is nothing short of legendary. But it's not just any snow - it's the lightest, driest and fluffiest snow in the world.

It's so different that the phrase Champagne Powder™ snow was coined to describe it.

Visit the resort to learn to ski or board, horse-ride through the snow, dip in the Strawberry Park Hot Springs or snowmobile along the continental divide.

New for the 2013/14 season is the introduction of night skiing and the launch of the Four Points Lodge with its spectacular views across the mountain range.

Steamboat will be delighted to consider hosting Alliance press card holders on assignment.

Visit : [www.steamboat.com](http://www.steamboat.com). Contact : Katy Turner [katy@spikecommunications.co.uk](mailto:katy@spikecommunications.co.uk).

### **St Mary's Hall Hotel, Scilly**

St Mary's Hall Hotel, the Isles of Scilly is happy to provide press trip opportunities to Alliance press card holders.

Visit : [www.stmaryshallhotel.co.uk](http://www.stmaryshallhotel.co.uk). Contact : Karen Baker at [karen@mercury-pr.co.uk](mailto:karen@mercury-pr.co.uk)

### **Sugnal Hall, Staffordshire, UK**

The owners Sugnal Hall have been restoring their 2-acre walled kitchen garden for six years and have brought this back into production as well as allocating one of the quadrants for an Indian Pavilion that was handmade and hand-block printed in Jodhpur.

The walled garden, which dates back to 1737, complete privacy in the heart of rural Staffordshire.

Sugnal Hall, Staffordshire will welcome the chance to talk to Alliance press card holders on assignment.

Visit : [www.sugnal.co.uk](http://www.sugnal.co.uk). Contact : Simon Turton at [simon@operapr.com](mailto:simon@operapr.com).

### **Swaziland and Malawi**

Geo Group will be delighted to consider press trips to either Swaziland or Malawi for Alliance press card holders with suitable commissions.

Visit : [www.thekingdomofswaziland.com](http://www.thekingdomofswaziland.com) and [www.malawitourism.com](http://www.malawitourism.com). Contact: Kelly White at [tourism@geo-group.co.uk](mailto:tourism@geo-group.co.uk)

### **Talbot County, Maryland USA**

The Talbot County Office of Tourism promotes the pristine landscapes, waterscapes, and small hamlets along the "Hamptons of the Chesapeake Bay".

The Towns of St. Michaels, Oxford, Easton, and Tilghman Island offer a wealth of small town charm with metropolitan amenities.

Outdoor recreational opportunities abound at every corner - with five rivers, two bays and hundreds of creeks and tributaries, kayaking, canoeing, sailing, and yachting can be enjoyable throughout the seasons of Spring, Summer and Fall.

Year round entertainment at local theatres and nightclubs, art festivals and galleries, culinary events, and cultural treasures add to the Talbot County experience.

The Talbot County Office of Tourism will be delighted to consider press trips for Alliance press card holders on assignment.

Visit : [www.talbgov.org](http://www.talbgov.org). Contact : Debbi Dodson at [ddodson@talbgov.org](mailto:ddodson@talbgov.org).

### **The Taskonaklar Boutique Hotel, Turkey**

The Taskonaklar Boutique Hotel is located in Uçhisar, the highest town in the Turkish region of Cappadocia.

A member of Great Hotels of the World, it has rooms and suites carved into volcanic formations with the accommodations combines subterranean spaces, rough-hewn walls and stone archways with fresh air in the form of terraces and balconies, with stunning views.

The Taskonaklar Boutique Hotel will be delighted to consider offering accommodation to Alliance press card holders.

Visit : [www.taskonaklar.com](http://www.taskonaklar.com). Contact : Tolga Akarcalı at [tolga@taskonaklar.com](mailto:tolga@taskonaklar.com).

## **Tenerife**

Tenerife is the largest and most populous island of the seven Spanish Canary Islands, and one which attracts five million tourists each year.

Tourism is more prevalent in the south of the island, which is hotter and drier and has many well developed resorts such as Playa de las Americas and Los Cristianos.

More recently coastal development has spread northwards from Playa de las Americas and now encompasses the former small enclave of La Caleta.

In the more lush and green north of the island the main development for tourism has been in the town of Puerto de la Cruz.

Turismo de Tenerife will be delighted to hear from Alliance press card holders who are able to feature the island.

Visit : [www.webtenerife.co.uk](http://www.webtenerife.co.uk). Contact : Karen Blanchard at [karen@webtenerife.com](mailto:karen@webtenerife.com).

## **theExplorateur**

theExplorateur reviews hotels, shops, restaurants and travel-related products around the world.

theExplorateur will consider offering Alliance press card the opportunity to review any of its properties.

Visit : [www.theExplorateur.com](http://www.theExplorateur.com). Contact Gabriella Ribeiro Truman at [gabriella@trumarketing.com](mailto:gabriella@trumarketing.com)

## **Three Nelson Hotels in Cheshire, UK**

The Grosvenor Pulford Hotel & Spa, The Pheasant Inn and The Bear's Paw will be happy to accommodate Alliance press card holders with a commission.

Visit : [www.grosvenorpulfordhotel.co.uk](http://www.grosvenorpulfordhotel.co.uk), [www.thepheasantinn.co.uk](http://www.thepheasantinn.co.uk) and [www.thebearspaw.co.uk](http://www.thebearspaw.co.uk)  
Contact : Karen Floyd at [karen.floyd@symmetrypr.com](mailto:karen.floyd@symmetrypr.com)

## **Tipi Adventure, Herefordshire UK**

Tipi Adventure offers alternative UK holidays on the River Wye in Herefordshire.

Here visitors can stay in luxury tipis along the riverside and take part in daily paddles along the river itself in Canadian Canoes.

The holidays are suitable for anyone aged four upwards and as tuition and buoyancy aids are provided, no previous canoeing experience is required.

Tipi Adventure would be delighted to hear from any Alliance press card holders who would like to know more about the company. Media visits are also available outside of the peak school holiday periods.

Visit : [www.tipiadventure.co.uk](http://www.tipiadventure.co.uk). Contact : Samantha Marsh:  
[samantha@infinitypublicrelations.co.uk](mailto:samantha@infinitypublicrelations.co.uk)

## **Tiroran House, Mull, Scotland**

Tiroran House on Mull, is Scotland's Country House Hotel of 2013

The Isle of Mull is the second largest island of the Inner Hebrides, off the west coast of Scotland.

Tiroran is in landscaped grounds overlooking Loch Scridain, with its own private shore and within walking distance of the hide for viewing White-tailed (Sea) Eagles, Britain's largest bird of prey.

Mull has more than one-quarter of the 50 breeding pairs of these rare birds in Scotland.

Its 2 AA Rosettes restaurant is a dining destination. Chef Craig Ferguson was previously at the luxury Kilcamb Lodge in the North West Highlands. Mull is easily reached by regular ferries from Oban.

Tiroran House will be delighted to consider hosting Alliance press card holders, usually on a dinner, bed and breakfast for two basis for up to two nights, subject to availability.

Journalists wishing to make the most of a feature writing trip to Scotland's West coast may wish to combine a stay at Tiroran with a stay at Loch Melfort Hotel at Arduaine near Oban, owned and managed by Scotland's 2013 Hoteliers of the Year Calum and Rachel Ross.

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

## **Tongabezi, Zambia**

Tongabezi Lodge is the first Zambezi River lodge on the Zambian side of Victoria Falls. Privately owned and run it was voted among the world's finest places to stay in Condé Nast Traveler's 2008 Gold List.

Tongabezi Lodge will be delighted to consider providing Alliance press card holders with stays at the Lodge for review purposes.

Visit : [www.tongabezi.com](http://www.tongabezi.com). Contact : Sanja Cloete-Jones at [sanja@tongabezi.com](mailto:sanja@tongabezi.com).

## **Tontine Hotel, Peebles, Scotland**

Tontine Hotel, a family-run hotel in the heart of Peebles, won the award as Best Town Hotel in the 2012 Scottish Hotel Awards.

With 36 en-suite rooms, it's the fourth largest hotel in the Scottish Borders.

The Tontine is a fine base for covering one of Scotland's most beautiful regions, especially renowned for outdoor activities such as walking, mountain biking, cycling, golf, fishing and shooting.

Peebles itself is ranked the best town in Scotland for independent shops and is within easy reach of the 21 golf courses in the Borders.

It is a half hour's drive from Edinburgh and 90 minutes from Glasgow.

The Tontine Hotel, will be delighted to consider accommodation requests from Alliance press card holders on assignment.

Visit : [www.tontinehotel.com](http://www.tontinehotel.com). Contact : Mark Linklater at [marklinklater@gmail.com](mailto:marklinklater@gmail.com).

## **Towan Valley, Cornwall, UK**

Towan Valley, Cornwall is a place for families looking to get a totally Cornish getaway – a stones throw from one of Cornwall's best blue flag beaches and cliff top walks.

Situated in a wooded valley, Towan Valley comprises luxury self catering beach retreats which enjoy the very latest facilities, a fully fitted modern kitchen, off road parking and fully landscaped gardens.

These are located on the North Cornish Coast in the village of Porthtowan, 12 miles between St Ives and Newquay and seven miles from Truro - Cornwall's only City. The properties are available through Aspects Holidays and Michael Paul Holidays.

Towan Valley will be delighted to hear from Alliance press card holders on assignment who would like to review.

Visit : [www.aspects-holidays.co.uk](http://www.aspects-holidays.co.uk) and [www.michaelpaulholidays.co.uk](http://www.michaelpaulholidays.co.uk). Contact: Graham Buckley at [graham@mercury-pr.co.uk](mailto:graham@mercury-pr.co.uk).

## **Truro, Cornwall, UK**

The cathedral city of Truro, which is the UK's most Southerly and Cornwall's only city, has cobbled streets, narrow alleyways and riverside walks down to Malpas.

Beaches including Porthtowan are a 15 minute drive away and there is the opportunity to take a boat from Truro down to Falmouth and St Mawes.

Truro has been very much overlooked from a travel media perspective, in favour of destinations such as St Ives and Padstow, but has a wealth to offer people wanting a city break that offers them the best of both worlds.

Enjoy Truro will be delighted to hear from Alliance press card holders on assignment who would like to visit the city.

Visit : [www.enjoytruro.co.uk](http://www.enjoytruro.co.uk). Contact: Karen Baker at [karen@mercury-pr.co.uk](mailto:karen@mercury-pr.co.uk).

## **Utah**

The US state of Utah attracts outdoor enthusiasts offering national Parks, ski resorts and golf courses.

Within the state is to be found Park City, historic Temple Square, St George, Lake Powell and, of course, Salt Lake City.

Visitors come to ski or snowboard "The Greatest Snow on Earth," to mountain bike Slickrock in Moab Utah, take summer whitewater rafting down Cataract Canyon, or visit the Old West.

The Utah Office of Tourism will be delighted to hear from Alliance press card holders who are able to feature the state.

Visit : [www.utah.com](http://www.utah.com). Contact : Caroline Corfield-Rose at [caroline@corecommunications.co.uk](mailto:caroline@corecommunications.co.uk).

## **Valley Forge, Pennsylvania**

Recreation, history, retail and the arts intersect in the Valley Forge area.

Located 18 miles west of downtown Philadelphia, it is most often remembered as the site of George Washington's winter encampment of 1777-1778, where the army was transformed from a rag-tag band of soldiers into the fighting force that went on to win the American Revolution.

Visitors today can enjoy the tranquil beauty of Valley Forge National Historical Park's 3,500 acres of rolling hillsides and sparkling streams.

The Valley Forge Convention & Visitors Bureau will be delighted to hear from Alliance press card holders who are able to feature the area.

Visit : [www.valleyforge.org](http://www.valleyforge.org). Contact : Greg Evans at [g.p.evans@btinternet.com](mailto:g.p.evans@btinternet.com).

### **Verbier, Switzerland**

Located in the heart of the Swiss Alps in the canton of Valais, the resort of Verbier is located in a sunny bowl high above the Rhone river.

Along with St-Bernard and La Tzoumaz the area of Verbier - St Bernard offers over 400kms of hiking, biking and world class skiing. The village itself comprises chalet-style buildings.

Verbier will be delighted to hear from Alliance press card holders who are interested in producing features on the region.

Visit : [www.verbier.ch](http://www.verbier.ch). Contact: Lynsey Devon at [lynsey@heavenpublicity.co.uk](mailto:lynsey@heavenpublicity.co.uk).

### **The Villa Rosa Hotel, Nairobi**

Kempinski Hotels is set to open one of the country's most luxurious properties, the Villa Rosa Hotel on Chiromo Road as well as tented camp, Olare Camp in a Maasai Mara conservancy in early 2013.

Alliance press card holders are invited to request a press review stay at the the Villa Rosa Hotel and or Olare Camp.

Visit : [www.kempinski.com/en/nairobi/hotel-villa-rosa](http://www.kempinski.com/en/nairobi/hotel-villa-rosa) and [www.magicalkenya.co.uk](http://www.magicalkenya.co.uk). Contact: Hilary Philpott at [hilary.philpott@kempinski.com](mailto:hilary.philpott@kempinski.com).

### **Visit Dublin**

Visit Dublin offers Alliance press card holders visiting on-assignment a Media Pass (the Dublin Pass), which provides free entry to 34 visitor attractions in Dublin.

Visit : [www.visitdublin.com](http://www.visitdublin.com) and [www.dublinpass.com](http://www.dublinpass.com). Contact : Catherine McCluskey at [Catherine.mccluskey@failteireland.ie](mailto:Catherine.mccluskey@failteireland.ie)

### **Visit Orlando**

Visit Orlando offers Alliance press card holders visiting on-assignment a complimentary Journalist VIP Passport.

Visit : [www.VisitOrlando.com/media](http://www.VisitOrlando.com/media). Contact : Amy Rodenbrock at [amy.rodenbrock@visitorlando.com](mailto:amy.rodenbrock@visitorlando.com)

### **Visit Cornwall**

Cornwall is located in the far west of Great Britain on a peninsula pointing into into the Atlantic Ocean, and with 300 miles of coastline.

Cornwall is also the location of mainland Great Britain's most southerly promontory, The Lizard, and one of the UK's most westerly points, Land's End, while a few miles off shore and even further west is an archipelago of tiny islands that make up the Isles of Scilly.

For Alliance press card holders visiting Cornwall with suitable commissions, VisitCornwall will be pleased to offer bespoke itinerary arrangements and assist in negotiating complimentary or reduced rate accommodation and entry to attractions and activities.

Visit : [www.visitcornwall.com](http://www.visitcornwall.com). Contact : Julia Hughes at [julia.hughes@visitcornwall.com](mailto:julia.hughes@visitcornwall.com)

### Visit Oxfordshire

From Oxford - the city of Dreaming Spires - to the countryside of Oxfordshire, there are many things to see and places to visit including :

- historical Oxford attractions including Blenheim Palace, Christ Church college or the Ashmolean Museum
- country walks, cycling , sailing and punting
- villages in the Oxfordshire Cotswolds

Visit Oxfordshire, the county's tourism association, will be delighted to assist Alliance press card holders who are planning a visit to Oxford and Oxfordshire, including providing a Press Pass (for 1+1) which gives entrance to many attractions in Oxford and Oxfordshire

Visit : [www.visitoxfordshire.org/press](http://www.visitoxfordshire.org/press). Contact : Heather Armitage at [HArmitage@oxford.gov.uk](mailto:HArmitage@oxford.gov.uk).

### Visit South East England

South East England comprises the counties that wrap around London, and which take in the south coast from Dover to the New Forest.

These are :

Kent  
Sussex  
Isle of Wight

Hampshire  
Surrey,  
Berkshire

Buckinghamshire, and  
Oxfordshire

The South East is home to English icons such as Windsor Castle, Oxford, Brighton and Canterbury and Visit South East England can arrange themed tours such as Jane Austen, James Bond, Downton Abbey, Tolkien, CS Lewis and Inspector Morse.

Some of the areas 2013 highlights include the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Pride & Prejudice, the opening of the Mary Rose Museum, Portsmouth.

For Alliance press card holders visiting SE England with suitable commissions, Tourism South East will be pleased to offer bespoke itinerary arrangements and assist in negotiating complimentary or reduced rate accommodation and entry to attractions and activities.

Visit : [www.visitsoutheastengland.com](http://www.visitsoutheastengland.com). Contact : Carol Plunkett at [cplunkett@tourismse.com](mailto:cplunkett@tourismse.com).

### Volcanoes Safaris, Uganda and Rwanda

Volcanoes Safaris specialise in mountain gorilla and chimpanzee safaris to Uganda and Rwanda.

The company is an award winning pioneer in ecotourism, which ensures its safaris respect the culture of local communities, the fragility of the environment and the need to use resources in a sustainable way.

Over the past fifteen years Volcanoes Safaris have been at the forefront of mountain gorilla tourism and is the only safari company to have signed the UN Kinshasa Declaration on Great Apes.

Volcanoes Safaris' collection of luxury lodges are located near the gorilla and chimpanzee parks of Uganda and Rwanda,

Volcanoes Safaris' will be delighted to hear from Alliance press card holders able to feature one of its safaris.

Visit : [www.volcanoessafaris.com](http://www.volcanoessafaris.com). Contact : Ros Boycott at [ros@masonrose.com](mailto:ros@masonrose.com).

### **Wedgwood the Restaurant, Edinburgh, Scotland**

Paul Wedgwood and Lisa Channon opened Wedgwood the Restaurant in 2007, and gains inspiration for his style of dishes from regular travels around the world.

Favourite dishes in the restaurant include Panko and black sesame crusted mullet or Pork belly, Diver caught scallops wrapped in caul fat.

Wedgwood the Restaurant will be delighted to consider hosting Alliance press card holders able to review.

Visit : [www.wedgwoodtherestaurant.co.uk](http://www.wedgwoodtherestaurant.co.uk). Contact : Su Hesketh at [su@crimsonedge.co.uk](mailto:su@crimsonedge.co.uk).

### **Welcome to Yorkshire**

*Welcome to Yorkshire*, which is the official agency for the English county of Yorkshire, has one clear priority, to make Yorkshire the most popular destination in the UK for business and leisure.

In just two years *Welcome to Yorkshire* has grown the value of the county's tourism and visitor economy from £5.9bn to £7bn per annum.

*Welcome to Yorkshire* will be delighted to consider press trip opportunities for Alliance press card holders with an appropriate commission.

Visit : [www.yorkshire.com/mediacentre](http://www.yorkshire.com/mediacentre). Contact : Graham Poucher at [gpoucher@yorkshire.com](mailto:gpoucher@yorkshire.com)

### **The West Somerset Railway, UK**

The West Somerset Railway is Britain's longest standard gauge "heritage" railway and runs steam trains on a daily basis from early April to early October and on elected dates in other months.

The route is from Bishops Lydeard (4 miles from the Somerset County Town of Taunton) to the small seaside resort of Minehead and the Railway carries some 200,000 passengers each year.

The West Somerset Railway will be delighted to offer Alliance press card holders free travel on its trains. Please book tickets in advance.

Visit : [www.west-somerset-railway.co.uk](http://www.west-somerset-railway.co.uk). Contact : John Simms at [john.com@wsrail.net](mailto:john.com@wsrail.net)

### **Whistling Arrow, Asia**

Whistling Arrow creates and manages a select number of highly distinctive small group adventures in Asia.



These range from unique pilgrimage treks around sacred peaks in the Tibetan Himalaya to pioneering island - hopping expeditions in Northern Palawan, The Philippines.

Its trips are culturally immersive, original in design and allow clients to explore the wilder, more awe-inspiring corners of the world's most diverse continent.

An example of one of their upcoming trips, is the Yading 'Big Kora' trek) this September that will retrace the footsteps of Joseph Rock, the famous Austrian - American explorer who discovered the 'holy mountains of the outlaws' in 1928.

Whistling Arrow will be delighted to hear from Alliance press card holders able to feature one of the tours.

Visit : [www.whistlingarrow.com](http://www.whistlingarrow.com). Contact : Adrian Bottomley at [adrian@whistlingarrow.com](mailto:adrian@whistlingarrow.com).

### **Wilderness Scotland**

Wilderness Scotland is a specialist adventure travel company offering an inspiring range of holidays, journeys and wilderness experiences in the most remote and beautiful regions of the Scottish Highlands and Islands.

Established in 2001, its team of guides know the wild places of Scotland better than anyone.

Wilderness Scotland will consider offering press trip facilities to Alliance press card holders.

Visit : [www.wildernessscotland.com](http://www.wildernessscotland.com). Contact: Ben Thorburn at [ben@wildernessscotland.com](mailto:ben@wildernessscotland.com)

### **WildJunket Magazine**

WildJunket Magazine is a new-age digital magazine with an emphasis on adventure travel and special interest journey.

It is a finalist in the Digital Magazine Awards 2012 for Best Travel Magazine Award.

To read a sample issue online : . Password: wjjun88

Alliance press card holders can receive a free annual subscription (four issues) via email. Those interested should email Alberto Molero with name card number and email address.

Visit : [www.wildjunketmagazine.com](http://www.wildjunketmagazine.com). Contact Alberto Molero at [alberto@wildjunket.com](mailto:alberto@wildjunket.com).

### **Windsor and the Royal Borough, UK**

Windsor and the Royal Borough have almost 1,000 years of history including :

- Windsor Castle - the world's largest occupied castle
- 4,800 acres of royal landscape in Windsor Great Park
- horse racing at the Windsor and Ascot Races
- Eton College Legoland
- Windsor Michelin starred restaurants at Bray
- Cookham and the River Thames for boating, walking and cycling.

Windsor will be happy to hear from Alliance press card holders looking for visits, itineraries, story ideas, fact checking and copyright free images.

Visit : [www.windsor.gov.uk](http://www.windsor.gov.uk). Contact : Jackie Ellis at [jackie@tourism-angles.co.uk](mailto:jackie@tourism-angles.co.uk).

## Wynyard Hall Hotel, Teesside, UK

The four-star Wynyard Hall Hotel is located within 150 acres of historical landscaped parkland on the fringes of Durham in the Tees Valley.

Its three AA rosette Wellington Restaurant, offers an ever changing menu of modern British dishes created with the finest local ingredients and beauty and body treatments are available in the tranquil surroundings of the lakeside Spa.

With some of the North's most popular and historic attractions – such as Durham Cathedral - on its doorstep, Wynyard Hall is a base from which to explore the region.

This elegant former stately home which has hosted everyone from Charles Dickens to Russell Crowe.

Visit : [www.wynyardhall.co.uk](http://www.wynyardhall.co.uk). Contact : Emma Walker at [emma@sortedpr.com](mailto:emma@sortedpr.com).

## [www.cornwallscottages.co.uk](http://www.cornwallscottages.co.uk)

[www.cornwallscottages.co.uk](http://www.cornwallscottages.co.uk) a specialist internet holiday cottage agency with over 230 properties throughout the Duchy, will be delighted to consider offering self-catering accommodation to Alliance press card holders with a commissioned feature.

Visit: [www.cornwallscottages.co.uk](http://www.cornwallscottages.co.uk). Contact: Jess Money at [jess@suebradburypr.com](mailto:jess@suebradburypr.com)

## The Yukon

Situated in the upper Northwest corner of Canada, next to Alaska, the Yukon is Canada's most accessible northern destination.

The Yukon is one of North America's major wilderness attractions; close to 80 percent remains pristine wilderness with 5,000-metre peaks, forested valleys, unspoiled waters and untamed wildlife.

It is home to more than 160,000 caribou, 70,000 moose, 22,000 mountain sheep, 6,000 grizzly bears and 220 species of birds and 34,000 humans!

Canada's highest mountain (Mount Logan) is located here as is one of the largest non-polar ice fields located in Kluane National Park - a UNESCO World Heritage site.

The Yukon has three national parks, six territorial parks and four Canadian Heritage Rivers and with nearly 3,000 miles of all-weather and mostly paved road.

The Yukon's 10 communities enjoy a vibrant culture rich in northern tradition and First Nation (native) customs and beliefs.

Travel Yukon will be delighted to hear from Alliance press card holders who are able to feature this region.

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

## Zambian Dawn Safaris

Zambian Dawn Safaris is an owner-operated safari company based in the North Luangwa National Park, Zambia.

This wilderness area is the only park in Zambia, which is home to Africa's Big Five and is also a bird watchers destination with over 400 species of bird recorded in the Zambian Dawn Safaris area.

Zambian Dawn Safaris will be pleased to consider press visits to Alliance press card holders with a commission.

Visit : [www.zambiandawnsafaris.com](http://www.zambiandawnsafaris.com). Contact : Honour Way at [info@honourway.com](mailto:info@honourway.com).

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