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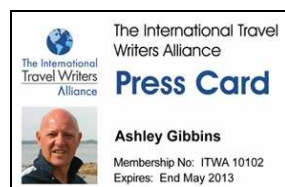
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## The Alliance press card



**The International Travel Writers Alliance Press Card now** provides Alliance journalists with formal recognition of their status and standing – 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.

## 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

### South Dakota, USA

South Dakota offers Mount Rushmore National Memorial, Badlands National Park and three additional parks and monuments plus Old West and pioneer history, Native American culture, and a wide variety of landscapes, wildlife and adventures

Visit : [www.travelsd.com](http://www.travelsd.com). Contact : Maureen Droz at [maureen.droz@travelsd.com](mailto:maureen.droz@travelsd.com).

### Landed Houses (UK)

Landed Houses offers large holiday houses and stately homes for rent across the UK. Most of our houses sleep over eighteen people and are ideal for parties and celebrations, including Christmas and New Year.

Visit : [www.landedhouses.co.uk](http://www.landedhouses.co.uk) Contact : Edmund Cohen at [ec@landedhouses.co.uk](mailto:ec@landedhouses.co.uk).

### InterContinental Hotels

InterContinental Hotels are the world's largest hotel chain, with brands such as Crowne Plaza, Holiday Inn and InterContinental Hotels.

Visit : [www.ihg.com](http://www.ihg.com). Contact : Katie Riddle at [katie.riddle@ihg.com](mailto:katie.riddle@ihg.com).

### LateDeals (UK)

LateDeals brings travellers the best in cheap, last minute holidays departing within the next 8 weeks from the UK and up to 70% discount!

Visit : [www.latedeals.co.uk](http://www.latedeals.co.uk). Contact : Anne Geddes at [anne@theprboutique.co.uk](mailto:anne@theprboutique.co.uk).

## Agencies

### JSC Sport (UK)

JSC Sport are a sports and food PR company that specialises in horse racing, cricket, golf and hockey. We also work for Sodexo Prestige promoting their hospitality venues.

Visit : [www.jscsport.co.uk](http://www.jscsport.co.uk). Contact : Sarah-Jane Muirie at [sj@jscsport.co.uk](mailto:sj@jscsport.co.uk).

## News

### Edition Hotels

The Abu Dhabi Investment Authority is set to buy three Marriott hotels for more than \$800 million

The hotels, in London, New York City and Miami Beach, are part of Marriott's Edition brand of boutique-style hotels.

Marriott uses third-party owners to develop hotels that Marriott franchises or manages.

The Edition London hotel is to open on 12 September, the Miami Beach Edition set to open in 2014 and the Manhattan Edition, which is a conversion of the former MetLife office tower, should open in 2015.

Visit : [www.edition-hotels.marriott.com](http://www.edition-hotels.marriott.com). Contact : Jill O'Hare at [Jill.Ohare@editionhotels.com](mailto:Jill.Ohare@editionhotels.com).

### Visit Britain

Figures from the 2013 International Passenger Survey (IPS)<sup>1</sup> reveals a 23% boost in tourist spending in Britain compared to July 2012.

July saw record levels of spend by overseas visitors of £2.52 billion, beating the previous monthly record of £2.43 billion set in August 2012.

Britain welcomed 3.26 million overall overseas visits over the month, up 3% on July 2012.

Visit : [www.media.visitbritain.com](http://www.media.visitbritain.com). Contact : Sarah Runnacles at [Sarah.Runnacles@visitbritain.org](mailto:Sarah.Runnacles@visitbritain.org).

### Tunisia

Tunisia enjoyed a good summer season with tourist visits up on 2012 figures.

Despite recent troubles, Tunisia continues to be popular offering 3,000 years of culture, 700 miles of sandy beaches; Thalassotherapy centres and a highly developed hotel infrastructure.

Visit : [www.cometotunisia.co.uk](http://www.cometotunisia.co.uk). Contact : [teamtunisia@rooster.co.uk](mailto:teamtunisia@rooster.co.uk).

### New Hampshire Fall foliage

The New Hampshire interactive foliage tracker shows projected foliage levels by date and location, based on last year's foliage season.

There are links to regional foliage reports that are updated twice a week.

The NH Foliage Tracker App allows mobile access to daily updates, twice a week foliage reports, itineraries and a photo gallery. Photos can be uploaded to the gallery and shared on social networks.

The App can be found in the iTunes Store and Google Play.

Visit : [www.visitnh.com](http://www.visitnh.com). Contact : Tai Freligh at [tai.freligh@dred.state.nh.us](mailto:tai.freligh@dred.state.nh.us).

### World Rowing Championships 2017 awarded to the U.S.

For the first time in more than 20 years, the World Rowing Championships will be held in the United States, at Sarasota's Florida's Nathan Benderson Park.

The event is expected to attract more than 1,500 Olympic-caliber athletes from more than 70 countries.

Visit : [www.visitsarasota.org](http://www.visitsarasota.org). Contact : Antonia Robinson at [antonia@goshpr.c.o.uk](mailto:antonia@goshpr.c.o.uk).

## Leads

### VariArts Tours, China

VariArts Tours is offering new 'Insider perspectives' tours of Shanghai and Beijing, which gives visitors a more informed culinary, design and historical understanding of these cities.

The Beijing Tour takes in intriguing aspects of Cold War history such as Mao's 85 kilometre long network of nuclear bunkers under the capital, with historical commentary on discussions between Mao and Nixon.

There is also a trip up the China World Tower at 330 metres high and a micro brewery tour.

The 'Insider' Nightlife Tours of Shanghai and Beijing reveal some impressive sites but are really about the watering holes and meeting locals for a real experience on the town.

Other tours include a day of hiking on the Great Wall and a design tour of Shanghai visiting some of China's increasingly influential fashion boutiques shoe and dress makers.

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

### Lisbon, Portugal

Lisbon, the capital of Portugal, has been named Europe's Leading City Break Destination 2013 in the World Travel Awards.

It is the third time Lisbon has won the award in the last five years.

The Portuguese capital is known for its year-round pleasant climate, rich culture and beaches located just 20 minutes from the city centre.

Lisbon was named the most affordable city break destination in the Eurozone earlier this year, according to the UK Post Office's 2013 City Costs Barometer.

Lisbon is located along seven hills overlooking the river Tagus and Portugal's west coast. It enjoys warm climates, year round sunshine and grand architecture.

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

### Silversea, Micronesia

Silversea's Silver Discoverer is to sail in Micronesia, Melanesia, Polynesia, the Russian Far East, Southeast Asia, Australia and New Zealand from March 2014

The small-sized ship, the eighth in Silversea's fleet, will join the Silver Explorer and Silver Galapagos.

Since launching in 2008, Silversea Expeditions has established itself as a leading, ultra-luxury expedition cruise line.

Silver Discoverer is undergoing a major refurbishment prior to entering service on 1 March 2014 and will consist of five suite categories.

Visit : [www.silversea.com/expeditions](http://www.silversea.com/expeditions). Contact : Emily Cramer at [Silversea@verypcc.com](mailto:Silversea@verypcc.com).

## **Strathclyde Country Park, Motherwell, Scotland**

Strathclyde Country Park in Motherwell, Lanarkshire will be the location for the Glasgow 2014 triathlon and will see the first medals to be awarded during the 2014 Commonwealth Games.

On 24 July 2014 athletes will swim 1500m before switching to their bikes for 40km and rounding off with a 10km run.

Located on waters of Strathclyde Loch, the Strathclyde Country Park is a popular family attraction in Lanarkshire and central Scotland.

Visitors can walk or cycle the parkland by Strathclyde Loch, relax on the beaches, or sail, wind surf or water ski.

Visit: [www.visitlanarkshire.com](http://www.visitlanarkshire.com). Contact : Eleanor Pender at [eleanor.pender@porternovelli.co.uk](mailto:eleanor.pender@porternovelli.co.uk).

## **Overseas Aero Tours, Marathon, Florida Keys**

Overseas Aero Tours, provides an opportunity to see the Florida Keys from a vintage WWII biplane.

During the company's biplane rides for two, passengers can view the historic and contemporary bridges connecting the islands of the Florida Keys and spot marine life such as fish, sharks, rays and dolphins in the clear shallow waters below.

Pilots are Captain Brad Neat, who began Keys seaplane tours in 1993, and former Continental Airlines pilot Captain Evan Doumis. it

Visit : [www.overseasaerotours.com](http://www.overseasaerotours.com) and [www.fl-keys.co.uk](http://www.fl-keys.co.uk). Contact : Jo Thomas at [jo.thomas@kbc-pr.com](mailto:jo.thomas@kbc-pr.com).

## **Cycling in the Teide National Park, Tenerife**

The rugged volcanic landscapes and high altitude cycle routes of the Teide National Park, Tenerife, is a UNESCO World Heritage Site, is a popular training ground for teams.

With altitudes varying from 2,000 to 3,000 metres above sea level, the roads crossing the Teide National Park provides a challenge for cyclists and other athletes wanting to boost their performance in physically demanding environments.

The island's mild year-round climate also contributes to the environment for adventure biking.

The Teide National Park also offers a wide network of mountain biking tracks of varying difficulty for those who simply want to enjoy a holiday on two wheels.

Visit: [www.webtenerife.co.uk](http://www.webtenerife.co.uk). Contact : Cristina Cunchillos at [cristina@humewhitehead.co.uk](mailto:cristina@humewhitehead.co.uk).

## **AmaWaterways wine cruises**

River cruise line AmaWaterways has unveiled its programme of Wine Cruises Through Europe 2014.

The themed cruises through Europe's grape-growing regions feature private wine tastings, discussions and shore excursions designed to showcase Europe's rich wine legacy.

Guests have opportunities to visit vineyards and private wine cellars, meet with local vintners, sample unique vintages and attend onboard lectures hosted by experts from U.S. wineries.

Visit : [www.amawaterways.com](http://www.amawaterways.com). Contact : [brad@unigobal.com](mailto:brad@unigobal.com).

## Parton to bring resort hotel to Dollywood

Country music star Dolly Parton is to \$300 million in her *Dollywood* properties over the next 10 years.

The plans include a 300-room DreamMore Resort on 100 acres adjacent to the park, which is scheduled to open in the summer of 2015. The park will also get a new attraction, the FireChaser Express, in the spring of 2013.

It will be the nation's first dual-launch family coaster, launching twice so it travels forward and backward on 2,427-foot track.

It will go from zero to 16 mph in 1.1 seconds going forward and then from zero to 20 mph in 2 seconds going backwards.

Visit : [www.dollywood.com](http://www.dollywood.com). Contact : Trish McGee at [tmcgee@dollywood.com](mailto:tmcgee@dollywood.com).

## Pacifica, California

Pacifica, a beach-front community just south of San Francisco, enjoys Mediterranean style weather, with temperatures ranging from 15-20 degrees cooler than the central coast.

It offers panoramic vistas from a wide range of walking and hiking trails and expansive beaches dotting the destination's shoreline. In addition the destination features a range of recreational options, including surfing, boating, scuba, fishing and paragliding, birding, cycling, golf, tennis, archery and horseback riding.

According to the National Marine Sanctuaries of the West Coast, Pacifica is known to be the fourth richest area in the world for marine mammal life.

Visit : [visitpacifica.com](http://visitpacifica.com). Contact : Molly Blaisdell at [molly@hooklineandthinker.com](mailto:molly@hooklineandthinker.com).

## Steampunk short breaks in Leicester and Leicestershire, UK

Leicester and Leicestershire is embracing the 'Steampunk' genre with the launch of a new short break aimed at this growing generation of sci-fi enthusiasts.

Steampunk encompasses fashion, culture, art, and architecture, typically featuring steam-powered machinery and inspired by a futuristic view of the industrialised Victorian age.

The new Steampunk short break in Leicester and Leicestershire from 29 November to 1 December 2013 includes entry to three Steampunk/Victorian-inspired events, plus two nights B&B accommodation.

Visit : [www.goleicestershire.com/short-breaks/Steampunk\\_break.aspx](http://www.goleicestershire.com/short-breaks/Steampunk_break.aspx). Contact: Simon Gribbon at [simon.gribbon@l-p-l.com](mailto:simon.gribbon@l-p-l.com).

## Richmond, Virginia USA

Visitors to Richmond in Virginia will have the opportunity to see hundreds of original costumes and classic still photographs from the Golden Era of Hollywood Cinema at two new exhibitions.

The Virginia Museum of Fine Arts is exhibiting galleries of memorable costumes from some of history's most iconic films including Titanic, The Wizard of Oz and Superman at the new Hollywood Costumes exhibition (9 November 2013 to 17 February 2014)

Visitors can also see the exclusive still photography of stars in classic Hollywood moments at the Made In Hollywood exhibition (23 November 2013 to 10 March 2014).

Visit : [www.vmfa.state.va.us](http://www.vmfa.state.va.us) and [www.CapitalRegionUSA.co.uk](http://www.CapitalRegionUSA.co.uk). Contact : Jo Thomas at [jo.thomas@kbc-pr.com](mailto:jo.thomas@kbc-pr.com).

## Rainforest Expeditions, Peru

Every 5 October the Andean peoples of Peru celebrate the day of the Olluquito that signifies the importance of the From, one of 3,800 varieties of potato.

Rainforest Expeditions is introducing farm-to-table, locally sourced foods such as Olluquito at its three eco-lodges deep in the Peruvian Amazon.

Peru's geography also offers abundant seafood from the coast, tropical fruits from the jungle and grains and potatoes endemic to the Andes.

Rainforest Expeditions is a Peruvian ecotourism company operates in the Tambopata–Candamo Reserved Zone, 1.5 million hectares of pristine, still wild, tropical rainforest stretching from the Andean highlands to the Amazon lowlands.

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

## What's on

### The Ramblers' Festival of Winter Walks, UK

21 December 2013 to 5 January 2014

The 25th Ramblers' Festival of Winter Walks provides two weeks of festive wanders led by the organisations volunteers.

There are hundreds of free walks across England, Scotland and Wales with the chance to download walking routes from the Ramblers Routes app.

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

### Naples Botanical Garden, Florida

18 December 2013 to 5 January 2014

Thousands of twinkling lights and glowing orbs illuminate one of Naples' most popular outdoor venues.

Naples Botanical Garden is a 170-acre garden that features the plants and cultures of the tropics and subtropics between the latitudes of 26 degrees North and 26 degrees South including Brazil, the Caribbean, Southeast Asia and Florida.

There's also a hands-on interactive Children's Garden along with 90 acres of restored natural habitats, walking trails and a butterfly garden.

Visit : [www.naplesgarden.org](http://www.naplesgarden.org). Contact: Kara Laufer at [klaufer@naplesgarden.org](mailto:klaufer@naplesgarden.org).

## Christmas and winter events in Holland

### Amsterdam Light Festival

The Amsterdam Light Festival is a winter light festival that uses the historical centre of Amsterdam as a backdrop for a light and water event.

To the theme, 'Building with Light', the festival will have :

- 30 light sculptures and projections by international artists
- a boat tour, Water Colours, with artworks along, in, and above the Amstel River, and
- Illuminade, a walking tour through the city centre.

## **TINK The Hague**

TINK The Hague is an annual winter event where art and creativity is used to decorate shop windows and empty buildings.

TINK XL is an additional weekend event in The Hague's city centre with a winter parade, concerts, choirs and exhibitions.

## **Maastricht**

Vrijthof Square is the heart of Magical Maastricht, with a skating rink, Christmas market, a grand carousel, and a big wheel.

The festive spirit flows throughout the streets, squares and courtyards in the city centre.

## **Dordrecht Christmas Market**

At 2,5 kilometres long the Christmas market in the historical city centre of Dordrecht is one of the largest in Holland.

There are choirs, bands, a Santa orchestra and an ice-skating rink.

Visit : [www.holland.com](http://www.holland.com). Contact : Simone Sagi at [ssagi@holland.com](mailto:ssagi@holland.com).

## **New Orleans Mardi Gras, Louisiana, USA**

4 March 2014 (annual, 156th)

Hundreds of parades, floats and marching bands converge on New Orleans and one million visitors.

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

## **Montreal High Lights Festival, Montréal, Quebec, Canada**

20 February 2010 to 2 March 2014 (annual, 13th)

Three free outdoor events: Performing Arts, Wine And Dine Experience and Hydro-Quebec Celebration. Focuses on a different region of the world and US city each year. 500,000 visitors.

Visit : [www.montrealhighlights.com](http://www.montrealhighlights.com) and [www.montrealenlumiere.com](http://www.montrealenlumiere.com). Contact : [media\\_fm1@equipespectra.ca](mailto:media_fm1@equipespectra.ca).

## **Winter Party Festival, Miami Beach, Miami, Florida, USA**

05 to 10 March 2014 (annual)

Over 25 events comprising music, fashion, art and performance take place to benefit the LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender) community.

Visit : [www.winterparty.com](http://www.winterparty.com). Contact : Richard Murry at [richard@tma-pr.com](mailto:richard@tma-pr.com).

## **Dublin Dance Festival, Ireland**

May 2014

Dublin Dance Festival is Ireland's leading dance event. The Festival shares inspirational contemporary dance with audiences in Ireland and supports Irish dance artists to develop their work in an international festival context.

Visit : [www.dublindancefestival.ie](http://www.dublindancefestival.ie). Contact : Stephanie at [stephanie@katebowepr.ie](mailto:stephanie@katebowepr.ie)



## Montreal St Patrick's Day Parade, Quebec, Canada

17 March 2014

St. Patrick the patron Saint of Ireland, is one of Christianity's most widely known figures. St. Patrick's Day is celebrated on March 17th, his religious feast day and the anniversary of his death. For centuries, the Irish have observed this day.

The Montreal St. Patrick's Parade has run consecutively since 1824 and has been organized by the United Irish Societies of Montreal since 1929.

Each year in March, the citizens of Montreal and visitors are invited to enjoy this celebration of St. Patrick, the Irish community and the welcoming of Spring.

This giant replica of St. Patrick at the onset of the parade lets everyone know that the celebration has begun and the Grand Marshal who leads the three hour presentation of floats, bands, community and cultural groups follows him.

Visit : [www.montrealirishparade.com](http://www.montrealirishparade.com). Contact : [publicrelations@montrealirishparade.com](mailto:publicrelations@montrealirishparade.com).

## Memphis in May International Festival, Tennessee, USA

2 to 4 May 2014

Memphis in May hosts the city's largest events like the Beale Street Music Festival, the World Championship Barbecue Cooking Contest and the Sunset Symphony.

The World Championship Barbecue Cooking Contest see over 230 teams compete for the title of World Champion. It is billed as 'the largest pork barbecue-cooking contest on Earth'.

Visit : [www.memphisinmay.org](http://www.memphisinmay.org) Contact : Tonya Dyson at [tdyson@memphisinmay.org](mailto:tdyson@memphisinmay.org)

## Reasons to write about

### Best US biking cities

Hotels.com has identified the best US cities to explore on two wheels.

Minneapolis, Denver and Washington, D.C. have pioneered bike sharing and dozens of other US cities have followed suit.

#### **New York City**

One of the newest bike sharing programs is also the country's largest, with over 6,000 bikes at 330 stations across Manhattan and Brooklyn.

#### Chicago

Launched in 2013, Chicago will have the nation's second largest bike sharing program with 4,000 bikes at 400 stations.

The 18-mile Lakefront Trail along the Lake Michigan coastline is one of the country's top city bike paths.

#### **Washington, D.C.**

The nation's capital was the first city to automate bike sharing back in 2010 and currently has a fleet of 1,800 bikes at 200 stations around Washington, D.C. and Arlington, Va.

Visitors can avoid the city's traffic and explore Rock Creek Park or visit the monuments of the National Mall on bike.

## **Minneapolis**

The city, which has recently been named the number one bike city in the U.S. by Bicycle Times, has over 1,550 bikes at 170 stations across the Twin Cities.

## **Boston**

With more than 1,100 bikes at 113 stations in and around the metro Boston area, travelers visiting the city can take advantage of its three-day bike share pass.

Visit : [www.hotels.com](http://www.hotels.com). Contact : [press@hotels.co.uk](mailto:press@hotels.co.uk)

## **Romagna, Italy**

The city of Ravenna and its surrounding region of Romagna (the historical region of North East Italy between the Apennines and the Adriatic) offers the visitor heritage, culture and hospitality in the world.

The World Heritage city of Ravenna itself, known for its mosaics, was three times capital of Italy and has eight UNESCO sites all around 1500 years old.

Close to the city, in Romagna there is the ancient ceramic art city of Faenza, the historic salt-city seaside resort of Cervia, the olive-oil hillside town of Brisighella, Lugo and historic vineyards of Bertinoro.

For ecotourism, the Po Delta Regional Park is also a UNESCO World Heritage Site, with its pine forests, salt pan, wetlands and abundant bird species.

Visit : [www.Parcodeltapo.it](http://www.Parcodeltapo.it) and [www.Deltaduemila.net](http://www.Deltaduemila.net)

Visit : [www.bestfromagna.com](http://www.bestfromagna.com). Contact : [valere@bestfromagna.com](mailto:valere@bestfromagna.com).

## **Fall colours in Durango, Colorado**

Durango, Colorado, offers many ways to view the changing leaves and celebrate the arrival of fall.

### **Best time for leaf peeping**

Fall colours begin at 12,000 feet in the middle of September and peak the end of September/first week of October. In town, peak color is mid-October.

### **San Juan National Forest**

The 236-mile loop through the San Juan Mountains is designated as an All-American Road, a National Forest Scenic Byway and a Colorado Scenic & Historical Byway. The Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad offers regular fall train service to the historic mining town of Silverton through to 28 October.

### **Horseback riding**

A horseback ride is at 8,200 feet elevation in a mixed Aspen-Oak habitat with talus-covered slopes, old growth Ponderosa and near old mining claims, with views of the Hermosa Cliffs in their fall splendor.

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

### **Soaring Tree Top Adventures**

Tree Top Adventures is the largest zipline tour in the world, with 27 spans through mountain scenery, across golden Aspen groves, through old growth Ponderosa forests and criss-crossing the Animas River.

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

## **Biking**

From easy to extreme, multi-use trails offer color viewing from the Colorado Trail.

Visit : [www.trails2000.org](http://www.trails2000.org).

## **River rafting**

Colorado's fall colours can be experienced by raft through Durango's Lower Animas River before going up into the mountains in a custom tour vehicle to discover the gold hues of Aspens, cascading waterfalls, tumbling creeks, and remnants of ghost towns.

Visit : [www.durango.org](http://www.durango.org). Contact: Anne Klein at [anne@durango.org](mailto:anne@durango.org).

## **Cox & Kings, Africa**

Cox & Kings, has launched its Africa brochure for 2014, featuring new escorted tours to West Africa, Republic of Congo, Kenya, Rwanda and Uganda and Tanzania.

Tours include :

### **Ghana**

One of Africa's friendliest nations, Ghana is rich in cultural heritage, lush rainforest and golden sandy beaches but remains unspoilt by mass tourism.

The Ashanti people celebrate the Akwasidae festival every six weeks, to commemorate their ancestors.

The King of Ashanti meets his subjects in the Royal Palace's courtyard and there is a colourful parade with drum beaters, dancers and singers.

Colours of Ggroup has group departure coinciding with the Akwisadae festival and there is an optional extension to Togo and Benin.

### **Gambia River cruise**

A cruise along the Gambia River offers the chance to explore the lesser-known fishing villages, national parks, colourful craft markets and historic river towns of Gambia.

### **Republic of Congo**

The rainforest of Congo is rich in wildlife including buffalo, forest elephants, monkeys, bushbuck and a plethora of birdlife.

Odzala-Kokoua National Park is part of the world's second largest expanse of tropical rainforest and is home to three groups of western lowland gorillas.

The Congo: Rainforest Safari takes in the exclusive Wilderness Collection camps in the rarely visited Odzala-Kokoua National Park and the opportunity to track western lowland gorilla in the Ndzedhi Forest.

Visit : [www.coxandkings.co.uk/africa](http://www.coxandkings.co.uk/africa). Contact : Katie Parsons at [katie.parsons@coxandkings.co.uk](mailto:katie.parsons@coxandkings.co.uk).

## Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, USA

Nearly five months after more than 165,000 soldiers retreated from the streets and fields around Gettysburg, the town of just 2,400 residents assembled “to dedicate a portion of that field as a final resting place,” known as Soldiers’ National Cemetery.

Of the thousands who came to Gettysburg on 19 November 1863 was President Abraham Lincoln whose address of just 10 sentences, 272 words, turned the town from a place of tragedy into one of hope that the nation would fulfill the dreams of their forefathers.

The Gettysburg Address remains one of the most famous in world history.

### The Gettysburg Address

*“Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent a new nation, conceived in Liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.*

*Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation, or any nation, so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure.*

*We are met on a great battle-field of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field, as a final resting place for those who here gave their lives that that nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this.*

*But, in a larger sense, we cannot dedicate...we can not consecrate...we can not hallow this ground.*

*The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it, far above our poor power to add or detract.*

*The world will little note, nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work, which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced.*

*It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us—that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion—that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain—that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom—and that government: of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.”*

Visit : [www.gettysburg.travel](http://www.gettysburg.travel). Contact : Carl Whitehill at [CWhitehill@gettysburg.travel](mailto:CWhitehill@gettysburg.travel).

## A place to stay

### 76 Main on Nantucket, New England

New England-based Lark Hotels has grand opened 76 Main, a design-oriented 20 room boutique hotel on Nantucket.

76 Main is the only hotel on the island with an address located directly on tony Main Street in the heart of Nantucket town and steps from top shops, attractions, restaurants and art galleries.

#### About Lark Hotels

Lark Hotels are located in four coveted seaside locations – Kennebunkport and Portland, ME, Nantucket, MA and Newport, RI.

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

## **The Apartments by The Sloane Club, London**

The Apartments by The Sloane Club provide the services of an exclusive hotel but with the space and privacy of a luxury residence.

Located by Sloane Square, each apartment is appointed with bone china tableware, Nespresso machines, L'Occitane toiletries, Siberian goose down duvets and pillows and Egyptian cotton linens.

Visit : [www.clubapartments.co.uk](http://www.clubapartments.co.uk). Contact : Jacinta Stevens at [jacinta@rivapr.co.uk](mailto:jacinta@rivapr.co.uk).

## **The Cavern Resort & Spa, South Africa**

The Cavern Resort & Spa has become the newest member of the Zulu Route, a collection of properties offering authentic African experiences in KwaZulu-Natal South Africa.

The Cavern is a holiday resort in KwaZulu-Natal's Drakensberg, adjacent to the Amphitheatre World Heritage Site.

There are daily guided hikes and horse rides into the wilderness with spectacular views of the surrounding valleys, forests and mountainside.

The Cavern's trained guides offer the chance for guests to do the Tugela Gorge Trail and the Amphitheatre ascent.

Other Zulu Route properties include :

- Thula Thula Private Game Reserve
- Temse Elephant Park
- Umkhumbi Lodge
- Ghost Mountain Inn
- Cathedral Peak Hotel
- Fordoun Spa Hotel
- Isandlwana Lodge
- Pakamisa Private Game Reserve, and
- Amakhosi Safari Lodge.

Visit : [www.cavern.co.za](http://www.cavern.co.za) and [www.zuluroute.com](http://www.zuluroute.com). Contact : Kevin Keating at [kevin@ethosmarketing.co.uk](mailto:kevin@ethosmarketing.co.uk).

## **The Renaissance Westchester Hotel in White Plains, NY**

The Renaissance Westchester Hotel in White Plains, NY is located on 30 acres of countryside in Westchester County, 35 minutes from New York City

The luxury hotel is near historic Hudson Valley attractions, premier shopping, and challenging golf courses.

Visit [www.RenaissanceWestchester.com](http://www.RenaissanceWestchester.com) and [www.renhotels.com](http://www.renhotels.com). Contact : Jane Coloccia at [Jane@JCCommunicationsllc.com](mailto:Jane@JCCommunicationsllc.com).

## **Reef, Sri Lanka**

Reef is a luxury boutique hotel in Sri Lanka set in three acres of tropical gardens with palm fringed pavilions and reflection pools that create the romance and grandeur of Sri Lanka.

The hotel has a sandy beachfront, all weather tennis court, large swimming pool, lush tropical gardens, tranquil lily ponds, garden pavilions, gourmet kitchens and spa.

Visit : [www.reefvilla.com](http://www.reefvilla.com). Contact : Bernadette Barker [bernadette@reefvilla.com](mailto:bernadette@reefvilla.com).

## **Pelo Camp, Botswana**

Wilderness Safaris has opened its Pelo Camp in a remote part of the Jao Concession on the western boundary of the Moremi Game Reserve in the north-western Okavango Delta, Botswana.

The main area comprises a tented dining area and five guest tents have en-suite bathrooms and a covered front veranda.

Given the camp's situation on a small heart shaped island (Pelo means 'heart' in Setswana) surrounded by permanent water, activities focus on mokoro (traditional dug-out canoe) excursions in the open, shallow floodplains as well as boating and walking.

Pelo Camp is set in one of the best areas to see elusive and water-adapted sitatunga antelope as well as red lechwe, hippo and crocodile and birdlife.

Visit : [www.wilderness-safaris.com](http://www.wilderness-safaris.com). Contact : Charlotte Hill at [Charlotte@grifcopr.com](mailto:Charlotte@grifcopr.com).

## **Paradisos Hills Hotel, Western 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.

With its scenic coastal views, the hotel is situated for adventurous mountain biking and hiking trails, and also for bird-watching and horse riding.

The 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 [leila@turtle-pr.com](mailto:leila@turtle-pr.com).

## **La Résidence des Cascades**

La Résidence des Cascades is a 5\* Red Sea resort offering the Cascades Spa & Thalasso, the only thalasso spa in Egypt.

It is located within the year-round resort destination of Soma Bay on Egypt's Red Sea Riviera.

The Resort sits at the centre of a 18 hole championship golf course called The Cascades designed by Gary Player.

La Résidence des Cascades also houses The Cascades Spa & Thalasso, one of the world's largest and best equipped thalassotherapy centres. The waters of the Red Sea are known for their marine life and for snorkeling or scuba diving.

Visit : [www.residencedescascades.com](http://www.residencedescascades.com). Contact : Clarissa Knox at [cknox@thecommunicationgroup.co.uk](mailto:cknox@thecommunicationgroup.co.uk).

## **Lake Vyrnwy Hotel & Spa, Wales**

The Lake Vyrnwy Hotel & Spa in Powys, mid-Wales has been chosen by ESPA as its sixth hotel spa partner in Wales.

ESPA treatments available at Lake Vyrnwy include a tailored consultation and skin purifying facial, a body wrap or hot stone massage.

The Lake Vyrnwy Hotel & Spa is located in the Berwyn Mountains on the Mid Wales Shropshire border and 90 minutes drive from Birmingham.

A Victorian reservoir with its fairy tale tower, dominates the view from the hotel.

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

### **Scott Dunn, Intrepid Explorers Club**

Luxury tour operator Scott Dunn will open a new 'Intrepid Explorers Club' for tots, toddlers and youngsters, at Soneva Kiri in Thailand in October.

The clubs, run by qualified childcare experts and local child carers, make the most of the destination as a core part of the Explorers experience.

Located on the tropical island of Koh Kood, Soneva Kiri has 29 pool villas along white sand beachfront or on the hillside with views out to sea.

It will be Scott Dunn's first Explorers Club outside Europe. The company already has clubs in Crete, Sicily, the Algarve, Cyprus, Val d'Isère and Courchevel.

Visit : [www.scottdunn.com](http://www.scottdunn.com). Contact : Katie Francis at [scottdunn@verypcc.com](mailto:scottdunn@verypcc.com).

### **The Pacific Monarch, Waikiki Beach**

Aqua Hospitality is expanding its Waikiki portfolio by taking over management of the Pacific Monarch, a condominium resort located a block and a half away from Waikiki beach.

Pacific Monarch is located within walking distance to beaches, shopping, diverse dining options and a vibrant nightlife.

Aqua Hospitality currently represents 24 contemporary properties on Oahu, Maui, Kauai, Molokai, Lanai and the Big Island of Hawaii.

Visit : [www.aquahospitality.com](http://www.aquahospitality.com). Contact : Guillaume Post at [Guillaume@firstpr.co.uk](mailto:Guillaume@firstpr.co.uk).

### **Chiesa del Carmine, Umbria, Italy**

Chiesa del Carmine has opened the foot of Monte Tezio in a protected valley in the heart of rural Umbria. Overlooking the Italian countryside to the Appenine Mountains, it is a fully renovated eight bedroom 18th century farmhouse.

Visit : [www.chiesadelcarmine.com](http://www.chiesadelcarmine.com). Contact : Emma Powell at [Emma@grifcopr.com](mailto:Emma@grifcopr.com).

### **Blue Haven Resort and Marina, Turks and Caicos, the Caribbean**

The Blue Haven Resort and Marina, Turks and Caicos, which opens on 5 December 2013, will be the first and only resort and marina in Turks and Caicos.

Already open is the fully renovated 78-slip marina accommodating yachts up to 220 feet.

Located near the world's third largest barrier reef, Blue Haven, the resort is a base for top scuba diving, deep sea and bone fishing spots.

Scuba diving excursions will be arranged through Big Blue Unlimited, the destination's top eco-adventure company adjacent to Blue Haven.

Divers will be able to explore the underwater marine life off of the Grace Bay reefs, Salt Cay and South and West Caicos.

Deep sea fishing enthusiasts will enjoy the waters around Turks and Caicos where Wahoo, Tuna, White and Blue Marlin thrive.

Fly-fishermen will have access to premier bone fishing in the flats south of North Caicos and the cays nearby Providenciales.

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

## **Wyndham Grand London Chelsea Harbour**

The Wyndham Grand London Chelsea Harbour, is London's only five-star, all-suite hotel.

Located near to the stylish boutiques of the King's Road, the Wyndham Grand's has a harbour side location.

Visit : [www.wyndhamgrandlondon.co.uk](http://www.wyndhamgrandlondon.co.uk). Contact : Kathryn Peel at [kathryn@ophirpr.co.uk](mailto:kathryn@ophirpr.co.uk).

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

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.

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

## **The Jumeirah Messilah Beach Hotel & Spa, Kuwait**

The Jumeirah Messilah Beach Hotel & Spa, Kuwait opened in the spring of 2013.

Water is a recurring feature throughout this beachfront resort with streams, channels, fountains, pools and many other water features.

The Jumeirah Messilah Beach Hotel & Spa is part of Jumeirah Group, the Dubai-based luxury hospitality company.

Visit : [www.jumeirah.com](http://www.jumeirah.com). Contact: Carol Roncoletta at [Carol.Roncoletta@jumeirah.com](mailto:Carol.Roncoletta@jumeirah.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.

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 Jumeirah Port Soller Hotel & Spa, Mallorca**

The Jumeirah Port Soller Hotel & Spa in Mallorca, is located on a cliff overlooking the Port of Soller on the rugged northwest coast of Mallorca.

It enjoys sea views on one side and on the other the panorama of the Tramuntana mountains – recently declared a UNESCO Heritage Site.

Visit : [www.jumeirah.com/mallorca](http://www.jumeirah.com/mallorca). Contact : Shula Pannick at [spannick@thecommunicationgroup.co.uk](mailto:spannick@thecommunicationgroup.co.uk).



## 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  
[furgan.syed@fisherstravelsos.com](mailto:furgan.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 **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.



The Prepaid Card is a smart and cost effective way to carry euros or dollars abroad.

Simply preload your Card then use it like a debit card to pay for goods at thousands of shops, restaurants and other outlets.

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.

The concept for the **Syndication Network** is a simple one, with each Syndicate member providing brief information on their own publication.

From then on each Syndicate member will agree to consider publishing a sentence on - and link to - features produced by other members in the Syndicate, when asked to do so.

The Alliance will publish a regularly updated **Syndication Network directory**, which will provide the information Syndicate members will need to liaise with other members.

By co-operating in this way, each Syndicate member should be able to increase the circulation of their own features considerably - and attract dedicated followers in the process.

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.

### Alliance journalists will be able to :

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

### Alliance partners will be able to :

- search the **Alliance Job Shop** CV database of qualified candidates
- manage jobs and applicant activity on the Alliance website, and
- limit applicants to those who meet your requirements

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

September 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.

### More information

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

- 40 Berkeley, 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
- **The Arizona Biltmore, Phoenix, Arizona**
- **Arundel Castle, West Sussex**
- 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
- **Chester and Cheshire, UK**
- 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
- **Doolin Cave is located in County Clare, Ireland**
- Dunton Hot Springs, Colorado
- The DRG Retreat, Spain
- Düsseldorf, Germany
- The Dylan Amsterdam
- The Ebrington Arms, UK
- The Elphinstone Hotel, Scotland
- **EPIC, Liverpool UK**
- 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
- **Grand Hotel Tremezzo, Lake Como, Italy**
- Greater Miami and the Beaches, Florida
- Great Hotels of the World
- The Great Lakes USA
- Group Travel World
- **Gstaad Palace, Gstaad, Switzerland**
- 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 Lone**
- **Hotel Matilda, San Miguel de Allende, Mexico**
- 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
- **ICEHOTEL (Sweden)**
- Independence Missouri
- Indonesia
- **Inglewood Manor, Cheshire UK**
- 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 Mamounia, Marrakech, Morocco**
- **La Residencia Mallorca**
- **Las Alamandas, Costalegre, Mexico**
- 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
- **The Nam Hai, Hoi An, Vietnam**
- 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

## P to T

- **Palace Hotel Tokyo**
- 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
- **Ritz-Carlton Montreal, Montreal, Quebec**
- Rockford, Illinois
- Rosalie Bay Resort, Dominica
- Royal Demeure luxury hotels, Italy
- **The Royal Mansour, Marrakech**
- The Royal Park and The Cranley, London
- Rushton Hall, Northamptonshire, UK
- Saigon Streets, China
- Sail Lofts St Ives
- **The Saxon, Johannesburg, South Africa**
- Scotland's Personal Hotels
- Secret London
- Senderos (Latin America)
- **The Setai, Miami Beach, Florida**
- Shakespeare Country, UK
- **Shambala Private Game Reserve, South Africa**
- **The Shakespeare Birthplace Trust**
- **Shakespeare Country**
- 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
- **Thornton Hall Hotel & Spa, Cheshire, UK**
- Three Nelson Hotels in Cheshire, UK
- Tipi Adventure, Herefordshire UK
- Tiroran House, Mull, Scotland
- Tongabezi Lodge, Zambia
- Tontine Hotel
- Towan Valley, Cornwall, UK
- Truro, Cornwall, UK
- The Valley Forge, Pennsylvania

## U to Z

- Utah, USA
- **Valencia, Spain**
- Verbier, Switzerland
- **Viceroy Riviera Maya & Wayak Spa, Playa del Carmen, Mexico**
- **VILA VITA Parc, the Algarve, Portugal**
- The Villa Rosa Hotel, Nairobi
- Visit Orlando
- VisitCornwall
- Visit Oxfordshire
- Visit South East England
- Volcanoes Safaris, Uganda and Rwanda
- **Warrington, UK**
- 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
- 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 : Mathias Mägerle at [mathias.maegerle@tourdi.ch](mailto:mathias.maegerle@tourdi.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 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).

### **The Arizona Biltmore, Phoenix, Arizona and Ocatilla at the Arizona Biltmore**

The legendary Arizona Biltmore, opened in 1929, set the stage for the development of the state into a major tourist destination.

With its luxurious facilities and distinctive Frank Lloyd Wright-inspired design, from the beginning it has been a playground for the rich and famous: every US president since Herbert Hoover has stayed here, and many current celebrities frequent the resort.

The 740-room, 39-acre resort has long been a destination of choice for discriminating travelers, from couples seeking a pampered getaway in an historic setting to families looking for amenities and services for all ages.

Celebrating its 85th anniversary in 2014, the Biltmore remains Arizona's historic Grande Dame, the state's best-known luxury resort and a storied landmark recognized worldwide.

The Arizona Biltmore, which is a member of Hilton's exclusive Waldorf Astoria Collection®, will be delighted to consider hosting Alliance press card holders able to feature the hotel.

Visit : [www.arizonabiltmore.com](http://www.arizonabiltmore.com). Contact : Marian Gerlich at [PGworld@aol.com](mailto:PGworld@aol.com).

### **Arundel Castle, West Sussex**

One of the largest inhabited and complete castles in England, Arundel Castle is situated in grounds overlooking the River Arun in West Sussex.

It was founded at the end of the 11th century by Roger de Montgomery, Earl of Arundel and today is the home of the 18th Duke of Norfolk and his family.

Arundel Castle offers a full day out with guided and free-flow tours of the preserved castle rooms including :

- the Baron's Hall
- 14th Century Catholic Fitzalan Chapel
- Regency Library, and Victorian bedrooms

There's also the opportunity to ascend the Norman Motte and Keep take in The Collector Earl's Garden that was opened by HRH The Prince of Wales in 2008.

Suited to visitors of all ages, the Castle offers a calendar of historical events throughout the year from Jousting and Medieval Tournaments to Shakespeare plays in The Collector Earl's Garden as part of the annual Arundel Festival.

Arundel Castle will be delighted to offer complimentary passes to Alliance press card holders able to feature the Castle.

Visit : [www.arundelcastle.org](http://www.arundelcastle.org). Contact : Flo Powell at [Flo@midnight.co.uk](mailto:Flo@midnight.co.uk).

### **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\\_mcsherry@bathtourism.co.uk](mailto:audra_mcsherry@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 Ruiter: [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.castleinncumbria.co.uk](http://www.castleinncumbria.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 luxurious 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)

## Chester, UK

### Chester

Chester is one Britain's great heritage cities with a history spanning 2000 years.

Its great treasures from the past include the most complete City Walls and largest Roman Amphitheatre in Britain, the two-tier Rows shopping galleries dating from the Middle Ages and the oldest racecourse in the country.

The classical, contemporary city also features a 1,000 year old Cathedral with some of the finest mediaeval carvings in Europe, where the oldest and most complete Cycle of Mystery Play based on tales from The Bible are staged every 5 years.

A host of festivals and events including *Plays in the Park* and traditional parades give Chester an extra special atmosphere. The oldest rowing regatta in the world take place on the River Dee.

Just outside the city is Chester Zoo, the biggest animal attraction in Britain.

### Cheshire

Cheshire is a mix of gardens, stately homes, industrial heritage and canals.

The area features the unspoilt beauty of Cheshire's Peak District to the mediaeval woodlands of Delamere Forest.

Its hotels feature soothing spas and great golf courses.

It has traditional market towns like Nantwich, Knutsford and Wilmslow, where chic boutiques vie with restaurants and glitzy bars.

Cheshire attractions include Beeston Castle towering above the Cheshire Plain and the unique Anderton Boat Lift that hoists canal craft up in the air from the river below to the canal above.

Cheshire is also home to the National Waterways Museum.

It's known throughout for world for Cheshire Cheese available in red, white and blue, and the Cheshire Cat, immortalised in children's fantasy novel, *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* whose author – Lewis Carroll - was born in Daresbury.

Marketing Cheshire will be delighted to consider press trip requests from Alliance press card holders able to feature Chester and/or Cheshire.

Visit : [www.marketingcheshire.co.uk](http://www.marketingcheshire.co.uk). Contact : Gerald Tattum at [g.tattum@marketingcheshire.co.uk](mailto:g.tattum@marketingcheshire.co.uk).

## The Chilterns, UK

The Chilterns cover an area of 322 sq miles 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 Culpeper.

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.

### Colorado River & Trail Expeditions (cont)

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.ciclismoclassico.com](http://www.ciclismoclassico.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).

## **Doolin Cave (Ireland)**

Doolin Cave is located in County Clare, Ireland, and one of Europe's most compelling cave attractions.

The cave's most notable feature is the Great Stalactite, one of the world's longest known free-hanging stalactites.

Doolin Cave has opened a new Farmland Nature Trail, which is free for visitors and hosting a show for the Gathering, 'A Sense of Ireland in Song and Story'.

Doolin Cave, which has recently been awarded a Gold Award from Ecotourism Ireland, will be delighted to offer complimentary entry to Alliance press card holders.

Visit : [www.doolincave.ie](http://www.doolincave.ie). Contact : Helen Browne at [doolincave@gmail.com](mailto:doolincave@gmail.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.

### Düsseldorf, Germany (cont)

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).

## **EPIC Liverpool**

EPIC Liverpool is a luxury serviced apartment brand due to launch its apart hotel brand in the city this September.

Located in the heart of the thriving city, EPIC presents an alternative luxury to a city centre hotel with more space and more home comforts.

Accommodation ranges from one-bed studios to two and three bedroom apartments.

EPIC is the ideal place to stay for both leisure and business travellers. Staying at EPIC makes exploring what Liverpool has to offer easy, with direct access to the cities best shops, restaurants, tourist attractions, nightlife and much more.

EPIC Liverpool will be delighted to consider hosting Alliance press card holders able to feature the property.

Visit : [www.epicliverpool.co.uk](http://www.epicliverpool.co.uk). Contact : Emma Garner at [emma@webtise.com](mailto:emma@webtise.com).

## **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 its 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 with 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.
- **Oxford Witney Four Pillars Hotel** This four-star 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 individual press trips for Alliance press card holders with 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.

### Goldener Berg Hotel, Oberlech, Austria (cont)

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).

## Grand Hotel Tremezzo, Lake Como, Italy

Grand Hotel Tremezzo is one of the oldest luxury hotels on Lake Como, an authentic Art Nouveau palace that offers a warm inviting welcome and the delights of a true 5-star vacation.

From its lakeside position it offers views of Bellagio and the stunning Grigne mountains.

The hotel's origins date back to the early 1900's, the era of romantic grand tours, long voyages and illustrious travellers.

Grand Hotel Tremezzo will be delighted to consider hosting Alliance press card holders able to feature the hotel.

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

## 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.

### Greater Miami and the Beaches, Florida (cont)

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 : Juliet Velazquez at [jvelazquez@gmcb.com](mailto:jvelazquez@gmcb.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.

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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).

## **Gstaad Palace, Gstaad, Switzerland**

Gstaad Palace, one of the only family-owned and -operated hotels in Switzerland, is located on a hill overlooking the town of Gstaad, with views of the Swiss Alps.

Built in 1913 the Gstaad Palace has earned an unrivalled reputation for discreet, refined hospitality.

### **Gstaad Palace, Gstaad, Switzerland (cont)**

During World War II, the hotel housed other treasures: owing to its isolated location on the upper mountainside, the Swiss government hid a large portion of the country's gold reserves in a two-storey bunker at the hotel.

Today, this historic space serves as La Fromagerie, with a Champagne truffle fondue, and the terrace of the famous Lobby Bar.

Gstaad Palace will be delighted to consider hosting Alliance press card holders able to feature the hotel.

Visit : [www.palace.ch](http://www.palace.ch). Contact : Ros Boycott at [ros@masonrose.com](mailto:ros@masonrose.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 locomotives 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 : John Graham at [johngraham@tx247.co.uk](mailto:johngraham@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.

### Hg2 city guides (cont)

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
Astana	Eat London	Miami	Sydney
Baku	Eat New York	Milan	Tallinn
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 [folat@hiddenpousadasbrazil.com](mailto:folat@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).

## **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
- Bible College Study Groups
- Youth and Student Tours
- Christian Tours

Visit : [www.home-land-tours.com](http://www.home-land-tours.com). Contact : Ofer at [ofer@home-land-tours.com](mailto:ofer@home-land-tours.com).

## **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 (cont)**

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 Lone, Croatia**

Hotel Lone, which is located in the Istrian coastal resort of Rovinj, in the region of Istria, is one of Croatia's most striking contemporary hotel and the country's only member of the lifestyle brand Design Hotels.

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.

Situated by the Golden Cape Forest Park, the property is positioned within a few steps from the sea and a short stroll from the town centre.

Partly shaded by Cypresses and Himalayan Cedars, the spectacular new outdoor pool complements the Wellness & Spa centre. Unique architecture, bespoke artwork, creative culinary treats, spacious spa facilities, and a comprehensive menu of excursions combine to offer a standout hotel in a special location.

Hotel Lone will be delighted to consider hosting Alliance press card holders able to feature the hotel.

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).

## **Hotel Matilda, San Miguel de Allende, Mexico**

The Hotel Matilda, San Miguel de Allende, Mexico, Spa Matilda and Moxi Restaurant by Enrique Olvera combine to provide a cutting-edge boutique hotel set in the heart of enchanting San Miguel de Allende, the crown jewel of colonial Mexico.

Spa Matilda was the only spa in Mexico named to Conde Nast Traveler's 2011 Hot List. In 2012, the readers of Conde Nast Traveler named Matilda the #2 hotel in Mexico.

Introducing haute cuisine to the destination, Hotel Matilda partnered with Mexican superstar chef Enrique Olvera to create Moxi restaurant.

Hotel Matilda celebrates the lifestyle of today's international traveler and the contemporary Latin art scene.

Guests are immersed in a relaxed and sophisticated setting of refined and comfortable accommodations, international gourmet dining, personalized spa experiences and a dynamic art scene.

In a city renowned for its architecture and art, Hotel Matilda takes this legacy a step further by exhibiting the works of acclaimed contemporary artists.

The Hotel Matilda, San Miguel de Allende, Mexico, Spa Matilda and Moxi Restaurant by Enrique Olvera will be delighted to consider hosting Alliance press card holders able to feature the hotel.

Visit : [www.hotelmatilda.com](http://www.hotelmatilda.com). Contact : Marian Gerlich at [PGworld@aol.com](mailto:PGworld@aol.com).

## **Hotel Pont Royal, Paris**

Located in the midst of the stylish Saint-Germain des Près 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 Trinidad 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).

## ICEHOTEL (Sweden)

ICEHOTEL is an art project and hotel made of ice from the Torne River and every year sees a new rendition of the hotel, featuring new interior designs and makers.

ICEHOTEL is constructed over 2 months in the autumn and is open for visitors between December and mid-April.

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

Visit : [www.icehotel.com](http://www.icehotel.com). Contact : Beatrice Karlsson at [pressofficer@icehotel.com](mailto:pressofficer@icehotel.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).

## **Inglewood Manor, Cheshire UK**

Inglewood Manor, is conveniently located between Manchester, Liverpool, Chester and North Wales, has been converted from an elegant private Edwardian residence into a country house hotel.

Inglewood is located in the elegant Cheshire countryside within 38 acres of grounds and gardens.

The hotel has 29 luxurious refurbished bedrooms with views of the hotel grounds.

There are a range of dining options at Inglewood Manor from evenings in the restaurant, to alfresco lunch on the terrace.

Inglewood Manor will be delighted to consider hosting Alliance press card holders able to profile the hotel.

Visit : [www.inglewoodmanor.co.uk](http://www.inglewoodmanor.co.uk). Contact : Emma Garner at [emma@webtise.com](mailto:emma@webtise.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 or selections from our award-winning wine list. 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 AAA Four Diamond Inn on Fifth is a luxury, 87-room boutique hotel and new \$18 million Club Level Suites in the heart of downtown Naples in Southwest Florida.

Following the recent completion of an expansion project and, the Inn on Fifth on Fifth Avenue South in downtown Naples is to open a new 7,000-square-foot, \$1.5 million restaurant before Christmas 2013.

The Inn on Fifth complex also includes Truluck's Seafood Steak and Crab House.

The Inn on Fifth will be delighted to consider accommodations for Alliance press card holders on assignment.

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 capital city, has cosmopolitan charm and rich history combined with the stunning wilderness of the Tongass National Forest and the 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.

With luxury holiday resorts, business and Spa hotels around the world, every Kempinski Hotel is unique, designed for guests who value five star holidays and luxury getaways.

Kempinski will be pleased to consider providing accommodation to International Travel Writers Alliance press card holders on a case-by-case basis.

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).

## **Kempinski 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 Mamounia, Marrakech, Morocco**

An icon of Marrakech, La Mamounia is located in 17-hectare of gardens dating from the 18th century. Past guests have included Hillary Clinton and Winston Churchill

The hotel incorporates Moroccan architectural features and art-deco style, and is surrounded by 12th-century ramparts. Apart from the usual amenities the hotel also offers a gymnasium, a golf course, tennis courts and a casino.

La Mamouina will be happy to consider hosting Alliance press card holders able to feature the hotel.

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

### **La Residencia Mallorca**

Located in the verdant mountains on Mallorca's north-west coast, the twin historic manor houses that make up La Residencia have gardens dotted with orange trees, an olive plantation, and important collections of sculptures and other works of art.

Beyond the hotel's fabulous outdoor pools are individual villas with private terraces and a wellness spa.

Days can be spent swimming in sea coves, walking through the hills, taking art classes, discovering cultural attractions by Vespa, cruising the coast at sunset or enjoying a picnic carried by donkeys.

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)

### **Las Alamandas, Costalegre, Mexico**

An exclusive estate resort created by Isabel Goldsmith Patiño, Las Alamandas is located within a private nature reserve on the Pacific.

Located on 1,500 acres of unspoiled tropical paradise on the Costalegre midway between Puerto Vallarta and Manzanillo, Las Alamandas is ideal for romantic getaways, intimate honeymoons, relaxing family reunions and self-contained corporate retreats.

Las Alamandas offers seven villas with 16 extraordinarily spacious and beautifully appointed suites accommodating up to 42 guests, contemporary Mexican cuisine, massages to the sounds of the surf, and an array of activities such as nature hikes, mountain biking, kayaking, tennis and surfing.

Las Alamandas will be delighted to consider hosting Alliance press card holders able to feature the hotel.

Visit : [www.alamandas.com](http://www.alamandas.com). Contact : Marian Gerlich at [PGworld@aol.com](mailto:PGworld@aol.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

*LocalGuiding* is an online service connecting travellers with independent, local tour guides in destinations worldwide. It currently has guides in over 500 destinations in 100 countries worldwide - and is recruiting new guides all the time.

### **LocalGuiding has tour guides in :**

Albania	China	India	Namibia	Slovenia
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Australia	Cuba	Italy	Peru	Tanzania
Austria	Czech Republic	Jamaica	Philippines	Thailand
Bangladesh	Dominica	Japan	Poland	The Bahamas
Barbados	Ecuador	Jordan	Portugal	Tunisia
Belarus	Egypt	Kazakhstan	Puerto Rico	Turkey
Belgium	England	Kenya	Republic of	Uganda
Belize	Estonia	Kyrgyzstan	Serbia	Ukraine
Bhutan	Ethiopia	Latvia	Romania	United Arab
Bolivia	France	Lithuania	Russia	Emirates
Bosnia and	Georgia	Malawi	Saint Kitts and	USA
Herzegovina	Germany	Malaysia	Nevis	Uruguay
Botswana	Greece	Malta	Scotland	Uzbekistan
Brazil	Guatemala	Mauritius	Senegal	Venezuela
Bulgaria	Honduras	Mexico	Slovakia South	Vietnam
Cambodia	Hong Kong	Monaco	Africa	Zambia
Canada	Hungary	Morocco	South Korea	Zimbabwe
Chile	Iceland	Myanmar	Spain	

*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.officiallondontheatre.co.uk](http://www.officiallondontheatre.co.uk).

To request tickets contact: [info@made2010.com](mailto:info@made2010.com) Please provide your card number when requesting tickets.

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

## 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 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).

## **The Nam Hai, Hoi An, Vietnam**

The stunning all villa resort located on pristine Hoi An Beach features sixty one-bedroom retreats as well as forty privately owned two-to-five bedroom residences each with a private infinity pool, amid lush landscaping and unobstructed views of the sea.

The unique and gracious culture of Central Vietnam combines with The Nam Hai's splendor to deliver one of the world's foremost luxury experiences.

The spa, rated among the world's best, gourmet cuisine and abundant recreational pursuits including an 18-hole Colin Montgomerie golf course are just some of the offerings at The Nam Hai.

The Nam Hai will be delighted to consider hosting Alliance press card holders able to feature the resort.

Visit : [www.thenamhai.com](http://www.thenamhai.com). Contact : Ros Boycott at [ros@masonrose.com](mailto:ros@masonrose.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 by generating individual and group visitation.

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).

## **Palace Hotel Tokyo**

Palace Hotel Tokyo, which reopened in 2012 after a total refurbishment, has a moat-side location beside the Imperial Palace gardens.

As the anchor to a USD 1.2 billion mixed-use development which includes an adjoining Palace Building consisting of prime commercial office space, Palace Hotel Tokyo features 290 luxury guestrooms, 10 restaurants & bars and an evian SPA.

Palace Hotel Tokyo will be delighted to consider hosting Alliance press card holders able to feature the property.

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

## **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.chateauversailles.fr](http://www.chateauversailles.fr). Contact : Hélène Dalifard at [presse@chateauversailles.fr](mailto:presse@chateauversailles.fr)

## **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@pismo beach.org](mailto:sbrasile@pismo beach.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.

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)

## Ritz-Carlton Montreal, Montreal, Quebec

Recently re-opened after undergoing a four-year, multi-million dollar renovation, the 'Grande Dame of Sherbrooke Street' offers the most luxurious accommodation in Montreal.

It has already been deemed a Five-Diamond property, by CAA /AAA and received nods from Condé Nast Traveller and Robb Report.

The 96 Room, 33 suite hotel has been transformed into a chic and modern space, that retains all of the charm and character of the original 1912 building. The Ritz-Carlton Montreal has Chef Daniel Boulud's restaurant Maison Boulud.

The Ritz-Carlton Montreal will be delighted to consider press visits for International Travel Writers Alliance press card holders on a case-by case basis.

Visit : [www.ritzmontreal.com](http://www.ritzmontreal.com). Contact Mark Bernhardt at [mark@sirencommunications.com](mailto:mark@sirencommunications.com)

## Rockford, Illinois

Rockford is located in north central Illinois, south of Wisconsin, 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 and 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 Mansour, Marrakech

The Royal Mansour luxury hotel is located within the walls of Marrakech's old city, amid the elegant riads, quiet courtyards and intimate restaurants.

Centered on a main courtyard with fountains and colorful mosaics, the hotel has an art gallery and a peaceful enclave for afternoon tea.

Marrakech is the most important of Morocco's four former imperial cities. Inhabited by Berber farmers from Neolithic times, the city was founded in 1062.

The Royal Mansour will be delighted to consider hosting Alliance press card holders able to feature the hotel.

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

## **The Saxon, Johannesburg, South Africa**

The Saxon is located in the tree-lined suburb of Sandhurst, within minutes of Johannesburg's world-class shopping and business hub.

The Saxon Boutique Hotel, Villas and Spa is the most exclusive private retreat.

It was originally designed in 1990 as a private residence for Douw Steyn, one of South Africa's leading captains of commerce, the Saxon is a quiet retreat from the outside world with panoramic views over the indigenous gardens towards the city skyline beyond.

The Saxon's contemporary African interior is light, airy and spacious, leaving a lasting impression of stately elegance interspersed with novel Eastern accents and African artefacts.

The Saxon will be delighted to consider hosting Alliance press card holders able to feature the hotel.

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

## **Scotland's Personal Hotels**

Scotland's Personal Hotels is a one stop shop for hotels in Scotland offering 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 a portfolio of 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).

## **The Setai, Miami Beach, Florida**

The Setai is an intimate, oceanfront resort in the heart of South Beach.

Its design vision combines the rich architectural history of the neighborhood and its cultural diversity with the International Art Deco movement, particularly its influence in Asia.

The Art Deco landmark building was originally built between 1936 – 1938 as the famed Dempsey Vanderbilt Hotel. Next to it is a 40-story glass tower.

The Setai was voted as the “#1 hotel on Miami Beach” in 2013 by U.S. World & News Report and

The Spa voted the “Best for Romance by SpaFinder Readers’ Choice Awards” in 2012.

The Setai will be delighted to consider hosting Alliance press card holders able to feature the hotel.

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

## **The Shakespeare Birthplace Trust**

The Shakespeare Birthplace Trust is the independent charity that cares for the Shakespeare heritage sites in Stratford upon Avon and promotes the enjoyment and understanding of Shakespeare’s works, life and times all over the world.

Together, the Trust’s five Shakespeare Houses and Gardens in Stratford upon Avon form an iconic destination in the UK which has been attracting visitors from around the globe for centuries.

At the heart of all things ‘Shakespeare’, the Trust holds the world’s largest Shakespeare-related museum and archives open to the public.

The Shakespeare Centre Library and Archives also house the Royal Shakespeare Company’s archive and the records for the town of Stratford-upon-Avon and the surrounding area.

The Shakespeare Birthplace Trust will be delighted to provide Alliance press card holders with tickets to its houses.

Visit : [www.shakespeare.org.uk](http://www.shakespeare.org.uk). Contact : Lynn Beddoe at [pressinfo@shakespeare.org.uk](mailto:pressinfo@shakespeare.org.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)

## Shambala Private Game Reserve, South Africa

Shambala Private Game Reserve covers almost 12 000 hectares of natural landscape in South Africa's Limpopo Province and is home to Africa's *Big Five*, the leopard, lion, elephant, black and white rhino, and buffalo.

Among the antelope species there are the endangered sable antelope, black impala and tsessebe, in addition to numerous blesbok, duiker, eland, gemsbok, kudu, nyala and steenbok.

The giraffe, herds of wildebeest and troops of zebra are easily spotted, but you can also expect to see some bush pigs trotting through the bush with their stiff little tails pointing upwards.

Amongst the smaller cats there are caracal and large-spotted genet.

Shambala will be delighted to consider hosting Alliance press card holders able to feature the game reserve.

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

## 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 : Graham Buckley at [graham@mercury-pr.co.uk](mailto:graham@mercury-pr.co.uk)

### **Sugnall Hall, Staffordshire, UK**

The owners Sugnall 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.

Sugnall Hall, Staffordshire will welcome the chance to talk to Alliance press card holders on assignment.

Visit : [www.sugnall.co.uk](http://www.sugnall.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 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, which reviews hotels, shops, restaurants and travel-related products around the world, 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).

## Thornton Hall Hotel & Spa, Cheshire UK

Thornton Hall Hotel & Spa is one of the North West's premier venues.

Based in the village of Thornton Hough close to the Cheshire border, the four star family owned hotel has built up a reputation for service and hospitality, with the 3 AA Rosette Lawns Restaurant and accommodation in 63 suites and bedrooms.

The Lawns prides itself on sourcing the best local produce and ingredients. More than £160,000 has been spent on refurbishments to create a premiere fine dining experience, although the restaurant still retains its original mid-1800s oak carvings.

Thornton Hall Hotel has recently invested in new state of the art spa facilities development, creating a leading spa and health club in the region, including a Rasul room, luxury dual spa treatment suite and a makeup and nail studio.

Thornton Hall Hotel & Spa will be delighted to consider hosting Alliance press card holders able to feature the property.

Visit : [www.thorntonhallhotel.com](http://www.thorntonhallhotel.com). Contact: Emma Garner [emma@webtise.com](mailto:emma@webtise.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 will be delighted to hear from Alliance press card holders who would like to know more about the company. Media visits are also available outside of the peak 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).

## Valencia City, Spain

Valencia is a traditional Spanish city offers visitors many attractions, gastronomy at reasonable prices and great weather with warm sunshine for much of the year.

It is an intriguing mix of historical sights, traditional culture and futuristic buildings and known as a party town with the annual Las Fallas in March, Europe's wildest street party and one of Spain's most unusual festivals.

Attractions include the City of Arts and Sciences, the Oceanográfico, Europe's largest aquarium, the UNESCO listed, La Lonja and the Bioparc, a conservation project with more than 4,000 animals.

Other activities include walking the 9km Turia river bed, the city's 'green lung', taking a guided cycle tour of the city, or a trip out to Albufera Nature Park.

Valencia will be delighted to hear from Alliance press carders able to feature the city.

Visit : [www.turisvalencia.es](http://www.turisvalencia.es). Contact : Karin Jones at [joneskarin@hotmail.com](mailto:joneskarin@hotmail.com).

## 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).

## **Viceroy Riviera Maya & Wayak Spa, Playa del Carmen, Mexico**

The intimate, all-villa luxury resort set on the turquoise waters of the Caribbean coast of Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula recently underwent a major renovation to add 11 new Villas, new seaside restaurant and more.

When the renovated resort was unveiled, it was also rebranded – from Tides Riviera Maya to Viceroy Riviera Maya.

This serene hideaway brings together the best of the destination with :

- sugary white sands lapped by a crystal clear
- warm sea
- private villas with personal plunge pools in a jungle ambiance
- an organic connection to the indigenous Mayan culture
- gourmet cuisine blending Mayan cooking and Mediterranean techniques, and
- the Wayak Spa with Mayan healing techniques and traditions.

The Viceroy Riviera Maya & Wayak Spa will be delighted to consider hosting Alliance press card holders able to feature the hotel.

Visit : [www.viceroyrivieramaya.com](http://www.viceroyrivieramaya.com). Contact : Marian Gerlich at [PGworld@aol.com](mailto:PGworld@aol.com).

## **VILA VITA Parc, the Algarve, Portugal**

VILA VITA Parc, one of Portugal's finest five-star resorts, is located on 54 acres of lush, blooming subtropical gardens in front of an impressive coastline. Y

Perched above the cliff top it comprises four distinct buildings, each having its own character and architecture.

The Algarve, Portugal's southernmost province, enjoys a year round temperate climate, natural beauty, gourmet dining complemented by fine wines, beaches and renowned golf courses.

In the vicinity of VILA VITA Parc are places of interest such as the medieval fortresses of Silves and Sagres, the School of Navigation built by Prince Henry the Navigator, where Columbus was educated, as well as Europe's most westerly coastline.

One of the main attractions of the Algarve is its mild Mediterranean climate.

More than 300 days of sunshine a year with the summers warm and dry, spring and autumn are temperate and pleasant, the ideal time to explore the many activities the region has to offer, and the winters moderate with little precipitation.

VILA VITA Parc will be delighted to consider hosting Alliance press card holders able to feature the resort.

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

## **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)

## VisitCornwall

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).

### **Warrington, UK**

Warrington, in Cheshire, and on the banks of the River Mersey has been welcoming visitors since the Roman Empire set up camp at Wilderspool 2000 years ago.

Now, the town is an economic powerhouse with a lively cultural scene.

At the heart of the community is Warrington Wolves, who have been in the top flight of teams since the Rugby League was formed in 1895.

Warrington is a real trailblazer too, cutting the first commercial canal in Britain 1755-1757 and forming the first Total Abstinence Society in Britain in 1830.

It opened the country's first public library 1848 and welcomed the first IKEA in the UK in 1987.

The town prospered in the Middle Ages and received a Royal Charter in 1255AD to hold a market, which has been running for over 750 years!

Warrington has seen some major action too.

The town was under siege during the Civil War by Cromwell's forces and was home to the largest USAF base in Europe in World War II. It's always been a strong commercial and retail centre and J & G Greenhalls set up a distillery here in 1761 and is still trading.

Marketing Cheshire will be delighted to consider press trip requests from Alliance press card holders able to feature the town

Visit : [www.marketingcheshire.co.uk](http://www.marketingcheshire.co.uk). Contact : Gerald Tattum at [g.tattum@marketingcheshire.co.uk](mailto:g.tattum@marketingcheshire.co.uk).

### **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
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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.travel yukon.com](http://www.travel yukon.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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