

Exhibitor - Appointment Schedule For Koleen Hamblin - Visit Mendocino County

Date	From	To	Meeting	Table	
TravMedia Opening Remarks Visit California Press Conference from 12:00pm					
Date	From	To	Meeting	Table	
1.	Wed 27 Jan 2021	1:00pm	1:15pm	The Points Guy - Laura Motta	
2.		1:15pm	1:30pm	Travel Ambassador, Inc - Angel Castellanos	
3.		1:30pm	1:45pm	Trusted Travel Girl --- As Seen on-air with BBC World News, CNN , Fox News, Hall... - Valerie Joy Wilson	
4.		1:45pm	2:00pm	Nat'l PBS Series, National Geographic, Travel + Leisure - Colleen Kelly	
Sponsored break from 2:00pm					
5.		2:30pm	2:45pm	Freelance journalist/editor/photographer for USA Today, National Geographic Trav... - Jenny Peters	
6.		2:45pm	3:00pm	HoneyTrek.com National Geographic, Falcon Guides, Lonely Planet, Smithsonian - Mike Howard	
7.		3:00pm	3:15pm	Leeward Media, LLC - Mary Jo Manzanaras	
8.		3:15pm	3:30pm	Washington Post, Boston Globe, Lonelyplanet.com, more - Liza Weisstuch	
		12:00pm		Italian National Tourist Board Press Conference - Experts Panel presented in partnership with the Society of American Travel Writers Editors Council	
Happy Hour hosted by Visit California Partners from 3:30pm					
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1.	Thu 28 Jan 2021	1:00pm	1:15pm	Food & Wine, Lonely Planet, + more - Regan Stephens	
2.		1:15pm	1:30pm	Rolling Stone, Vanity Fair, Mental Floss, the Wall Street Journal, the Atlantic,... - Garin Pirnia	
3.		1:30pm	1:45pm	Nat Geo / Travel + Leisure / PBS - Catie Keogh	
4.		1:45pm	2:00pm	Freelance Travel Writer (Deoartures, TripSavvy, Architectural Digest, Forbes, Br... - Katherine Parker-Magyar	
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5.		2:30pm	2:45pm	Freelance: CondeNastTraveler.com, RobbReport.com, Frommers.com, AARP The Magazin... - Veronica Stoddart	
6.		2:45pm	3:00pm	Freelance - Megan Hill	
7.		3:00pm	3:15pm	Write the World... recent bylines: CNN Travel / enRoute Magazine / Vancouver Sun... - Lisa Kadane	
8.		3:15pm	3:30pm	Travel + Adventure Journalist - Stephanie Vermillion	
		4:00pm		Networking Power-Hour	
		12:00pm		TravMedia Summit USA	
AIUla Press Conference from 3:30pm					
Date	From	To	Meeting	Table	
1.	Fri 29 Jan 2021	1:00pm	1:15pm	Fodor's Travel, Lonely Planet, BBC Travel, Washington Post, Los Angeles Times, W... - Barbara Noe Kennedy	
2.		1:15pm	1:30pm		
3.		1:30pm	1:45pm	No Back Home - Karilyn Owen	
4.		1:45pm	2:00pm	Freelance: Lonely Planet, Moon Guides, Atlas Obscura, Montecristo, Explore, The ... - Carolyn Heller	

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Sponsored break from 2:00pm				
5.		2:30pm	2:45pm	GoNomad.com, Travel Post Monthly Great Escape Publishing, GoWorldTravel.com, FYI... - Sharon Kurtz
6.		2:45pm	3:00pm	Hotel-Addict, Lonely Planet, Trivago, LuxeGetaways, Vacations, Bon Vivant, The T... - Janice Tober
7.		3:00pm	3:15pm	L.A. Times, Westways, Ventura Blvd. Magazine, etc. - Terry Gardner
8.		3:15pm	3:30pm	Freelance Travel Writer and Blogger - Amy Piper
		4:00pm		Virtual Networking Breakout Sessions

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Laura Motta comes to The Points Guy as Editorial Director after leading content teams at ShermansTravel for nine years. Before that, she held positions at Travelzoo, iVillage and EverydayHealth, and lived in Paris.

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Wed 27 Jan 2021	1:00pm	1:15pm	Meeting: The Points Guy - Laura Motta

Laura Motta

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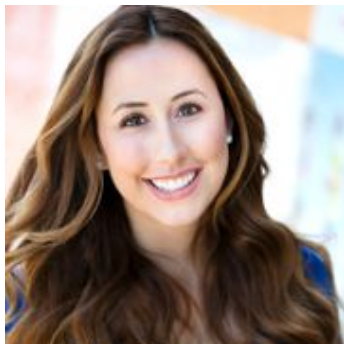
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Angel Castellanos, is a passionate world traveler, travel writer, multi-media influencer, content producer and nationally recognized speaker. He inspires fellow travelers by helping people to travel smart, well and often. Traveling to almost 80 countries on 5 continents (and counting), Angel travels 12-14 weeks internationally each year to produce inspiring content for his loyal engaged followers. Through his various partnerships, he teaches smart and savvy travel tips in order to help fellow travelers have the next best trip of their life. Angel is an expert at romanticizing travel and building an emotional attachment between his various partners and his followers. With a keen eye and a pulse on the traveling public, Angel is often on the forefront and a leader of various travel trends making an impact on the market today. Featured in New York Times Travel Show, BBC World News, Fox News, Univision, LA Times, Travel & Adventure Show, Fox News, ABC News, CBS, 1000traveltips.com, Dave's Travel Corner, Frommers In 2019 Angel will begin shooting his new TV Show with Hoplite Entertainment called "Hot Spots" featuring 13 unique destinations world wide.

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Valerie Joy Wilson

Trusted Travel Girl --- As Seen on-air with BBC World News, CNN , Fox News, Hallmark Channel Home & Family, KTLA, Daily Blast Live, / In Print: Forbes, American Airlines magazine (Celebrated Living). Specializing in solo female travel, off-the-beaten path
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Valerie is owner and editorial director for Trusted Travel Girl, A travel resource specializing in global destinations, travel tips, female travel, solo travel, off-the-beaten-path travel, and luxury travel. Valerie has been seen on CNN, BBC World News, Fox News, Hallmark Home & Family, KTLA and more appearing as an on-air travel expert. While traveling, Valerie immerses herself in the culture, and gets to know the locals, while sharing hidden gems and secrets of the destinations she visits. Trusted Travel Girl's 360 degree approach lends to video content creation, social media, photography, on-camera segments, articles/blog posts, as well as speaking engagements. Valerie travels full-time, and has traveled over 70 countries. She regularly shares her travel tips to her 200,000+ strong audience and has been featured on National television such as Hallmark Channel's Home & Family, KTLA news, and featured in publications such as Conde Nast Traveler, Nylon, Forbes, Daily News, & SELF, among various others. Valerie has written for American Airlines Magazine (Celebrated Living), Matador, Huff Post, Thought Catalog and more. Trusted Travel Girl's audience has a global reach, but is predominantly US/North American. Trusted Travel Girl has worked with tourism boards and brands across the globe to produce high quality content. Trusted Travel Girl is searching for quality campaigns— ideally tailored to the audience we reach. "Trusted" is in front of "Travel Girl" because Valerie prides herself on honesty and authenticity. TTG's candid and witty approach to travel writing, photography and videography stand out. Over the last seven years in the industry, Valerie has developed a trusted relationship with her readers and followers as well as brand partners. Previous Partnerships include: Indonesian Consulate, Tourism Authority of Thailand, Visit Carmel, AIG Travel Guard, Victorinox Swiss Army, Various Marriott Brands, ASEAN Tourism, Travel Nevada, Poland, Visit Costa Mesa, Visit Estonia, The Travel & Adventure Show and more! ****Prioritizing Paid Branded Content Campaigns**** Testimonials from Clients: Valerie is an absolute joy to work with. She is professional, respectful and a pleasure to have at Conrad New York Downtown! We worked with Valerie in July 2020 to tout our Hilton CleanStay program. Valerie exceeded the agreed upon deliverables, producing more than 20 Instagram stories including the hotel, as well as two static IG posts. One of the posts was a video highlighting the Hilton CleanStay program - which received over 40,000 views in less than 24 hours. We shared the video on our hotel YouTube platforms and social channels, as well as LinkedIn. Hilton top executives re-shared the video on their LinkedIn's, which received additional exposure and engagement from clients and meeting planners. We even won an internal award for the success of the video and production of the content. We look forward to working with Valerie in the future, and have developed a long term, lasting partnership. I can only highly recommend Valerie as we saw a direct impact on our business as a result of Trusted Travel Girl. — Kara Freedman, Assistant Director of Marketing at Conrad New York Downtown "Visit Estonia started cooperation with Valerie (Trusted Travel Girl) early 2017. From the very beginning the communication was very clear, pleasant and professional. It was easy to discuss and agree about what we were looking for and what Valerie could offer. The results exceeded our expectations - the articles were very detailed and there was even more photos and stories on social media than we were hoping for. We really felt that she fell in love with our destination and she was making sure her followers would want to visit. Valerie's approach to a destination is very thorough - she is keen to learn about the history, traditions and culture which makes her articles and even post or photo captions more interesting. Even after the campaign Valerie has continued to promote Estonia as a destination in different "top lists" and articles whenever suitable and relevant. We are looking forward to work with her again." — Eeva Lillemägi, Media Manager, Visit Estonia Valerie has been nothing short of a professional writer, blogger, influencer, and traveler. We met about 3 years ago when I was working with the Tourism Authority of Thailand during a FAM trip. She's always kind, courteous, and if a pitch doesn't fit her writing, she'll advise on what will work from your pitch. She not only helps us understand the every changing landscape from the influencer and blogger POV, Valerie ensures that our clients are also satisfied. This is why I have continued to work with her for Thailand and my other clients, including ASEAN Tourism and other brands. — Romey Louangvilay Curate Directive PR Poland Tourism Organization worked with Valerie Wilson - Trusted Travel Girl on a social media campaign in 2019. The photo and video coverage created by Trusted Travel Girl was dynamic, fresh and full of fantastic shots. The images she provided - beautiful, varied and inspiring, which resulted in high engagement rate in the community of international travelers. It was a pleasure to work with this creative and professional creator. I recommend Trusted Travel Girl to any

travel destination interested in reaching an audience passionate about traveling. — Magdalena Żelazowska, Director, Polish Tourism Organization North America Please reach out for a media kit. <https://www.trustedtravelgirl.com/press> <https://www.trustedtravelgirl.com/about> Other facts about Valerie Joy Wilson: Graduate of Clemson University and an avid college football fan. Survivor of Lyme Disease Extreme Skier & SCUBA Diver +Over 300,000 followers on TIKTOK

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Colleen Kelly is the host of the Emmy-nominated PBS series, "Family Travel with Colleen Kelly", which airs to 94% of the USA to 19.6 million viewers (source: Nielsen 2019). It is the only show about family travel in the USA. It is also digital, as well, on Amazon Prime and the PBS app and is presently in production on season seven. Concurrently, she is a digital contributor for Parents.com Colleen also is the Co-Host of the TRIP SISTERS. Along with her sister, Catie, the Trip Sisters are the digital contributors for National Geographic (over 50 million) The Trip Sisters produce a YouTube series for National Geographic which posts on Nat Geo TRAVEL (37 million followers) as well as take over Nat Geo's Facebook (7.9 million). In addition, the Trip Sisters are the digital contributors for Travel + Leisure (4.9 million followers) taking over their Instagram and creating 24-48 hour stories on one destination. Being based in Chicago, the "Trip Sisters" even have their own weekly radio show and national podcast on WLS-AM Chicago It is the only TRAVEL TALK show in Chicago and reaches Chicago and 28 states. The "Trip Sisters" also appear regularly as travel experts on WGN, Chicago's #1 Morning News TV Station, NBC Chicago and ABC's Windy City Live. "Family Travel with Colleen Kelly" Media Kit - <https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B-BCNkRou8BIMnhCdm9wMVZwYVVzbWcwUjBXek1MUUhXemxN/view> "Trip Sisters" Media Kit - <https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B-BCNkRou8BISDFpbkRibVIYSWZmZDNfRIRSNWRuZGc2ZkhJ/view> "Trip Sisters" Travel + Leisure Instagram Story - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iRZYr0evb0w&feature=youtu.be> "Trip Sisters" - Travel + Leisure Instagram LIVE in Chicago- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZaxQZrIM46M&feature=youtu.be> "Trip Sisters" National Geographic - Ireland (Facebook - 6.5 Million followers) - <https://www.facebook.com/natgeotravel/videos/624165638328302/> "Trip Sisters" National Geographic - Iceland (YouTube - 10 Million subscribers) - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zu0Xa0pYjD0> Trip Sisters on WGN Chicago - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p6kRPm2QSIA&feature=youtu.be> Trip Sisters Radio Show/Podcast on WLS-AM 890 Chicago - <http://www.wlsam.com/trip-sisters/> Colleen Kelly is also a Brand and Digital Influencer and a recognized Travel Expert who works withwith domestic and international CVBs and tourist boards, such as VisitBritain, Tourism Ireland, Switzerland Tourism, Iceland, Mexico, and hundreds of domestic CVBs. In the past couple of years, her brand of Colleen Kelly reached over 50 million household impressions.

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Wed 27 Jan 2021	1:45pm	2:00pm	Meeting: Nat'l PBS Series, National Geographic, Travel + Leisure - Colleen Kelly

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Jenny Peters (also known as Jet Set Jen) is a longtime Los Angeles-based freelance journalist, editor and party columnist, specializing in covering travel, entertainment, celebrities, fashion, food and wine, and other lifestyle topics for outlets all over the world. Her credits include writing feature stories and film reviews for outlets including USA Today, National Geographic Traveler, AARP, New York Magazine, New York Lifestyles Magazine, TripSavvy.com, ThePointsGuy.com, TimeOut.com, LAX Magazine, Air Chicago Magazine, Fly Washington Magazine, Variety, Gayot.com, Coast Magazine, California Meetings + Events Magazine, Apex.aero, the Los Angeles Daily News, Box Magazine, Bask magazine, ShermansTravel.com, MentalFloss.com, LA.com and many other domestic and international publications, websites and wire services. She previously was the editor in chief of Brentwood magazine (the Southern California luxury lifestyle magazine), and held the same post for Scene Magazine. Before she became a full-time writer, Peters was a manuscript editor at Random House Trade Publishing, working with authors ranging from Woody Allen and Gloria Swanson to Carl Sagan. She is a founding and voting member of the Broadcast Film Critics Association, who present the Critics' Choice Movie Awards every January.

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Wed 27 Jan 2021	2:30pm	2:45pm	Meeting: Freelance journalist/editor/photographer for USA Today, National Geographic Traveler, New York Lifestyles Magazine, TimeOut.com, TripSavvy.com, #FlyWashington, etc. - Jenny Peters

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Mike & Anne Howard left on their honeymoon in January 2012 and never came home. They created HoneyTrek.com to chronicle their journey across all seven continents and help people mobilize their travel dreams. Their story of the World's Longest Honeymoon, savvy tips, and blog have been featured in 100's of international media outlets—from USA Today to Lonely Planet. Firm believers that love and travel make the world a better place, they authored "Ultimate Journeys for Two"—National Geographic's bestselling couples travel guide. To write their newest book, "Comfortably Wild", they traveled 73,000 miles across 9 countries to find the best glamping experiences in North America. As full-time nomads and travel journalists, the Howards are always on the hunt for off-the-track destinations, uncommon adventures, and the human stories that make each place so special. WEBSITE: <http://www.HoneyTrek.com> EMAIL: MikeAnne@HoneyTrek.com

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Wed 27 Jan 2021	2:45pm	3:00pm	Meeting: HoneyTrek.com National Geographic, Falcon Guides, Lonely Planet, Smithsonian - Mike Howard

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Mary Jo Manzanares, aka MJ, is a publisher, writer, podcaster, and avid traveler. When she's not on a trip, she's planning or researching the next one and has a bag always packed, ready for the next great adventure. She is the co-founder of Leeward Media, LLC, and owns and manages numerous travel and lifestyle sites: Mary Jo writes and publishes Traveling with MJ (www.travelingwithmj.com), a travel site aimed at well-traveled baby boomers and cusp boomers. This site also has a large readership of flight attendants and much of the content is syndicated to flight attendant sites. Mary Jo shares information and recommendations based on her travel ethos of Value Luxury - luxury for real people - helping readers learn what's worth the splurge. Traveling with MJ was launched in 2005 (originally under a different name). Mary Jo is the co-editor, along with her husband Tony, of The Travelers Way (www.thetravelersway.com), an online travel site providing practical information and tips for practical travelers. The Travelers Way was launched in 2006. Mary Jo hosts a podcast at Where Else to Go (www.wherelsetogo.com) which gives listeners inspiration about where to go. . . and where else to go. . . whether that's across town or around the world. Where Else to Go was launched in 2016. Mary Jo is the editor at The Yums (www.theyums.com), which provides restaurant reviews from around the world. The Yums was launched in 2017. Mary Jo is the founder of the Travel Reading List (www.travelreadinglist.com) a site and Facebook community centered around an annual reading challenge. The challenge (and site) was launched in 2018. Mary Jo and Tony are co-editors at Discovering Washington State (www.discoveringwashingtonstate.com), a travel and lifestyle site that focuses on everything related to Washington State. Aimed at both visitors and residents, the site focuses on things to do and see, as well as local events and festivities. Discovering Washington State was launched in late 2019. In early 2020, in the midst of the pandemic, Mary Jo launched My Listly (www.mylistly.com), a site dedicated to list that we can love or hate. It's a fun look at things that make us go "hmmmm" as we argue over the validity of the entries on the list. Additionally, Mary Jo is working on Secret Seattle for Reedy Press, with expected publication in Spring 2020, and also contributes hotel reviews for Hotel Scoop (www.hotel-scoop.com). 2021 Editorial Focus: Cruising, food and wine travel, small and mid-sized cities and neighborhoods, and bucket list experiences. Mary Jo has been a speaker at numerous industry events in the United States, Europe, and Asia. She is a member of SATW (Society of American Travel Writers) and serves as Co-Chair of the Digital Publishers Council.

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Wed 27 Jan 2021	3:00pm	3:15pm	Meeting: Leeward Media, LLC - Mary Jo Manzanares

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My destination features tend to be narrative in style and focused on food and drink--though most often drink. Bars and distilleries and the people who run them are excellent barometer of local culture. Since the pandemic hit, I've been writing personal essays and newsier stories. Most recently: how small distilleries are bringing tourists back and how DMOs advertise while also playing it safe during the pandemic. (Both for the Washington Post.)

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Wed 27 Jan 2021	3:15pm	3:30pm	Meeting: Washington Post, Boston Globe, Lonelyplanet.com, more - Liza Weisstuch

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I contribute to several outlets on a freelance basis, including Food & Wine, Condé Nast Traveler, Fortune.com, and Lonely Planet.

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Thu 28 Jan 2021	1:00pm	1:15pm	Meeting: Food & Wine, Lonely Planet, + more - Regan Stephens

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Garin Pirnia was born and raised in the rock-and-roll city of Dayton, Ohio. She has written about arts and culture for Rolling Stone, Vanity Fair, Mental Floss, the Wall Street Journal, the Atlantic, Huffington Post, Eater, Cincinnati CityBeat, and many more publications. She is author of The Beer Cheese Book and Rebels and Underdogs: The Story of Ohio Rock and Roll, and screenwriter of The Finicky Cat, and Fibby, two short horror comedies that have won awards at film festivals and screenplay contests. Music, beer cheese, and cats—she does it all.

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Emmy Award Winning Host, Emmy Award Winning Executive Producer, Co-Creator of the Trip Sisters. Digital contributor for National Geographic and Travel + Leisure magazine. Podcast/Radio Host for The Trip Sisters weekly travel show broadcasting with Cumulus Media on WLS 890am in Chicago. Catie's extensive broadcasting background includes a 2015 Emmy win for Best Magazine Program as Executive Producer/Host, a 2012 Emmy win for On-Air Talent/Host and 13 additional Emmy nominations across her production company. Catie is an avid traveler and lifestyle expert. She teamed up with her sister, Colleen Kelly in 2016 to launch their travel series, The Trip Sisters. Catie is a Social Media expert who develops engaging content for the travel community as well as creates and manages all content for @CatieKeogh and @TheTripSisters. Catie earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Communications from The University of Texas at Austin and honed her on-camera skills through her early performances at Improv Olympics and Second City. She lives in Chicago, Illinois.

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Thu 28 Jan 2021	1:30pm	1:45pm	Meeting: Nat Geo / Travel + Leisure / PBS - Catie Keogh

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I write about travel, lifestyle & culture for Architectural Digest, Departures, Forbes, The Week, Business Insider, TripSavvy, The Daily Beast, Tasting Table, Elite Daily, Popsugar, Electrify, Brit + Co, Insider, Go Overseas, Quest Magazine, and the New Jersey Hills Media Group, where I first began my career as a newspaper reporter. I earned my master's degree summa cum laude with honors in nonfiction writing from the New School. I am a travel contributor for Forbes, where I write about culture, nature, and adventure. As a Caribbean Expert for TripSavvy, I cover the islands and nations of that (idyllic) part of the world. I also continue to contribute to the New Jersey Hills Media Group via a monthly travel feature that runs in all 17 weekly newspapers, as well as online. I love to travel because I love meeting new people and experiencing different cultures. When I was only 14-months-old, my parents brought me along to the Arctic Circle. Since then, I've visited all 50 states and just as many countries (63 and counting). Though I've studied abroad in London and Osaka, I call New York City home. I have been interviewed about my travels throughout Africa, Europe, and the Caribbean for publications, podcasts, and radio shows. My writing has been translated into French and Arabic and I've been profiled in the Huffington Post, Le Diplome Tunisien and the Economist Maghreb about my reporting on the Barbary Coast. In my career as a travel writer, I've driven husky sleighs through Arctic forests in Finnish Lapland and sailed the Rio Negro to the heart of the Brazilian Amazon. I've practiced yoga with goats in the Swiss Alps and chased Alaskan King Salmon off the shores of Prince of Wales Island. I've jumped into black holes in Belize and trekked across the most active volcanic valleys in the Caribbean. I've hot air ballooned above the Sierra Nevada and tracked rhinos in the savannah of the Maasai Mara. Yet, while I'm always eager for new adventures, my most meaningful experiences on trips are often rather unexpected—the moments shared with strangers met along the way. Travel, I've learned, is other people. I truly believe that #travelislove and, to paraphrase Mark Twain, that it's fatal for hatred, bigotry and narrow-mindedness. I'm thrilled to be working in an industry that is a force for good in the world.

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Thu 28 Jan 2021	1:45pm	2:00pm	Meeting: Freelance Travel Writer (Departures, TripSavvy, Architectural Digest, Forbes, Brit + Co, Business Insider, Elite Daily, etc.) - Katherine Parker-Magyar

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Veronica Stoddart

Freelance:

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The former travel editor in chief of USA TODAY for 16 years, Veronica Stoddart is an independent travel editor, writer and content consultant through her firm, VS Content Strategies. She provides multimedia content strategy and creation services to a variety of travel clients. She also freelances travel articles to a variety of national outlets. Previously she was the founding editor of Caribbean Travel & Life magazine, which she edited for 10 years. She has worked as a contract editor for the National Geographic Society, as travel editor of Americas magazine, and has contributed to National Geographic Traveler, Conde Nast Traveler, RobbReport.com, AARP The Magazine, CruiseCritic.com, Frommers.com, Islands, The Boston Globe, Los Angeles Times, Hemispheres, YahooTravel.com, TheDailyMeal.com, BedandBreakfast.com and many other publications and outlets during more than 30 years in travel journalism. She was also on the faculty of the SATW Institute for Travel Writing & Photography for five years. A high-profile expert on travel and tourism, she has served as a speaker or panelist for more than 30 travel and publishing organizations. She has also appeared as on-air expert on "Best Beaches of the World," a 12-part series that aired on the Travel Channel. Veronica has received more than 30 awards, including the Marcia Vickery-Wallace Award for Excellence in Travel Journalism, 12 Lowell Thomas Awards from the Society of American Travel Writers and seven awards from the North American Travel Journalists Association. She was granted a 2014 Asia Pacific Journalism Fellowship by the East-West Center. She is a member of the Society of American Travel Writers. A passionate traveler, she has visited more than 100 countries, reporting from many of them, and has lived on three continents. A graduate of Wellesley College in Wellesley, Mass., she considers travel a force for good in the world.

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Thu 28 Jan 2021	2:30pm	2:45pm	Meeting: Freelance: CondeNastTraveler.com, RobbReport.com, Frommers.com, AARP The Magazine, CruiseCritic.com, American Way, FamilyTraveller.com, BedandBreakfast.com, InsidersGuidetoSpas.com - Veronica Stoddart

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I'm a Seattle-based freelance writer focusing on outdoor adventure, socially conscious travel, environmental sustainability, and more. I recently won an SATW award for my story on Copper River salmon in Edible Seattle's May/June 2018 issue. Currently, I contribute to a range of publications including AFAR, Sierra, Fodor's, Matador, Hemispheres, Global Traveler, TravelAge West, and The Saturday Evening Post.

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Thu 28 Jan 2021	2:45pm	3:00pm	Meeting: Freelance - Megan Hill

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Lisa Kadane is an award-winning journalist who has been writing about travel, outdoor adventure, food, cocktails, health and parenting for over two decades. Formerly a lifestyle reporter at the Calgary Herald, she is now a freelance scribe for a variety of publications including CNN Travel, enRoute Magazine, Today's Parent and Postmedia newspapers. Recent bylines include American Way, BBC Travel, WestJet Magazine, Fodor's Travel and Family Fun Canada. When not travelling, skiing, researching or writing, you'll find Lisa hanging out with her husband and two school-age kids, or hiking with her Brittany spaniel, in Kelowna, B.C.

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Thu 28 Jan 2021	3:00pm	3:15pm	Meeting: Write the World... recent bylines: CNN Travel / enRoute Magazine / Vancouver Sun + Postmedia newspapers / American Way / BBC Travel / WestJet Magazine - Lisa Kadane

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Stephanie Vermillion is a travel and adventure journalist, photographer, and filmmaker who writes for National Geographic, Travel & Leisure, Outside, How Stuff Works, and more. Her focus areas include adventure travel, the outdoors, stargazing/ astrotourism, and road trips. Follow her on Instagram (@bystephanievermillion) and Twitter (@smvermillion).

Meeting Time(s):

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Thu 28 Jan 2021	3:15pm	3:30pm	Meeting: Travel + Adventure Journalist - Stephanie Vermillion

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Barbara Noe Kennedy left her longtime position as Senior Editor of National Geographic Travel Publishing in 2015 to go freelance full-time. Based in Washington, D.C., she has published hundreds of travel stories and blogs, plus four guidebooks (as well as many chapters of NatGeo travel books), with a focus on food, culture, art, and running. Her bylines have appeared in BBC Travel, London Telegraph, Washington Post, Fodor's Travel, Lonely Planet, National Geographic, among others. She has accompanied National Geographic Expedition tours to Italy and France as the NatGeo Expert and she teaches travel writing both in person and online. While she travels extensively around the world, the places she returns the most are California (where's she's from and so happy she still has family there to visit!), France (where she lived), and Zambia (where she works with orphans in the village of Zambezi and is in the process of helping establish an electronic library there). Please visit her website, barbaranoekennedy.com, for more info.

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Fri 29 Jan 2021	1:00pm	1:15pm	Meeting: Fodor's Travel, Lonely Planet, BBC Travel, Washington Post, Los Angeles Times, World War II magazine, National Geographic, etc. - Barbara Noe Kennedy

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Karilyn is a family travel writer and influencer currently based in Los Angeles. After a decade of living in India, Karilyn relocated to Southern California where she started her family travel blog No Back Home. As a solo mom to a nature obsessed 10 year old and a homeschool parent, Karilyn and Cian's travels focus on outdoor adventures, experiential learning opportunities like language immersion and artisan crafts, as well as eco-friendly travel. They are just as happy with urban explorations as they are doing a national park getaway. No Back Home provides useful travel tips, inspiration and advice to family travelers from Los Angeles and throughout the world. Moving from the backpacking world to luxurious, once in a lifetime experiences, Karilyn shares the best locations, attractions and accommodations in each area that she visits to help families move from inspiration to making memories. No Back Home inspires families to get outside of their comfort zone more, explore different cultures and to seek out the world's beauty wherever they find themselves. Since 2000, Karilyn has traveled to 49 countries on her own and to 34 with her son.

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Fri 29 Jan 2021	1:30pm	1:45pm	Meeting: No Back Home - Karilyn Owen

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Carolyn Heller

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Carolyn B. Heller is a travel, food, and feature writer, based in Vancouver, Canada. Her articles have appeared in LonelyPlanet.com, Forbes Travel Guide, Atlas Obscura, October Magazine, The Takeout, Roads & Kingdoms, Explore, Edible Vancouver Island, Montecristo, Canadian Traveller, Moon.com, Trivago, Luxury Latin America, Hotel-Scoop, and Perceptive Travel, among many other publications. Carolyn is the author of three Canada guidebooks - Moon Vancouver & Canadian Rockies Road Trip, Moon Toronto & Ontario, and Moon Vancouver, highlighting unique experiences, great local eating, and distinctive places to stay across the country. She has contributed to more than 50 other travel and restaurant guides, including Fodor's Vancouver & Victoria and Pacific Northwest guides, and numerous Lonely Planet titles, from Sustainable Escapes, Global Chocolate Tour, In Her Footsteps, Culture Trails, and Secret Marvels of the World, to LP's China and Canada guidebooks. Born and raised in the United States, she's swapped fairy tales with a Druze family in a Golan Heights village and shared dumplings with a family in China, went ice-fishing in Nunavut and heli-hiking in British Columbia, studied Spanish in Ecuador and Costa Rica, and taken cooking lessons in many countries, including Vietnam, Grenada, Japan, Chile, and South Africa. She speaks decent Spanish, passable travel French, and enough Mandarin Chinese to order dumplings and possibly buy a train ticket. She's traveled from Vancouver to Halifax by train, and she's crisscrossed the USA multiple times, including a six-week mother-daughter road trip with her then-pre-teen twins, where they ate mashed potatoes with gravy in 14 states while searching for the perfect strawberry pie. After calling Boston home for more than 20 years, she and her family relocated to Vancouver, where she can frequently be found running along the seawall, snacking in one of the city's Asian noodle shops, or planning her next adventure.

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Sharon Kurtz

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Sharon is a freelance travel writer based in Dallas, Texas, and a member of the International Travel Writers and Photographers Alliance(ITWPA), and International Food, Wine, and Travel Writers Association (IFWTWA). Since launching her writing career in October 2018, she has published more than 60 articles for online and print publications. Her love of travel blended with her part-time role as a tour leader for a small group women's travel company enable her to cover local, national, and international travel, exotic destinations, beach and mountain destinations, family travel, hiking, food and wine, and sustainable living, travel tips, and product reviews. Sharon writes from a boomer age woman's perspective, often traveling solo, featuring cultural destinations, soft adventure experiences, and small group travel, preferably with a luxury touch. She is always looking for that a unique angle to bring a fresh perspective to a story. Sharon's website Sharonkkurtz.com houses many of her published articles. In recent years, Sharon has visited more than 36 countries on 6 continents. She lives in Dallas, Texas, with her husband and three dogs when not traveling, but her carry-on is always packed ready for the next adventure. Sharon's articles have appeared in FYI50plus Magazine, GoNomad.com, International Living, Rovology.com, Travel Post Monthly.com, Great Escape Publishing., FWT Magazine, Re-Creation.WORLD, RealFoodTraveler, Myitchytravelfeet.com, GoWorldTravel.com, Roadtrippers Magazine, Moretimetotravel.com, confettitravelcafe.com, shortweeks-longweekends.com, Adventuress-travel-magazine, and more.

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Fri 29 Jan 2021	2:30pm	2:45pm	Meeting: GoNomad.com, Travel Post Monthly Great Escape Publishing, GoWorldTravel.com, FYI50+ Magazine, Re-Creation-World, VitaBella Magazine, ConfettiTravelCafe.com, Real Food Traveler, My ItchyTravelFeet.com, The Yums. Member of ITWPA, IFWTWA, Travel Massive - Sharon Kurtz

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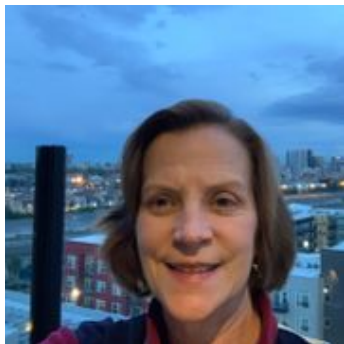
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Based in Santa Monica, Terry Gardner is a freelance journalist whose passions are travel, health, fitness, scuba diving, the environment and Mojitos. She has written for travel sections of the LA Times, Chicago Tribune and Dallas Morning News. She has also reviewed travel gear and apps for the LA Times. Other publications have included Alert Diver, American Way, Global Traveler, Travel Weekly, Desert Golfer and Cowboys & Indians magazine.

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Fri 29 Jan 2021	3:00pm	3:15pm	Meeting: L.A. Times, Westways, Ventura Blvd. Magazine, etc. - Terry Gardner

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Amy Piper is a freelance travel writer, photographer, and blogger. She is a native Michigander who has traveled to 41 countries and 42 states. She aspires to travel to Antarctica and finally visit all seven continents. She specializes in luxury travel, foodie travel experiences, and multi-generational travel. Bomb-sniffing dogs have chased her in the middle of the night in Bogotá (working late). The gate agents refused her boarding on an aircraft from Buenos Aires to Paraguay (wrong visa). Federal Marshalls announced her seat number on a plane looking for a murder suspect. She had traded seats. It is always an adventure! Amy has written for TravelAwaits, Foodie Flashpacker, the Yums, Collectible Automobile, and GoNomad.com, to name a few. She authored the Michigan chapter of the Midwest Road Trip Adventures. She also blogs about her adventures at www.followthepiper.com. She is a member of the Board of Directors for the International Food, Wine, and Travel Writers Association (IFWTWA) and belongs to TravMedia, and Travel Massive.

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Fri 29 Jan 2021	3:15pm	3:30pm	Meeting: Freelance Travel Writer and Blogger - Amy Piper

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