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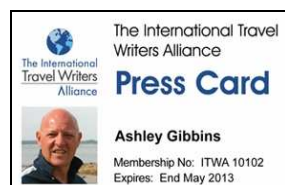
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The Alliance press card



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, 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.

Pullman Paris Bercy hotel

On 1 October Pullman will unveil the new look Pullman Paris Bercy hotel, which is the second of five Pullman hotels in Paris to undergo a comprehensive redesign as part of Pullman Paris Live.

Bercy Village, close to central Paris, is the city's 'best kept secret', featuring bars, restaurants and boutique shops housed in old wine warehouses.

Visit : www.accorhotels.com/gb/hotel-2192-pullman-paris-bercy/index.shtml. To register your interest in staying at the hotel contact accor@mason-williams.com.

Job shop

Here are some of the professional opportunities available on [The International Travel Writers Alliance Job Shop](#).

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

The Alliance's travel journalists can also :

- 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

Although in its infancy, we hope the **Job Shop** will become a valuable addition to the range of services offered by the [International Travel Writers Alliance](#).

Web Editor

Friends of the National Zoo, Washington, District of Columbia USA

http://www.jobtarget.com/c/job.cfm?job=14375014&vnet=0&site_id=14773&long=1

Head of Content Acquisition

Lonely Planet, London, UK

<http://www.aplitrak.com/?adid=bHBsYW5ldC43NzAyMC4xNzYwQGJiY3d1ay5hcGxpdiJHhay5jb20>

Senior Writer/Editor

University of Montana Foundation, Missoula, Montana, USA

http://www.jobtarget.com/c/job.cfm?job=14247313&vnet=0&site_id=14773&long=1

Business Traveller - free guide to London

Business Traveller is giving away a free guide to London until the end of August as part of its City Guides app.

The guide covers everything from hotels, restaurants and places to see, to specific information on business facilities, meeting venues, local couriers and serviced offices.

The City Guides app currently has 49 guides to key business destinations including New York, Paris, Beijing and Mumbai..

The other 48 guides are available for £1.99 each (ski resorts cost £1.49).

Visit : www.businesstraveller.com. Contact : Emma Gordon at egordon@panaceapublishing.com.

Working with the Alliance

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

Other Alliance partners and agencies can be found at www.itwalliance.com.

Partners

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 has recently been awarded a Gold Award from Ecotourism Ireland

Visit : www.doolincave.ie. Contact : Helen Browne at doolincave@gmail.com.

ICEHOTEL (Sweden)

ICEHOTEL is an art project and a hotel made of ice from Torne River.

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.

Visit : www.icehotel.com. Contact : Beatrice Karlsson at pressofficer@icehotel.com.

Chic Riads, Marrakesh

Chic Riads offers affordable chic for an authentic experience in Marrakesh. Two beautifully restored riads (small boutique hotels run as B&Bs) located in the heart of the ancient city (medina) of Marrakesh are cool, chic and ideal for holidaymakers, honeymooners, families and friends.

They are twin riads, owned by twin sisters, Beryl and Barbara, who have a great love for Moroccan architecture and great respect for its craftsmanship.

Visit : www.chic-riads-marrakech.com. Contact : Beryl Bakewell at pr@chicriads.com.

TravelLocal

British-based TravelLocal offers authentic, bespoke itineraries to Asia, delivered by trusted, locally-owned travel companies.

TravelLocal's maxim is: for a truly authentic trip, who better to deliver it than a travel company based in the country you're going to?

TravelLocal 100% financially protects all customers, giving them the confidence to book with the very best locally owned, boutique companies in their destination – often the very same companies that more expensive UK based tour operators use.

Visit : www.travellocal.com. Contact : Tom Stapleton at pr@travellocal.com.

The International Gay & Lesbian Travel Association (USA)

The International Gay & Lesbian Travel Association is the leading member-based global organization dedicated to LGBT tourism.

The association represents LGBT and LGBT-friendly accommodations, destinations, service providers, travel agents, tour operators, and events, as well as the LGBT travel consumers they wish to serve.

Visit : www.iglta.org. Contact : LoAnn Halden loan at halden@iglta.org.

The Mount Washington Cog Railway

Considered a must-do for visitors to New England, The Mount Washington Cog Railway the first mountain climbing cog railway in the world.

The railway has been bringing passengers up to the highest peak in the Northeast for a once-in-a-lifetime experience since 1869.

Visitors come from around the world for the unique three-hour round trip, which includes entrance to the Cog Railway Museum at the base and the Mount Washington Observatory Museum at the summit.

Passengers can enjoy the trip riding either the modern biodiesel engines or vintage coal-fired steam locomotives

Visit : www.thecog.com. Contact : Rebecca Metcalf at becky@thecog.com.

Dusit Thani Dubai, UAE

www.dusit.com

Dusit Thani Dubai is an iconic 5-star hotel that captures the essence of Thailand in the vibrant centre of Dubai's bustling city.

Whether travelling on leisure or business, the hotel's prime location ensures visitors make the most of their time.

Dubai's main business hub is within five minutes of the hotel's doors. The airport can be reached in just 20 minutes and the nearest metro station is within walking distance, making travelling across Dubai quick and convenient.

The world's tallest tower, Burj Khalifa, and the world's largest shopping mall, The Dubai Mall, are just a stone's throw away.

Contact : Danelle Palang at danelle.palang@dusit.com.

Agencies

Ruby Public Relations (Australia)

Ruby Public Relations is a full service agency based in Queensland with more than 10 years experience.

Ruby PR specialises in the property, fashion, beauty, health, restaurant, tourism, entertainment, resources, technology, finance and professional services industries.

Visit : www.rubypublicrelations.com.au. Contact Naomi Spies at pr@rubypublicrelations.com.au.

News

Clean India Campaign

The Clean India Campaign is looking to increase tourist arrivals to the country, by improving the environment in and around tourist destinations across the country.

Qutub Minar, in Delhi, also known as Qutb Minar and Qutab Minar, which is the tallest minar in India, and an ancient Islamic Monument was the first destination chosen.

The Taj Mahal is the second heritage site to be covered under this project.

Via the campaign, the Oil and Natural Gas Commission has agreed to adopt and upkeep the environs of Taj Mahal including up gradation of tourist facilities in the monument.

Under the Clean India project, the Commission's role will include providing drinking water facilities, cleaning, providing uniform signage's in and around the premises and refuse collection.

It will also provide tourist help desks and volunteers.

Visit : www.incredibleindia.org. Contact : info@indiatouristoffice.org.

All Change Victorian Jersey

Jersey Heritage is staging a new art exhibition at Jersey Museum and Art Gallery, All Change Victorian Jersey, which explores the Island's Victorian heritage and the way in which Island life changed between 1837 – 1901 – the reign of Queen Victoria.

Visit : www.jerseyheritage.org. Contact : Zoe Blake at zoe.blake@jersey.com.

Tourism Ireland

Tourism Ireland has appointed new representation in China.

With offices in Shanghai, Beijing and Guangzhou, the newly-appointed Travel Link Marketing (TLM) will work with Tourism Ireland to grow the number of Chinese tourists to the island of Ireland from approximately 17,000 (in 2012) to 50,000 per year, over the coming five years.

Visit : www.tourismireland.com. Contact : Kate Crossman at kcrossman@tourismireland.com.

Malta, A Better Destination For Superyachts

The Malta Tourism Authority is to hold a seminar entitled '*Malta, A Better Destination For Superyachts!*' on Wednesday 11 September at the Grand Hotel Excelsior in Valletta, Malta.

It will be the third in the biannual Malta Superyacht seminar series, dedicated to the yachting industry.

Visit : www.maritimedirectory.com.mt. Contact : Naomi Atkins at Natkins@surgery-group.com

Europa-Park

Arthur – In the Minimoy's Kingdom, which will open in April 2014 will be the most intricate indoor attraction at the Europa-Park theme park in **.

Located within 15-meter dome on a 'magical island' surrounded by two streams and Grimm's enchanted forest it will feature a dark ride, a children's free-fall tower, a large slide area and a carousel.

Europa-Park, located in Rust, in south-western Germany, is Germany's largest theme park and Europe's second most popular after Disneyland Paris.

Visit : www.europark.de. Contact : Dominik Seitz at Dominik.Seitz@europapark.de.

No NY beverage ban

The National Restaurant Association has welcomed an appeals court's unanimous decision affirming a lower court's ruling striking down the New York City beverage ban.

The ban would have prohibited restaurants, delis, stadiums and arenas, concession stands and food carts from selling sugar-sweetened beverages in containers above 16 ounces.

Banned beverages would have included soda, sweetened iced tea, some smoothies, coffee drinks and lemonade.

The National Restaurant Association fought the ban along with the American Beverage Association.

Visit : www.restaurant.org. Contact : Katie Baum ay kniebaum@restaurant.org.

Leads

The Inn on Fifth, Naples, Florida

Following the recent completion of an expansion project and, the Inn on Fifth on Fifth Avenue South in downtown Naples has announced is to open a new restaurant on the site of its McCabe's Irish Pub & Grill.

The 7,000-square-foot, \$1.5 million restaurant, expected to be the largest on Fifth Avenue is expected to open before Christmas 2013.

McCabe's Irish Pub & Grill will close on 3 September with plans to reopen the genuine Irish bar at a new location in downtown Naples.

The Inn on Fifth complex includes AAA Four Diamond Inn on Fifth, which has undergone a \$1.7 million renovation, the Inn's new \$18 million Club Level Suites and Truluck's Seafood Steak and Crab House.

Visit : www.innonfifth.com. Contact : Cathy Christopher at CathyC@innonfifth.com.

Firefly Journeys

Firefly Journeys connects adventurous travellers with boutique tour operators in far-flung international destinations.

The company vets its listed foreign tour operators to ensure it represents environmentally conscious and responsible local operators with a focus on sustainability and cultural sensitivity.

Visit : www.fireflyjourneys.com. Contact : Sara Widness at sara@widnesspr.com.

Cox & Kings, India & Beyond

Cox & Kings, the world's longest established travel company, has launched its new India & Beyond brochure, the first in the collection of brochures for 2014.

The programme features an extensive range of escorted group tours and tailor-made private holidays throughout India, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Bhutan and the Maldives.

It includes a new group tour to Kashmir, a luxury tented camp and suggestions for venturing away from the trodden tourist path.

The new luxury tented camp, opening in August 2013, is movable and will open up travel to some of the most remote and captivating corners of India in style.

The tents are modelled on African safari tents and will be fully air-conditioned and centrally heated. A chef will prepare Indian cuisine and a wide range of activities will be offered.

The Chamba Camp, Thiksey in Ladakh, the first of the camps to open, will be in the shadow of Thiksey Monastery.

Activities will include boat trips on the Indus River, local polo games, walking, picnics and bird watching.

Visit : www.coxandkings.co.uk/india-subcontinent. Contact : Katie Parsons at katie.parsons@coxandkings.co.uk.

Cycling in Mid Wales, UK

Cycling holiday specialists Wheely Wonderful Cycling are offering autumn breaks in the Mid Wales countryside for cyclists who like to challenge themselves.

The Radnor Ring Cycling Challenge, a short break of four days with three nights bed and breakfast accommodation, is based on "The Radnor Ring", a new signed Sustrans route across the Radnorshire hills to the Wye Valley.

The 114-mile cycle route is easy to follow through the Welsh hills taking cyclists through wild, open countryside and moorland and Red Kite country.

Quality bikes and equipment, special route guides and maps, a comprehensive holiday information pack, a full emergency back up service are provided.

Visit : www.wheelywonderfulcycling.co.uk. Contact : kay Dartnell at info@wheelywonderfulcycling.co.uk.

The Global Sustainable Tourism Council and Global Travel & Tourism Partnership

The Global Sustainable Tourism Council is partnering with the Global Travel & Tourism Partnership to teach students about careers in travel and tourism in more than 5,600 schools in 11 countries.

The Global Sustainable Tourism Council is a global initiative dedicated to promoting sustainable tourism efforts around the world.

The Global Travel and Tourism Partnership is an industry philanthropic initiative to foster future talent and tackle the global skills shortage.

Visit : visit www.gstcouncil.org and www.gttp.org. Contact : Gwen Migita at info@gstcouncil.org.

The Mount Washington Cog Railway

The Mount Washington Cog Railway, the world's first mountain-climbing cog railway, has been carrying passengers to the 6,288' summit of the highest peak in the Northeast USA since 1869.

The three hour journey takes passengers on some of the steepest railway tracks in the world.

On the way there is the chance to take in some of New England's most breathtaking scenery - from the alpine forest and tundra region above treeline to the rugged terrain of the Presidential Range.

Visit : www.thecog.com and www.visitnh.gov. Contact : Rebecca Metcalf at becky@thecog.com.

Cycling Vilnius, Lithuania

Lithuania's Capital Vilnius has launched its on-street bike hire scheme, known as Orange bikes.

Twenty-four bike stations have cycles available for rent across the city centre until 15 October 2013.

The scheme provides an effective and environmentally friendly way of taking in Vilnius ' main landmarks and sites.

Vilnius has the largest Baroque old town in Central and Eastern Europe, and the capital's architectural includes the Baroque Church of Saint Paul and Saint Peter, with its 2,000 stucco figures and exceptional interior.

Visit www.en.cyclocity.lt and www.lithuania.travel/uk. Contact : Anna Wolstenholme at anna@representationplus.co.uk.

Costa Cruises

Costa Cruises has launched a fall promotion on Mediterranean cruises at the time of year when the temperatures dip, airfares drop and the crowds dwindle.

Ranging in length from seven to 11 days, the fares are available on nine Costa ships.

Visit : www.costacruise.com. Contact : Buck Banks at buck@newmanpr.com

Green Globe Certification

Green Globe Certification is the worldwide sustainability system based on internationally-accepted criteria for sustainable operation and management of travel and tourism businesses.

Operating under a worldwide license, Green Globe Certification is based in California, USA, and is represented in over 83 countries.

Green Globe Certification is a member of the Global Sustainable Tourism Council, supported by the United Nations Foundation.

Visit : www.greenglobe.com. Contact : prlax@greenglobe.com.

American Coaster Enthusiasts

Founded in 1978, American Coaster Enthusiasts (ACE), a non-profit organization of 5,000 members from 16 countries, is the world's largest ride enthusiast organization.

ACE's mission is to promote and enjoy roller coasters everywhere, regardless of type or size and its officials are frequently on hand for the debut of major new roller coasters at amusement and theme parks.

Visit : www.aceonline.org/aboutace. Contact : Dave Lipnicky at www.aceonline.org/utilities/SendEmail.aspx?to=100.

EPIC, Liverpool UK

EPIC, a new apart hotel due to open in Liverpool at the end of September 2013, will be located in the L1 district of Liverpool at the heart of the city.

Epic presents an alternative luxury to a city centre hotel, with more space and more home comforts at exceptional value.

Offering a wide range of apartments from one-bed studios to two and three bedroom apartments, Epic is the place to stay for leisure and business travellers.

Visit : www.epicliverpool.co.uk. Contact : Emma Garner at emma@webtise.com.

Western River Expeditions and the Grand Canyon

Whitewater rafting pioneer Western River Expeditions is to run two photo workshops in conjunction with multi-day rafting and camping adventures down the Grand Canyon in 2014.

Both trips are seven days, all-inclusive, on-river adventures with photographers Willie Holdman on the first trip and Kerrick James on the second.

Western River Expeditions provide Grand Canyon rafting, Utah rafting and Idaho rafting trips.

Visit : www.westernriver.com. Contact : Sara Widness at sara@widnesspr.com.

Cox & Kings

Cox & Kings, has launched its new Middle East brochure for 2014, featuring a programme of escorted group tours and private tailor-made travel to the Middle East, North Africa, Central Asia, and the Gulf.

After a turbulent time for the Middle East region, Cox & Kings says there is increased interest for destinations such as Morocco and Uzbekistan.

In Central Asia Uzbekistan remains one of the company's bestselling tours, Oman is becoming popular and Turkmenistan is a new addition.

Visit : www.coxandkings.co.uk/middle-east. Contact Katie Parsons at katie.parsons@coxandkings.co.uk.

What's on

International US Sand Sculpting Challenge

San Diego

30 August to 2 September 2013

San Diego's Big Bay will be staging the International US Sand Sculpting Challenge and 3D Art Exposition

Forty of the world's best sculptors from Italy, Ireland, the Netherlands, Portugal, Latvia and Canada, will challenge the best in the USA in three different classes using 300 tons of sand that will be carved and molded into sculptures.

More than \$60,000 is available in appearance, prize money and expenses.

Tall ships sail by with full regalia and singers, dancers and circus performers will entertain visitors.

Visit : www.ussandsculpting.com. Contact: Gordon Summer at gsummer@ussandsculpting.

The Mayor's Thames Festival, London

6 to 15 September 2013

The Mayor's Thames Festival, London's largest free festival takes place along the banks of the River Thames and brings together people from all communities to celebrate the city and the river.

For the first time, the festival will extend beyond its usual concentrated weekend of riverside events to a wider 10-day celebration of London's iconic river through art, music, and educational events both on the water and along its banks and bridges.

Some of the events taking place this year include:

- 1513: A Ships' Opera - a spectacular water-borne performance by Turner-prize nominated artist Richard Wilson and Zatorski + Zatorski
- riverside screenings of Nikolaj Bendix Skyum Larsen's Portrait of a River in 125 short films
- river inspired art commissions from Doug Fishbone, Hew Locke and Layla Curtis
- the Thames' first floating art fair
- A 600-voice children's choir perform Voyages of Discovery - a suite of songs inspired by Henry VIII's connections with the Thames
- a rally of Dunkirk Little Ships
- the Great River Race: 340 boats taking part in the river's biggest race
- the Barge-Driving Race: 40ft steel barges competing in the river's slowest race.

The festival's flagship art and education project is Rivers of the World, linking schools and more than 2,000 young people around the world through common river themes.

Visit : www.thamesfestival.org. Contact: Una Devine at u.devine@thamesfestival.org.

The Texas Mesquite Arts Festival, Fredericksburg, Texas

12 and 13 October 2013

The Texas Mesquite Arts Festival is a three-day celebration of the exquisite and attractive mesquite. Visitors will see collections of sculpted wood from the world's finest mesquite craftsmen.

Visit : www.texasmesquiteartfestivals.com. Contact : Deborah Farquhar-Garner atvcreative@ktc.com.

Salon du Chocolat – London

18 to 20 October 2013

Salon du Chocolat, the world's biggest chocolate show, is staging Salon du Chocolat – London, the grand finale of Chocolate Week, taking place on at National Hall, Olympia, London.

The best UK chocolate companies will be exhibiting alongside international brands, plus demonstrations, talks and hands-on workshops from the UK's top chocolatiers.

The Chocolate Fashion Show, will feature models walking the catwalk wearing couture outfits made entirely out of chocolate – you've got to see it to believe it!

Salon du Chocolate hosts 23 chocolate shows around the world, with the biggest taking place in Paris, featuring 600 participants and attracting more than 135,000 visitors over five days.

Visit : www.salon-du-chocolat.com and www.chocolateweek.co.uk. Contact : Sarah Tickle at sarah@nudgepr.co.uk.

The Virginia Beach Neptune Festival, Virginia

27 to 29 September 2013

The 40th Virginia Beach Neptune Festival will extend along 35 blocks of the Boardwalk with a variety of live music and

over 300 artisans on display at the Neptune Art & Craft Show a Saturday night fireworks show over the Atlantic Ocean The Atlantic Sailing Regatta; and an 8K and a 5K run.

The festival's signature event is the Neptune's International Sandsculpting Championship. Internationally known as the largest sand sculpting competition of its kind in the United States.

It attracts the world's best professional "master" sand artists from around the globe who compete for over \$50,000 in prize money.

Web: www.neptunefestival.com. Contact : Becky Bump at becky@specialassignment.biz.

The Big Row, Spitalfields Market, London

11 September 2013

Spitalfields market, innEast London, host 100 teams making up 2,000 rowers who will row one million metres in The Big Row to raise money for the Chauncy Maples Malawi Trust.

The charity was created to renovate the ship Chauncy Maples on Lake Malawi and bring vital healthcare to a country that has only 250 doctors for its entire population of 16 million.

Visit : www.TheBigRow.org and www.chauncymaples.org. Contact : Christina Bridge at cbridge@broadgatemainland.com.

The Newport Mansions Wine & Food Festival, Rhode Island

20 to 22 September 2013

Turn-of-the-century homes in the New England state of Rhode Island provide the setting for the 8th Annual Newport Mansions Wine & Food Festival.

Eleven historic mansions, several of which are National Historic Landmarks, are monuments to America's famed 'Gilded Age' which stretched from around 1870 until the early 1900s.

The Newport Mansions were built during a time of burgeoning wealth, along a breathtaking stretch of Rhode Island coastline as the "money-no-object" summer homes of multi-millionaire industrialists.

The mansions are now owned and maintained by The Preservation Society of Newport County and open for public tours.

Visit : www.newportmansions.org and www.discovernewengland.co.uk. Contact : David Ezra at David.Ezra@kbc-pr.com.

London Restaurant Festival

3 to 21 October 2013

The London Restaurant Festival is a city-wide celebration of eating out in the capital, from Michelin-starred restaurants to neighbourhood bistros.

The Festival is designed to raise the profile of establishments involved and acknowledge the pleasure and sustenance given to all by London's extraordinarily diverse range of restaurants.

Visit : www.londonrestaurantfestival.com. Contact : Julie Bettridge at julie@dundascommunications.com.

StarLite Film Festival, Winter Garden, Florida

23 to 26 January 2014

The third annual StarLite Film Festival, which takes place at the Garden Theatre, Winter Garden, is a micro-budget film festival.

It promotes the screening and development of feature-length narrative films from across the globe that are produced, shot and completed for a total budget under \$200,000.

Over the course of four days, the film festival will feature hand-selected films screened at the Garden Theatre in historic downtown Winter Garden.

Visit : www.starlitefilmfest.com. Contact : Matt Heim at matt@gardentheatre.org.

Southwest Arts Festival, Indio, California

24 to 26 January 2014

The 28th Anniversary of the Southwest Arts Festival will be held at the Empire Polo Club in Indio California, a Coachella Valley landmark, featuring the desert's natural landscape and sweeping mountain ranges.

The venue will showcase 250 artists from around the country displaying traditional, contemporary and abstract fine works of art and quality crafts artists.

Visit : www.southwestartsfest.com. Contact: Ellen Paris at ellenp@kinercom.com.

The Festa Dei Ceri, Gubbio, Italy

15 May 2014

The Festa Dei Ceri (Race of the candles) is one of the oldest oldest Italian folklore displays.

The festival began as a solemn act of devotion on the part of the Eugubini towards their Bishop Ubaldo Baldassini which started in 1160, the year of his death.

Since then, every 15 May, the eve of the day of mourning, the devotional offering to the patron Saint is a fixed appointment for the people of Gubbio who take part in a great mystical procession, carrying candles all around the town and up Mount Ingino.

Visit : www.ceri.it. Contact : Stefania Gatta at stefania.gatta@enit.it.

Montreal International Jazz Festival

27 June to 6 July 2014

Ranked as the world's largest jazz festival by Guinness World Records, the Festival International de Jazz de Montréal has been attracting those with a passion for music for over three decades.

Every year, North America's French-speaking metropolis welcomes global music fans to 10 days of jazzcentric celebration, where fans of all types of jazz-related music rub shoulders with aficionados of the genre in its purest form.

The Festival hosts some 30 countries, 3,000 musicians and public entertainers, 1,000 concerts and activities—two-thirds of them free – in 15 concert halls and on 8 outdoor stages.

The event attracts more than two million visitors to the the heart of Montreal's downtown core, in an area off-limits to car traffic!

Journalists covering arts & culture or travel on a regular basis can apply for press accreditation. Visit : www.montrealjazzfest.com. Contact : media_jazz@equipespectra.ca.

Reasons to write about

The Annual Jackson Hole Fall Arts Festival, Wyoming

Annually : 5 to 15 September 2013

The 29th Annual Jackson Hole Fall Arts Festival sees art galleries in Jackson, a still-cowboy town, awash in colour during the Jackson Hole Fall Arts Festival.

Visitors from all over the world come to Jackson to enjoy more than 50 events cantering on art, music, cowboy poetry, couture and cuisine of the Old West.

The Jackson Hole Art Auction features masterworks of the American West

The National Museum of Wildlife Art also has thousands of animal paintings, drawings and sculpture.

The centrepiece of the celebration is the Western Design Conference, an annual juried show and sale offering everything from jewellery to fashion to furniture to handmade saddles.

Fall in Jackson Hole, Wyoming, and the Grand sees temperatures of 21C, fields of golden corn; cloudless and trees coloured fiery orange, gold and red.

Nature doesn't hold exclusive rights to spectacular Wyoming fall colours.

Visit : www.jacksonholechamber.com/fall_arts_festival, www.jacksonholeartauction.com, and www.wildlifeart.org and www.westerndesignconference.com. Contact: Allison Merritt at allison@westerndesignconference.com.

Valencia City, Spain

Valencia is a relatively undiscovered Spanish city as overseas visitors have favoured Barcelona and Madrid as city break destinations, or headed to the costas for summer holidays.

This traditional Spanish city offers visitors 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.

Its also renowned as a party town and there is no better time to witness this than 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, a complex dedicated to science and culture and including the Science Museum
- the Oceanográfico, Europe's largest aquarium with over 500 marine species
- the UNESCO listed, La Lonja located in front of the central market and once the city's silk and general commodity exchange 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' with shady gardens, walking and cycle paths
- doing a guided cycle tour of the city, or
- taking a trip out to Albufera Nature Park just 10km out of the city and home to Spain's largest lake and Valencia's very own rice growing region.

Visit : www.turisvalencia.es. Contact : Karin Jones at joneskarin@hotmail.com.

Gay and lesbian Palm Springs, California

To celebrate California's new same-sex marriage laws, the Palm Springs Bureau of Tourism has launched a new website to help LGBT couples plan their big day or honeymoon in one of the top destinations for gay and lesbian travellers.

WeddingsinPalmSprings.com features information on hotels, historic inns, gay-friendly resorts and other wedding locations that showcase the beauty and laid-back vibe of Palm Springs.

The new website also includes useful information for gay and lesbian couples.

Now in its 75th year as an integrated city, Palm Springs has long been considered an ideal destination for gay and lesbian weddings.

The city has the largest collection of LGBT resorts in the United States with nearly 30 gay and lesbian-owned and/or operated resorts and guesthouses.

Palm Springs also stages a series of world-renowned gay and lesbian events throughout the year.

These include Dinah Shore Weekend, held every April and hailed as the largest female party music festival in the world; and the White Party which is famed for being one of the largest gay circuit events in the USA. The annual gay and lesbian film festival, Cinema Diverse, showcases the best in LGBT filmmaking annually in September, while the Palm Springs Pride Festival attracts thousands of fun-loving participants every November.

One hundred miles east of Los Angeles, Palm Springs became a desert hideaway to the stars, back when the Rat Pack made it trendy.

Nestled beneath California's stunning San Jacinto Mountains, Palm Springs still oozes understated glamour and today boasts one of the largest concentrations of mid-century modern architecture in the world.

Visit : www.VisitPalmSprings.com. Contact : Sarah Habicht at sarah@humewhitehead.co.uk.

High adrenalin in Reykjavik, Iceland

Hilton Reykjavik Nordica

Iceland is one of the leading extreme sport destinations with visitors able to try ice climbing, snowmobiling, scuba diving in a fissure and a lava tour on horseback.

Glacier Ice climbing

Less than two hour's drive from Reykjavik is Eyjafjallajokull glacier, a spot for adventure junkies to try ice climbing.

Scuba Diving in Silfra

Divers with PADI certificates can don a dry suit to brave the freezing temperatures and scuba dive in the Silfra fissure in Thingvellir National Park.

Lava Tour on Horseback

A two hour horseback adventure through the lava fields surrounding Mt. Helgafell volcano and Lake Hvaleyjarvatn.

Super jeep Snowmobiling

The best way to experience the Golden Circle is on a super jeep ride with a snowmobiling tour on Langjokull, Iceland's second largest glacier.

A place to stay

The Hilton Reykjavik Nordica hotel is situated in the heart of Reykjavik, in the triangle that connects the new city centre, the historic and the business district of the city.

Reykjavik Excursions is a leading organizer of day tours in Iceland, operating one of the biggest bus fleets in Iceland.

Visit : www.hiltonreykjavik.com and www.re.is/DayTours/Activity. Contact : Antonia Robinson at antonia@goshpr.co.uk.

Reunion Island

The Pitons, cirques and ramparts of Reunion Island is a designated UNESCO World Heritage properties.

Reunion Island is a French island located in the Indian Ocean, east of Madagascar.

This classification includes two volcanic massifs of Piton de la Fournaise and Piton des Neiges, and Mafate and the ramparts that define the interior of the island.

Added to these sites are the Piton d'Anchaing in Salazie, the Piton de Sucre and the Chapelle in Cilaos, the Grande Chaloupe in the north of the island and Mare Longue in the south.

Visit : www.reunion.fr. Contact : Liliana Rossi at l.rossi@reunion.fr.

North Norfolk, UK

North Norfolk offers visitors a coastline, quays, creeks, marshes and network of inland waterways.

It is a destination for watersports, including kite-surfing and windsurfing, as well as leisurely cruises and canoeing.

For the Norfolk Broads network of waterways, Stalham and Wroxham are among the most popular places to pick up boats. The Broads are safe and easy to navigate, with over 125 tranquil, lock-free miles.

Norfolk boat-hire specialists Herbert Woods have a large fleet for day-boating between March and October and Searles runs six guided sea tours from Hunstanton.

Hunstanton is also known as a kite-surfing and windsurfing, kayaking and wakeboarding destination.

Brancaster, Morston and Blakeney are popular spots for sailors sailing clubs dotted up and down the 93 miles of coast.

Visit : www.visitnorthnorfolk.com. contact : Kate Morfoot at kate@junglepr.com.

The Memorial Museum Passchendaele 1917, Flanders, Belgium

The Memorial Museum Passchendaele 1917, located in the grounds of a former chateau in the heart of Passchendaele, has opened its new wing.

Also opening is a new trench experience comprising six different types of trenches including four German and two British sections.

The museum hosts 60,000 visitors a year and displays over 5,000 items of memorabilia, artifacts, photographs, films and wartime maps. These concentrate on the five battles of Ypres and Battle of Passchendaele 1917

Visit : www.passchendaele.be, www.passchendaele.be and www.flandersfields1418.com. Contact : Anita at anita@visitflanders.co.uk.

Durham, UK

Durham Cathedral, one of the first sites in Britain to be designated a UNESCO World Heritage site, is located in the centre of Durham City and is widely regarded as the finest Norman building in Europe.

The historic site marks the burial place of the northern saint, Saint Cuthbert, in whose honour the Lindisfarne Gospels were written.

The Gospels are on display with other treasures in a once-in-a-lifetime exhibition at the nearby Palace Green Library from to 30 September 2013.

Durham Castle stands next to the Cathedral, overlooking the city's narrow streets and the wooded slopes of the River Wear.

The Bowes Museum, is a nineteenth century French-style chateau located in the 22 acres of parkland and built by John Bowes for his French actress wife Josephine and houses her collection of treasures.

Raby Castle, one of the finest medieval Castles in England, built by the mighty Nevill family in the 14th Century.

Auckland Castle, a short drive from Durham, has been the palace of the Prince Bishops of Durham for over 900 years and was the seat of power in the North East of England and after the Norman Conquest.

The Castle is now home to many important works of art, most notably the paintings of Jacob (Israel) and his twelve sons by Spanish master Fransisco da Zurbaran.

The county of Durham includes the Durham Dales, Vale of Durham and the North Pennines Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

Visit : www.thisisdurham.com/heritage. Contact : Helen Coop at Helen.Coop@fourbgb.com.

Al Zubarah, Qatar

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

An historic coastal town that is now abandoned, Al Zubarah is situated approximately 100km north-west of Doha.

Founded in the mid-18th century, the town developed into a centre for pearling and international trade and rose to become the country's largest and most important settlement.

The success of Al Zubarah attracted the attention of other Gulf powers, and after several attacks the town was eventually burned to the ground in 1811. It never fully recovered and was abandoned by the mid-20th century.

Today, the abandoned settlement is regarded as one of the largest and best preserved examples of an 18th to 19th century merchant town anywhere in the Gulf.

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

The Al Zubarah is the first Qatari site to be added to the World Heritage List, which includes more than 900 historical and cultural sites around the world including the Yellowstone Natural Park in the United States of America and the Pyramids of Giza in Egypt.

Visit : www.qia-qatar.com. Contact: Natalie Schofield at natalies@hillsbalfour.com.

A place to stay

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.

Visit : www.thorntonhallhotel.com. Contact: Emma Garner emma@webtise.com

Dusit International, Qatar

Dusit International is to open its second property in the UAE, at West Bay, in Doha, Qatar, in the UAE in the last quarter of 2013

This will be the first Dusit branded property in Qatar, but the company's 5th in the Middle East.

Located in the heart of Doha's diplomatic district overlooking the Doha Corniche, the property will offer views across the Arabian Gulf.

Its proximity to the Malls, Doha Exhibition Centre and the upcoming Doha International Conference and Exhibition Centre should make it appeal to short and long-stay guests travelling on leisure or business.

Visit : www.dusit.com/dusit-international. Contact : Vikki Carley at vikki@axistravelmarketing.com.

Sheepskin, UK and Ireland

The Sheepskin collection holiday properties, has expanded its portfolio with its first properties in Ireland and Yorkshire.

Glenlusk, Connemara, County Galway

Glenlusk is a detached cottage overlooking Lough Corrib just outside the village of Connemara in County Galway.

Located on Ireland's West Coast, Glenlusk is 60 minutes from Knock, two hours from Shannon and two and half hours from Dublin.

It is close to Joyce Country Mountain and the Lake District and within 15 minutes drive of Killary Harbour and Clonbur village.

Buttercrambe Shepherd's Hut, Buttercrambe, Yorkshire

Buttercrambe Shepherd's Hut a shepherd's hut located on a farm with countryside views.

It is close to the historical city of York and offers walking and biking opportunities in the Yorkshire Dales.

Visit : www.sheepskinlife.com. Contact : Lucy Mayes at lucy@humewhitehead.co.uk.

DoubleTree by Hilton Dundee, Scotland

The DoubleTree by Hilton Dundee has opened within a converted private family residence whose original classical period design and intricate Latin inscriptions remain largely untouched.

The listed building dates back to 1870, allowing guests to experience the elegance of Victorian high society.

The surrounding region offers rich pickings for golfers with local courses including Downcraig, Scotsfield and Alyth. The St Andrews Old Course, recognized as the spiritual home of the sport, is also a short drive across the Tay Bridge.

Visit : www.hiltonworldwide.com. Contact : Anita Hamilton at anita@hamilton-pr.com.

Conrad Koh Samui, Thailand

The Conrad Koh Samnewest the destinations newest luxury resort villa property on the Thai island of Koh Samui.

Located within 25 acres on a secluded hill on the South West tip of the island, the resort has views of the Gulf of Thailand, the outlying islands and the surrounding landscape of lush coconut plantations.

Visit www.hiltonworldwide.com. Contact : Katie Petherbridge at katie@ktapr.com.

DoubleTree by Hilton Pune, Pimpri-Chinchwad, India

Hilton Worldwide announced the launch of DoubleTree by Hilton Pune – Chinchwad, the first international hotel brand to open in Chinchwad – Pimpri.

Located in the heart of the Pune district's information technology and industrial belt, the hotel is near some of the region's most sought-after tourist destinations, including the hill stations of Lonavala and Khandala, and the ancient Buddhist caves of Karla and Bhaja.

Visit : www.doubletree3.hilton.com. Contact : Shahrzad Nadizadeh at Shahrzad.Nadizadeh@Ketchum.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.

Visit : www.inglewoodmanor.co.uk. Contact: Emma Garner emma@webtise.com

Maison Ventoux, Provence, France

Hotel Crillon le Brave is a relaxed and informal hotel located about 25 miles northeast of Avignon.

The 32-bedroom hotel sits on top of a tiny hill village surrounded by vineyards and olive groves.

Maison Ventoux, is a new five-star village house and the 8th in the overall the Hotel Crillon le Brave offering. Guests enjoy full use of Crillon le Brave's facilities including the two restaurants, outdoor terrace bar, the spa and pool.

Visit : www.crillonlebrave.com. Contact : Charlotte Hill at Charlotte@grifcopr.com.

The Chaaya Lagoon Hakuraa Huraa, Sri Lanka

The Chaaya Lagoon Hakuraa Huraa is a 6-acre island located in Meemu Atoll, 145 km from the capital Male, which is 45 minutes by seaplane.

“Hakuraa Huraa” means “reef above water,” and this coral island is surrounded by an ocean lagoon and offers diving and snorkeling, windsurfing, sailing, and canoeing.

Accommodation includes 70 over water bungalows and 10 beach bungalows.

Visit : www.chaayahotels.com or www.chaayamaldives.com. Contact : Kavinga Karunasekara at kavinga.jkmr@kells.com.mv.

The Sheraton Huzhou Hot Spring Resort, China

The 27-storey Sheraton Huzhou Hot Spring Resort has views over the skyline of Huzhou, near Shanghai.

Set on the shores of Lake Taihu and seven degrees north of the Tropic of Cancer, Huzhou has a subtropical humid monsoon climate and is a destination that is attracting China’s newly affluent business class.

Starwood Hotels & Resorts will open 20 new hotels in China in 2013.

Visit : www.starwoodhotels.com. Contact : Trey Sarten at trey.sarten@starwoodhotels.com

Alexandra Barcelona – a DoubleTree by Hilton

Hilton Worldwide has announced that DoubleTree by Hilton, which now has more than 350 hotels worldwide, has signed a deal for its fourth property in Spain.

The existing Alexandra Barcelona Hotel on Carrer de Mallorca will convert to Alexandra Barcelona – a DoubleTree by Hilton in early 2014 and mark the brands arrival in Barcelona.

The Alexandra enjoys a city centre location and offers guests close proximity to many of the sites and cultural gems of a city boasting several UNESCO World Heritage sites.

Visit : www.doubletree3.hilton.com. Contact : Maggie Giddens at Maggie.Giddens@hilton.com.

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.

Visit the EPIC Liverpool website: www.epicliverpool.co.uk. Contact: Emma Garner emma@webtise.com

Travel guides

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

AA Travel Guides

Visit : www.shop.theaa.com/store/travel-guides.
Katie Stephens at katie.stephens@theaa.com.

Anova Books

www.anovabooks.com. Helen Ponting at
hponting@anovabooks.co

Berlitz

www.berlitzpublishing.com.

Bradt Travel

www.bradtguides.com. Rachel Fielding at
rachel.fielding@bradtguides.com

Brit's Guide

www.foulsham.com. Margaret Lashbrook at
margaret.lashbrook@lineone.net or Sue Wilkins at
wilkins@foulsham.com.

Cicerone

www.cicerone.co.uk. Contact : Sarah Spencer at
sarah@cicerone.co.uk

Eland Publishing

www.travelbooks.co.uk. Barnaby Rogerson at
barnaby@travelbooks.co.uk.

Fisher's Travel SOS

www.fisherstravelsos.com. Furgan Syed at
furqan.syed@fisherstravelsos.com.

Global Travel Publishers

www.africa-adventure.com. Kate Bandos at
kate@ksbpromotions.com.

Globetrotters LogBook

www.globetrotterslogbook.com. Giedo Claes at
giedo@globetrotterslogbook.com

Inn House Publishing

www.innhousepublishing.com. Kathryn McWhirter at
kathrynmcwhirter@btopenworld.com.

Insight

www.insightguides.com. Julia Spence at
Julia.spence@ukonline.co.uk.

In your pocket guides

www.inyourpocket.com. Craig Turp at
editor@inyourpocket.com.

Jane's Smart Art Guides

www.JanesSmartArt.com. Jane McIntosh
at MJM@JanesSmartArt.com

Jonglez Publishing

www.jonglezpublishing.com. Alexandre They at
alexandre@editionsjonglez.com.

Kuperard Publishers

www.kuperard.co.uk. Contact : Geoffrey Chesler at
geoffreychesler@btinternet.com.

Morris Communications

www.themilepost.com. Contact Kate Bandos at
kate@ksbpromotions.com.

Odyssey Books & Guides

www.odysseypublications.com. Contact : Caroline
Eden at caroline@odysseypublications.com

Oxygen Books city-lit

www.oxygenbooks.co.uk Malcom Burgess at
malcolm@oxygenbooks.co.uk

Rough Guides

www.roughguides.com. Contact :
press@roughguides.com

Summersdale travel publications

www.summersdale.com. Contact : Dean
at dean@summersdale.com.

Take two Books

www.taketwobooks.com Sarah Duvalle at
Sarah@taketwobooks.com.

Turnleft

www.turnleftguides.com Contact: Nick Buteau at
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

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.

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 and click **Job shop**

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Berlitz

www.berlitzpublishing.com.

Bradt Travel

www.bradtguides.com. Rachel Fielding at
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Brit's Guide

www.foulsham.com. Margaret Lashbrook at
margaret.lashbrook@lineone.net or Sue Wilkins at
wilkins@foulsham.com.

Cicerone

www.cicerone.co.uk. Contact : Sarah Spencer at
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Eland Publishing

www.travelbooks.co.uk. Barnaby Rogerson at
barnaby@travelbooks.co.uk.

Fisher's Travel SOS

www.fisherstravelsos.com. Furgan Syed at
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Global Travel Publishers

www.africa-adventure.com. Kate Bandos at
kate@ksbpromotions.com.

Globetrotters LogBook

www.globetrotterslogbook.com. Giedo Claes at
giedo@globetrotterslogbook.com

Inn House Publishing

www.innhousepublishing.com. Kathryn McWhirter at
kathrynmcwhirter@btopenworld.com.

Insight

www.insightguides.com. Julia Spence at
Julia.spence@ukonline.co.uk.

In your pocket guides

www.inyourpocket.com. Craig Turp at
editor@inyourpocket.com.

Jane's Smart Art Guides

www.JanesSmartArt.com. Jane McIntosh
at MJM@JanesSmartArt.com

Jonglez Publishing

www.jonglezpublishing.com. Alexandre They at
alexandre@editionsjonglez.com.

Kuperard Publishers

www.kuperard.co.uk. Contact : Geoffrey Chesler at
geoffreychesler@btinternet.com.

Morris Communications

www.themilepost.com. Contact Kate Bandos at
kate@ksbpromotions.com.

Odyssey Books & Guides

www.odysseypublications.com. Contact : Caroline
Eden at caroline@odysseypublications.com

Oxygen Books city-lit

www.oxygenbooks.co.uk Malcom Burgess at
malcolm@oxygenbooks.co.uk

Rough Guides

www.roughguides.com. Contact :
press@roughguides.com

Summersdale travel publications

www.summersdale.com. Contact : Dean
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Take two Books

www.taketwobooks.com Sarah Duvalle at
Sarah@taketwobooks.com.

Turnleft

www.turnleftguides.com Contact: Nick Buteau at
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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

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

www.allwaystraveller.com

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Appendix one

The Alliance press card holders directory

August 2013

The International Travel Writers Alliance



The International Travel
Writers Alliance

Press Card



Ashley Gibbins

Membership No: ITWA 10102
Expires: End May 2013

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

1: Credibility

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

2 : Opportunity

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

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

3 : Accountability

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

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

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

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

For more information on obtaining an **International Travel Writers Alliance Press Card** contact Ashley@itwalliance.com

NB : New entries to the directory are highlighted blue

Opportunities A to B

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

C to E

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

F to J

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

K to O

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

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

Adventure Cat Sailing Charters, San Francisco

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

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

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

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

Visit : www.adventurecat.com. Contact : Sharon Schrum at 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. Contact Kathryn at 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. Contact : Agnes Njagi at 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

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

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

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

Visit : www.aleenta.com. Contact : Lysbeth Fox at 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. Contact : Julie Darroch at 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. Contact : Lynsey Devon at 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. Contact : Leila Stocker at 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. Contact : Sue Ricketts at sue@rickettsluxury.com.

Anguilla Luxury Villa Collection, British West Indies

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

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

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

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

Visit : www.anguillaluxurycollection.com. Contact : Sue Ricketts at sue@rickettsluxury.com.

Asa Ransom House, New York State

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

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

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

Visit : www.asaransom.com. Contact : Bob Lenz at 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. Contact : Ros Boycott at 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. Contact : Greg Evans at 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. Contact : Shani Kaplan at 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. Contact : Fiona Twyford at 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 and www.visitazores.com. Contact : David Wilson at 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. Contact : Audra McSherry at audra_mcsberry@bathtourism.co.uk

Benidorm, Spain

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

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

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

Visit www.en.visitbenidorm.es. Contact Cathryn Hicks at 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. Contact : Fiona Pettitt at 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 Contact : Emyr Thomas 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. Contact : Sheron Crossman at 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 Contact: Greg Evans 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. Contact Doug Goodman 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. Contact: John Bridge 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. Contact : Vera de Rooter: 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. Contact: Katherine Schake at 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. Contact : Lysbeth Fox at 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. Contact : Brooke Tolar at 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. Contact : Samantha Marsh at 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. Contact: Doug Goodman at 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. Contact : Simon Turton at simon@operapr.com.

Charming Hotels Madeira

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

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

Visit: www.charminghotelsmadeira.com. Contact: Antonio Silva at asilva@charminghotelsmadeira.com

The Chilterns, UK

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

Cliveden

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

Visit : www.clivedenhouse.co.uk.

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.

Chenies Manor House

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

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

Visit : www.cheniesmanorhouse.co.uk.

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.

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. Contact : Mary Tebje at 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. Contact : Malcolm Ginsberg at 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. Contact : Lynsey Devon at 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. Contact : Fiona Pettitt at fiona@cellet.co.uk.

Colorado River & Trail Expeditions

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

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

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

Visit www.crateinc.com. Contact : Walker Mackay at 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. Contact : Adam York at 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. Contact : Marlin Keesler at 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. Contact : Bernice Saltzer at 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 and www.ghotw.com. Contact : Ashleigh Silverman at 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. Contact : Katrina Blunden at 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. Contact : Teresa Thomason at 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. Contact : Jessica Howard at 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. Contact : Simon Turton at 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. Contact : Lysbeth Fox at 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. Contact : Abdoulaye at 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. Contact : Alexandre Gourevitch at 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 and www.ghotw.com. Contact : Ashleigh Silverman at asilverman@ghotw.com.

Dunton Hot Springs, Colorado

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

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

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

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

Visit : www.duntonhotsprings.com. Contact : Ros Boycott at ros@masonrose.com.

Düsseldorf, Germany

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

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

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

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

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

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

Visit : www.visitduesseldorf.de. Contact : Thea Lochmann at 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. Contact : Ros Boycott at 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. Contact : Anna Sharp at 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. Contact : Su Hesketh at su@crimsonedge.co.uk.

The Essex Inn, Chicago

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

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

Visit : www.essexinn.com. Contact : Fiona Pettitt at 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. Contact : 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. Contact: Erin Huckle at 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. Contact : Linda Dackman at 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. Contact : Henri Anundi at 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. Contact : Nat Frogley at nat@bacall.net

Four Pillars Hotels, UK

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

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

- **Oxford Thames Four Pillars Hotel** This four-star hotel is housed partly within historic medieval buildings three miles from the centre of Oxford in 30 acres of parkland leading down to the River Thames.

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

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

Visit : www.four-pillars.co.uk. Contact : Lucy Mayes at lucy@humewhitehead.co.uk.

Frontier Travel

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

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

Visit : www.frontier-canada.co.uk and www.frontier-ski.co.uk. Contact: Sandra Potter at 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. Contact : Adam York at 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. Contact: Gavin Nazareth at 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 or contact Suzanne Seyghal via Suzanne.seyghal@generatorhostels.com.

Goldener Berg Hotel, Oberlech, Austria

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

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

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

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

Visit : www.goldenerberg.co.uk. Contact : Karen Luard at 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. Contact : Karen Luard at kp@kpcommunications.co.uk.

Greater Miami and the Beaches, Florida

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

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

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

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

Visit : www.miamiandbeaches.com. Contact : Lois Kettlewell at Lois.Kettlewell@fourcommunications.com.

Great Hotels of the World

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

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

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

Visit : www.ghotw.com. Contact : Ashleigh Silverman at 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. Contact : Fiona Pettitt at 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

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. Harley Denham at Harley.Denham@grouptravelworld.com.

Hangzhou, China

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

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

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

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

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

Visit : www.gotohz.com. Contact : Karen Luard at 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. Contact : Samantha Marsh at 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. Contact: Holly Zawyer 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. Contact: Pat Edgar at 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. Contact David Woodhouse at 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.

- Worldwide and year-round 10% additional discount on Hertz car hire best available rates. Visit : <http://link.hertz.com/link.html?id=31792&LinkType=HZES&TargetType=Homepage&POS=ES&lang=en>.
- For manual discount code visit : www.hertz.com and use the Discount/CDP/Club Code: 767284
- Free Hertz #1 Club membership: visit : www.hertz.com/rentacar/emember/join/overview.do?learnMore=gold <<http://www.hertz.com/rentacar/emember/join/overview.do?learnMore=gold>>.

Contact : Alexander Graham at alexgraham@tx247.co.uk.

Hg2 city guides

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

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

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

Cities covered to date include :

Almaty	Damascus & Aleppo	Marrakech	St Moritz
Amsterdam	Dubai	Megeve	Stockholm
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. Contact : Marilyn MacDonald at 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. Contact : Fola Odumosu at foa@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. Contact : Glenn Gray at ggray@buffalocommunications.com.

HistoricBritain.com

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

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

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

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

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

Visit : www.historicbritain.com. Contact : Leila Stocker at leila@turtle-pr.com.

The Historic House Hotels, UK

The Historic House Hotels comprise :

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

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

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

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

Visit : www.historichousehotels.com. Contact : Alison Buxton at 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. Contact: Emilie and Kate on 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. Contact : Lois Sealey at 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. Contact : Ofer at 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. Contact : Su Hesketh at 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. Contact :Kate at kate@thehoste.com.

Hotel d'Europe, Avignon, France

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

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

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

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

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

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

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. Contact : 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. Contact : Karen Luard at kp@KPcommunications.co.uk.

Hotel Pont Royal, Paris

Located in the midst of the stylish Saint-Germain des Prés area, the five star Pont Royal, guests can immerse themselves in literary and artistic Paris.

There is the chance to stroll through the small side streets, where the best art galleries are found, and with the Seine never far away.

The Pont Royal will be delighted to consider accommodation for Alliance press card holders on assignment.

Visit : www.leshotelsduroy.com/en/hotel-pont-royal. Contact : Ros Boycott at 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. Contact : Ryan Levitt at 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. Contact : Karin Jones at 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. Contact : Claire Kunzman Claire@cam-pr.com

Hyatt Regency Trinidad, Port of Spain, Trinidad

Hyatt Regency Trinidad, located in Port of Spain, Trinidad, is the first Caribbean hotel designed specifically for business and meetings guests.

Port of Spain, Trinidad's capital city, is the fastest growing city in the Caribbean and the region's 'business capital'.

The hotel's versatile event space showcases a 16,000 square foot Grand Ballroom and a 10,000 square-foot Ballroom with translation facilities.

Other guest facilities include a full-service fine-dining restaurant, lobby bar and lounge, fitness center and the 9,000 square-foot Spa Esencia. Hyatt Regency Trinidad provides a relaxing escape for business travelers with an infinity pool and terrace overlooking the Gulf of Paria.

Hyatt has a farm to table program for Waterfront and Spa Esencia. Local farmers develop produce never before grown in Trinidad just for the use of the hotel.

Hyatt Regency will be delighted to consider hosting Alliance press card holders able to review.

Visit: www.trinidad.hyatt.com Contact: Dana Pucci Dana@cam-pr.com.

Independence Missouri

Independence Missouri is happy to work with Alliance press card holders on assignment and will consider lodging, food and admission to attractions and will create customized itineraries.

Visit : www.visitindependence.com. Contact : Janeen Aggen at 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. Contact : Sarah Habicht at 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. Contact : Morgan Greenlee at MGreenlee@visitindy.com.

Inn by the Sea, Maine

Voted a World's Best Hotel by Travel + Leisure Magazine, 2012, Inn by the Sea is located on a mile of sandy beach and just fifteen minutes from the vibrant city of Portland, Maine.

Inn by the Sea offers fifty-seven guest rooms, suites and cottages making the property the perfect luxury Maine beach hotel for couples or family travel.

Sea Glass restaurant offers panoramic views of Crescent Beach from its intimate dining room or al fresco deck. Chef Mitchell Kaldrovich features the best of Maine's oceans and farms in his seasonally appropriate menus.

There is the chance to enjoy Signature cocktails and award-winning wines. SPA at Inn by the Sea offers a full complement of beach inspired body treatments, massages and aesthetics.

Inn by the Sea, on Crescent Beach, has been nationally recognized for its green and pet-friendly hotel practices.

Visit : www.innbythesea.com. Contact : Rauni Kew at rkew@innbythesea.com.

The Inn on Fifth, Naples, Florida

The Inn on Fifth is a luxurious, 87-room boutique hotel in the heart of downtown Naples in Southwest Florida will be delighted to consider accommodations for Alliance press card holders on assignment. In addition, the Inn offers 32 new club level suites.

Visit : www.innonfifth.com. Contact : Katharina Lane at 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 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. Contact : Ashleigh Fleming at 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 . Contact : Self Lucy at lucyself@hors-norme.com.

Juneau, Alaska

Juneau, Alaska's scenic capital city, has cosmopolitan charm and rich history combined with the stunning wilderness of the Tongass National Forest and the bountiful waters of the Inside Passage.

Juneau is Southeast Alaska's hub with convenient air and ferry service to Inside Passage communities and to Glacier Bay National Park, Seattle (only 2 hours) and Anchorage.

Visitors can :

- enjoy Alaska's most accessible glacier
- fly over the Juneau Icefield
- discover the State Museum
- gaze at humpback and orca whales
- take a glacier cruise
- tour a historic gold mine
- ride the Mount Roberts Tram
- savour fresh Alaskan seafood
- shop downtown galleries, and
- catch salmon and watch sea lions, seals, eagles and bears.

Juneau also has a thriving arts community with a local symphony, two major state wide music festivals, an award-winning theatre and countless local artists.

The Juneau Convention and Visitors Bureau will be delighted to hear from Alliance press card holders who are able to feature the city.

Visit : www.traveljuneau.com. Contact : Elizabeth Arnett at 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 and www.kirini.com. Contact : Aaron Moore at 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. Contact: Hilary Philpott at 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. Contact: Hilary Philpott at 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. Contact Kathryn Peel at kathryn@ophirpr.co.uk.

Kepinski Hotels in Russia

St Petersburg

The Kempinski Hotel Moika 22 is located in a charming and historical area, in the very heart of St Petersburg, on the Moika River, opposite the renowned Hermitage Museum and Palace Square.

The Hotel is just two minutes walk from the Nevsky Prospect and close to all major sights and shopping.

Moscow

The 5 star Hotel Baltshug Kempinski Moscow offers the best views of the Kremlin. Located in the heart of Moscow.

Gelendzhik

The Kempinski Grand Hotel Gelendzhik, is a new luxury resort and congress hotel on the Black Sea coast of Russia.

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. Contact: Hilary Philpott at 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. Contact : Fiona Pettitt at 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. Contact : Honour Schram de Jong at 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. Contact : Ivana Takacsova at ivana.takacsova@visitkosice.eu.

La Residencia Mallorca

La Residencia, Mallorca will consider offering one or two night's bed and breakfast accommodation from mid September-May to Alliance press card holders with a commission.

Visit : www.laresidencia.com. Contact : Louise Davis at louise.davis@laresidencia.com

Linthwaite House Hotel, Lake Windemere, Cumbria, UK

Located on 14 acres of peaceful, picturesque grounds and overlooking Lake Windermere, 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. Contact : Su Hesketh at 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. Contact : Lynsey Devon at 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
Angola	Colombia	Indonesia	Nepal	Sri Lanka
Argentina	Costa Rica	Ireland	Netherlands	Switzerland
Armenia	Croatia	Israel	Panama	Syria
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. Contact : Robert Blessing at 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/. Contact : Su Hesketh at 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. Contact : Stephanie Khaou at 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. Contact : Su Hesketh at 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. Contact: Johanna Campbell at 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. Contact : Emma Walker at 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 500th anniversary since the arrival of the Portuguese in Macau in the 16th 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. Contact : Sarah Habicht at Sarah@humewhitehead.co.uk.

Made London – West End Theatre Shows

PR agency made London will host Alliance press card holders at a selection of London musicals including MAMMA MIA! We Will Rock You and Wicked. Plus Opera & Ballet.

Subject to availability. For information on current shows visit: www.officallondontheatre.co.uk.

To request tickets contact: info@made2010.com Please provide your card number when requesting tickets.

Visit : www.officallondontheatre.co.uk.

Madesimo, Italy

Madesimo is a classic mountain ski resort typical of the Italian Alpine region with the 'ski-holiday' launched by the Italian Touring Club in the resort in 1911.

Surrounded by mountains and Alpine landscapes, Madesimo is a summer and winter destination and convenient for popular tourist destinations like Lake Como and St. Moritz.

Madesimo will be delighted to hear from Alliance press card holders able to feature this region.

Visit : www.visitmadesimo.it. Contact : Lynsey Devon at 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. Contact : Mr Kelly White at 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, www.hoteltres.com, www.daltmurada.com and www.hotelmarivent.com. Contact : Cathryn Hicks at 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. Contact: Bernice Saltzer at 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. Contact : Cathryn Hicks at 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. Contact : Su Hesketh at 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. Contact : Adam York at 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. Contact : Laura Koster at 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 demarcated region in the world.

Montes e Vales provides visitors with the chance to to learn more about Portuguese wine, food and history during easy walks or biking tours.

Montes e Vales will be delighted to consider offering Alliance press card holders a tour for review purposes.

Visit : www.walkinginportugal.com. Contact : David Monteiro at 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. Contact : Ashleigh Silverman at asilverman@ghotw.com.

The Moorland Garden Hotel, Devon UK

The Moorland Garden Hotel, which is under the 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. Samantha Kirton at samantha@jpr-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 and www.visit-myanmar.info. Contact : Keith Lyons at 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. Contact: Jane Milbrandt at jmilbrandt@buffalocommunications.com.

Newcastle Gateshead Marriott Hotel Metrocentre

Newcastle Gateshead Marriott Hotel Metrocentre has completed a £500,000 refurbishment to its leisure facilities.

The hotel, which is next to the Metrocentre, the biggest shopping centre in Europe, will be happy to host Alliance press card holders who would like to visit the North East of the UK.

Visit : www.marriott.co.uk/hotels/travel/nclgh-newcastle-gateshead-marriott-hotel-metrocentre
Contact : Bernice Saltzer at 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. Contact: Lisa Chamberlain at lisa.chamberlain@btinternet.com

Niagara, USA

The Niagara Tourism & Convention Corporation (NTCC) promotes the county as a premier destination for meetings, events, conventions, and leisure tourism.

Niagara Falls comprises the American Falls, Bridal Veil Falls and Horseshoe Falls. The historic village of Lewiston was the site of the first battle of the War of 1812 and the last stop for slaves escaping to freedom on the Underground Railroad.

The original Flight of Five locks that were built in 1840 still exist along the Erie Canal in Lockport. Surrounded by water, Niagara USA is also a fishing destination in and on Lake Ontario, Niagara River and Erie Canal.

The NTCC will be delighted to hear from Alliance press card holders who are interested in doing a story on Niagara Falls or Niagara USA.

Visit : www.niagara-usa.com. Contact : MichelleBlackley at 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. Contact: Rob Jordan at 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, 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. Contact : Charlie Spencer at 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. Contact : Danielle Howard at 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 Venice.

The Oetker Collection will be pleased to consider offering accommodation to Alliance press card holders.

Visit : www.oetkercollection.com. Contact : Julia Perowne at 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. Contact : Alba Plana at 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. Contact : Geoff Harrison at 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.

Visit : www.oneworldtrekking.com. Contact : Andy Crisconi at 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. Contact : Emily Wilson at 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. Contact : Edward Fox at edwardfox@orcon.net.nz.

The Palace of Versailles, France

The Château de Versailles, which has been on UNESCO's World Heritage List for 30 years, is one of the most beautiful achievements of 18th-century French art.

The site began as Louis XIII's hunting lodge before his son Louis XIV transformed and expanded it, moving the court and government of France to Versailles in 1682.

Each of the three French kings who lived there until the French Revolution added improvements to make it more beautiful.

Alliance press card holders can get free admission to the Château de Versailles and its grand gardens.

Visit : www.en.chateauversailles.fr. Contact : Talon at 1dad1kid@gmail.com.

The Palms Hotel & Spa, Miami Beach, FL

Just minutes from the heart of South Beach, with a city-block of grounds and a pristine stretch of white sandy beach, The Palms Hotel & Spa originally opened as the Sea Isle Hotel in 1939.

It was purchased by its current owners, the Krause Family, in 1989, renovated and re-opened as The Miami Beach Ocean Resort in the summer of 1992.

In the following years, the family continued to modernize and re-position the property, culminating in a 2010 re-launch as The Palms Hotel & Spa. The AAA Four Diamond property is now part of the exclusive collection of Preferred Hotels & Resorts, and one of few independently owned and operated full-service hotels on the beach.

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

Visit : www.thepalmshotel.com. Contact : Vanessa Lopez at 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. Contact: Pat Edgar 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. Contact : Su Hesketh at 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. Contact : Greg Evans at 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 and www.thegatheringireland.com. Contact : Anna Sharp at 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. Contact : Allan Gourlie at 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, or contact Suzen Brasile at 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. Contact : Elizabeth A. Richardson at 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 Contact: Michelle Holland, 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. Contact : Caroline Corfield-Rose at 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. Contact : Andrea McCallum at 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. Contact : Bernice Saltzer at 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. Contact : Ros Boycott at 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. Contact : Su Hesketh at su@crimsonedge.co.uk.

The Renaissance Paris Arc de Triomphe, Paris

The five-star Renaissance Paris Arc de Triomphe designed by Christian de Portzamparc, is just a few steps away from the famous landmark and Champs-Élysées Avenue.

A contemporary design, this Arc de Triomphe, Paris hotel's upscale guest rooms and suites are spacious and tastefully decorated and boast the latest in-room technology, including wireless Internet.

Outstanding among hotels in Arc de Triomphe, Paris, guests can indulge in delightful dining at the Makassar Lounge Restaurant serving contemporary French - Indonesian cuisine.

The Renaissance Paris Arc de Triomphe will be delighted to consider offering accommodation to Alliance press card holders who are able to review the hotel in their features.

Visit : www.marriott.co.uk/hotels/travel/parwg-renaissance-paris-arc-de-triomphe-hotel. Contact : Bernice Saltzer at 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. Contact : Stefan Helgi Valsson at 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. Contact : Stefan Helgi Valsson at book@reykjaviksegwaytours.com.

Rockford, Illinois

Rockford is located in north central Illinois, just south of Wisconsin, halfway between Galena and Chicago.

Rockford life centers around the Rock River, which may divide the east side from the west, but brings people together for events such as the :

- Illinois Snow Sculpting Competition
- Fourth of July Festival
- Ski Broncs Water Ski Shows
- Rockford Art Museum
- Greenwich Village Art Fair and Rockford Art Guild's Artists' Fair
- On the Waterfront, Illinois' largest street music festival
- Music in the Park, and
- Holiday Festival of Lights.

Several museums cluster in Riverfront Museum Park on the west bank and Sinnissippi Gardens and Park stretch along the east bank. A trail network links them all.

Visit : www.gorockford.com. Contact : Fiona Pettitt at 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. Contact: Julie Harper at julie@madiganpratt.com.

Royal Demeure luxury hotels, Italy

The Royal Demeure luxury hotel chain is a collection of historic palazzi in some of Italy's most important cities including :

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

Each hotel has been meticulously refurbished with frescoed halls hosting modern art, marble bathrooms boast hydro-massage bathtubs and cosy restaurants offering traditional Italian cuisine.

The Royal Demeure group will be happy to consider hosting Alliance press card holders who are in Italy on assignment an able to review one or more of the properties.

Visit : www.royaldemeure.com. Contact : Anne-Marie Buckley at Anne-Marie.Buckley@brightergroup.com.

The Royal Park and The Cranley, London

The Royal Park and The Cranley, two luxury, boutique hotels located in central London are delighted to welcome Alliance press card holders with suitable commissions.

Visit : www.theroyalpark.com and www.thecranley.com. Contact : Li Boatwright at 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. Contact : jacky Mcaulay at 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. Contact : Barbara Adam at 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. Contact: Peter Hutchinson at peter@thesaillofts.co.uk.

Scotland's Personal Hotels

Scotland's Personal Hotels is one stop shop to finding hotels in Scotland, and offer visitors to Scotland :

- a large selection of independent hotels across Scotland and the chance to experience the real Scotland, and
- best rates guaranteed –travellers book direct with the hotels

Scotland's Personal Hotels can take care of all arrangements, book hotels, arrange car hire and offer advice on things to see and do, all over Scotland. There is no charge for this service.

Scotland's Personal Hotels will always consider hosting Alliance press card holders.

Visit : www.scotland-hotels.com. Contact : Mark Linklater at 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. Contact : Kieran Meeke at ksmeeke@me.com.

Senderos (Latin America)

Senderos is a UK based agency representing travel experiences across Latin America.

Its partners are estancias, rainforest and remote jungle lodges, expedition vessels and small upmarket hotels in destinations including the Galapagos and Antarctica, Brazil, Colombia, Peru, Ecuador, Argentina and Chile.

Senderos will be delighted to hear from Alliance press card holders interested in news, high resolution images and press trips.

Visit : www.senderos.co.uk. Contact : Gareth Lyons at gareth@senderos.co.uk.

Shakespeare Country, UK

Shakespeare Country in Warwickshire is happy to host Alliance press card holders and their family for 1/2 nights to experience the region.

This includes staying in a 4 star hotel in the Stratford-upon-Avon District with tickets to :

- a Royal Shakespeare Company play
- the 5 Shakespeare Houses
- Heritage Motor Centre
- Stratford Butterfly Farm
- Ragley Hall
- Compton Verney
- Kenilworth Castle
- Stratford Armouries
- The MAD Museum.

Dates are subject to availability.

Visit : www.Shakespeare-Country.co.uk. Contact : Tanya Aspinwall at tanya@marketingaloud.co.uk

Shieldhill Castle, the Clyde Valley, Scotland

Shieldhill Castle hotel is a 4 star hotel set in the upper Clyde valley 30 minutes from both Edinburgh and Glasgow.

The Castle dates back to 1199 and offers great character and charm amongst elegant surroundings.

The principal building has 16 en suite bedrooms, and the newly refurbished stable block has created a courtyard setting for an extra 10 en suite rooms.

Chancellor's restaurant, set within the Castle itself, has won numerous food and wine awards, including a two Rosette distinction from the AA.

In the grounds of the Castle and the surrounding areas, there is falconry, paintballing, clay pigeon shooting, helicopter flights, hot air balloon rides, fishing and golf.

Shieldhill Castle will be delighted to consider hosting Alliance press card holders able to review.

Visit : www.shieldhillcastlehotel.co.uk. Contact : Su Hesketh at 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. Contact : Katie Francis visit : 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 and www.visitmidsomer.com. Contact : Jackie Ellis at 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. Contact : Katy Turner 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. Contact : Karen Baker at karen@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. Contact : Simon Turton at 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 and www.malawitourism.com. Contact: Kelly White at 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. Contact : Debbi Dodson at ddodson@talbgov.org.

The Taskonaklar Boutique Hotel, Turkey

The Taskonaklar Boutique Hotel is located in Uçhisar, the highest town in the Turkish region of Cappadocia.

A member of Great Hotels of the World, it has rooms and suites carved into volcanic formations with the accommodations combines subterranean spaces, rough-hewn walls and stone archways with fresh air in the form of terraces and balconies, with stunning views.

The Taskonaklar Boutique Hotel will be delighted to consider offering accommodation to Alliance press card holders.

Visit : www.taskonaklar.com. Contact : Tolga Akarcalı at 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. Contact : Karen Blanchard at karen@webtenerife.com.

theExplorateur

theExplorateur reviews hotels, shops, restaurants and travel-related products around the world.

theExplorateur will consider offering Alliance press card the opportunity to review any of its properties.

Visit : www.theExplorateur.com. Contact Gabriella Ribeiro Truman at gabriella@trumarketing.com

Three Nelson Hotels in Cheshire, UK

The Grosvenor Pulford Hotel & Spa, The Pheasant Inn and The Bear's Paw will be happy to accommodate Alliance press card holders with a commission.

Visit : www.grosvenorpulfordhotel.co.uk, www.thepheasantinn.co.uk and www.thebearspaw.co.uk
Contact : Karen Floyd at karen.floyd@symmetrypr.com

Tipi Adventure, Herefordshire UK

Tipi Adventure offers alternative UK holidays on the River Wye in Herefordshire.

Here visitors can stay in luxury tipis along the riverside and take part in daily paddles along the river itself in Canadian Canoes.

The holidays are suitable for anyone aged four upwards and as tuition and buoyancy aids are provided, no previous canoeing experience is required.

Tipi Adventure would be delighted to hear from any Alliance press card holders who would like to know more about the company. Media visits are also available outside of the peak school holiday periods.

Visit : www.tipiadventure.co.uk. Contact : Samantha Marsh:
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 and www.lochmelfort.co.uk. Contact : Scott Thornton at 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. Contact : Sanja Cloete-Jones at 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. Contact : Mark Linklater at 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 and www.michaelpaulholidays.co.uk. Contact: Graham Buckley at 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. Contact: Karen Baker at 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. Contact : Caroline Corfield-Rose at caroline@corecommunications.co.uk.

Valley Forge, Pennsylvania

Recreation, history, retail and the arts intersect in the Valley Forge area.

Located 18 miles west of downtown Philadelphia, it is most often remembered as the site of George Washington's winter encampment of 1777-1778, where the army was transformed from a rag-tag band of soldiers into the fighting force that went on to win the American Revolution.

Visitors today can enjoy the tranquil beauty of Valley Forge National Historical Park's 3,500 acres of rolling hillsides and sparkling streams.

The Valley Forge Convention & Visitors Bureau will be delighted to hear from Alliance press card holders who are able to feature the area.

Visit : www.valleyforge.org. Contact : Greg Evans at 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. Contact: Lynsey Devon at lynsey@heavenpublicity.co.uk.

The Villa Rosa Hotel, Nairobi

Kempinski Hotels is set to open one of the country's most luxurious properties, the Villa Rosa Hotel on Chiromo Road as well as tented camp, Olare Camp in a Maasai Mara conservancy in early 2013.

Alliance press card holders are invited to request a press review stay at the the Villa Rosa Hotel and or Olare Camp.

Visit : www.kempinski.com/en/nairobi/hotel-villa-rosa and www.magicalkenya.co.uk. Contact: Hilary Philpott at 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 and www.dublinpass.com. Contact : Catherine McCluskey at 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. Contact : Amy Rodenbrock at 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. Contact : Julia Hughes at 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. Contact : Heather Armitage at 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 200th 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. Contact : Carol Plunkett at 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. Contact : Ros Boycott at ros@masonrose.com.

Wedgwood the Restaurant, Edinburgh, Scotland

Paul Wedgwood and Lisa Channon opened Wedgwood the Restaurant in 2007, and gains inspiration for his style of dishes from regular travels around the world.

Favourite dishes in the restaurant include Panko and black sesame crusted mullet or Pork belly, Diver caught scallops wrapped in caul fat.

Wedgwood the Restaurant will be delighted to consider hosting Alliance press card holders able to review.

Visit : www.wedgwoodtherestaurant.co.uk. Contact : Su Hesketh at 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. Contact : Graham Poucher at 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. Contact : John Simms at 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. Contact : Adrian Bottomley at 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. Contact: Ben Thorburn at 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. Contact Alberto Molero at alberto@wildjunket.com.

Windsor and the Royal Borough, UK

Windsor and the Royal Borough have almost 1,000 years of history including :

- Windsor Castle - the world's largest occupied castle
- 4,800 acres of royal landscape in Windsor Great Park
- horse racing at the Windsor and Ascot Races
- Eton College Legoland
- Windsor Michelin starred restaurants at Bray
- Cookham and the River Thames for boating, walking and cycling.

Windsor will be happy to hear from Alliance press card holders looking for visits, itineraries, story ideas, fact checking and copyright free images.

Visit : www.windsor.gov.uk. Contact : Jackie Ellis at 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. Contact : Emma Walker at emma@sortedpr.com.

www.cornwallscottages.co.uk

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. Contact: Jess Money at jess@suebradburypr.com

The Yukon

Situated in the upper Northwest corner of Canada, next to Alaska, the Yukon is Canada's most accessible northern destination.

The Yukon is one of North America's major wilderness attractions; close to 80 percent remains pristine wilderness with 5,000-metre peaks, forested valleys, unspoiled waters and untamed wildlife.

It is home to more than 160,000 caribou, 70,000 moose, 22,000 mountain sheep, 6,000 grizzly bears and 220 species of birds and 34,000 humans!

Canada's highest mountain (Mount Logan) is located here as is one of the largest non-polar ice fields located in Kluane National Park - a UNESCO World Heritage site.

The Yukon has three national parks, six territorial parks and four Canadian Heritage Rivers and with nearly 3,000 miles of all-weather and mostly paved road.

The Yukon's 10 communities enjoy a vibrant culture rich in northern tradition and First Nation (native) customs and beliefs.

Travel Yukon will be delighted to hear from Alliance press card holders who are able to feature this region.

Visit : www.travelyukon.com. Contact : Lisa Chamberlain at 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. Contact : Honour Way at info@honourway.com.

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