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**Key information on a no-frills format for professional who travel to write, edit, broadcast or create images.**

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**The media contacts listed in the bulletin will be delighted to hear from Alliance members worldwide**



[The International Travel Writers Alliance](http://www.itwalliance.com)



[writersalliance](https://twitter.com/writersalliance)

## Registering with the Alliance

To register with the International Travel Writers Alliance visit : [www.itwalliance.com](http://www.itwalliance.com), click to enter the site and click on [Register as a member](#) (journalist)/[editor/partner](#) or [agency](#).

## 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.**

**For ongoing opportunities for Alliance members see Alerts (below) or visit : [www.internationaltravelwritersalliance.com](http://www.internationaltravelwritersalliance.com).**

### On Foot Holidays in Central Europe

#### Istria

The self-guided Istria itinerary meanders through meadows, up mountains and via vineyards, stopping at tiny pensions in hilltop villages. It concludes with a descent to the Adriatic Sea for two nights in a harbour town.

#### Rhine Gorge

This is a self-guided walk along the 65km-long Rhine Gorge, focussing on the waterway's lesser-known west bank (the 'RheinBurgenWeg').

It is a chance to see the Gorge's 20 castles, watch barges negotiate the sharp bends, potter around fortified, UNESCO-sanctified villages and then head for the lively beer gardens and Riesling vineyards.

#### Slovenia

This trip has guests staying on working farms and eating unusual Slovenian delicacies while walking through the Karst, a much flatter and less touristy area of woods, caves, rivers, villages and vineyards.

#### The Czech Republic

The self-guided Czech Republic walking trip takes in the 'Bohemian Paradise': an area of castles, mysterious rock labyrinths, pine forests and a conical-roofed hunting lodge.

The accommodation includes a night in a Baroque château, while Moravian wines, local herbal liqueur and beer.

On Foot Holidays also features other routes in trips to Austria, France, Italy, Portugal, Spain, Turkey and the UK.

Visit : [www.onfootholidays.co.uk](http://www.onfootholidays.co.uk). For press trips contact Richard Mellor at [r.mellor@travelpr.co.uk](mailto:r.mellor@travelpr.co.uk).

### Momondo travel guides

The Momondo/Noma guide to Copenhagen, is available in English and Danish?

Noma has been voted the world's best restaurant for two years running.

Momondo also publish a series of Danish-language guidebooks to New York, Rome, London, Paris, Berlin, Barcelona, Mallorca, northern Italy, southern France and southern Sweden. Info here:

Visit : [www.momondo.co.uk](http://www.momondo.co.uk). For review copies contact : Leila Stocker at [leila@turtle-pr.com](mailto:leila@turtle-pr.com).

## **Secret London - Unusual Bars & Restaurants.**

Jonglez Publishing has published Secret London - Unusual Bars & Restaurants. Review copies are available for Alliance members with relevant commissions.

Visit : [www.jonglezpublishing.com](http://www.jonglezpublishing.com). contact : Alexandre Thery at [Alexandre@jonglezpublishing.com](mailto:Alexandre@jonglezpublishing.com).

## **Working with the Alliance**

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

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

### **Partners**

#### **Door2Tour.com**

Door2Tour.com is a coach holidays company based in England offering 100s of holidays across the UK, Europe and Worldwide.

The company features tours from over 30 of the UK's leading operators, all available to book online, from nationwide pickups.

In addition to offering traditional UK coach holidays from Torquay to Tenby, Door 2 Door offers exciting event packages to some of the hottest events in the calendar, not to mention cruise holidays, Disneyland Paris trips, theatre breaks, day trips and seasonal getaways.

From Borneo to Brazil, the Grand National to the Grand Prix, if you're looking for an escorted tour we've got it. You can even party at the New Orleans Mardi Gras or barter for camel's at India's Pushkar Camel Fair.

Visit : [www.door2tour.com](http://www.door2tour.com). Contact : Rachel Jones at [askmore@door2tour.com](mailto:askmore@door2tour.com).

#### **The Mendocino Hotel Ocean & Garden Suites, New England USA**

Constructed in 1878 and lovingly restored in 1975, The Mendocino Hotel Ocean & Garden Suites offers 51 deluxe accommodations: luxurious, romantic, Garden Suites and cottages situated on two acres of botanical gardens with fireplaces, Italian marble vanities, private balconies and spectacular ocean or garden views; and Victorian style rooms with access to ocean view balconies.

Enjoy antiques, fine art, down comforters, stained glass and Oriental carpets, 24/7 front desk concierge and two award-winning Mendocino restaurants.

Visit : [www.mendocinohotel.com](http://www.mendocinohotel.com). Contact : Jamie Buckner at [jbuckner@mcn.org](mailto:jbuckner@mcn.org).

#### **MediSherpa, Singapore**

MediSherpa helps medical tourist find, plan and discuss medical travel, and health care options, with a community of like-minded individuals.

Visit : [www.medisherpa.com](http://www.medisherpa.com). Contact : Mark Ashworth at [webmaster@medisherpa.com](mailto:webmaster@medisherpa.com).

## Tampa Bay & Company

Tampa Bay & Company, local businesses, civic leaders and the community have formed a partnership to service your need for accurate, official and reliable information about the Tampa area.

Tampa Bay & Company leads the effort of economic development through tourism. Its mission is to create vibrant growth for the Tampa area by promoting developing and expanding a united visitor industry.

The independent not-for-profit organization represents more than 700 businesses throughout Tampa and promotes the area as a choice destination for conventions and visitors.

Visit : [www.VisitTampaBay.com](http://www.VisitTampaBay.com). Contact : Travis Claytor at [tclaytor@visittampabay.com](mailto:tclaytor@visittampabay.com).

## Huntsville, Alabama USA

The high-tech city of Huntsville which sprawls at the foot of a mountain in North Alabama is equally at home in the 19th century or the 21st.

Huntsville's tourist attractions reflect the heritage of Alabama's first English-speaking city, the strife of the American Civil War and the accomplishments of America's rocket scientists.

The city is nicknamed "*The Rocket City*" for its close history with U.S. space missions. Huntsville has been important in developing space technology since the 1950s.

Huntsville Botanical Garden, home to the nation's largest open-air butterfly house.

Visit : [www.huntsville.org](http://www.huntsville.org). Contact : Charles Winters at [cwinters@huntsville.org](mailto:cwinters@huntsville.org).

## TUI Marine

TUI Marine offers a wide range of leisure travel experiences with Sunsail, Le Boat, Emerald Star and The Moorings.

Visit : [www.tuimarine.com](http://www.tuimarine.com). Contact : Louise Neville at [louise.neville@tuimarine.com](mailto:louise.neville@tuimarine.com).

## Agencies

### Rabbit in a Hat Communications (South Africa)

Rabbit in a Hat Communications specialises in public relations for dynamic companies and organisations who like to think creatively and proactively within their communities, as well as globally.

We specialise in hospitality, lifestyle, green living, public service enterprises and the creative/conceptual arts as well as entertainment PR.

Contact : Tammy White at [tammy@rabbitinahat.co.za](mailto:tammy@rabbitinahat.co.za).

### Three Pipe (UK)

Three Pipe is an independent, integrated, creative, award-winning communications agency.

Visit : [www.threepipe.co.uk](http://www.threepipe.co.uk). Contact : Alexandra Frith at [alex.frith@threepipe.co.uk](mailto:alex.frith@threepipe.co.uk).

## News

### Rail Europe

Rail Europe, the experts in European rail tickets and passes, is offering savings of up to 75% on journeys to the South of France this summer.

Routes covered by the offer include Brussels and Lille to Lyon, Bordeaux, Perpignan, Nice, Toulouse, Montpellier and Avignon, with standard class fares starting at £32.50 one way from Lille or £36 one way from Brussels.

First class tickets are also included in the offer, with fares starting at £41.50 from Lille and £50.50 from Brussels.

Travelling via Brussels and Lille offers the additional benefit that onward services usually depart from the same station, avoiding the need to negotiate the Paris Metro.

Visit : [www.raileurope.co.uk](http://www.raileurope.co.uk). Contact Amanda Monroe at [amonroe@raileurope.co.uk](mailto:amonroe@raileurope.co.uk).

### FLYER Bikes in Adelboden, Switzerland

The Adelboden-Frutigen is a real lure for mountain bikers and cyclists. For those who want to enjoy this Alpine world with less physical effort, FLYER electric bikes are available.

Visit : [www.adelboden.ch](http://www.adelboden.ch). Contact : Claudia Rubin at [c.rubin@adelboden.ch](mailto:c.rubin@adelboden.ch).

### Best of Britain & Ireland 2013

Best of Britain & Ireland 2013 has launched its exhibitor sales campaign featuring improved 'Early Bird' rates, a new show layout in a new hall and a new look logo.

Organisers Expo Management has set the 2013 Best of Britain & Ireland event for the NEC, Birmingham on Wednesday 13 and Thursday 14 March 2013.

Visit : [www.bestofbritainandirelandevent.co.uk](http://www.bestofbritainandirelandevent.co.uk). Contact : Sam Warnock at [sam@expom.co.uk](mailto:sam@expom.co.uk).

### American Airlines

American is celebrating 30 years of flying from London to Dallas, USA.

The first flight took place five days after the US government had approved nonstop Boeing 747 services from Dallas/Fort Worth to London.

In 2012 - through American's partnership with British Airways - the company offers 70 daily flights between North America and the UK via London Heathrow and Manchester.

American Airlines, American Eagle and the AmericanConnection® carrier serve 260 airports in more than 50 countries and territories with, on average, more than 3,500 daily flights.

Visit [www.AA.com](http://www.AA.com). Contact : Polly Tracey at [polly.tracey@aa.com](mailto:polly.tracey@aa.com).

## **The Business Travel News**

BT News is published on the web at midnight UK time every Sunday.

Its format includes 20 news stories, comment and a leisure feature story.

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

## **Jetsetters Magazine**

Jetsetters Magazine has launched a website for worldwide fishing tournaments, called FishShootOuts.

The magazine will be interested in receiving information and material about fishing tournaments and fishing in general.

Visit : [www.jetsettersmagazine.com](http://www.jetsettersmagazine.com) and [www.fishshootouts.net](http://www.fishshootouts.net). Contact : Kriss Hammond at [jetsetters@hotmail.com](mailto:jetsetters@hotmail.com).

## **Rail Europe**

High speed rail services from Paris to Switzerland

Rail Europe, the UK's leading ticket agent for European rail travel, is offering savings of up to 70% on tickets between Paris and Switzerland this summer.

The offer is available for passengers travelling to the Swiss cities of Geneva, Lausanne, Bern, Zurich, Basel, Neuchatel or Vallorbe in July and August.

Visit : [www.raileurope.co.uk](http://www.raileurope.co.uk). Contact : Amanda Monroe at [amonroe@raileurope.co.uk](mailto:amonroe@raileurope.co.uk).

## **Leads**

### **Electric bicycles in the Lake District National Park**

The Lake District National Park has introduced a 35-strong fleet of electric bicycles for hire.

Twelve strategically located hire points dotted around the central Lake provide accommodation providers, bike shops and activity centres, where electric bicycles are available for rent.

Visit : [www.electricbicyclenetwork.com/hiring/lake-district](http://www.electricbicyclenetwork.com/hiring/lake-district) and [www.electricbicyclenetwork.com](http://www.electricbicyclenetwork.com).  
Contact : [isobel@electricbicyclenetwork.com](mailto:isobel@electricbicyclenetwork.com).

### **The Isle of Jura, Scotland**

The Isle of Jura, off the west coast of Scotland has a community of less than 200 known as Diurachs (the Gaelic name for the people of Jura).

It produces an award-winning range of single malt whiskies, from the four classic bottlings in the Jura Collection: Origin 10 Superstition Diurach's Own, and Prophecy.

Many of the Jura whiskies have their own distinctive drinking rituals, but one cuts across the range - islanders believe that it brings good fortune to knock on wood before they drink a dram.

Visit [www.isleofjura.com](http://www.isleofjura.com). Contact: Harry Hussain at [hhussain@webershandwick.com](mailto:hhussain@webershandwick.com).

### **Vythiri Village, South Kerala, India**

Vythiri Village, in North Karnataka is the largest luxury SPA resort in Wayanad, South Kerala.

Visit : [www.vythirivillage.com](http://www.vythirivillage.com). Contact : Rashmee Sinha at [bangalore@vythirivillage.com](mailto:bangalore@vythirivillage.com).

### **Rainforest Expeditions, Peru**

Rainforest Expeditions has launched of 7-day / 6-night Rainforest Nature Photography Tours operating from its three jungle eco-lodges situated along the Tambopata River in the Peruvian Amazon.

Shorter five-day programs are also available.

The tour has been specifically designed to let clients experience what it is like to be a National Geographic wildlife photographer.

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

### **Cruise America and Cruise Canada**

The Motorhome Experts are offering free mileage and no one way fees within rentals from Cruise America and Cruise Canada locations in Los Angeles and Vancouver this autumn.

Visit : [www.themotorhomeexperts.com](http://www.themotorhomeexperts.com). Contact : Patrick Richardson at [Patrick@worldwidetravelmarketing.com](mailto:Patrick@worldwidetravelmarketing.com).

### **The Wilderness Collection**

Two locations in the Congo and Kenya are to join the Wilderness Collection of African destinations.

The company currently operates on North Island in the Seychelles and Abu Camp in Botswana.

The Odzala Camps in Republic of Congo (Brazzaville) offers journeys into the African rainforest.

Segera Retreat, on Kenya's Laikipia Plateau, opens in November 2012 and will offer wildlife sightings including the rare patas monkeys.

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

### **Tourism and travels in Sri Lanka**

Ancient World Tours & Travels provides travel vacations including :

- ancient heritage in the Cultural Triangle
- beach, water sports, kayaking and trekking
- Adventure and nature tours
- Golf
- wild life camping and bird watching, and
- inland-deep sea fishing

Visit : [www.ancientworldtours.net](http://www.ancientworldtours.net). Contact : Noel Peter Fernando at [delta.noel@yahoo.com](mailto:delta.noel@yahoo.com).

## What's on

### **Le Voyage à Nantes, France**

15 June to 19 August 2012

Le Voyage à Nantes (A Journey to Nantes) is cultural trail taking in 30 permanent attractions that highlights Nantes as a city of art and culture.

Highlights include the opening of the Machines de l'Île's 80 ft high Carrousel des Mondes Marins (the Marine World's Carousel), the 3rd and final edition of Estuaire art project, the new Memorial to the Abolition of Slavery and the food festival Les Goûts Uniques.

Visit : [www.levoyageanantes.fr/en](http://www.levoyageanantes.fr/en). Contact : Sarah Manser at [sarahmanser@redlemonpr.com](mailto:sarahmanser@redlemonpr.com).

### **The Richard the Lionheart Festival, Limousin, France**

2 to 5 August 2012

Taking place every two years, the Richard the Lionheart Festival focuses on Britain and France's common history.

The festival features a trail open to horse-riders, cyclists and hikers and leads to Châlus, the King's final resting place.

With many participants dressed in period costume and medieval banquets organised along the way, the festival culminates with a grand show in French, English and Occitan.

Visit : [www.rando-festival-richard.fr](http://www.rando-festival-richard.fr). Contact : Edith Mayer at [edith@firstpr.co.uk](mailto:edith@firstpr.co.uk).

### **Iceland Airwaves, Reykjavik**

31 October to 4 November 2012

Iceland Airwaves, now in its 12th year, is a Reykjavik music festival of local and international bands combining alternative, pop, dance and techo.

Visit [www.icelandairwaves.is](http://www.icelandairwaves.is). Contact: Claire Barrett at [Claire@goshpr.co.uk](mailto:Claire@goshpr.co.uk).

## Reasons to write about

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

### **Turtles on Abu Dhabi's Saadiyat Island**

The critically-endangered Hawksbill sea turtles continue to nest on the sweeping beachfront of Abu Dhabi's Saadiyat Island.

The first of the season's nests have been spotted in a conservation areas in front of the five-star The St. Regis Saadiyat Island Resort and Park Hyatt Abu Dhabi Hotel and Villas.

Each nest, which can contain between 90-100 eggs, have been clearly marked to ensure hotel guests and staff don't disturb them. Hatching is expected within 50-70 days.

The turtles' annual return is testament to the success of a conservation programme, which was designed to ensure that as hotels became operational on Saadiyat Beach, the turtles would continue to choose the island as their nesting ground.



The Hawksbill is listed as critically endangered on the International Union for Conservation of Nature's Red List, as its population has declined by more than 80 per cent worldwide over the last three generations due to habitat destruction and poaching.

Since the monitoring programme began in early 2010, some 650 eggs have hatched successfully on Saadiyat.

Visit : [www.visitabudhabi.ae](http://www.visitabudhabi.ae). Contact : Sarah Potter at [Sarah.Potter@resultspr.co.uk](mailto:Sarah.Potter@resultspr.co.uk).

### **Tebay motorway services, UK**

Tebay services the first and only motorway services in the UK to get 5 stars

VisitEngland has published its star rating results for motorway service stations across the UK.

The inspection of all 107 service stations in England, has seen Tebay Services south, between J38 and J39 on the M6 in Cumbria – The Lake District awarded a 5 star rating.

Tebay Services, which grew out of the family farm, was the only service station in the UK to achieve this rating.

Visit : [www.cumbriatourism.org](http://www.cumbriatourism.org). Contact : Micha Kirkbride at [MKirkbride@cumbriatourism.org](mailto:MKirkbride@cumbriatourism.org).

For more information on Tebay Services contact : Claire Logan Stephens at [Claire@rheged.com](mailto:Claire@rheged.com)

### **Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe**

The town of Victoria Falls is one of the top destinations in Southern Africa at the moment.

After a decade of low arrivals, Zimbabwe is enjoying a growth in tourists to the country with Victoria Falls the top visitor attraction.

The town is also situated within travelling distance of number of national parks in Zimbabwe, Botswana, Zambia and Namibia.

The Victoria Falls Airport is being modernised and enlarged and a number of international airlines are discussing possible flights into Zimbabwe and the town itself.

The United Nations World Tourism Organisation (UNWTO) General Assembly will be held in Victoria Falls and Livingstone in 2013 with an estimated 3000 delegates from 158 countries expected to attend.

Visit : [www.gotovictoriafalls.com](http://www.gotovictoriafalls.com). Contact : contact Laura Rodrigues at [laura@lscpr.co.za](mailto:laura@lscpr.co.za).

### **Australia**

#### **The Kingsford Homestead in South Australia**

Following a major refurbishment, Kingsford Homestead in South Australia is reopening on the banks of the North Para River in the Barossa Valley (approx 1.5hrs drive from Adelaide).

Visit : [www.kingsfordhomestead.com.au](http://www.kingsfordhomestead.com.au)

### **Whale Watching Walk in Sydney, New South Wales**

Royal Coast Walks Sydney has launched a new whale watching walk called the Marley Walking Tour.

This Sydney walking tour covers the coastline of the Royal National Park, one of the best places in Sydney to spot whales on their annual migration.

On the 15km all day hike participants will experience headland views, unique sandstone formations, Aboriginal rock engraving sites, secluded Marley beaches and will have the chance to spot humpback whales.

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

### **Winemaker at Faraway Bay, Western Australia**

Kimberley wilderness retreat 'Faraway Bay' has launched 'Escape with the Winemaker', offering guests the chance to spend three days with one of Australia's most acclaimed winemakers, Larry Cherubino.

Visit : [www.farawaybay.com.au](http://www.farawaybay.com.au)

### **The Outback at Mount Mulligan Station, Queensland**

Mount Mulligan Station has launched new deluxe accommodation and organised tours for their working cattle property, which is three hours drive north of Cairns.

Home to 2300 head of cattle, bird watching, bushwalking, horse riding, quad biking and crystal clear waterholes, the 28,000-hectare property is set at the foot of Mount Mulligan.

Visit : [www.mtmulliganstation.com.au](http://www.mtmulliganstation.com.au).

### **SKYCITY, Darwin, Northern Territory**

SKYCITY is Darwin's \$A40 million tropical resort development centred on a man-made lagoon with a swim-up bar and 30 metre white sand beach.

Visit : [www.skycitydarwin.com.au](http://www.skycitydarwin.com.au).

### **Tasmania Air Adventures**

Tasmanian Air Adventures has three new sea plane adventures showcasing Tasmania.

Departing from Hobart's waterfront, guests can now choose a Wild Capes Air Adventure; a Gordon River Tour which covers the striking waters of the Gordon River and iconic World Heritage Wilderness; or Wineglass Bay Tour which soars across the aqua blue seas and white sands of the Freycinet Peninsula and Wineglass Bay.

Visit : [www.tasmanianairadventures.com.au](http://www.tasmanianairadventures.com.au).

### **Tussie Mussie Vinyard Retreat, Victoria**

Tussie Mussie Vinyard Retreat is a 27 acre property in the heart of the Mornington Peninsula set on a seven acre vineyard and located one hour away from Melbourne.

Visit : [ww.tussiemussie.boutiqueretreats.com.au](http://ww.tussiemussie.boutiqueretreats.com.au).

Visit [www.australia.com](http://www.australia.com). Contact : Margo Field at [mfield@tourism.australia.com](mailto:mfield@tourism.australia.com).

## A place to stay

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

### **Aqua Hotels & Resorts, Hawaii**

Aqua Hotels & Resorts manages 22 hotels on six of the key Hawaiian Islands, including full service resorts, stylish boutique hotels, budget properties and a historic hotel within a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

In addition :

#### **Volcano House Hotel**

Aqua has now been selected by the National Park Service to operate the Volcano House Hotel on Hawaii, the Big Island. The hotel has been closed for the past two years and will undergo a major renovation and refurbishment. The opening date is to be advised.

#### **Maui Beach Hotel**

The 147-room Maui Beach Hotel, located on Kahului Bay, has joined Aqua portfolio. The hotel offers a free airport shuttle and is close to the Eleau Maui Golf Club, Hawaii Nature Centre, the Sugar Museum and the Maui Ocean Centre.

#### **Ewa Hotel Waikiki**

The newly opened Ewa Hotel Waikiki is located on the Diamond Head side of Waikiki, one block back from Waikiki Beach and near to Kapiolani Park, Honolulu Zoo, Waikiki Aquarium and the Ala Wai Golf Course.

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

### **Hilton Doha, Qatar**

Hilton Hotels & Resorts has opened the Hilton Doha, its first hotel in Qatar. The hotel is located on the headland of the capital city's Corniche, near main attractions such as the Souq Waqif and Museum of Islamic Art.

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

### **Premier Cottages, UK**

Luxury cottage collection, Premier Cottages has won six of VisitEngland's Awards for Excellence.

Belle Grove in Suffolk and Compton Pool Farm in Devon both received the Self Catering gold award. Roundhouse Barn Holidays in Cornwall won a silver award and Eaton Manor in Shropshire scooped the bronze award.

Two Premier Peak District members, Hoe Grange Holidays and Wheeldon Trees Farm Holiday Cottages landed a silver award in Sustainable Tourism.

Premier Cottages represents 1,000 cottages in England, Scotland, Wales, Ireland, the Isles of Scilly and the Channel Islands.

Visit : [www.premiercottages.co.uk](http://www.premiercottages.co.uk). Contact : Lizzie Blakeborough at [Lizzie@blakeborough.com](mailto:Lizzie@blakeborough.com).

## **The Oriental Residence Bangkok**

The Oriental Residence Bangkok stands in landscaped gardens in the centre of the city.

It is located on Wireless Road, in one of Bangkok's most preserved and green areas, with convenient access to the heart of Bangkok's bustling central business district and shopping venues and the efficient Bangkok Transit System (BTS Skytrain) all close by.

Visit : [www.oriental-residence.com](http://www.oriental-residence.com). Contact : Natalie Schofield at [Natalie@hillsbalfour.com](mailto:Natalie@hillsbalfour.com).

## **Priory Bay Hotel, the Isle of Wight**

Just off the South Coast of England and 2.5 hours from London, Priory Bay Hotel is one of the Isle of Wight's leading luxury country house hotels.

Set within a 70-acre estate in Seaview and offering views to the mainland and East Solent, the property has its own private beach, gourmet dining and period rooms and buildings, decorated to create a country house by the sea.

Priory Bay, has now launched designer yurts overlooking the hotel's private beach.

The five luxury tented structures offer dramatic views toward the Solent and come complete with their own Yurt Butler Service.

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

## **Hôtel de Paris, Monte Carlo**

Le Louis XV–Alain Ducasse at Hôtel de Paris, Monte Carlo is celebrating its 25th Anniversary this autumn.

The first restaurant in the Principality of Monaco to be awarded three Michelin stars, Le Louis XV–Alain Ducasse is commemorating the quarter century with a special seven-course anniversary menu, available until the end of November 2012.

Opened in 1864 with the aim of offering the very best of the time, the Hôtel de Paris is located in the heart of Monte Carlo, on the Place du Casino and with views over Hercule Bay

In addition to Le Louis XV–Alain Ducasse, there is the rooftop Le Grill and Le Côté Jardin with terrace overlooking the harbour, as well as local's favourite Le Bar Américain.

The hotel's extensive wine cellar has almost 600,000 bottles.

Visit : [www.hoteldeparismontecarlo.com](http://www.hoteldeparismontecarlo.com) and [www.visitmonaco.com](http://www.visitmonaco.com). Contact : Paul Charles at [Monaco@verypcc.com](mailto:Monaco@verypcc.com).

## **Villa Spalletti Trivelli, Rome**

The historical residence hotel Villa Spalletti Trivelli, which is located on the Quirinale, one of the original Seven Hills of Rome, has added two new luxury garden apartments to its 12 deluxe rooms.

Villa Spalletti Trivelli was formerly the private home of the aristocratic family Count Venceslao Spalletti Trivelli, Senator of the Kingdom and renovated between 2004-2006.

Visit : [www.villaspallettitrivelli.com](http://www.villaspallettitrivelli.com). Contact : Lysbeth Fox at [Lysbeth.fox@workham.com](mailto:Lysbeth.fox@workham.com).

# Section two : ongoing opportunities

## Alerts

### Ongoing independent press trip opportunities for Alliance members

- **Visit Dublin** offers Alliance members visiting on-assignment a Media Pass (the Dublin Pass), which provides free entry to 34 visitor attractions in Dublin. Visit : [www.visitdublin.com](http://www.visitdublin.com) and [www.dublinpass.com](http://www.dublinpass.com). Contact : Catherine McCluskey at [Catherine.mccluskey@failteireland.ie](mailto:Catherine.mccluskey@failteireland.ie).
- **DoubleTree by Hilton Golf Resort San Diego** will consider press review visits by Alliance members. Visit : [www.SanDiegoGolfResort.DoubleTree.com](http://www.SanDiegoGolfResort.DoubleTree.com). Contact : Patrick Lennon at [mail@patricklennon.com](mailto:mail@patricklennon.com).
- **Hidden Pousadas Brazil**, which offers independent travellers with a one-stop collection of uniquely places to stay, will offer accommodation to Alliance members out of high season. Visit : [www.hiddenpousadasbrazil.com](http://www.hiddenpousadasbrazil.com). Contact : Fola Odumosu at [fola@hiddenpousadasbrazil.com](mailto:fola@hiddenpousadasbrazil.com).
- **Adventure Cat Sailing, San Francisco Bay**, will be delighted to 'comp' Alliance travel writers. Visit : [www.adventurecat.com](http://www.adventurecat.com). Contact : Sharon Schrum at [sharon@adventurecat.com](mailto:sharon@adventurecat.com).
- **BusyBus, Liverpool & Chester – UK** a sightseeing tour operator will be delighted to host Alliance members and journalists (with a guest) on a review basis. Visit: [www.busybus.co.uk](http://www.busybus.co.uk) . Contact : Vera de Ruiten: [vera@busybus.co.uk](mailto:vera@busybus.co.uk).
- **Visit Orlando** offers Alliance members visiting on-assignment a complimentary Journalist VIP Passport. Visit : [www.VisitOrlando.com/media](http://www.VisitOrlando.com/media). Contact : Amy Rodenbrock at [amy.rodenbrock@visitorlando.com](mailto:amy.rodenbrock@visitorlando.com).
- **La Residencia, Mallorca** will be delighted to consider offering accommodation to Alliance members on assignment. Visit : [www.laresidencia.com](http://www.laresidencia.com). Contact : Louise Davis at [louise.davis@laresidencia.com](mailto:louise.davis@laresidencia.com).
- **The Broadway Collection New York**, a group of 17 new and classic Broadway musicals, will be delighted to host Alliance members with a commission. Visit [www.broadwaycollection.com](http://www.broadwaycollection.com) Contact: Della Tully at [Della.Tully@btinternet.com](mailto:Della.Tully@btinternet.com)
- **Luxe PR**, a specialist agency representing 2,000 hotel guestrooms in London and across England will be delighted to host Alliance members for a review stay in one of its central London hotels, or its country house hotels based in Derbyshire, Yorkshire and the Cotswolds. Visit : [www.luxep.com](http://www.luxep.com). Contact : Tamsin Cocks at [tamsin@luxep.com](mailto:tamsin@luxep.com).
- **The Marriott Paris Champs-Elysees**, which is the only five-star hotel on the Champs-Elysees, will be happy to offer accommodation to Alliance members who are in the city on an assignment. Visit : [www.parismarriott.com](http://www.parismarriott.com). Contact Bernice Saltzer at [bernice@sortedpr.com](mailto:bernice@sortedpr.com).
- **Bath Tourism Plus** will host press visits to the Georgian and UNESCO World Heritage city of Bath. Visit : [www.visitbath.co.uk](http://www.visitbath.co.uk). Contact : Lucy Ryder at [lucy\\_ryder@bathtourism.co.uk](mailto:lucy_ryder@bathtourism.co.uk).
- **City Running Tours-Chicago** will be delighted to give free 5k running or walking tours to Alliance members. Visit : [www.cityrunningtours.com/chicago](http://www.cityrunningtours.com/chicago). Contact : Marlin Keesler at [marlin@cityrunningtours.com](mailto:marlin@cityrunningtours.com).

- **The Cyprus Tourism Organisation** will host group and individual trips for Alliance members with a commission. Visit : [www.visitcyprus.com](http://www.visitcyprus.com). Contact : June Field at [june.field@kallaway.com](mailto:june.field@kallaway.com).
- **theExplorateur** reviews of hotels, shops, restaurants and travel-related products around the world. Visit : [www.theExplorateur.com](http://www.theExplorateur.com). For press trips to review any of theExplorateur properties contact Gabriella Ribeiro Truman at [gabriella@trumarketing.com](mailto:gabriella@trumarketing.com).
- **Three Nelson Hotels in Cheshire**: The Grosvenor Pulford Hotel & Spa ([www.grosvenorpulfordhotel.co.uk](http://www.grosvenorpulfordhotel.co.uk)), The Pheasant Inn ([www.thepheasantinn.co.uk](http://www.thepheasantinn.co.uk)) and The Bear's Paw ([www.thebearspaw.co.uk](http://www.thebearspaw.co.uk)) will be happy to accommodate Alliance members with a commission. Contact : Karen Floyd at [karen.floyd@symmetrypr.com](mailto:karen.floyd@symmetrypr.com).
- **Great Hotels of the World**, representing over 200 of the world's finest hotels and resorts would be pleased to consider offering press trip accommodation to alliance members. Visit [www.ghotw.com](http://www.ghotw.com). Contact: Brooke Jester at [bjester@ghotw.com](mailto:bjester@ghotw.com).
- **The Cranley and The Royal Park** two London luxury, boutique townhouse hotels will be pleased to consider providing accommodation to Alliance members on commission. Visit [www.thecranley.com](http://www.thecranley.com) or [www.theroyalpark.com](http://www.theroyalpark.com). Contact : Li Boatwright at [li@storringtoncommunications.com](mailto:li@storringtoncommunications.com).
- **Mead Brown**, a vacation rental company in Costa Rica, is happy to host writers on assignment. Visit : [www.meadbrown.com](http://www.meadbrown.com). Contact : Michael Brown at [michael@meadbrown.com](mailto:michael@meadbrown.com).
- **LocalGuiding.com** – Personal tours by local guides, will be pleased to offer tours around the world to Alliance members. Visit: [www.LocalGuiding.com](http://www.LocalGuiding.com). Contact: Robert Blessing at [rb@localguiding.com](mailto:rb@localguiding.com).
- **Shakespeare Country**, UK will host Alliance members and their family for one or two nights with passes to visit the attractions and tickets to the Royal Shakespeare Theatre, subject to availability. Visit : [www.Shakespeare-Country.co.uk](http://www.Shakespeare-Country.co.uk). Contact : Tanya Aspinall at [tanya@marketingaloud.co.uk](mailto:tanya@marketingaloud.co.uk).
- **Mallorca Hotels: Hotel Bon Sol Resort & Spa, Hotel Tres and Hotel Dalt Murada, and Hotel Mar i Vent, Mallorca** will be pleased to offer accommodation to Alliance members with a commission. Visit : [www.hotelbonsol.es](http://www.hotelbonsol.es), [www.hoteltres.com](http://www.hoteltres.com), [www.daltmurada.com](http://www.daltmurada.com) and [www.hotelmarivent.com](http://www.hotelmarivent.com). Contact Cathryn Hicks at [cathryn@douggoodmanpr.com](mailto:cathryn@douggoodmanpr.com)
- **Atholl Estates, Perthshire, Scotland** will be delighted to host Alliance members. The country estate has historic lodges, modern woodland lodges and a 5-star holiday park. Onsite activities include a pony trekking centre, land rover safaris, stunning gardens/wildlife and the historic Blair Castle. Visit: [www.atholl-estates.co.uk](http://www.atholl-estates.co.uk). Contact: Lee MacGregor at [lee@leemacgregorpr.com](mailto:lee@leemacgregorpr.com).
- **The five-star Arlberg Hospiz Hotel and its sister four-star Goldener Berg in St. Christoph am Arlberg, Austria** has the 600 year old wine cellar of the Brotherhood of St. Christoph. Visit : [www.hospiz.com](http://www.hospiz.com). Contact Karen Luard at [kp@kpcommunications.co.uk](mailto:kp@kpcommunications.co.uk)
- **The Villa Pambuffetti in Montefalco, Umbria, Italy** will be pleased to offer accommodation to Alliance members. Visit : [www.villapambuffetti.com](http://www.villapambuffetti.com). Contact Alessandra Pambuffetti at [info@villapambuffetti.com](mailto:info@villapambuffetti.com).
- **Eustatia Island, British Virgin Islands** an extraordinary 26-acre, low impact, private island estate will be happy to host press visits for Alliance members with an appropriate commission. Visit : [www.eustatia.com](http://www.eustatia.com). Contact: Alastair Abreheart, [alastair@broadswordpr.com](mailto:alastair@broadswordpr.com).

- **Africa Safari Holidays** will be happy to offer any press trip services to professional travel journalist to East Africa. Visit : [www.africasafariholidays.net](http://www.africasafariholidays.net). Contact : Agnes Njagi at [info@africasafariholidays.net](mailto:info@africasafariholidays.net).
- **Reykjavik Bike Tours** provide press tours of Iceland's capital for Alliance members. Visit : [www.icelandbike.com](http://www.icelandbike.com). Contact : Stefan Helgi Valsson at [valsson@centrum.is](mailto:valsson@centrum.is).
- **Champagne-Ardenne Tourisme**, four French departments boasting historic sites and chateaux, walking and cycling routes, a variety of sports, superb natural scenery and Champagne will be pleased to consider press visits for Alliance members. Visit : [www.tourisme-champagne-ardenne.com](http://www.tourisme-champagne-ardenne.com). Contact: Doug Goodman at [doug@douggoodmanpr.com](mailto:doug@douggoodmanpr.com).
- **Health retreats on Vancouver Island**, British Columbia, Canada. Visit : [www.vancouverisland.com](http://www.vancouverisland.com). Contact : Pamela Irving at [livingcomms@telus.net](mailto:livingcomms@telus.net).
- **Red Mangrove Galapagos Lodges** offers a land-based alternative to exploring the Galapagos that until now was a cruise-only destination. Visit : [www.redmangrove.com](http://www.redmangrove.com). Contact : Dave Wiggins [dave@travelnewssource.com](mailto:dave@travelnewssource.com)
- **Midlethorpe Hall & Spa**, Yorkshire, UK will be delighted to offer DB&B and use of the Spa to Alliance members. Visit : [www.middlethorpe.com](http://www.middlethorpe.com). Contact Daisy Parker at [daisy@iscott.co.uk](mailto:daisy@iscott.co.uk).
- **Swaziland and Malawi** : Geo Group will be delighted to consider press trips to either Swaziland or Malawi for Alliance members with suitable commissions. Visit : [www.welcometoswaziland.com](http://www.welcometoswaziland.com) and [www.malawitourism.com](http://www.malawitourism.com). Contact: Kelly White at [tourism@geo-group.co.uk](mailto:tourism@geo-group.co.uk).
- **Holidaylettings**, which offers a selection of chalets and apartments around the world will consider arranging accommodation at its listed properties. Visit : [www.holidaylettings.co.uk](http://www.holidaylettings.co.uk). Contact : Kate Stinchcombe-Gillies at [kate@holidaylettings.co.uk](mailto:kate@holidaylettings.co.uk).
- **Malta** will be happy to consider for press trips for Alliance members. Visit : [www.visitmalta.com](http://www.visitmalta.com). Contact : Anne Kapranos at [Anne@essence-communications.com](mailto:Anne@essence-communications.com).
- **Peckforton Castle, Cheshire UK** a grade I listed building, built in the 1840s in the style of a medieval castle will be delighted to host Alliance members on a review basis. Visit : [www.peckfortoncastle.co.uk](http://www.peckfortoncastle.co.uk). Contact : Karen Floyd at [karen.floyd@symmetrypr.com](mailto:karen.floyd@symmetrypr.com).
- **Tongabezi Lodge**, which is upstream from Victoria Falls, and the new eco-friendly Sindabezi Island are located on the Zambezi River in Zambia. Tongabezi would be delighted to consider press visits to their properties to Alliance members with a commission. Visit : [www.tongabezi.com](http://www.tongabezi.com). Contact Honour Schram de Jong at [honour@honourway.com](mailto:honour@honourway.com).
- **Ker & Downey Botswana**, located in the heart of the Okavango Delta and Moremi Game Reserve, will be pleased to consider press visits to Alliance members with a commission. Visit : [www.kerdowneybotswana.com](http://www.kerdowneybotswana.com). Contact : Honour Schram de Jong at [honour@honourway.com](mailto:honour@honourway.com).
- **Adventure Life**, which provides small group tours to Central and South America that have a positive impact on the local culture and environment, will consider press trip requests. Visit : [www.adventure-life.com](http://www.adventure-life.com). Contact : Adam York at [adam@sublimepub.com](mailto:adam@sublimepub.com).
- **Migis Lodge on the shores of Maine's Sebago Lake** invites travel journalists to experience Maine Lakeside Luxury. Visit : [www.migis.com](http://www.migis.com). Contact : Susan Soltero at [ssoltero@cmcommunications.com](mailto:ssoltero@cmcommunications.com).

- **The George Hotel, Edinburgh, Scotland** will be delighted to host Alliance members with a commission. Visit : [www.principal-hayley.com/venues-and-hotels/the-george-hotel](http://www.principal-hayley.com/venues-and-hotels/the-george-hotel). Contact : Megan Davidson at [megan@crimsonedge.co.uk](mailto:megan@crimsonedge.co.uk).
- **The Peace and Plenty, Bahamas** will be delighted to provide accommodation to Alliance members. Visit: [www.peaceandplenty.com](http://www.peaceandplenty.com). Contact: Hazel Heyer at [hazel\\_heyer@hotmail.com](mailto:hazel_heyer@hotmail.com).
- **The Grand Hyatt San Antonio, Texas** is a 1003-room, 37-storey luxury hotel, which has just opened in the bustling heart of the Alamo City. The Grand Hyatt San Antonio, Texas will be happy to consider providing accommodation to Alliance members. Visit: [www.hyatt.com](http://www.hyatt.com). Contact: Alison Wood at [Alison@grifcopr.com](mailto:Alison@grifcopr.com).
- **Ranch Rider** stays are steeped in tradition, allowing travellers to sample an authentic western experience. Ranch Rider will be pleased to consider press trip facilities to Alliance members. Visit: [www.ranchrider.com](http://www.ranchrider.com). Contact: Siobhan at [siobhan@tionlondon.co.uk](mailto:siobhan@tionlondon.co.uk).
- **Lower Zambezi, Zambia** : Sausage Tree Camp located within the heart of the Lower Zambezi National Park in Zambia will be pleased to consider press visits to Alliance members with a commission. Visit : [www.honourway.com](http://www.honourway.com). Contact : Honour Schram de Jong at [honour@honourway.com](mailto:honour@honourway.com).
- **Wiltshire**, located in the heart of the south-west of England has a number of high quality luxury hotels and a whole host of unique attractions. Visit : [www.visitwiltshire.co.uk](http://www.visitwiltshire.co.uk). Contact : Samantha Marsh: [samantha@infinitypublicrelations.co.uk](mailto:samantha@infinitypublicrelations.co.uk).
- **Knockomie Hotel, Forres, Scotland**, will be delighted to consider press trips from Alliance members for a 2-night stay in one of their 15 individually-themed rooms and dinner on one of the nights in their recently refurbished restaurant, The Grill. Visit: [www.knockomie.co.uk](http://www.knockomie.co.uk). Contact: Lee MacGregor at [lee@leemacgregorpr.com](mailto:lee@leemacgregorpr.com).
- **South Lakeland Parks** is the north-west UK's leading holiday park operator featuring nine sites within Morecambe Bay, Ribble Valley and Lake District. Visit : [www.southlakelandparks.co.uk](http://www.southlakelandparks.co.uk). Contact : Samantha Marsh: [samantha@infinitypublicrelations.co.uk](mailto:samantha@infinitypublicrelations.co.uk)
- **Cumbria Tourism**, the tourism body for Cumbria, UK incorporating the Lake District will be delighted to let Alliance members sample its delights from the great outdoors and exciting attractions to stylish hotels and high quality restaurants. Visit : [www.golakes.co.uk](http://www.golakes.co.uk).
- **South Luangwa, Zambia** : The Luangwa Valley has long been regarded as one of Africa's finest wildlife destinations. Their portfolio includes Kapani Lodge and Kakuli, Luwi, Nsolo and Mchenja Camps. Norman Carr Safaris would be delighted to consider press visits to their properties to Alliance members with a commission. Visit : [www.honourway.com](http://www.honourway.com). Contact : Honour Schram de Jong at [honour@honourway.com](mailto:honour@honourway.com).
- **New York Circle Line Sightseeing Cruises** will be delighted to host Alliance members with a commission. Visit: [www.circleline42.com](http://www.circleline42.com) Contact: Lisa Chamberlain at [lisa.chamberlain@btinternet.com](mailto:lisa.chamberlain@btinternet.com)
- **The Haweswater Hotel**, a new art-deco hotel located next to the secluded Haweswater Reservoir, Cumbria, UK, will be happy to consider offering accommodation to Alliance members. Visit : [www.haweswaterhotel.com](http://www.haweswaterhotel.com). Contact : Samantha Marsh: [samantha@infinitypublicrelations.co.uk](mailto:samantha@infinitypublicrelations.co.uk)
- **Premier Cottages** has a range of stunning four and five star self-catering holiday cottages throughout the UK, Channel Islands and Ireland. Visit : [www.premiercottages.co.uk](http://www.premiercottages.co.uk). Contact : Liz Blakeborough at [liz@blakeborough.com](mailto:liz@blakeborough.com).



- **St Mary's Hall Hotel**, the Isles of Scilly is happy to provide press trip opportunities to Alliance members. Visit : [www.stmaryshallhotel.co.uk](http://www.stmaryshallhotel.co.uk). Contact : Karen Baker at [karen@mercury-pr.co.uk](mailto:karen@mercury-pr.co.uk)
- **Woodovis Park**, the independently run holiday park on the edge of Dartmoor, Devon UK invites Alliance members to review. Visit : [www.woodovis.com](http://www.woodovis.com). Contact : Samantha Kirton at [samantha@independentpr.co.uk](mailto:samantha@independentpr.co.uk)
- **1066 Country** which comprises the area of Battle, Bexhill, Hastings, Herstmonceux, Pevensey and Rye in East Sussex, UK. Visit : [www.visit1066country.com](http://www.visit1066country.com). Contact : Jane Ellis at [jjmellis@hastings.gov.uk](mailto:jjmellis@hastings.gov.uk).
- **The Wineport Lodge, Glasson County Westmeath, Ireland** is happy to arrange press Alliance Members and can provide a range of story ideas related to food, wine, romance, weddings/honeymoons and spa escapes. Visit : [www.wineport.ie](http://www.wineport.ie). Contact: Nina Zapala at [zapala@fzkllc.com](mailto:zapala@fzkllc.com).
- **The Inn on Fifth**, a luxurious, 87-room boutique hotel located in the heart of downtown Naples in Southwest Florida will be delighted to consider offering accommodation to Alliance members. Visit [www.innonfifth.com](http://www.innonfifth.com). Contact : Kelly Grass Prieto at [kelly@hayworthcreative.com](mailto:kelly@hayworthcreative.com).
- **base2stay Liverpool** will be delighted to offer accommodation for Alliance members able to review the hotel. Visit : [www.base2stay.com/press\\_page/Liverpool.html](http://www.base2stay.com/press_page/Liverpool.html). Contact : Jon Brown at [brown@paversmith.co.uk](mailto:brown@paversmith.co.uk).
- **Visit Chester and Cheshire and Visit Lincoln and Lincolnshire** will be delighted to host Alliance members with a commission. Visit : [www.visitchester.com](http://www.visitchester.com) and [www.lincoln.gov.uk](http://www.lincoln.gov.uk). Contact : Oliver Bennett at [oliverbennett@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:oliverbennett@blueyonder.co.uk).
- **Swiss-Belhotel International**, manages hotels, resorts and residences throughout the Asia Pacific, Southeast Asia, China and The Middle East regions. Visit : [www.swiss-belhotel.com](http://www.swiss-belhotel.com). Contact : Ayla Hass at [aylahaas@swiss-belhotel.com](mailto:aylahaas@swiss-belhotel.com).
- **Pembrokeshire, South West Wales** will be delighted to consider offering accommodation to Alliance members with a commission. Visit: [www.pembrokeshire.com](http://www.pembrokeshire.com). Contact: Pat Edgar [PRMatters@dsl.pipex.com](mailto:PRMatters@dsl.pipex.com)
- **The Rutland Hotel, Edinburgh**, will be delighted to invite Alliance members to review this boutique hotel. Visit [www.therutlandhotel.com](http://www.therutlandhotel.com). Contact Yvonne or Fiona at [info@nicheworks.co.uk](mailto:info@nicheworks.co.uk).
- **The Galapagos Islands** : Quasar Expeditions would like to invite Alliance members to cover trips aboard the M/Y Grace, its vintage yacht in the Galapagos Islands. Visit : [www.galapagosexpeditions.com/gracepresskit.php](http://www.galapagosexpeditions.com/gracepresskit.php). Contact : Paul Schicke at [paul@quasarex.com](mailto:paul@quasarex.com).
- **Focus Hotels** invite Alliance members to review their three and four-star properties located in key destinations across the UK. Visit : [www.focushotels.co.uk](http://www.focushotels.co.uk). Contact : Nat Frogley at [nat@bacall.net](mailto:nat@bacall.net).
- **The 5\* Blythswood Square Hotel**, Glasgow, formerly headquarters to the Royal Scottish Automobile Club, has been redeveloped by the Town House Collection Visit [www.blythswoodsquare.com](http://www.blythswoodsquare.com) or [www.thetownhousecollection.com](http://www.thetownhousecollection.com). Contact: Jo Murphy at [Jo@thespaprcompany.com](mailto:Jo@thespaprcompany.com).

- **Aspects Holidays** specialises in providing self-catering accommodation, from luxury apartments to traditional fisherman's cottages in and around St Ives and the West Cornwall area of the UK. Aspects will be pleased to consider press visits to Alliance members with a commission. Visit [www.aspects-holidays.co.uk](http://www.aspects-holidays.co.uk). Contact : Karen Baker at [karen@mercury-pr.co.uk](mailto:karen@mercury-pr.co.uk).
- **The Inn at Lathones**, Scotland's only 4 star inn, is delighted to consider press trips from Alliance members. The 17<sup>th</sup>-century listed building near St Andrews is one of Scotland's oldest coaching inns and boasts 21 recently refurbished external rooms/suites, an award-winning restaurant, an intimate stone-walled bar and converted stables that host regular music events. For more information visit: [www.theinn.co.uk](http://www.theinn.co.uk) Contact: Lee MacGregor at [lee@leemacgregorpr.com](mailto:lee@leemacgregorpr.com)
- **Cornwall Cottages** will be delighted to consider offering accommodation to Alliance members. Visit: [www.cornwallcottages.co.uk](http://www.cornwallcottages.co.uk). Contact: Sue Bradbury at [jess@suebradburypr.com](mailto:jess@suebradburypr.com).
- **Hartland Peninsula Arts**, which runs landscape painting courses on the North Devon coast will be pleased to offer courses to Alliance members. Visit : [www.landscapepaintingholidays.co.uk](http://www.landscapepaintingholidays.co.uk). Contact: Karen Outred at [ko@freelancepr.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:ko@freelancepr.fsnet.co.uk).
- **Frontier Travel** organise tailor-made holidays to Canada in both the Summer ([www.frontier-canada.co.uk](http://www.frontier-canada.co.uk)) and the Winter ([www.frontier-ski.co.uk](http://www.frontier-ski.co.uk)). The company will consider offering individuals press trips for Alliance members. Contact: Dave Ashmore at [dave@frontier-travel.co.uk](mailto:dave@frontier-travel.co.uk).
- **Sail Lofts St Ives**, a group of 12 luxury holiday apartments just metres from Porthmeor Beach, will be pleased to consider offering accommodation to Alliance members with a commission. Visit: [www.thesaillofts.co.uk](http://www.thesaillofts.co.uk). Contact: Peter Hutchinson at [peter@thesaillofts.co.uk](mailto:peter@thesaillofts.co.uk).
- **The Alfajiri Villas and Galdessa Camp** would like to invite Alliance members to stay at Alfajiri Villas ([www.alfajirivillas.com](http://www.alfajirivillas.com)) or Galdessa Camp ([www.galdessa.com](http://www.galdessa.com)). Visit : [www.FazendinPortfolio.com](http://www.FazendinPortfolio.com). Contact Sarah Fazendin at [sarah@fazendinportfolio.com](mailto:sarah@fazendinportfolio.com).
- **The Peat Inn and 5-star restaurant** in St.Andrews, Scotland will provide Alliance members able to review the Inn will receive complimentary dinner, bed and breakfast including guest. Visit : <http://www.thepeatinn.co.uk>. Contact : Megan Davidson at [megan@crimsonedge.co.uk](mailto:megan@crimsonedge.co.uk).
- **The Isles of Scilly** will be delighted to consider offering travel and accommodation to Alliance members on assignment, with a commission or who are able to obtain one. Visit: [www.simplyscilly.co.uk](http://www.simplyscilly.co.uk). Contact: Karen Baker at [karen@mercury-pr.co.uk](mailto:karen@mercury-pr.co.uk).
- **The Park Hyatt Istanbul-Maçka Palas, Turkey** will be delighted to consider offering accommodation to Alliance members. Visit: [www.hyatt.com](http://www.hyatt.com). Kathryn Peel at [Kathryn@grifcopr.com](mailto:Kathryn@grifcopr.com).
- **Helpful Holidays, UK** will be delighted to consider offering accommodation to Alliance members. Visit: [www.helpfulholidays.com](http://www.helpfulholidays.com). Contact: Pat Edgar at [PRMatters@dsl.pipex.com](mailto:PRMatters@dsl.pipex.com).
- **Jet2.com and Jet2holidays.com** will be happy to consider offering flights and holiday opportunities. Contact: [www.pressoffice@jet2.com](mailto:www.pressoffice@jet2.com).
- **Wilderness Journeys** will be delighted to consider offering press trip facilities to Alliance members. Visit : [www.wildernessjourneys.com](http://www.wildernessjourneys.com). Contact: Stevie Christie at [stevie@wildernessjourneys.com](mailto:stevie@wildernessjourneys.com).
- **Divi Resorts, the Caribbean** will be happy to consider accommodation to Alliance members. Visit: [www.diviresorts.com](http://www.diviresorts.com). Contact: Jacqueline Burton at [jburton@fwv-us.com](mailto:jburton@fwv-us.com).

- **Charming Hotels Madeira** will be pleased to consider offering accommodation to Alliance members. Visit: [www.charminghotelsmadeira.com](http://www.charminghotelsmadeira.com). Contact: Antonio Silva at [asilva@charminghotelsmadeira.com](mailto:asilva@charminghotelsmadeira.com).
- **Sea Kayak Adventures** explore Baja and Canada's newest marine parks and prolific whale watching destinations by sea kayak with Sea Kayak Adventures. Sea Kayak Adventures will be happy to provide press trip facilities to Alliance members. Visit: [www.seakayakadventures.com](http://www.seakayakadventures.com). Contact: Nancy Mertz at [info@seakayakadventures.com](mailto:info@seakayakadventures.com).
- **The View Hotel, Monument Valley, Arizona, USA**, which opened in September 2008, is situated on the Navajo Tribal Park, on the border of Arizona and Utah. The View Hotel will be delighted to consider offering accommodation to Alliance members. Visit: [www.MonumentValleyView.com](http://www.MonumentValleyView.com). Contact: [jon@monumentvalleyview.com](mailto:jon@monumentvalleyview.com).
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