



*A private paradise: swimming in crystalline waters of Cenote Maya Yacata.*

### **Journey: Redefining Luxury Travel**

Dear Friends,

Rebecca Recommends is thrilled to announce our partnership with [Journey](#), an award-winning luxury travel company dedicated to crafting custom, transformative experiences in Mexico, Brazil, and Costa Rica. With over 20 years of expertise, Journey started in Mexico, delivering creative itineraries with premium service and a personal touch. Building on this legacy, they expanded to Costa Rica and Brazil, offering their renowned services across these vibrant destinations.

With Journey, your clients will embark on vacations that inspire, challenge, and leave a lasting positive impact. In keeping with the Rebecca Recommends ethos, their mission is rooted in the power of travel as an agent of change. Their travel revelations offer exceptional luxury, positive personal transformation, innovative sustainability practices, and intercultural understanding.



*Explore the ancient Mayan city of Yaxchilan in Chiapas, where magnificent ruins rise from the rainforest, whispering tales of a powerful civilization.*

We'd like to introduce you to the visionary founder of [Journey Mexico](#), Zach Rabinor. For those unfamiliar with his remarkable work, Zach has built a career that reflects his deep passion for exploration, cultural exchange, and responsible travel. Growing up on Lido Beach, New York, Zach's connection to the ocean and love for surfing shaped his early years. While his path initially seemed destined for a conventional career, a transformative surf trip to Costa Rica in 1989 changed everything. Immersed in the beauty of remote landscapes and the richness of cultural exchange, Zach discovered a new perspective on life and a calling to explore the world beyond his horizons.



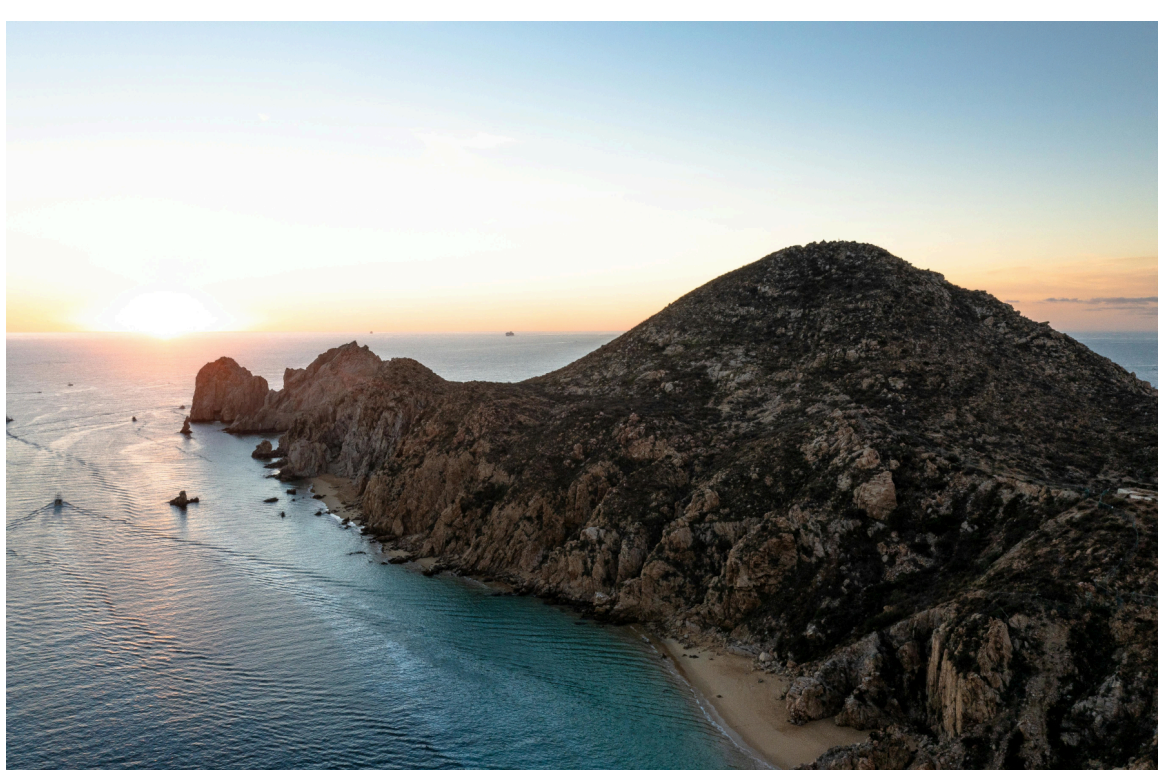
*Zach Rabinor, founder of Journey, channels his passion for exploration, cultural exchange, and responsible travel into crafting transformative experiences across Latin America.*

After earning a BA from Cornell University and an MPIA in Sustainable Travel from the University of California, San Diego, Zach spent over a decade living, working, and traveling across Latin America. From teaching English to guiding adventure tours, he developed a deep appreciation for the region's vibrant cultures, breathtaking landscapes, and diverse communities. Mexico, in particular, captivated him with its rich history, wildlife, and traditions, inspiring him to channel his passion into a purpose-driven career. In 2003, alongside his wife, Rebecca, Zach founded Journey Mexico with a mission to share the country's unparalleled beauty and cultural treasures with travelers from around the globe. Under his leadership, the company has become a leader in luxury and experiential travel, earning accolades from Wendy Perrin, National Geographic, Travel + Leisure, and Condé Nast Traveler.



*The Journey team recently got together for team building experiences to further hone their craft.*

Now working alongside Matteo Luthi at Journey Mexico, co-founding [Journey Costa Rica](#) with Javier Echecopar and more recently [Journey Brazil](#) with Mika Castro, they collectively continue to expand their vision of responsible travel across Latin America. Zach and his partners' expertise and dedication have solidified their reputation as pioneers in the travel industry. Whether designing bespoke itineraries, leading exploratory expeditions, or championing sustainability initiatives, Journey remains deeply committed to showcasing the beauty and diversity of Latin America.



*Witness the majestic rock formations of Mexico's Pacific Coast, sculpted by nature's artistry and rising proudly from the azure waters.*

And now, what your clients can expect ... We've outlined examples of custom itineraries Journey can craft in Mexico, Costa Rica, and Brazil, but remember, the sky's the limit. Allow these suggestions to stir your imagination - and your client's - whether that inspiration comes from quiet moments of self-reflection and wellness in Costa Rica,



discovering the rich, colonial, indigenous natural history of Mexico, or a multigenerational wildlife adventure in Brazil.

## [Journey Mexico](#)

### Axolotls and Chinampas in Xochimilco: Nature and Conservation Experience

- With an expert naturalist guide taking the lead, look out for the birdlife that lives in Xochimilco.
- Support efforts to save the Axolotl from extinction and learn all about this intriguing endemic species.



*Swim alongside the majestic sea turtles of Riviera Maya, a truly unforgettable encounter in their natural Caribbean habitat.*

- Visit the chinampas of Xochimilco and learn about the history of these garden islands and the ongoing preservation efforts.
- Enjoy a traditional lunch experience with produce grown on the chinampas.



*Savor the charm of San Miguel de Allende from a beautiful terraza, offering stunning views of the city's vibrant streets and iconic architecture.*

### Explore San Miguel Allende's Artistic Heritage, Local Vineyards & Mexican Flavors

- Explore San Miguel Allende's historic streets, Spanish colonial architecture, galleries, and museums.
- Visit Atotonilco, a shining example of Mexican Baroque, featuring intricate walls and ceilings painted with religious imagery.
- Soak up the atmosphere of a local mercado and find out the secrets behind authentic Mexican cuisine with a culinary guide.



*Savor the authentic "sabores de Mexico," a vibrant culinary journey through rich traditions and unforgettable flavors.*

- Journey to two different vineyards to uncover different production methods, enjoy wine tastings, and savor a delicious meal.
- Explore the value of organic agriculture, learn about the sustainable value of the maguey plant, and connect with the region's heirloom seeds.
- Get inspired in colorful Guanajuato and admire striking historical buildings like the Juárez Theater.



*Experience unparalleled luxury and eco-friendly design in a stunning clifftop tent at Nayara, with incredible views and your own natural mineral spring-fed plunge pool.*

## [Journey Costa Rica](#)

### Pacific Passage: Costa Rica to Panama

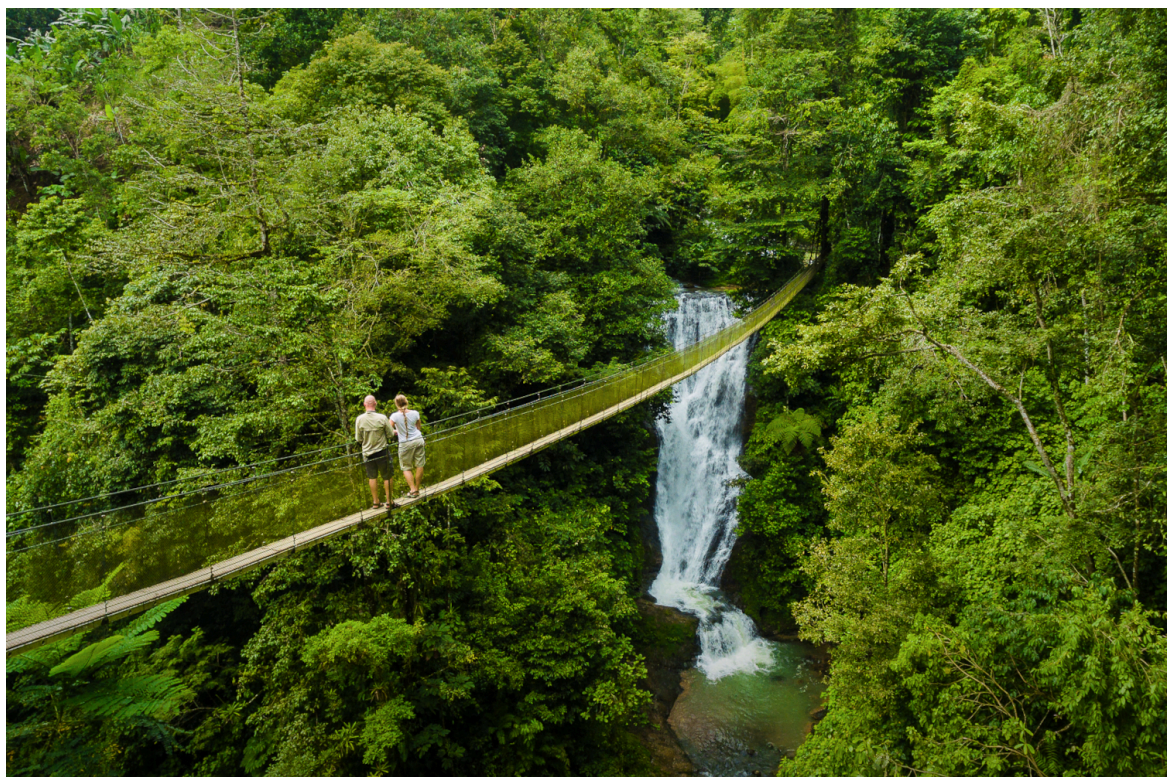
- Uncover the wonder, adventure, nature, gastronomy, and positive impact of two countries in one seamless trip.



*Discover the unparalleled beauty of Costa Rica's luxurious landscapes, where verdant rainforests and majestic mountains create an exquisite natural escape.*

- Stay in coffee highlands, protected wilderness, historic quarters, riverside, and on secluded Pacific islands.
- Experience whitewater rafting, wildlife observation by day and night, whale watching in rare tropical fjords, and rainforest canopy adrenaline.





*Traverse a breathtaking suspension bridge in Costa Rica, soaring over a majestic waterfall and through the vibrant embrace of a lush rainforest.*

- Meet Cabécar Indigenous elders, cacao farmers, expert naturalists, Afro-Caribbean dancers, and culinary tastemakers.

#### Brand New You: Wellness, Transformation, Self-Exploration

- Enjoy the company of Jenifer Cowles, Journey's wellness concierge and expert in the art of wellbeing.
- Benefit from Jennifer's decades of connection to the local community as a healer, yoga teacher, meditation guide, and breathwork facilitator.



*Embracing tranquility in an infinity pool overlooking Costa Rica's beauty.*

- Take part in yoga, breathwork, mantra, and meditation practices.
- Experience sound healing, hot- and cold-water therapy, spa sessions, and communication workshops.
- Take part in ceremonies to set intentions and integrate learning.

### [Journey Brazil](#)



*Immersed in the heart of the Amazon from a bird's-eye view.*

#### Eat, Play, Learn: Hands-on Tradition, Fun with Locals, and Really Amazing Food

- Discover Rio's breathtaking landscapes from a helicopter circling Christ the Redeemer and get fast-tracked to the top of Sugarloaf Mountain.



*A breathtaking view of Rio and the iconic Christ the Redeemer from above.*

- Get a behind-the-scenes look at Brazil's Carnival, learning the secrets of samba schools and the vibrant costumes that make this celebration legendary.
- Sail the serene Guanabara Bay, followed by an authentic experience in Rio's Vidigal community, interacting with locals and learning traditional rhythms.
- Embark on a rainforest foraging adventure in Paraty, exploring the culinary treasures hidden in Brazil's lush rainforests.



*Majestic and wild: Encountering a jaguar in its Brazilian habitat.*

- Taste the essence of São Paulo's cutting-edge dining scene with a Michelin-starred meal at DOM.
- Dive into Bahia's rich culture with a percussion workshop, hands-on moqueca cooking, and an exploration of Salvador's historic Pelourinho.





*Nature's vibrant masterpiece: blue parrots in Brazil.*

Nature, But Make It Fancy: Natural Wonders, Luxury Style, Maximum Comfort

- Discover São Paulo's sophisticated flair at a luxurious hotel.
- Marvel at Iguassu Falls up close and in style with a stay at the only hotel within the national park.



*Feeling the roar of Iguassu Falls.*

- Cruise the Amazon in unparalleled comfort aboard a private yacht.
- Relax and rejuvenate at a tranquil beach sanctuary where elegance blends with nature.



*Embracing the tranquility of Brazil's white sands.*

- Explore untouched coral reefs, mangroves, and serene lagoons at Barra de São Miguel.

### [Traveling Responsibly](#)

Journey carries responsible travel principles close to heart, not only seeking to minimize negative impact, but to influence a positive change at all levels of operation, from traveler to destination, to industry. The team approaches travel with a creative lens, reinventing well-trodden paths, offering inspiring new insights to a destination, and opening doors throughout Mexico, Brazil, and Costa Rica.

If you'd like to propose the unimaginable to your travelers and then deliver it, Journey can help you do so. Zach, Matteo, Javier and Mika together with their respective teams, work diligently to offer experiences that go far beyond the industry awards they have garnered. They believe that exclusive travel is more than five-star accommodations; it's about offering unparalleled access to the most captivating people, places, and experiences in Mexico, Costa Rica, and Brazil.

We would be happy to make the introduction so that your clients may experience a journey designed to inspire, delight, and bring a new perspective to their lives.

Fondly,

*Rebecca*



*Rebecca and Charlie enjoying time in Mexico City.*

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