

A Moment of Grace and Gratitude



OUR YEAR IN REVIEW

Dear Connected Family,

As the year unfolds and the holiday spirit surrounds us, we find ourselves reflecting on the incredible journey we've shared with each and every one of you. We wanted to take a moment to express our deepest gratitude for the unwavering support, trust, and loyalty you've extended to us at The Connected Traveler.

Your Support and Referrals Have Made a World of Difference

Our success is a testament to the remarkable clients we are fortunate to serve. Your support and referrals have been the driving force behind our achievements, and we are sincerely grateful for the trust you've placed in us. Your recommendations have not only fueled our growth but have also created a vibrant community of travelers.

A Special Thank You for Your Patience During the Virgin Debacle

We acknowledge the challenges faced during the Virgin Voyages debacle, and we extend our heartfelt gratitude for your patience and understanding. Your support during that time demonstrated the true strength of our community, and we are genuinely appreciative of your resilience.

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Happy
New Year



Celebrating 32 Awards and Counting

We are ecstatic to share that, thanks to your continued support, The Connected Traveler has been honored with over 32 awards from cruise lines and other travel suppliers this year. Each accolade serves as a testament to the exceptional experiences we've crafted together and motivates us to continuously raise the bar.

Expanding Our Service To Better Serve You

To ensure we can accommodate the growing needs of our incredible clients, we've taken steps to enhance our services. We've expanded our assistance team, added resources to better support you, and broadened our networks to provide even more diverse and enriching travel experiences.

Our commitment to delivering unparalleled service remains unwavering, and we are excited about the opportunities that lie ahead. Your feedback and suggestions have been instrumental in shaping our journey, and we are dedicated to exceeding your expectations in every aspect of your travel experience.

Expanding Service with new Agency and Travel Consortia Relationship

As you know, we are thrilled to have affiliated with Pique Travel Design. Their travel acumen is rivaled by none, and they are incredibly disciplined at getting the most for their clients.

A Message from Pique Travel Design to The Connected Traveler Family

Pique Travel Design is thrilled to announce our newest affiliation with Sean Hornbeck, The Connected Traveler. Sean's infectious enthusiasm and industry-leading cruise expertise are a perfect fit for our culture. As an independent affiliate of Pique Travel Design, Sean is now part of Virtuoso (Top 1% of travel agencies) and a Forbes Travel Guide-endorsed agency (1 of 40 worldwide). This means more connections, insider access, and special perks for The Connected Traveler clients.

Congratulations Sean & Della. Here's to new beginnings, shared collaborations, and helping your clients follow their curiosity.



Jim & Linda Bendt—Owners—Pique Travel Design

Our Wishes For You This Holiday Season

As we approach this holiday season, we extend our warmest wishes to you and your loved ones. May this festive season bring joy, laughter, and wonderful memories to you and your loved ones. Make memories not stuff.

Thank you, once again, for being a part of The Connected Traveler family. Here's to many more incredible journeys together!

LOST CITIES AND UNESCO TREASURES ON COLUMBIA'S COAST
February 16-24, 2024
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REVIEW

2023



We started the year right with some amazing folks! Enjoying a true holiday on Virgin's Valiant Lady New Year's Ahoy. Ringing in the New Year with you was a gift!



Next, we were recognized as one of Virgin's Top 100 Travel Advisors on board the Virgin Voyage Fire & Sunset Cruise. We are so grateful that you put us here.



We were whisked away and stayed at the Omni Grove Park in Asheville, NC, where we met some amazing folks, including internationally renowned Artist Patrick Guyton. Spending time in this historic resort, relaxing by the fireplace and chugging --I mean sipping-- classic cocktails.

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Then, Scott escaped to New Orleans to attend a tourism conference. While Sean went to Texas to meet with suppliers, attending another conference.



We were fortunate to attend the Gemini Birthday Bash where we celebrated Mark's birthday in style enjoying Virgin's Dominican Daze. The company was the best part of the trip!



Thereafter, we attended the top ten travel agent celebration on board Virgin's Resilient Lady enjoying the Greek Isle Glow with Lindsey G.

YEAR IN REVIEW



We attended the Governor's Conference for the State of Tennessee, where we met with industry leaders in international and domestic travel and tourism. We expanded our travel network and are now preparing exclusive land based tours, as well as getaways to Nashville and the Great Smoky Mountains.



Sean and Della then flew to San Juan as The Connected Traveler was invited to attend the IGLTA Convention as a registered buyer. Meeting Industry Leaders, domestic and international suppliers, destination marketing companies, hotels, resorts, and cruise lines, gave us exclusive incentives and offers for our Connected Traveler Family.



Thank you for a great 2023. Looking forward to 2024!

2024

ONLY CHANGE IS CONSISTENT

As we reflect on the past year, we're reminded that the only constant in travel is change. The best-laid plans may take unexpected turns, presenting challenges that open doors to exciting new possibilities.

Adapting to a Shifting Landscape

Change in travel can take various forms, from individual hiccups to broader industry shifts. We experienced both when planned stops in the Middle East were canceled by multiple suppliers. Then, Virgin delayed the Brilliant Lady, and rerouted ships, impacting 500 of our bookings! This led to multiple adjustments for the upcoming year. Below are just a few of our new trips.

New Trips

Explore the Uncharted with Explora Journeys

Amidst these changes, we're thrilled to introduce new and captivating journeys. Join us February 16 to February 25 for an unforgettable expedition on Explora Journeys "Lost Cities and UNESCO Treasures on Colombia's Coast." Embark on a journey exploring the treasure of Cartagena, Santa Marta, and the mystical Ciudad Perdida. Enjoy Ocean Suites at over 35% off, and an exclusive minimum of 200 euros onboard credit per cabin, and the assurance that all food, drinks, and alcohol are included. Do you know they will match your sea rover status and give you more cash? <https://tinyurl.com/booklostcities>



Celebrate Christmas Down Under in December 2024

If you're dreaming of an Australian Christmas, consider Virgin's "Resilient South Pacific Holidays" from December 23 to December 29, 2024. Explore the stunning landscapes of Sydney, Melbourne, and more. A Sea Terrace cabin, with up to \$700 in onboard credit and \$400 of bar tab sailor loot, is only an incredible \$2288! Extend your adventure to include New Year's Eve and make it a holiday season to remember.



Plan ahead for NYE 2025–2026–Bucket List Warning!!

Embark on an extraordinary odyssey with Explora Journeys, as we invite you to join our exclusive journey from Dubai December 28, 2025 to January 5, 2026. As the year comes to a close, usher in the New Year with a celebration like no other, surrounded by the opulence of the Arabian Gulf. With Explora Journeys, every detail is meticulously curated, ensuring that your voyage is not just a trip but a collection of unforgettable moments. Discover a seamless fusion of tradition and innovation, experience unparalleled service, and witness the breathtaking landscapes that make this journey a timeless adventure. This is not just a cruise: it's a symphony of discovery, and we invite you to be part of this extraordinary expedition. Contact us today to secure your place on this once-in-a-lifetime journey! Reduced Deposits.

Selling Out!




Atlas Ocean Voyage, A Culinary Delight to Lisbon April 20, 2025

Embark on an epicurean odyssey with Atlas Ocean Voyages as you set sail aboard the World Navigator, starting April 20, 2025. This seven-night voyage promises a sensory feast as you traverse the azure waters from Tenerife to Lisbon. Atlas Ocean Voyages invites you to discover the hidden gems of the Canary Islands and Madeira, renowned for their stunning landscapes, rich history, and of course, delectable cuisine.

Foodie Pick

Atlas Ocean Voyages goes beyond expectations by including a variety of amenities as standard. Enjoy complimentary beverages, including fine wines and spirits. Embrace adventure with included shore excursions that provide authentic insights into each destination. Experience a personalized approach to service, with a highly-trained staff dedicated to meeting your every need.



SECOND GUEST SAILS FREE PLUS BONUS SAVINGS			
Category	Description	BEFORE Promotions are applied	AFTER Promotions are applied
N5	Navigator Suite	\$13,499*	\$5,749
D5	Discovery Suite	\$12,499*	\$5,249
J5	Journey Suite	\$11,999*	\$4,999
E1	Horizon Deluxe Stateroom	\$6,999*	\$4,949
E2	Veranda Deluxe Stateroom	\$8,999*	\$3,999
A1	Horizon Stateroom	\$3,999*	\$3,349
A2	Horizon Stateroom	\$3,999*	\$3,349
B1	Veranda Stateroom	\$2,499*	\$3,249
B2	Veranda Stateroom	\$2,499*	\$3,249
A0	Adventure Oceanview Stateroom	\$6,499*	\$2,249

*FARES ARE PER GUEST, CRUISE ONLY. Fares are subject to change at any time without notice. Port charges +\$180 per guest are additional. Bonus savings are applied to cruise fare.

ALWAYS INCLUDED

- **FREE** cultural immersion
- **FREE** dining venues with ever-changing menus
- **FREE** unlimited beverages, including fine wines, spirits and craft beers
- **FREE** open bars and lounges, including 24-hour bar service with specialty canapés
- **FREE** stocked in-room minibar
- **FREE** specialty coffees, teas and fresh-pressed juices
- **FREE** afternoon and high tea
- **FREE** champagne and gourmet canapés during meet and greet
- **FREE** 24-hour room service, including spirits, wine and beer
- **FREE** LOCCITANE bath amenities
- **FREE** pre-paid gratuities
- **FREE** use of walking sticks and binoculars
- **FREE** reusable water bottle
- **FREE** butler service and expanded room service menu in suites




EXCLUSIVELY ON EPICUREAN EXPEDITIONS

- **FREE** cultural immersion includes culinary experience ashore, such as local market visits, specialty tastings and more
- **FREE** Jospier Grill Dining Experience at 7AFT Grill
- **FREE** culinary presentations and wine tastings
- **FREE** cooking demonstrations and cuisine tastings
- **FREE** events hosted by a Tastes & Traditions Expert on select expeditions
- **FREE** Atlas Ocean Voyages backpack
- **FREE** use of water toys on select expeditions

There will be a celebrity chef who will host, have talks, and give cooking demonstrations.

Check the Website for Details and more Trips on January 1!

Explore our revamped website, designed for easier navigation. Discover all the exciting changes, including relocated trips and fresh itineraries resulting from supplier cancellations and adjustments.

At The Connected Traveler, we're committed to adapting to change and ensuring your travel experiences are nothing short of extraordinary. For more details on these incredible journeys and exclusive offerings, reach out to us. We can't wait to embark on these new adventures together.

Wishing you safe travels and thrilling adventures to come!

