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Celebrating two decades of unparalleled excellence! The Rebecca Recommends Team raises a toast with the esteemed owners of Patamar Select in picturesque Portugal, marking 20 years of Rebecca Recommends.

Travel Advisor Insider: Latest Updates, Experiences & Accolades

Dear Friends,

As the year draws to a close, we want to acknowledge the outstanding hotels, DMCs, and dedicated teams we are privileged to work alongside. Our partners have achieved remarkable success this year, marked by well-deserved awards, authentic new experiences for discerning travelers, and eagerly anticipated renovation reveals. Here's a glimpse of their achievements:

- Wine-tasting weekends in Napa Valley are made seamless with a new air service and stays at the gracious Meadowood.
- Discovering even more first-hand experiences in Croatia and Crete, where guests might meet a local stone carver or pick farm-fresh ingredients for a Cretan meal under the trees.
- The unveiling of a transformed, yet always iconic Antiguan resort, as it reopens for its 64th season.
- Landmark anniversary experiences, including a Tea, Sea & Safari journey across three Sri Lankan resorts.
- New faces with fresh travel design ideas, and intuitive technology for your travelers, from our friends Down Under.

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- Spa treatments at a freshly refurbished spa in Kensington and cocktails at Mayfair's newest rooftop hot spot.

Several of our partners also have limited availability remaining for the festive season, including viewing the Thanksgiving Day parade and sparkling Christmas experiences in New York City, an opportunity to escape to the rugged coziness of the Scottish Highlands, and a chance to send your last-minute planners to the English countryside for a storybook holiday.

Discover a world of inspiration with the latest news from our clients around the world. We are incredibly grateful and inspired to collaborate with such a dynamic and innovative group of travel operators.

Fondly,

Rebecca



*Rebecca & Ryan, co-owner of Patamar Select,
sailing in the Douro Valley.*

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[News from Africa](#)



Relax and rejuvenate at Babylonstoren's exquisite pool area, featuring a beautiful hot tub and a glass-fronted Pool Room, perfectly situated behind the charming cottages.

[Babylonstoren, Franschhoek Wine Valley, South Africa](#) - High Praise & Harvest Season on the Farm

The Babylonstoren team is overjoyed when the dedication of their hospitality team is recognized. Hundreds of thousands of votes were cast, and the travelers have spoken. With a score of 95.41, Babylonstoren Farm Hotel was ranked the No.3 Favorite Resort in Africa in the *Travel + Leisure* 2025 World's Best Awards—the only South African resort recognized in this category. Babylonstoren Farm Hotel was also recently named South Africa's Leading Country House Hotel at the World Travel Awards 2025.

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In July, Babylonstoren celebrated a vibrant bounty of blood oranges, where mounds of fresh, deliciously juicy fruit and an array of unique blood orange products awaited visitors.

Harvest season is always a celebration at Babylonstoren. In honor of an exceptional blood orange harvest this winter, the farm shared its bounty during Blood Orange Week, where visitors enjoyed mounds of fresh blood oranges to snack on, plus tasting stations where a range of blood orange products were sampled. The sweet, sharp, and aromatic blood orange is exceptionally versatile, infusing gelato, olive oil, treats and sweets, baked goods, candles, and body products.

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[News from the Americas](#)



Experience the magic of Thanksgiving in New York City with American Stories Travel, from the iconic parade to sparkling Christmas festivities.

[American Stories Travel, East Coast, United States](#) - Make Holiday Magic in NYC

Looking to add a little sparkle to your holiday season? There's no better setting than [New York City](#), where [American Stories Travel](#) turns festive dreams into unforgettable experiences. From Thanksgiving through the New Year, every moment becomes a story worth telling, crafted with luxury, warmth, and signature hospitality.

It all begins with one of the city's most sought-after events: the [Exclusive Thanksgiving Day Parade Viewing Party at Del Frisco's](#). Here, your clients will enjoy unobstructed views of the iconic parade from a private indoor/outdoor venue, a hot brunch and breakfast buffet, live Broadway entertainment, unlimited mimosas and Bloody Marys, and family-friendly activities—all just steps from the magic on Sixth Avenue.

For those planning a December escape, the [NYC Christmas Magic Multiday Holiday Experience](#) delivers five-star holiday cheer. Think [horse-drawn carriage rides](#) beneath Fifth Avenue's glittering lights, premium seats to the Christmas Spectacular starring the Rockettes, ice skating under the iconic Rockefeller Center tree, and a [festive cocoa and caroling cruise](#) on the Hudson.

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Skate into the magic of the festive season in New York City, with the spectacularly decorated Christmas tree as your dazzling backdrop.

But that's not all! A selection of "enhancement experiences" (immersive half- and full-day tours) includes an over-the-top [Crazy Christmas Lights of Brooklyn Tour](#), a [Home Alone 2](#) adventure through Kevin's movie moments, the [VIP Holiday Train Show at the New York Botanical Garden](#), and an enchanting [Winter Wonderland](#) experience. From the bright lights of [Manhattan](#) to the nostalgic charm of Central Park, this is the season to celebrate in true New York style.

Availability is limited, and booking windows are closing quickly, especially for Thanksgiving week and early December. Don't wait to reserve your clients' spots in this year's most magical chapter.

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A rendering of the Sea Grape Restaurant at Curtain Bluff, Antigua, showcasing its refreshed look after extensive renovations.

Curtain Bluff, Antigua - A Caribbean Icon Reimagined for Its 64th Season

Curtain Bluff, the iconic Antiguan resort, is set to reopen this November for its 64th season, unveiling a stunning multi-million-dollar makeover. The transformation, led by design firms OBMI and Studio Talomb, blends the resort's beloved Caribbean charm with modern comfort. Under new ownership by UK entrepreneurs Tim and Pat Scott, the resort stays true to its well-known ethos while embracing a fresh, elevated look.

All 42 suites, including all 40 Junior Suites and the Grace and Morris Bay Suites, have seen floor-to-ceiling updates. Expect bespoke furnishings, original artwork, and Caribbean-inspired color palettes that blend classic-contemporary English styling with the ease and character of the Caribbean. Handcrafted details, locally sourced accents, and playful pops of color create a welcoming, home-away-from-home vibe.

Sea Grape, the resort's beachfront restaurant, has also been reimagined. A chic new bar with blue-and-white mosaic tiles takes center stage, complemented by cozy lounge seating and a pre-dinner drinks area. The addition of a glass-enclosed, air-conditioned buffet room allows the space to transition seamlessly from lively daytime meals to intimate evening dining.

New perks include luxurious Bentley airport transfers available for all guests, adding to the resort's already impressive offerings like world-class tennis, watersports, scuba diving, an adults-only wellness area, and a kids' club. For your clients seeking relaxation and adventure in a tropical oasis, Curtain Bluff remains the ultimate Caribbean escape.

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Elevate your journey with an exclusive in-flight wine tasting featuring Meadowood Napa Valley's finest selections, thoughtfully curated by their Wine Center and paired with Erewhon charcuterie, only on Aero.

[Meadowood Napa Valley, California](#) - Jet-Set to Napa Valley with Aero and Enjoy Meadowood's Serenity

United by a commitment to creating artfully tailored experiences and delivering best-in-class hospitality, Aero and Meadowood Napa Valley are pleased to introduce an exclusive travel package that elevates guests to new heights. Aero resumes scheduled flights between Van Nuys Airport (VNY) and Napa County Airport (APC) August 1 - November 30, with the addition of the new travel experience in partnership with Meadowood that provides preferred rates on flights and gracious overnight accommodations, along with an estate credit for dining, wine, and wellness offerings at Meadowood. Round-trip airport transfers and complimentary valet parking at Aero's private terminal in Los Angeles complete this premium offer.

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Arrive in unparalleled comfort and style at Meadowood Napa Valley, with seamless limousine service, enhancing your luxurious escape.

In addition to the travel package, Meadowood has curated an in-flight wine tasting available exclusively on flights departing from Los Angeles to Napa Valley. Once the jet is airborne, flight attendants serve three wines hand-selected by Kelli White, Director of Education at Meadowood's Wine Center, paired with Erewhon charcuterie. Hailing from boutique producers, these wines—Hourglass Sauvignon Blanc, Favia Cerro Sur, and The Mascot—represent some of the best expressions of Napa Valley's diverse terroir.

[Aero x Meadowood Napa Valley Exclusive Travel Package](#)

- 10% off round-trip Aero flights from Los Angeles (VNY) to Napa County (APC)
- Overnight accommodations at Meadowood Napa Valley
- \$250 estate credit for dining, wine, and wellness experiences at Meadowood Napa Valley
- Welcome bottle of wine selected by The Wine Center at Meadowood Napa Valley
- Private car transfers to and from Napa County Airport
- Complimentary Friday-Sunday valet service in Los Angeles (VNY)

Blackout dates apply and are subject to availability. Room rates and flights are 10% commissionable; view the full Aero flight schedule [here](#).

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Soar above Cape Weligama and witness its breathtaking coastal beauty, where luxurious villas cascade down to the Indian Ocean.

[Resplendent Ceylon, Sri Lanka](#) - A Journey Through Tea, Sea & Safari

Resplendent Ceylon, Sri Lanka's pioneering luxury hospitality brand, celebrates its 20th anniversary in 2025, coinciding with the 40th anniversary of Dilmah Tea. Both brands share a deep-rooted commitment to excellence, purpose, and Sri Lankan heritage. Since opening Ceylon Tea Trails in 2005 - the world's first tea bungalow resort - Resplendent Ceylon has reshaped luxury travel on the island with its signature "Tea, Sea, and Safari" circuit, comprising Ceylon Tea Trails, Cape Weligama, and Wild Coast Tented Lodge.

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Watch the video by double-clicking on the image above to celebrate 20 years of unparalleled luxury with Ceylon Tea Trails, Sri Lanka's pioneering tea bungalow resort!

Recognized globally through features in *the BBC's Amazing Hotels* and leading travel publications such as *Condé Nast Traveler* and *Vogue*, the brand stands out for its focus on sustainability, cultural authenticity, and immersive guest experiences. In December 2024, Cape Weligama unveiled its refreshed look, featuring the new Cove Beach Club, which offers elevated coastal experiences.

To mark its anniversary, Resplendent Ceylon launched a USD 20,000 “Tea, Sea & Safari” 10-night journey, combining stays at all three resorts with unique experiences like private tea tastings, helicopter transfers, safaris, and curated dining. Guests receive exclusive memorabilia to commemorate their trip.

Looking ahead, Chairman Malik J. Fernando emphasizes meaningful growth, with new properties like Canopy Lodge in Sigiriya and Kelburne Estate in the hills, continuing their mission of purposeful, community-driven luxury tourism.

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[News from Australasia](#)



Paul Groves-Berry, General Manager, Jacki Lang, Director, and Stuart Rigg, Owner/Founder of Southern Crossings - Australia, are thrilled to lead the next exciting chapters of Southern Crossings' success.

[Southern Crossings, Australia, New Zealand, and Fiji](#) - Highlights & Innovations in 2025

New Director for Southern Crossings Australia

We are delighted to share the news that Jacki Lang has joined Stuart Rigg and Paul Groves-Berry as a Director and Shareholder of the Southern Crossings Australia business.

Familiar to many as one of Southern Crossings' most experienced Travel Designers, Wendy Perrin, WOW-list travel specialist for Australia, and the welcoming face to greet many Southern Crossings travelers on arrival in Australia, Jacki has been an integral part of the Southern Crossings family for nearly two decades. Her vast experience, unique perspectives gained from direct contact with Southern Crossings travelers, and genuine passion for her work are sure to translate into equally valuable assets for her new role.

Southern Crossings is thrilled to have Jacki as part of the team that, together with its New Zealand Directors, Sarah Farag and Helen Flinkenberg, will lead the following exciting chapters of Southern Crossings' success.

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Luxury beckons: An unforgettable Southern Crossings familiarization trip, featuring the breathtaking Flockhill, New Zealand.

Insightful FAMs

With support from the Rebecca Recommends team, Southern Crossings was thrilled to have hosted a collection of US luxury travel advisors for educational visits to New Zealand and Australia in recent months, showcasing some of the destinations' most spectacular landscapes, lodges, and unique experiences. Traveling on land, air, and sea - from New Zealand's Southern Alps to Australia's technicolor Great Barrier Reef - the team is thrilled to have had the opportunity to introduce luxury travel advisors to some of the incredible experiences these destinations have to offer and experience traveling the "Southern Crossings" way firsthand.

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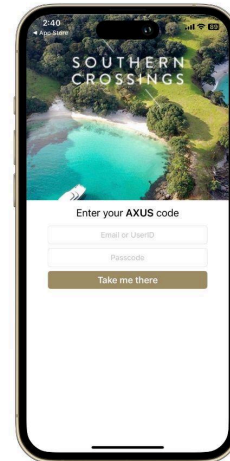
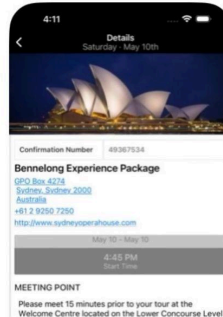
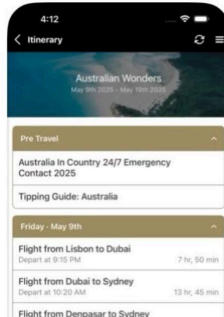
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Effortless luxury at your fingertips: Southern Crossings unveils its new Itinerary App, powered by AXUS technology, for a seamless and sustainable travel experience.

Southern Crossings Itinerary App

In keeping with their commitment to the environment and as part of efforts to reduce waste/paper use, while remaining committed to providing travel partners and travelers with the best possible services, Southern Crossings is thrilled to have transitioned to digital itineraries, provided via a new Southern Crossings-branded travel app, built on AXUS technology. These mobile-friendly itineraries provide travelers with access to their itineraries and all relevant documentation required for travel at the palm of their hand, while also allowing them and their travel advisors to see any updates in real-time.

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[News from Europe](#)



Immerse in Athenian artistry with a luxury pottery workshop, where guests can shape their own lasting souvenir under expert guidance.

[Curated Greece](#) - Exploring New Horizons in Greece

As the Curated Greece team continues to grow and step outside its comfort zone, they are always curious to explore new ground. With 2025 well underway, and over 480 trips already completed, they'd like to share new, exciting destinations and experiences that have been added to their curated collection. New collaborations with local partners have opened the door to four lesser-explored regions. In the Cyclades, Tinos stands out for its artistic spirit, authentic villages, marble craftsmanship, and deep-rooted traditions.

The Ionian islands of Zakynthos and Kefalonia offer dramatic cliffs, turquoise waters, and lush greenery within a slower, nature-driven atmosphere. In northern mainland Greece, Metsovo is a picturesque mountain town renowned for its alpine views, stone architecture, and local wines and cheeses.

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On the experiential side, guests can now enjoy a farm-to-table cooking class in Chania, Crete, hosted in a countryside cottage by a local couple. After picking fresh ingredients straight from the garden, they prepare a multi-course Cretan meal under the shade of the trees. Meanwhile, in Athens, a pop-up pottery workshop introduces travelers to ancient Greek ceramic techniques in a relaxed, creative setting. With expert guidance, they shape and paint their own piece - a personal and lasting souvenir from their trip. Each new layer uncovered brings more ways to tailor every journey and support the local population whose stories deserve to be told, for a more sustainable future in travel.

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Experience unparalleled romance in Paris with breathtaking views of the Eiffel Tower and other iconic landmarks.

[Découvertes, France](#) - The Secret to Seamless France Travel - The Découvertes Touch

At Découvertes DMC France, luxury isn't just about beautiful hotels and bucket-list experiences - it's about care. Real care. That's why their Customer Care team is always there for you and your clients, every step of the way. Think of them as your on-the-ground partner in France, ready to help at any hour, with a calm voice and expert suggestions.

What truly sets Découvertes DMC France apart is that every morning, the team holds a creative brain-storming session with nine sharp minds focused on how to elevate your projects. Whether it's designing the perfect marriage proposal in Paris or rethinking a family's dream itinerary in Provence, they use this time to push boundaries and build trust.

You're not just sending your clients to France - you're placing them in thoughtful hands that treat their trip like it's the only one in the world. Need something exceptional? Just ask. They'll make magic happen.

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Savor the authentic flavors of Croatia as an older Croatian woman lovingly prepares soparnik and other delicious homemade dishes, a true taste of local tradition and hospitality.

[Dinaric Adventures, Croatia and Beyond](#) - Step Back in Time: A Living Museum on a Dalmatian Island

Dinaric Adventures has discovered a household that's on the verge of becoming a living museum. On a Dalmatian island, in a tiny village, a home surrounded by the scents of Mediterranean herbs - no traffic noise, only the occasional sound of a farm animal or a ladybug flying by.

Inside, it feels like stepping into a grandmother's house from 70 years ago. Traditional recipes protected by UNESCO, a richness of flavors, and cooking classes where guests can learn the art of preparing them. Homemade lunches, various snacks, natural juices, and coffee made from beans ground on the spot are some of the fun and extraordinary experiences that leave your clients with memories as an irreplaceable and priceless souvenir.

On another small island, in a village where even most Croatians struggle to understand the local dialect, a self-taught stone carver creates miniatures of basilicas that are sought after by collectors around the globe - his story and the hands-on experience in his home are simply unforgettable.

In the hinterland, a grandmother makes soparnik by hand. Soparnik is a traditional pie-like dish from southern Dalmatia, specifically from the Poljica area between Split and Omiš, made on an open fire.

To say that Dinaric Adventures' strength lies in authenticity would be an understatement - flavors, wilderness, nature, uniqueness, and rarity. That's what the team constantly explores and prepares for its guests. Alongside Rebecca Recommends, they look forward to the upcoming autumn FAM trip, to present Croatia *through their eyes*.

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Unwind on the secluded private beach of Castello del Sole Beach Resort & Spa, where the tranquil shores of Lago Maggiore meet unparalleled luxury.

[Castello del Sole, The Living Circle Hotel Group](#) - Luxury in Harmony with Nature, Honored Yet Again

Castello del Sole Beach Resort & SPA, idyllically situated in the sunny Ascona in the Italian-speaking part of Switzerland, has written another chapter in its success story. In this year's prestigious hotel rating, "The 150 Best Hotels in Switzerland," it has once again been named the best five-star holiday hotel in Switzerland.



Gabriela and Simon V. Jenny have run the resort for over 20 years and leave nothing to be desired. Situated on a 140-hectare estate with its own private beach, located right on the picturesque Lake Maggiore. The 14-hectare hotel park is the largest in Switzerland, and the 2,500-square-meter private spa is the largest in Ticino. The hotel offers 38 rooms and 41 suites, as well as three restaurants, including Locanda Barbarossa, which boasts one Michelin star and 18 GaultMillau points.

Castello del Sole is more than just a hotel: its own farm, Terreni alla Maggia, supplies cereals for pasta, polenta, and risotto. Its winery, Cantina alla Maggia, brings the joy of nature to the table with its exquisite wine, completing the "luxury fed by nature" experience.

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Evok Collection's inaugural Cinema Prize, presided over by Pierre Niney, celebrated inspiring French cinema by presenting seven awards, including Best Film, Best Actor, and Best Actress.

[Evok Collection, Paris, Venice, and Madrid](#) - Calling All Cinephiles for the Evok Collection Cinema Award Event

Evok Collection is announcing the second edition of its Prix Cinéma Evok Collection x Brach. This award, first established in 2024 by Charlotte Bouteloup and Jérôme Barcessat, with French actor Pierre Niney, celebrates French cinema that is both inspiring, intergenerational, and accessible to the general public. Acclaimed director and screenwriter duo Éric Toledano and Olivier Nakache (known for their successful social comedies) will preside over an exceptional jury, including Vincent Macaigne, Joséphine Japy, Eye Haïdara, William Lebghil, and Jean Rabasse.

This year's awards will honor all aspects of filmmaking, from Best Film, Best Actor, and Best Actress, to Best Poster and Best Trailer. The awards ceremony is scheduled for November 2025 at the Brach Paris. The global, family-owned cosmetics company Clarins and luxury shopping destination La Vallée Village will partner with Evok for this event.

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Celebrating 20 years of curiosity and adventure, Holly Mackie and David Tobin, the visionary founders of Dream Escape, reflect on two decades of redefining luxury travel.

[Dream Escape, United Kingdom and Ireland](#) - 20 Years in Travel: A Celebration of Curiosity and Adventure

As Dream Escape reaches its 20th anniversary year, founders Holly Mackie and David Tobin celebrate by sharing their start-up secrets and the fascinating stories and memories they've collected along the way.

"Our starting point was a partner's desk, a website, and no idea," reminisces Holly about first launching Dream Escape together with David in 2005. Now, two leading voices in the luxury travel community, the pair have accrued 20 years of experience. They've brought together a team of over 20 experienced creative planners and travel professionals - all waiting to plan incredible trips for clients across the world. The 20th milestone also coincides with David and Holly's 20th wedding anniversary, prompting them to reflect on their personal and professional journey over the last two decades.

One reason for Dream Escape's roaring success is its dedication to unearthing new, awe-inspiring experiences. "We never settle for 'ok' or 'good,'" explains Holly. "Together with our team and partners, we're always going to go the extra mile to try and find new and better ways of creating experiences for clients." When Holly and David are asked what makes their brand different from others on the market, the

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phrase “curious control freaks” comes up. “This isn’t us, necessarily,” clarifies David, “but more the philosophy of the brand and the business culture. We deliver creativity but with control. So many travelers are looking for the newest, most interesting, and amazing experiences. Curiosity is what drives so many of us to discover things we never knew.”

But when people with high standards go on holiday, they want the “i’s” dotted and the “t’s” crossed in such a diligent way that there’s a big element of control around every trip, too. “Everything has to be completely on point, especially if you’re operating at the top of the market where we are,” he explains.

It’s this feisty combination of curiosity and dedication that has propelled them to success.

Read more [here](#).

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Executive Chef at Gravetye Manor - Martin Carabott

[Gravetye Manor, Sussex, England](#) - Culinary Journeys at Gravetye Manor

Gravetye Manor embarked on an exciting new culinary journey as it welcomed the highly acclaimed Martin Carabott as its new Executive Chef this year. Hailing from Malta and a distinguished Roux Scholar, Chef Carabott brings a wealth of experience from some of the world's finest restaurants, including the three-Michelin-starred Eleven Madison Park in New York and, most recently, the renowned Luca in London.

Building on Gravetye's esteemed Michelin-starred dining legacy, Chef Carabott is working closely with Head Gardener Tom Coward - their collaboration will ensure the creation of innovative seasonal dishes, inspired directly by the fresh, high-quality produce cultivated in Gravetye Manor's famous kitchen garden. Guests of Gravetye Manor are now enjoying a dining experience that truly reflects the estate's natural bounty and culinary excellence.

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Experience the presidential elegance of the Reagan Suite at Ashford Castle, a testament to its rich history and distinguished guests.

[Red Carnation Hotel Collection - London, Edinburgh, and County Mayo, Ireland](#) - Red Carnation Round-Up

The Red Carnation Hotel Collection is thrilled to share some inspiring updates—from award-winning dining and serene spa moments to a lively new rooftop bar that’s already turning heads. These are the kinds of details your clients will love, and which will inspire future conversations and bookings.

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A taste of the estate: the bountiful restaurant garden at Ashford Castle, where fresh produce inspires culinary excellence.

[Ashford Castle](#) - A Taste of the Estate & a Culinary Honor

There's always something new to discover at Ashford Castle. The latest *Guinness Story* video series takes guests behind the scenes of the estate - keep an eye on YouTube for a peek into this legendary setting, watch the first video in the series [here](#), and don't forget to subscribe to Red Carnation's channel to keep on top of the next video. The team is also proud to share that the Castle's restaurants have been *Highly Commended* in the "Best Seasonally Inspired Restaurant" category at the Sustainable Hotel of the Year Awards 2025—a wonderful reflection of its commitment to local, seasonal ingredients.

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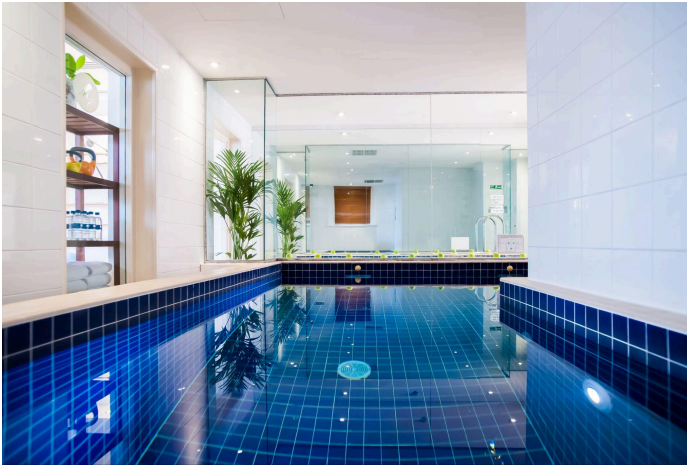


*Step into movie history at Squire Danagher's cottage,
featured in *The Quiet Man*, and enjoy a hands-on cooking session.*

Guests can experience this connection to the land through the *Cré: Kitchen Garden Experience*, where they'll forage and taste fresh produce before joining Executive Head Chef Liam Finnegan for a hands-on cooking session in the charming Squire Danagher's cottage—recognizable from *The Quiet Man* movie, filmed on the Estate in 1952. The experience ends with a beautiful three-course meal made from ingredients they've gathered themselves—a true celebration of place and season. Keep in mind that immersive experiences like these are commissionable at 10% when prebooked and prepaid.

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*Rejuvenate your senses at the refreshed spa at The Milestone Hotel & Residences,
a haven of relaxation and well-being in the heart of London.*

[The Milestone Hotel & Residences](#) - A Refreshed Spa Experience in the Heart of Kensington

The Milestone Hotel & Residences is delighted to unveil the newly refurbished wellness area, offering a restorative retreat for body and mind. Whether it's a peaceful yoga session in the comfort of a private suite, time in the newly unveiled infrared sauna or cold plunge bath, or simply relaxing by the resistance pool, there are now even more ways for guests to unwind. Resident therapist, Jana Watson, brings over two decades of experience and offers a bespoke range of treatments in a tranquil new setting, all designed to leave guests feeling relaxed, rebalanced, and renewed.



*Your clients can invigorate their routine at The Milestone Hotel & Residences' fully equipped gym,
featuring modern cardiovascular technology and a tranquil setting for well-being.*

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[The Chesterfield Mayfair](#) - Welcome to Stanley's Rooftop Bar

Coming soon, [Stanley's](#) is The Chesterfield Mayfair's brand-new rooftop bar in London - an inviting and elegant space above the rooftops of Mayfair, created in honor of the late Stanley Tollman. Inspired by his belief in the joy of a shared drink, a delicious bite, and great conversation, the space will serve up summer spritzes, Native lobster rolls, Neal's Yard cheddar toasties, and soft-serve ice cream with 24k gold leaf - all under a retractable roof that makes this a year-round delight. If your clients are in London later this year, send them to *Stanley's*. Please do reach out, and the Chesterfield team will arrange a visit.



Step into the vibrant world of Sems Bar at The Chesterfield Mayfair, an enchanting day-to-night escape nestled on tranquil Mayfair Street. Enjoy innovative cocktails, delectable dishes, and the seductive rhythm of live musical performances.

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Wander through the enchanting Cottage Garden at The Newt in Somerset, a picturesque space brimming with charm and vibrant blooms.

[The Newt in Somerset, United Kingdom](#) - Land of Abundance

Summer and Fall at The Newt in Somerset is a celebration of abundance - blooming gardens, bountiful harvests, and family-friendly adventures await, whether your clients are visiting for the day or staying a little longer. Check in for a bucolic break, slip into the hotel spa, enjoy seasonally led menus across four restaurants, and enjoy bustling estate events, celebrating the delights of the season.

The hotel is delighted to announce that it has been named Southwest England's Hotel of the Year 2025 by *The Sunday Times* & *The Times* - a list of 100 UK hotels delivering excellence in design, facilities, value, dining, and service. This award is a testament to the land that inspires and the team that brings it to life.

The Newt has also released a new date for the [Great Garden Escape](#) for a winter special, December 6th, to visit the Estate in all its Christmas finery. It's never too early to think about the most wonderful time of the year in Somerset. Inspire your clients to pack up their finery, walking boots, and those they hold dear for [four nights of memorable festivities](#) this Christmas and New Year.

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Experience the ancient art of falconry at The Torridon, an unforgettable encounter with magnificent birds of prey amidst the stunning Highland landscape.

[The Torridon, Wester Ross, Scotland](#) - Stargazing, Sustainability, and New Highland Adventures

It's been a busy year at The Torridon. The newly refurbished Chestnut Cottage has been hugely popular. Owner Rohaise has created a sanctuary from day-to-day stresses with a beautifully relaxing room featuring an outdoor bathtub from William Holland, to stargaze beneath some of the darkest and clearest skies in the country, and homey touches such as a cozy log burner inviting guests to curl up and enjoy their Torridon Time.

Elsewhere on the resort, sustainability efforts continue with EarthCheck Bronze status achieved, as well as the arrival of two beehives in the Kitchen Garden. This year's newest experiences, Falconry and the bespoke Highland Outfitters experience, have been very popular, particularly with multi-generational trips.

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Unwind under the open sky in the luxurious outdoor stainless-steel bathtub at The Torricon, where your clients can stargaze and soak in the serene Highland landscape.

The Torricon is currently putting the finishing touches on its [Off-Season Program](#), inviting guests to visit during the winter months and enjoy the rugged splendor of the Highlands from the warmth of the estate. There is limited Thanksgiving availability remaining for 2025.