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November Specials, Inspirational Ideas and Opportunities to Meet with Rebecca Recommends and Partners

Dear Friends,

We have much to share with you from our Rebecca Recommends collection, from sublime Africa safaris to a can't-miss opportunity for affordable luxury in the UK. Read on for inspiration for your clients, including a gala New Year's Event in Times Square, a spectacular opportunity to celebrate World Pride in Sydney and an enticing invitation to experience Nepal first-hand.

As always, reach out to talk with us about any of our other wonderful hotels, DMCs and destinations!

Fondly,

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Enjoy a holiday safari like no other at Xigera Safari Lodge!

[Xigera Safari Lodge](#) and [Exeter Safaris](#): A Holiday Safari to Remember

Arrange the gift of a lifetime for your safari-seeking clients. If they've long dreamt of wide open bushland with giraffes and elephants silhouetted against a stark blue sky, and luxury safari camps where they'll feel like they're practically on their own in the wilderness, we know just the place.

Pronounced "kee-jera," Xigera Safari Lodge is the ultimate of the ultimate when it comes to Africa safari lodges - it's a realm of luxury uncommon to the safari scene. Every aspect of the experience is handcrafted to stir guests' souls, from the evocative interiors to the one-of-a-kind wildlife encounters.

Xigera Safari Lodge prides itself on showcasing one extraordinary lifetime moment after another. The best part is that guests feel gloriously on their own, if that's their pleasure. The world drifts away and it's as if you're alone in Africa, with every creature comfort imaginable ... and then some, from Michelin-worthy fine dining to expansive guest suites, cocooned by the boughs of the indigenous forest. The camp is set across two islands, with each suite set on raised stilts to allow for wildlife and Okavango waters to pass beneath.

Our friends at the Exeter Safari Company can expertly arrange an Africa holiday that includes time at Xigera and, if they wish, extend your clients' time with stays at other

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lodges in the area. Africa destination magic maker Scott Simpson, is energetic, knowledgeable and deeply experienced in the continent and together with his team can carefully curate affordable luxury and ultra-luxe Africa travel.

This holiday season, Xigera Safari Lodge is offering a Stay 4/Pay 3 offer, as well as reduced rates on Suites and the Xigera Family Suite, the perfect opportunity for multi-generational gatherings in a place of unfathomable wonder.



[Click for Beyond Times Square VIP New York City Gala Video](#)

Beyond Times Square: A Very Merry VIP New Year's Eve

Be where the world is watching and revel in all the luxury of a VIP New Year's Eve Gala by Beyond Times Square. Guests will be front and center at the phenomenal 2022-2023 event, with stunning panoramic views of Times Square from the cozy, indoor setting of the R Lounge.

In the heart of Times Square, the R Lounge boasts the best large scenic windows in the neighborhood on three sides of the Main Room, as well as a front-facing view of the iconic ball. Guests at the first three rows of VIP and VVIP tables at the BTSQ event will have a glorious view of the ball drop at midnight. Table service for beverages and cocktails is included for VIP/VVIP tables. Download the [VIP NYE Gala Brochure](#) and [Menu](#).

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All guests will enjoy live entertainment, dancing, lavish food, a premium open bar with a champagne toast and specialty cocktails, and more, including passed hors d'oeuvres, enticing food stations and sumptuous desserts.

Avoid the millions gathered in the streets of Times Square and mingle with other sophisticated guests. Join the elite few and reserve tickets today for this intimate, refined experience at the New Year's Eve Gala at R Lounge. Hotel accommodations can also be arranged.



[Southern Crossings](#): Celebrate World Pride

Send your clients Down Under for one of the highlights of Sydney's events calendar: the colorful [Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras parade during the 2023 World Pride event](#) taking place from February 17th to March 5th 2023. Australia's cosmopolitan harbor city is host to this fun, fabulous celebration in the coming year, with more than 300 free and ticketed LGBTQIA+ events taking place across the city.

Hosted in the Southern Hemisphere for the first time and celebrated from the Harbour Bridge to Bondi Beach, Sydney World Pride is a 17-day party with a purpose that is set to showcase the city's spectacular scenery, irreverent sense of fun, fabulous food and wine, and a genuinely warm welcome to all.

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Southern Crossings has secured access to the festival's hottest events and created a couple of exclusive-access events of their own. Choose from two customizable Sydney World Pride packages boasting a collection of epic parties and parades, exclusive experiences and access to otherwise "sold-out" events, including:

- An exclusive Welcome Party at a Sydney socialite's private penthouse (that also featured as the set for Kylie Minogue's "Especially for you" music video) hosted by effervescent actress and art-director, the ever-fabulous Christa Billich.
 - A special-access cocktail party at a glitzy and glamorous venue on Oxford Street to watch the passing Sydney Mardi Gras parade.
 - A limited number of tickets to the otherwise sold-out official Mardi Gras After Party, an annual highlight event! Ask our Travel Designers for further details at ausdesign@southern-crossings.com.
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News Roundup: Openings, Accolades and Invitations



New Restaurant Opening at [Meadowood Napa Valley](#)

Recommend your wine- and gourmet-minded clients settle in at Forum, Meadowood's newest congenial gathering place. Within this relaxed, yet refined setting, they'll enjoy breakfast, brunch, lunch and dinner both inside and al fresco. The chef's menu are inspired by the seasons and local ingredients from both Meadowood Farm and regional proprietors and, of course, paired with an exceptional wine list. Suggest they sit for a spell before dinner at the 10-seat bar, or savor all-day light bites at the outdoor lounge under the glow of twinkling lights.

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Cheers to [Cape Weligama](#)

Sri Lanka is open and there's no excuse not to go and experience the superb Cape Weligama, which was ranked number 3 in the Top 20 Resorts in Asia in the CNT Readers' Choice Awards. This captivating, clifftop Resplendent Ceylon retreat offers 39 intimate retreats along the endless sapphire waters of the Indian Ocean. The dining is sublime - with the day's freshest catch cooked to order - and the activities range from exhilarating dives to pampering spa treatments with homegrown spice scrubs of clove, nutmeg, sweet orange and sandalwood.

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An Invitation to Nepal

Are you interested in planning an education trip to Nepal? We have a wonderful invitation to share from [Dwarika's Kathmandu](#) and [Dwarikas's Dhulikhel](#) for anyone who is interested. Contact us for more details.

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A Right Royal Affair

It's official - the coronation of King Charles III will take place on 6th May 2023 and London is seeing a surge in demand for this special celebration. [Red Carnations Rubens at The Palace](#), adjacent to the Royal Mews, has a wonderful selection of regally appointed rooms and suites and they are working on a fabulous 7-night royal themed stay in London with an array of special experiences that your clients will adore. Reach out to VIP@r-recommends.com to register your interest to receive more information.

British Benefits

The UK is even more enticing for your clients right now, thanks to a brilliant exchange rate. We can help with ideas for hotel stays, day trips and exclusive sightseeing.

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Curtain Bluff Antigua opens for their 61st Season

The award winning Curtain Bluff in Antigua reopened for their 61st season on 22nd October 2022. Due to the incredible demand they are experiencing, Curtain Bluff has extended their season through July 2023 so there is even more time for your clients to visit.

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Bubbles and Baubles at [The Milestone Hotel & Residences](#)

Do you still have clients looking for festive availability? The Milestone Hotel and Residences in London are ready for the festive season and the hotel will be dressed to perfection. [Find out all about their plans for the season ahead.](#)

See You Soon - Where in the World

Rebecca Recommends Clients

November 2022 - Signature Travel Conference, Las Vegas

- Carole Peck from [Beyond Times Square](#) a wonderful DMC for East Coast USA
- Bertrand Collignon Managing Director at [Decouvertes](#) for France
- Tom Butler the General Manager of [Blanket Bay](#) New Zealand

Our clients look forward to sharing a glass or two with you in Las Vegas next month.

Coming your Way

- Kerstin Remy, Commercial Director for [The Hari](#) in London and Hong Kong will be traveling through Chicago, Fort Worth and Dallas from 6th - 11th November.

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December 2022 - ILTM Cannes

- [The Red Carnation Hotel Collection](#) have their own stand this year so do take a moment to pop by and say hello to Owner Vicki Tollman and Managing Director Jonathan Raggett.
- Paula Caroll Director of Sales and Marketing at Red Carnations [Ashford Castle](#) can be found on the Tourism Ireland stand this year.
- [The Drisco Tel Aviv](#) - hotel owner Avi Zak will be attending to introduce his beautiful boutique and award winning hotel and can be found on The Leading Hotels of the World stand.
- Destination magic makers [Dream Escape](#) co-founder Holly Mackie will be attending so be sure to look out for her to learn more about their exciting initiatives for the United Kingdom and Ireland.
- Patrick Nayrolles, General Manager at the delightful [Meadowood Napa Valley](#) can be found on the Relais & Châteaux stand.

Rebecca Recommends Team

November 2022 - Signature Travel Conference

- Carol Kennedy, Emer Mortell and Samantha Ratcliffe are attending this year's Signature Travel Conference taking place in Las Vegas next month. They are excited to see you there.

December 2022 - ILTM Cannes

- Look out for Samantha at ILTM Cannes in December - she will be on the Relais & Châteaux stand with Patrick Nayrolles, General Manager of the superb Meadowood Napa Valley.
- Carol Kennedy with the RR team will be visiting New York State, Westchester and Connecticut 13th - 15th December.

If you would like an introduction to any of our clients to arrange to meet or when we are traveling through your area, do reach out to vip@r-recommends.com.