

The Alliance bulletin

Providing key information on a no-frills format for professional who travel to write, edit, broadcast or create images. Editor : Ashley Gibbins : Ashley@itwalliance.com

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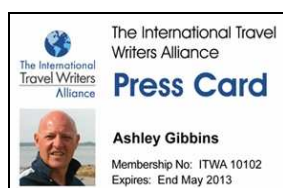
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The Alliance press card



The International Travel Writers Alliance Press Card now provides Alliance journalists with formal recognition of their status and standing – and a roving ambassador's role - in the profession.

See Appendix one for the directory of opportunities for press card holders.

Registering with the Alliance

To register with the Alliance visit : www.itwalliance.com, and register as a :

- **Member** : travel writers, broadcasters and photographers
- **Editor** : commissioning editors
- **Partner** : travel and tourism industry organisations, or
- **Agency** : agency representatives with travel or tourism clients

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Opportunities

Alliance members looking to take advantage of any of the following opportunities should be on assignment, with a commission or able to obtain one.

bmi regional

bmi regional has launched new routes from the Birmingham and Bristol Airports.

Operating an all jet fleet of 49-seat Embraer aircraft, bmi regional has started direct flights to Gothenburg, Toulouse and Lyon from Birmingham and dservices from Bristol to Hannover, Munich and Milan.

From 3 June, the airline will also fly direct to Billund in Denmark from Birmingham.

bmi regional offers 30 minute check-in, complimentary food and drink, and operates a 'bags fly free' policy.

bmi regional operates over 350 flights a week throughout the UK and Europe with destinations including :

Aberdeen	Brussels	Esbjerg	Munich
Antwerp	Copenhagen	Frankfurt	Norwich
Bristol	Glasgow	Hannover	Manchester
Bremen	Gothenburg	Leeds-Bradford	Toulouse, and
Birmingham	East Midlands	Lyon	Zurich
Bristol	Edinburgh	Milan	

bmi regional is arranging independent and group press trips to all of its new destinations.

Visit www.bmiregional.com. Contact : Cass Helstrip at cass.helstrip@whitetigerpr.com.

Job opportunities

The **International Travel Writers Alliance Job Shop** is a new and developing resource of information on jobs for journalists - across the world.

It also enables the Alliance's partners to place - and journalists to receive - information on in-house jobs, special assignments or one-off projects.

Visit : www.itwalliance.com and click **Job shop**

Copy Editor Reporter

Hagerstown, MD, United States

Copy Editor/Reporter The Herald-Mail, an award-winning daily newspaper in Hagerstown, Md., is seeking a journalist who can both edit and report. This is a full-time position for a copy editor/reporter, who will work on the copy desk a majority of the time and work as a general assignment reporter as needed.

Writer/Editor, Smithsonian Institution

Washington, DC, United States

The chance to join a team of dedicated staff at an exceptional time in Smithsonian history, as the Institution implements a new comprehensive strategic plan, expands the programming, educational, and scholarly activity of its museums and research centers, and undertakes its very first Institution-wide fundraising campaign.

Online Editor

UC Berkeley

University Relations Marketing and Communications helps to build positive relationships with donors and potential donors in order to leverage support for the University. Its audiences include alumni, parents, foundations, students, faculty, staff, and friends.

Assistant Editor

Columbia Books, Inc, Bethesda, MD, United States

Columbia Books, Inc., a leading provider of political, corporate, and non-profit data seeks an Associate Editor to support a variety of publications and database management tasks

Brand & Content Journalist, Virgin Holidays

Crawley, London

The Brand & Content Journalist will help drive and deliver the content marketing strategy by developing and executing marketing content across both traditional and new media.

The role will focus on delivering innovative, informative, and entertaining content around travel and travel lifestyle – all with a cheeky Virgin wink.

Writer/Journalist, central London

Do you blog? Do you live for Twitter, Instagram, Reddit, YouTube? Do you love creating attention-grabbing web content that's so good it's shared all over the web? If so Content Media want to hear from you.

We're a small yet dynamic editorial agency looking for an enthusiastic, creative and social media savvy individual to join our team in Hoxton on a three month voluntary work placement (expenses will be paid).

For more information on these and other jobs visit : www.itwalliance.com and click [Job shop](#)

Working with the Alliance

The following travel industry partners and agencies are keen to work with Alliance travel writers, editors, broadcasters and photographers.

Other Alliance partners and agencies can be found at www.itwalliance.com.

Partners

HistoricBritain.com

HistoricBritain.com is an accommodation website with over 500 B&Bs and small hotels with heritage, and listings of 700 places to visit.

Historic Britain generates revenue for those who incur the cost of maintaining Britain's heritage, through online booking of :

- hotels, inns, bed and breakfasts, and private houses that admit paying guests
- visitor tickets for museums, monuments, castles, houses and gardens that are open to the public, and
- guided tours.

HistoricBritain.com offers the lowest prices for all properties advertised, and up-to-date availability of its B&Bs - an accommodation sector not traditionally accessible online.

Visit : www.historicbritain.com. Contact : Leila Stocker at leila@turtle-pr.com.

Coastline Villas, Corsica, Ibiza and Mallorca

Coastline offers luxury villas on the islands of Corsica, Ibiza and Mallorca.

The portfolio comprises 30 villas from romantic retreats to sprawling family farmhouses, with some by the sea and others high on hillsides and privacy a main feature.

Visit : www.coastline.co.uk. Contact : Lynsey Devon at lynsey@heavenpublicity.co.uk.

Windsor and the Royal Borough, UK

Windsor and the Royal Borough have almost 1,000 years of history including :

- Windsor Castle - the world's largest occupied castle
- 4,800 acres of royal landscape in Windsor Great Park
- horse racing at the Windsor and Ascot Races
- Eton College Legoland
- Windsor Michelin starred restaurants at Bray Cookham, and
- the River Thames for boating, walking and cycling.

Visit : www.windsor.gov.uk. Contact : Jackie Ellis at jackie@tourism-angles.co.uk.

Livigno, Italy

Located in the Lombardy region of the Italian Alps, Livigno has been awarded the title of Best European Resort at the 2012 World Snow Awards.

The resort offer great skiing with carnival in February a highlight of the ski season. Summer in Livigno offers a range of activities to the slopes with cycling being a particularly popular activity.

Visit : www.livigno.eu. Contact : Lynsey Devon at lynsey@heavenpublicity.co.uk.

Cheli & Peacock (Kenya)

Established by Stefano Cheli and Liz Peacock in 1985, Cheli & Peacock is one of Kenya's leading, and longest established, safari operators.

With over 27 years' experience, C&P operates exclusive, bespoke safaris for clients that want the 'real Africa' experience. C&P is completely independent, choosing the best and most unique properties and locations. Its policy is to operate professional safaris to the most spectacular locations.

C&P also represents a collection of 8 boutique camps and lodges called The C&P Portfolio.

Visit : www.chelipeacock.co.ke. Contact : Julia Mut at juliam@chelipeacock.co.ke.

South Oxfordshire, UK

South Oxfordshire is a popular location for film and tv productions because of the unspoilt rural character.

Over 50% of programmes in the popular British TV crime series Midsomer Murders are filmed here.

All three main market towns have served as Causton with :

- Thame with its food focus
- Wallingford's river Thames setting, and
- Henley on Thames, home of the world famous rowing regatta and arts festival where the 'blazers and boaters' combination is a colourful highlight of the social season.

Visit : www.southernoxfordshire.com and www.visitmidsomer.com. Contact : Jackie Ellis at jackie@tourism-angles.co.uk.

Wild at Art, Scotland UK

Wild at Art puts unique art experiences at the heart of its vacation packages: painting, felting, batik or jewellery making, stone carving, weaving, photography and more.

Tour packages combine the best in accommodation, cuisine, social programme and skilled art tutoring for beginners to skilled, eager to develop their artistic abilities in a small group while holidaying in Scotland.

Creative experiences bring visitors up close and personal with talented producers of Scotland's vibrant arts and crafts culture.

Visit : www.wildatartscotland.com. Contact : Ellen Colingsworth at info@wildatartscotland.com.

Madesimo, Italy

Madesimo is a classic mountain ski resort typical of the Italian Alpine region with the 'ski-holiday' launched by the Italian Touring Club in the resort in 1911.

Surrounded by mountains and Alpine landscapes, Madesimo is a summer and winter destination and convenient for popular tourist destinations like Lake Como and St. Moritz

Visit : www.visitmadesimo.it. Contact : Lynsey Devon at lynsey@heavenpublicity.co.uk.

The Clarendon Hotel, London UK

The Clarendon Hotel is comprised of a row of eighteenth century residences, which many people consider the finest Georgian hotel in South East London.

Facing Blackheath, the hotel has commanding views across the open grassland to Royal Greenwich Park. The hotel consists of 178 rooms, some with views of the heath or the delightful secluded, walled garden to the rear, which is open to residents.

The Clarendon Hotel is independently owned and has been in the same family for over 40 years.

Visit : www.clarendonhotel.com. Contact : Ken Milton at ken@clarendonhotel.com.

Reykjavik Bike Tours

Reykjavik Bike Tours provide two wheeled tours of the essential 'must-see' sights of Iceland's capital and tell you the stories that bring these places to life!

It enables visitors to see and experience places that would be missed on foot or by bus and to meet local residents who know the ins and outs of the city.

The small group tours are made on comfortable, high quality bikes.

Visit : www.icelandbike.com. Contact : Stefan Helgi Valsson at valsson@centrum.is

The Colorado Balloon Classic

The Colorado Balloon Classic was first held in 1977 and has grown to be the largest and the longest continuously running hot air balloon festival in the Rocky Mountain Region as well as the State of Colorado.

The Colorado Balloon Classic is an annual family event - admission is free - held each Labor Day weekend.

Visit : www.balloonclassic.com. Contact : Patsy Buchwald at patsy@balloonclassic.com.

Private Scuba Lessons, Florida, USA

Laura Parke is a successful scuba instructor and author who has worked with and coached some of the world's most successful business people, celebrity CEO's and discriminating families.

She has issued over 1000 professional certifications for Scuba Diving and Snorkeling in Southeast Florida. Her work and articles have been seen in the Miami Herald, Sun Sentinel, Tampa Tribune, TravelZoo and TripAdvisor

Visit : www.PrivateScubaLessons.com. Contact : Laura Parke at ScubaDivaLaura@gmail.com.

Travel Deals Turkey

Travel Deals Turkey organises short getaways and package tours within Turkey and Greece and can also provide cruise deals the Greek Islands departing from Turkish ports including Kusadasi, Istanbul, Izmir and Antalya.

Visit : www.traveldealsturkey.com. Contact : Ibrahim Eskicioglu at ibrahim.e@hotmail.com.

Alta Badia, Italy

Alta Badia is a ski resort in the Dolomites of northern Italy, in the upper part of the Val Badia in South Tyrol offering a mix of skiing, scenery and gourmet food.

The climate in Alta Badia is a typical alpine microclimate with mild summers and winters long and cold. From December to February average temperatures are below zero and night time temperatures can fall to minus 20°C.

Although winters are snowy there is an average of 100 days of sunshine between December and March is the norm.

Visit : www.altabadia.org. Contact : Lynsey Devon at lynsey@heavenpublicity.co.uk.

News

Care for the Wild International launches RIGHT-tourism.org

Wildlife charity *Care for the Wild International* has launched a dedicated website where travellers and tourists can check the facts about watching, touching, riding on or photographing animals while on holiday.

RIGHT-tourism.org offers specific advice for every country in the world regarding the best places to interact with wildlife without harming it.

Care for the Wild International works to highlight the fact that while millions of animals are involved in the tourist trade, many have little or no protection.

It could be a donkey carrying tourists up a hill, a dolphin being harassed by motor boats, or a monkey being used for cute photos in Morocco.

RIGHT-tourism.org also features articles on a range of issues, such as shopping, eating, zoos, aquariums, cultural events and 'con'-servation.

Tour operators who pledge to follow guidelines can also be listed on the website, so tourists can be comfortable knowing their holiday will be animal-friendly.

RIGHT-tourism stands for Responsible, Informed, Guilt-Free and Humane Tourism.

Care for the Wild is a UK based charity dedicated to the protection of wildlife in the UK and abroad.

Visit : www.RIGHT-tourism.org and www.careforthewild.com. Contact : Chris Pitt at press@careforthewild.com.

The Richard III tour in Leicester

Leicester Shire Promotions has launched a new one-day tour to help visitors to Leicester and Leicestershire discover more about the history of King Richard III.

'The King's Tour' includes a Blue Badge Guide walking tour, coach travel from the city to Bosworth Battlefield, entry to the Battlefield visitor exhibition and discounts on food and drink in the city.

The King's Tour costs £10 per person (full paying adult) and £8.50 (concessions), and takes place on the first Sunday and Wednesday of each month from June to September.

Visit : www.goleicestershire.com/RichardIII. Contact : Simon Gribbon at simon.gribbon@l-p-l.com.

Jumeirah Spas

Three of the Jumeirah Group spas have won awards in the World Luxury Spa Awards 2013.

Assawan Spa & Health Club in Burj Al Arab won the award for Best Luxury Hotel Spa, while Talise Ottoman Spa in Jumeirah Zabeel Saray won the award for Best Luxury Resort Spa.

Talise Spa at Jumeirah Dhevanafushi in the Maldives won the award for Best Luxury Emerging Spa from the Indian Ocean Continent category.

Visit : www.jumeirah.com. Contact : Shula Pannick at spannick@thecommunicationgroup.co.uk.

Rabbie's Small Group Tours

Rabbie's is Scotland's longest running small group Tour Company offering tours ranging from one day excursions to full 17 days of island hopping.

Departures take place from Edinburgh, Glasgow, London and Dublin with guests travelling in Mercedes minicoaches and with a maximum of 16 passengers.

Visit : www.rabbies.com. Contact : Andrea McCallum at andrea-mccallum@freshwater-uk.com.

Dallas Zoo

Dallas Zoo is the first zoo in North America to combine African elephants with zebras, giraffes, impalas, ostriches and guinea fowl in the same Giants of the Savanna habitat.

The Dallas Zoo is one of a number of major attractions in the city including the Dallas Arts District – the largest arts district in the nation, the Perot Museum of Nature and Science and the George W. Bush Presidential Center.

Visit : www.dallaszoo.com. Contact : Kristin Welsh at kristin@allynmedia.com

Mount Mulanje, Malawi

The Malawi Government has submitted an application for Mount Mulanje to be considered a World Heritage Site cultural landscape.

Mount Mulanje also known as the Mulanje Massif, is located in southern Malawi near the city of Blantyre and the tea-growing Mulanje district.

Visit: www.malawitourism.com. Contact : Kelly White at enquiries@malawitourism.com.

Florida Snooty, World's Oldest Manatee, turns 65 at South Florida Museum

South Florida Museum is celebrating Snooty the manatee's 65th birthday.

Snooty was the first manatee born in an aquarium (July 21, 1948) and has been a permanent resident of South Florida Museum since June 1949.

Visit : www.SouthFloridaMuseum.org. Contact : Jessica Schubick at jschubick@southfloridamuseum.org.

Traveler Overseas Magazine

Traveler Overseas magazine is launching a Kickstarter campaign to crowd-source funding for a plan to publish hundreds of travel stories online, free for all to read.

Each story will be accompanied by the journalist's itinerary that is free, editable and bookable.

Every day of their Kickstarter campaign, Traveler Overseas will be promoting a different travel story.

Funds collected from this campaign will go to pay the journalists and photographers for the rights to publish their work on TravelerOverseas.com.

Visit : www.kickstarter.com/projects/traveleroverseas/traveler-overseas-magazine. Contact : Angela Mondragon at mondragon@traveleroverseas.com.

Sea World, Queensland, Australia

Sea World's Polar Bear Liya has given birth to a new born cub, the second ever to be born in Australia.

Sea World's Polar Bear Shores, located at Sea World on the Gold Coast, opened in 2000 and is home to Australia's only Polar Bears, Liya and twin brothers Nelson (cub's father) and Hudson.

Visit : www.seaworld.com.au and www.experiencequeensland.com. Contact : Sophie Muir at sophie.muir@tq.com.au.

VisitEngland

VisitEngland has launched Speak Up!, - a free online guide designed to help tourism businesses market their accessibility to disabled travellers.

Containing information, advice and examples of best practice, the guide covers a wide range of marketing tools from social media to promotional brochures, all aimed at helping business owners attract more of these valuable visitors, worth over £2billion annually.

Visit : www.visitengland.org/access. Contact : Sarah Long at sarah.long@visitengland.org.

Ripley's Believe It or Not! London

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Visit : www.ripleyslondon.com. Contact : Lauren Mayle at Lauren.mayle@sirencomms.com.

Dominican Republic dive app

The Dominican Republic has launched a dive app for iPhone and iPad, which showcases the diving and water-sports attractions on the Caribbean Island.

Diving visitors to Dominican Republic can explore century's old shipwrecks on the country's north coast, or take advantage of warm, protected waters of the south.

Visit : www.tinyurl.com/kurnc5b or <http://tinyurl.com/kl4vqqx> and www.godominicanrepublic.com.
Contact : Esther Smith at pr.uk@godominicanrepublic.com.

Dragon Trails, West Wales, UK

Dragon Trails arrange daily guided walks the daily guided walks the West Wales coast between five and 10 miles with a Welsh-speaking guide.

The walks give participants the chance to discover the ancient mysteries of the Preseli Mountains, home of the Stonehenge Bluestones and to enjoy the scenery and wildlife of the Pembrokeshire and Ceredigion Coasts, including seals, dolphins, peregrines and choughs.

Holidays run from the Saturday for seven nights for between six and 10 guests.

Visit : www.dragontrails.com. Contact :Duncan Foulkes at duncan.foulkes@btinternet.com.

Leads

MINT Polo in the Park, Hurlingham Park in Fulham, London

7 to 9 June 2013

For the fifth consecutive year, the Hurlingham Park in Fulham will host the MINT Polo in the Park, which brings together international polo and family entertainment.

This year will see teams from Sydney, Abu Dhabi, Moscow, Delhi and Buenos Aires compete alongside the 2012 Champions from London.

MINT Polo in the Park is known for its innovative format and provides an introduction for those less well-acquainted with the sport.

It has simplified the traditional rules of polo so that newcomers will be able to follow the action without any prior knowledge of the game.

There is a smaller Polo Field meaning the action is never far away from the spectator and the use of a 45 Yard Ring with goals scored from outside the ring worth double the points.

Visit : www.polointheparklondon.com. Contact : Alexandra Hunter-Dunn at alexandra.hunter-dunn@captiveminds.com.

Rafting and beer tasting on California's Tuolumne River, California

Nature-based adventure travel company O.A.R.S. is launching a three-day craft beer tasting and gourmet rafting adventure on California's Tuolumne River.

The Independence Day launch will include San Francisco-based 21st Amendment Brewery honoring the repeal of prohibition.

Visit : www.2st-amendment.com.

The Tuolumne River near Yosemite National Park offers early season Class IV whitewater flanked by sandy beaches and canyons and fed by creeks and waterfalls.

Visit : www.oars.com. Contact: Steve Markle at stevem@oars.com.

A day with elephants

Guests at the five-star Sarojin resort in Thailand can take part in the five-star hotel's recently-launched 'Elephant Owner For A Day' package.

The new package is designed to offer a glimpse of local elephant camp life while teaching guests how to clean, feed and look after Thailand's sacred animals.

Over the course of a full-day or half-day, guests will be assigned their own elephant for a one-on-one learning activity. Accompanied by The Sarojin's team of guides, guests will shadow local mahouts from the Sairung camp and learn daily healthcare for the elephants.

Guests can also take a dip in a jungle lake and swim around their elephant, learn how to ride elephants bareback and the trek deep into the jungle to view the scenery within this area of outstanding natural beauty.

The Sarojin is located on an 11km stretch of white sand beach in Khao Lak, a 55 minute drive north of Phuket Airport.

It is surrounded by five spectacular national parks and the world-famous dive sites of the Similan and Surin Islands.

Visit: www.sarojin.com. Contact : Sarah Habicht at sarah@humewhitehead.co.uk.

The Abbotsbury Swannery, Dorset UK

The Abbotsbury Swannery is the only place in the world where visitors can walk through a colony of mute swans, see cygnets hatching and participate in mass feedings.

The Swannery was first established in the 11th century by Benedictine monks, who farmed the swans for lavish banquets.

Each year about 100 breeding pairs of swans produce around 500 eggs.

Its swan population can double in June and July, when moulting swans become flightless and seek sanctuary.

In November and December, the population triples when freshwater weeds are dying off and hundreds of other swans come to Abbotsbury to feed on the plentiful eel grass.

Visit : www.abbotsbury-tourism.co.uk/swannery. Contact : Emily Pykett at emily@watershedpr.co.uk.

The Ritz, London

The Ritz Restaurant, London has opened its terrace for the summer season.

On sunny days, diners can enjoy Executive Head Chef John Williams's 'palace-style' cooking with views over Green Park. The terrace features an Italian mosaic floor surrounded by ornate wrought iron balustrades and floral boxes.

Visit : www.theritzlondon.com. Contact : Jenny at jenny@saucecommunications.com.

Deep Creek Lake, Maryland

Deep Creek Lake, in Garrett County, Maryland is the largest inland body of water in Maryland.

Like all lakes in the state, it is man-made and home to a wide variety of freshwater fish and aquatic birds. Fishing is extremely popular on the lake, for species such as largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, and walleye.

Visit : www.deepcreek.com. Contact: Emily Tobin at emilyt@deepcreek.com.

Salvador Dali Exhibition, Madrid, Spain

Following its success at the Centro Georges Pompidou in Paris, the Salvador Dali exhibition had moved to the Museo Reina Sofia in Madrid for a four month period.

The Museo Reina Sofía, also known as the Museo Nacional Centro de Arte Reina Sofía or simply The Sofia) is Spain's national museum of 20th century art.

The iconic Hotel Ritz Madrid is ideally located a stone's throw from the Reina Sofia and has excellent links with the museum.

Built in 1910 by King Alfonso XIII, the property is one of one of the original grand luxury hotels of Europe and played host to Salvador Dali himself.

Visit : www.ritzmadrid.com and www.museoreinasofia.es. Contact : Emily Wilson at emily.wilson@orient-express.com.

Big Rock Candy Mountain, British Columbia, Canada

Big Rock Candy Mountain offers family-friendly nature tours to this crystal collecting area.

Cominco's Rock Candy Mine operated here in the 1920's and today visitors can collect sparkling quartz crystal geodes, fine fluorite in green & purple, and barite, while enjoying mountain scenery and wildflowers.

The mountain continues to produce museum-quality specimens of gemmy yellow barite on quartz and fluorite.

Visit : www.rockcandymine.com. Contact : Carla Mont at Carla.Mont@gov.bc.ca.

Orlando Chili Cook off and World Chili Eating Challenge

The 5th Annual Orlando Chili Cook-off, at Festival Park in Orlando on 8 February 2014, will also feature the 2nd Annual World Chili Eating Challenge.

The event will also feature live musical entertainment and activities for children.

Joey "Jaws" Chestnut won the inaugural chili eating contest by eating more than sixteen pounds of chili with Sonya "Black Widow" Thomas runner-up.

Visit : www.orlandochilicookoff.com. Contact: Ryan Julison at ryanjulison@gmail.com.

David Livingstone's bicentenary, Malawi

With 2013 marking the bicentenary of explorer, David Livingstone's birth, Robin Pope Safaris is offering a trip along Scottish explorer's footsteps.

Its Warm Heart of Africa is a 10 night package following the Shire River from Majete Wildlife Reserve through Liwonde National Park and ending at Lake Malawi which Livingstone called the 'Lake of Stars'.

The trip will include game viewing experiences, rhino tracking and the chance to relax on the shores of Lake Malawi.

Visit : www.robinpopesafaris.net. Contact Kelly White at enquiries@malawitourism.com.

The Tunica RiverPark and Museum, Tunica, Tennessee

The Tunica RiverPark and Museum, located 30 minutes south of Memphis, has unveiled five new exhibits, which explore the history of the oldest independent all-black community in the heart of the Mississippi Delta.

Tunica is promoted as the South's Casino Capital with nine casinos, 6,000 hotel rooms, restaurants, headline entertainers and championship golf and tennis.

Visit : www.tunicatravel.com. Contact : Elise Dillingham at edillingham@sullivanbranding.com.

The International Association of Antarctica Tour Operators (IAATO)

The International Association of Antarctica Tour Operators (IAATO) is a member organization founded in 1991 to advocate, promote and practice safe and environmentally responsible private-sector travel to the Antarctic.

IAATO currently has 116 members, who work together to develop, adopt and implement operational standards that mitigate potential environmental impacts.

Visit : www.iaato.org. Contact : Steve Wellmeier at Swellmeier@iaato.org.

Palau Adventure Park

The new Palau Adventure Park, which is located in a forest alongside a mangrove jungle river and the Pacific Ocean, features four zipline courses and a three-kilometer Mangrove Jungle River Boat Tour.

The Park also offers tours to the Stalactite Bat Cave (an ancient burial grave), and numerous WWII monuments.

Visit : www.ziplinepalau.com and www.visit-palau.com. Contact : Molly Blaisdell at molly@hooklineandthinker.com.

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Visit : www.ripleyslondon.com. Contact : Lauren Mayle at Lauren.mayle@sirencomms.com.

What's on

The Greenwich+Docklands International Festival, UK

21 to 29 June 2013

The Greenwich+Docklands International Festival, which is London's largest festival of outdoor theatre, opens on Midsummer's day for 9 days and it's all free!.

During the festival UK and International outdoor artists will perform across South East London.

Visit : www.festival.org. Contact : Sharon Kean at sharon@keanlanyon.com.

Salzburg Harvest Festival

24 August to 27 October 2013

The annual Harvest Festival in the city of Salzburg and SalzburgerLand is a traditional celebration offering pasture walking routes and the chance to watch the farmers drive their livestock down from the high mountain pastures.

The festival also highlights traditional customs and crafts, regional fare and folk music and dancing.

Visit : www.Salzburg.info. Contact : Gunda Bleckmann at Bleckmann@salzburg.info.

The Hanswijk Cavalcade - Mechelen, Flanders

25 August to 1 September 2013

The Hanswijk Cavalcade in the city of Mechelen is one of Europe's most colourful procession and pageants, which only takes place every 25 years.

Traditionally the event is rounded off with the Mechelen Ommegang, which features the family of life size giants recognised by UNESCO.

On this day Mechelen's historic centre sees hundreds of volunteers dressed in authentic costumes acting out historical and religious scenes.

Visit : www.hanswijkjubelfeesten.be/en and Contact : Anita at www.visitflanders.co.uk.

Brussels Jazz Marathon

24 to 26 May 2013

For more than a decade the Brussels Jazz Marathon has been a weekend jazz party with more than 450 musicians performing on the main squares in Brussels (Grand Place, Place du Sablon, Place St-Catherine & Place Fernand Cocq) as well as in 50 other venues.

Visit : www.brusselsjazzmarathon.be. Contact : Anita at www.visitflanders.co.uk.

The Pageant of the Masters, Laguna Beach, California

July 7 to 31 August 2013

The Pageant of the Masters, one of the most unique productions comprising ninety minutes of tableaux vivants ("living pictures").

These are faithful re-creations of classical and contemporary works of art, with real people posing to look exactly like their counterparts in the original pieces.

A live narrator is a guide through the story of each living picture accompanied by a full orchestra.

The 2013 Pageant of the Masters celebrates its 80th anniversary with the theme "The Big Picture".

Visit : www.PageantoftheMasters.org. Contact: Sharbie Higuchi at prdept@foapom.com.

The 40th annual Old Farmers Day, Loranger, Louisiana

19 and 20 October 2013

The 40th annual Old Farmers Day is a reenactment of the methods America's forefathers used to live, work, and enjoy life.

Reenactments include wagon train parade and rides; hog butchering and cooking; all types of field work done with Belgian draft horses and mules; sheep shearing and a blacksmith shop.

Visit : www.oldfarmersday.com. Contact: Barbara Brunett at brunettbarbara@yahoo.com.

Events in Croatia

Cest is d' Best, Zagreb

31 May to 6 June 2013

The 16th annual international street festival Cest is d' Best is a celebration of street entertainment in the streets and squares of Zagreb city centre.

The event was initiated by two popular buskers, Pajo and Hadži, and the festival now involves more than 300 hours of programme performed by artists from across the world.

Visit : www.cestisdbest.com/engleski.

INmusic Festival, Zagreb

24 to 26 June 2013

INmusic is Croatia's largest open-air modern rock and urban music festival, which is promoted as 'Glastonbury's sunny Croatian alternative'.

Vist : www.inmusicfestival.com/en.

Fresh Island Festival, Zrce Beach, Pag Island

10 to 13 July 2013

The Fresh Island Festival is the only hip-hop festival in the southeast of Europe.

Seasplash Festival, Fort Punta Christo

18 to 22 July 2013

In its eleventh year, the Seasplash is a 'dance and lifestyle' festival of reggae, ska, jungle, drum 'n' bass, dubstep and electro.

Visit : www.seasplash-festival.com.

The 60th Pula Film Festival, Pula

13 to 27 July 2013

The Pula Film Festival is the most visited cultural event in the Republic of Croatia with more than 78,000 visitors. The 15-day festival has satellite screenings at summer festivals across Croatia.

Visit : www.pulafilmfestival.hr/en. Ankita Desai at Ankita.Desai@Rooster.co.uk.

The Stratford-upon-Avon Poetry Festival

30 June to 4 August 2014

The Stratford-upon-Avon Poetry Festival, celebrating its Diamond year in 2013, is presented by The Shakespeare Birthplace Trust.

The Festival also features live music, recitals and events including People's Poetry Sunday.

Visit : www.shakespeare.org.uk. Contact : Tanya Aspinwall at Tanya@marketingaloud.co.uk.

The Rocky Mountain Fiddle Camp, Snow Mountain Ranch, Colorado

4 to 11 August 2013

The Rocky Mountain Fiddle Camp attracts fiddlers from far and wide to mountains of Colorado two hours west of Denver for a week of workshops, classes, jams, concerts, and dances.

Many styles of fiddle are offered including Scottish, Irish, Cape Breton, Swing, and Old Time. There are also activities for guitar, cello, bass, piano, mandolin and hammered dulcimer.

Visit : www.RMFiddle.com. Contact : Mark Luther at mfluther@aol.com.

Hammond Castle Renaissance Festival, Gloucester, Massachusetts

27 and 28 July 2013

The third Hammond Castle Renaissance Festival includes Knights battling it out, silly magic shows, belly dancing, music, storytelling as well as a Human Chess Match each day.

Visit : www.abbadiamarefestival.com. Contact: Gia Volterra de Saulnier at abbadiamarefestival@gmail.com.

GlobalFest, Calgary, Alberta, Canada

16 to 25 August 2013

The 11th GlobalFest, which takes place in Elliston Park in East Calgary combines a multicultural festival and international fireworks.

Visit : www.globalfest.ca. Contact : Chris Erickson at chris.erickson@globalfest.ca.

Summer festivities in Val d'Isère, France

While Val d'Isère is known as a skiing resort, the destination also stages a number of summer events including :

Iserane

7 July 2013

This two stage cycling tour is open to men and women of all ages, with routes from Val d'Isère or Bonneval sur Arc heading to the Iseran mountain pass, the highest in Europe.

Tarentaise Ice Scramble

13 and 14 July 2013

Participate in the highest scramble race in Europe, along the pathways of the Espace Killy.

CIMES de Val d'Isère

22 July to 4 August 2013

This is an international classical and jazz music festival Val with a full programme of concerts and the free entertainment.

Foire Savoyarde "L'Avaline"

3 and 4 August 2013

A traditional summer fair by the craftsmen and farmers from the Savoy and Aosta regions.

The chance to sample local Alpine produce ranging from cheeses to cured meats and see skilled craftsmen at work.

Haute Route: Cyclotourism Run

19 and 20 August 2013

Val d'Isère holds the second of the seven timed stages of the competitive run from Geneva to to Nice along the Route des Alpes .

Mountain Bike Enduro series, nations' trophy

24 and 25 August 2013

Enduro is the new discipline of mountain biking, requiring the ability to descend steep mountain paths whilst also needing the endurance to climb demanding hills at the same time. For a whole weekend, Val d'Isère will be hosting the French cup and international competitions.

Visit : www.valdisere.com. Contact : Charlie Fox at Charlie@grifcopr.com.

The Louisiana Seafood Festival, New Orleans

11 to 13 October 2013

The Louisiana Seafood Festival is a celebration of all the fresh and seafood found in the state.

The three-day festival also offers live music performed across two stages; culinary demonstrations and seafood education sessions from noted chefs.

Visit : www.LouisianaSeafoodFestival.com. Contact: Jennifer Kelley at jkelley@valencellc.com.

Masterpieces: Art and East Anglia, Norwich, UK

14 September 2013 to 24 February 2014

A major exhibition of works of art celebrating the culture and artistic heritage of East Anglia, from antiquity through to the present day, will be staged at the Sainsbury Centre for Visual Arts in Norwich.

Masterpieces: Art and East Anglia is the most ambitious exhibition staged in the region and will also be the centrepiece of the celebrations for the 50th anniversary of the University of East Anglia.

The exhibition will display some 250 objects that the region has inspired, produced and collected, as well as treasures that have long been associated with the area, loaned by over sixty major public and private collections including the Royal Collection, the British Museum, the Victoria and Albert Museum and the National Gallery.

These range from paintings, sculpture, architecture, ceramics, glass and jewellery to photography, graphic design, fashion and costume, product and textile design.

Visit : www.scva.org.uk. Contact: Sue Bond at info@suebond.co.uk.

Reasons to write about

Verbier, Switzerland

Located in the heart of the Swiss Alps in the canton of Valais, the resort of Verbier is located in a sunny bowl high above the Rhone river.

Along with St-Bernard and La Tzoumaz the area of Verbier - St Bernard offers over 400kms of hiking, biking and world class skiing.

The village itself comprises chalet-style buildings.

The Verbier St-Bernard Trail Race

6 and 7 July 2013

The 5th Verbier St-Bernard Trail Race will see competitors run over 110km in a loop that takes in the five valleys and seven communes that make up Verbier St-Bernard.

Visit : www.trailvsb.com

The Verbier Festival

19 July to 14 August 2013

The 20th Verbier Festival is a 17 day celebration of the best in international classical music. Over 50 concerts take place with a range of musical tastes catered from including jazz, orchestra and world music.

Visit : www.verbierfestival.com.

Mountain biking

Mountain biking is a big summer attraction in a region that includes Verbier itself, Val de Bagnes, Pays du St-Bernard and La Tzoumaz.

To encourage more holidaymakers to get on their bikes there is a 20% off offer on accommodation and mountain bike hire.

Visit : www.verbier.ch/booking.

W Hotels

W Hotels is to open its first hotel in the mountains, with the Trois Rocs complex including the hotel as well as private apartments, a spa and wellness centre, gourmet restaurant and club.

Visit : www.lestroicsrocs.com.

Visit : www.verbier.ch. Contact: Lynsey Devon at lynsey@heavenpublicity.co.uk.

Comic book museums in Maryland, USA

Geppi's Entertainment Museum

Geppi's Entertainment Museum is dedicated to comic characters – whether entirely fictional or based on figures from real life.

It is located in historic Camden Station at Camden Yards in Baltimore Maryland, a few blocks from the city's Inner Harbor.

The museum exhibits 6,000 pop culture artifacts including comics, toys, dolls, games and memorabilia of every conceivable category. Journey from the late 1700s to the present day and revisit favorite characters like Superman, Spider-Man, Batman, Mickey Mouse, Barbie, G.I. Joe, and many more.

www.geppismuseum.com

The Jewish Museum of Maryland

The Jewish Museum of Maryland museum is currently hosting ZAP! POW! BAM! The Superhero: The Golden Age of Comic Books, 1938-1950, which features superhero memorabilia, original comic book art and video interviews.

Visit : www.jhsm.org

Visit : www.CapitalRegionUSA.co.uk. Contact : Lisa Cooper at lisa.cooper@kbc-pr.com.

Île de Ré, France

The Île de Ré is a small island off the west coast of France near La Rochelle, which stretches out 30km into the Atlantic Ocean.

It is an area of sandy beaches, bordered by dunes and pine forests, and oyster parks, salt flats and cycle paths that crisscross vineyards.

Recently listed as a World Heritage Site by UNESCO, Saint Martin is a historic port surrounded by fortifications built by Vauban in 1681.

The Hotel de Toiras

The Hotel de Toiras is a boutique hotel on the harbour. Visit : www.hotel-de-toiras.com.

Villa Clarisse

Villa Clarisse is an 18th century chateau and sister property of Hotel de Toiras. Visit : www.villa-clarisse.fr.

Contact : Lallie Fraser at Lallie@grifcopr.com.

Bike Bath, Somerset, UK

Bike Bath, which takes place on the weekend of 22 June 2013 highlights the cycling breaks available to visitors to the World Heritage city.

Cyclists can take to canal paths, countryside routes and tracks linking into the National Cycle Network.

Bike Bath, has a programme of rides of 20, 30, 60 and 100 miles taking in the Cotswolds, Wiltshire and Somerset countryside and a range of self-catering properties and B&Bs situated on or very close to cycle trails.

The Wheelwrights Arms is an 18th Century Inn located a few miles from Bath, set in the Monkton Combe Valley.

The Fishermen's Retreat is a self-catering property situated on the Colliers Way and surrounded by countryside.

Visit : www.bathtourism.co.uk. Contact : Lucy Ryder at lucy_ryder@bathtourism.co.uk.

Cancun, Mexico

Cancun is located in the northern part of the southeastern Mexican state of Quintana Roo.

It is Mexico's number one tourist destination and known for its beaches and turquoise waters.

Cancun's shoreline recently underwent a \$71 Million Dollar makeover, with 1.3 billion gallons of sand renovating the Hotel Zone's seashore.

Cancun and the Treasures of the Caribbean invites travelers to discover the vast natural, cultural and gastronomical cultures of Puerto Morelos, and the four islands of the Mexican Caribbean: Holbox, Isla Mujeres, Contoy and Cozumel.

The Cancun Underwater Museum has 400 sculptures designed by eco-sculptor Jason deCaires Taylor for snorkellers to view.

Visit: www.cancun.travel. Contact : Luisa Uruena at luisa@axistravelmarketing.com.

Summer in Alta Badia, Italy

Alta Badia is a ski resort in the Dolomites of northern Italy, in the upper part of the Val Badia.

A season long programme of summer events and initiatives includes :

Gourmet Picnics

The Alta Badia Al fresco Gourmet Picnics among the mountains are part of the new Peaks of Gastronomy celebration of local food and wine.

After a walk in the mountains there is the chance to buy a freshly prepared picnic basket at any of the nine participating mountain refuges.

Electric biking

Alta Badia's visitors can now rent an electric mountain bike that can then be left at their destination without having to be returned.

The moon walk

On 31 July there will be a moonlight walk down the Artists' Path linking the villages of La Villa and San Cassiano, which will be lit by torches.

Visit : www.altabadia.org. Contact : Stefanie Irsara at stefanie.irsara@altabadia.org.

The Chilterns, UK

The Chilterns ranges from Goring-on-Thames in Oxfordshire, through Buckinghamshire, via Dunstable Downs and Deacon Hill in Bedfordshire to near Hitchin in Hertfordshire.

Cliveden

In 1963 the Profumo Affair scandalised the nation and Cliveden hit the headlines as the place where John Profumo first met Christine Keeler. It is now a luxury hotel.

Visit : www.clivedenhouse.co.uk.

Milton's Cottage

Milton's Cottage is the only extant home of John Milton, the great English poet and parliamentarian.

It was in this grade 1 listed 16th century cottage, described by Thomas Ellwood as "that pretty box in Giles, Chalfont", that Milton completed Paradise Lost.

Visit : www.miltonscottage.org.

Chenies Manor House

In 1285, during the visit to Chenies of Edward I, the earliest occurrence is recorded of eggs being cooked and given to the villagers to celebrate Easter.

Henry VIII and Elizabeth I both visited and it is where Catherine Howard carried on the fatal dalliance with her lover Thomas Culpeper.

Visit : www.cheniesmanorhouse.co.uk.

Chilterns Open Air Museum

This museum has a collection of restored historic buildings include the Thame Vicarage Room, High Wycombe Toll House, Shepard's Living Van and Iron Age house.

Visit : www.coam.org.uk.

Visit : www.VisitChilterns.co.uk. Contact : Mary Tebje at mary@tourismleisure.com.

Fado music, Lisbon, Portugal

Portugal has a diverse musical culture - from the French Provençal strain in the folk music of the north of the country, to Fado, the country's national musical treasure.

Fado in Lisbon is always sung by a solo performer, accompanied by two guitarists, one playing the melody on a twelve-stringed Portuguese guitar, and the other supplying the rhythm on the six-stringed viola.

The intensely melancholic songs are usually about love, woes, and pains, or express sadness and longing for things lost or never achieved.

When visiting Lisbon, spending a night at a "casa de Fado" or Fado restaurant is an experience. There are many in the Bairro Alto district (which cater for tourists), although the most authentic found in Alfama, particularly the Casa de Linhares and Pateo de Alfama Fado houses.

For those wanting to know more about the history of this music, there is the Fado Museum.

Visit : www.golisbon.com/night-life/fado/ and www.museudofado.pt. Contact : Eduarda Neves at eduarda.neves@portugal-travelteam.pt.

A place to stay

Radisson Blu Edwardian, London

Radisson Blu Edwardian, London is a collection of 13 individual hotels in locations in the UK capital including Bloomsbury, Canary Wharf, Covent Garden, Fitzrovia, Kensington, Heathrow, Leicester Square, Marble Arch and Oxford Street.

Between June and September its Kensington Palace package offers a pre-loaded Oyster travel card, tickets to Kensington Palace and a Royal Summer afternoon tea for two included in all two night trips.

Those staying at one of the hotels for four nights or more receive a Central London pass that includes admission to the Tower of London, Banqueting House and Kensington Palace.

Visit www.radissonblu-edwardian.com. Contact : Jessica Howard at jessica@mason-williams.com.

Centara Grand Phratamnak Resort Pattaya

The five star Centara Grand Phratamnak Resort Pattaya will open in the third quarter of 2013.

It will be the third Centara Grand in Pattaya, with a fourth under construction. The hotel is Located among the high-end residential addresses of Pattaya's Phratamnak Hill, with the beach nearby.

Visit : www.centarahotelsresorts.com/centaragrand. Contact : Sharan Berry at sharanb@avenuesales.co.uk.

Red Horse Inn, Landrum, South Carolina

The Red Horse Inn is an AAA Four Diamond bed and breakfast located in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains.

The Inn offers Mountain views and provides a base for winery getaways in the regionthe area.

Web: www.theredhorseinn.com. Contact : Mary Wolters at theredhorseinn@aol.com.

Seaview Resort & Spa, Khao Lak, Thailand

The new Seaview Resort & Spa is located on the oceanfront at Nang Thong Beach at Thailand's leisure area of Khao Lak.

Near to the resort is the pier from which boats depart for the Similan and Surin Islands Marine National Parks, which offer diving and snorkelling. The entrance to Lam Ru National Park is nearby and two golf courses are within reach.

Phuket International Airport is one hour away.

visit : www.centarahotelsresorts.com. Contact : Kanokros Sakdanarees at kanokrossa@chr.co.th.

The Nikki Beach, Ibiza

The Nikki Beach Ibiza, which opens in summer 2013, will be Nikki Beach's third resort in Spain and ninth worldwide.

It will be located in a beachfront setting near Santa Eulalia on the island's East coast.

Known for its palm-lined promenade, sandy beaches and an exclusive yacht marina, the area has a long-established reputation for offering a more relaxed pace than other parts of the island.

Nikki Beach now has resorts in

- Miami Beach, Florida, USA
- St. Tropez, France
- St. Barth, French West Indies
- Marbella, Spain
- Cabo San Lucas, Mexico
- Marrakech, Morocco
- Koh Samui, Thailand
- Mallorca, Spain.

It also runs pop-up locations in :

- Cannes, France during the Cannes International Film Festival
- Canada during the Toronto International Film Festival, and
- Park City, Utah, USA during the Sundance Film Festival.

The Beach Club division will open a Nikki Beach Ibiza in summer 2013, and a Nikki Beach Phuket in the Autumn of 2013.

Visit: www.nikkibeach.com/ibiza. Contact : Contact : Clare Gillespie at clare.gillespie@luchfordapm.com.

The Jumeirah Messilah Beach Hotel and Spa, Kuwait

The new Messilah Beach Hotel and Spa, Kuwait is the Jumeirah group's first hotel in the Gulf region outside the United Arab Emirates.

It is situated along the shores of the Arabian Gulf, close to Kuwait City's business and financial centre and 10 minutes drive from Kuwait International Airport.

About Jumeirah Group:

Jumeirah Group, the Dubai-based luxury hospitality company has a portfolio of hotels and resorts including :

- Jumeirah at Etihad Towers in Abu Dhabi
- Burj Al Arab, Jumeirah Beach Hotel, Jumeirah Creekside Hotel, Jumeirah Emirates Towers, Jumeirah Zabeel Saray and Madinat Jumeirah in Dubai
- Jumeirah Dhevanafushi and Jumeirah Vittaveli in the Maldives
- Jumeirah Himalayas Hotel in Shanghai
- Jumeirah Frankfurt in Germany
- Jumeirah Grand Hotel via Veneto in Rome,
- Jumeirah Carlton Tower and
- Jumeirah Lowndes Hotel in London.

Visit : www.jumeirah.com. Contact : Shula Pannick at spannick@thecomunicationgroup.co.uk.

The Aikbank Farmhouse, Yorkshire, UK

The Aikbank Farmhouse provides 5-star self-catering accommodation on the outskirts of the Lake District and the Yorkshire Dales.

Sleeping up to 10 people, the farmhouse dates back to the 18th century and is situated in 17 acres of private countryside.

The Aikbank Farmhouse is located a 5-minute drive from junction 36 of the M6 at the foot of the Farleton fells. The market town of Kirkby Lonsdale, the focus of the painting by J.M Turner for its charming Ruskin's View, is a 10-minute drive away.

Visit : www.aikbank-lupton.com. Contact : Julie Darroch at julie.darroch@lakespr.co.uk.

Bivouac at Druid's Temple, Yorkshire UK

Bivouac at Druid's Temple is a combination of very different styles of accommodation on the 20,000-acre Swinton Estate in North Yorkshire.

Accommodation consists of six Wooden Shacks, eight Meadow Yurts and a 12 bed Bunk Barn.

Bivouac is located on the Swinton Estate, the ancestral seat of the Earl of Swinton which has been in the same family since the 1880s.

Guests can explore the 20,000-acre Swinton Estate, which stretches from the River Ure up onto the Yorkshire Dales.

At the nearby hotel of Swinton Park there is falconry, pony trekking, biking, walking, archery and coracling.

Visit : www.thebivouac.co.uk. Contact : Julia Perowne at swintonpark@verypcc.com.

The Inn at John O'Groats, Scotland

Natural Retreats will open The Inn at John O'Groats in mid-August 2013 at Caithness in the North of Scotland.

Originally built in 1875, the former hotel in John O'Groats has been restored over the past two years.

The Inn will have self-catering apartments with 1, 2 or 4 bedrooms and will cater for those completing in the Lands' End to John O'Groats 'End to End' Challenge.

The opening of the Inn at John O'Groats comes a year after Natural Retreats unveiled 23 luxury eco lodges here.

Located on the most northern coast of the UK, John O'Groats is situated among coastal stacks, cliffs, forests and white sandy beaches.

The area boasts the largest population of Harbour and Grey seals and an array of birdlife including Guillemot, Kittiwakes and most famously Puffins.

There is also the chance to spot Minke whales, dolphins, porpoises, basking sharks and even killer whales.

Visit : www.naturalretreats.com. Contact : Emma Powell at Emma@grifcopr.com.

The Westin Puntacana, Dominican Republic

The five-star Westin Puntacana Resort will open in December 2013.

Guests will have access to all facilities at the Puntacana Resort & Club, which includes three miles of beaches, golf courses, eight restaurants, a 1,500 acre ecological reserve featuring crystal-clear springs, hiking trails, an equestrian centre and a Dominican-style ranch.

Visit : www.starwoodhotels.com and www.godominicanrepublic.com. Contact : Esther Smith at pr.uk@godominicanrepublic.com.

Bangkok hotels help save the Asian honeybee

The ONYX Hospitality Group has launched a bid to save the Asian honeybee (*Apis cerana*) from extinction.

Plan BEE focusses on two ONYX properties in Bangkok.

The Oriental Residence Bangkok will be the first serviced residence to undertake an urban beekeeping initiative in Bangkok.

The threats faced by the Asian honeybee are so extreme, that some of the last remaining sanctuaries for this delicate creature are city centres.

And the Shama Sukhumvit Bangkok is to partner with Raitong Organics Farm to introduce a rural beekeeping initiative.

Through this scheme, Shama will provide the farming community with the resources to maintain healthy Asian honeybee populations and also encourage them to earn a supplementary income.

Visit www.onyx-hospitality.com. Contact : Natalie Schofield at natalies@hillsbalfour.com.

The Ilsington Country House Hotel, Dartmoor, Devon UK

The Ilsington Country House Hotel is located in 11 acres of grounds within the Dartmoor National Park and within easy reach of Devon's south west coastline.

The hotel's new Dartmoor Walker's package provides two nights accommodation for two on a BB basis, a book of Dartmoor's walks, one dinner in the hotel's award-winning restaurant, a packed lunch, a cream tea and a copy of Michael Morpurgo's *War Horse*.

The hotel also has nine rooms that can accommodate guests with dogs.

Visit : www.ilsington.co.uk. Contact : Liz Blakeborough at Lizzie@blakeborough.com.

The Beach House Turks and Caicos

The Beach House Turks and Caicos, the first boutique hotel on Grace Bay Beach opened in October 2012.

Located in the British West Indies 30 miles south of the Bahamas, the Turks and Caicos Islands are a 90-minute flight from Miami and a three-hour flight from New York.

Of the 40 islands and cays composing the Turks and Caicos archipelago, only eight are inhabited, including Providenciales, home to the award-winning Grace Bay Beach.

Visit : www.beachhousetci.com. Contact : Rebecca Widness at rebecca@widness-co-pr.com.

Travel guides

The following travel publishers will provide review copies to Alliance members.

AA Travel Guides

Visit : www.shop.theaa.com/store/travel-guides.
Katie Stephens at katie.stephens@theaa.com.

Anova Books

www.anovabooks.com. Helen Ponting at hponting@anovabooks.co

Berlitz

www.berlitzpublishing.com.

Bradt Travel

www.bradtguides.com. Rachel Fielding at rachel.fielding@bradtguides.com

Brit's Guide

www.foulsham.com. Margaret Lashbrook at margaret.lashbrook@lineone.net or Sue Wilkins at wilkins@foulsham.com.

Cicerone

www.cicerone.co.uk. Contact : Sarah Spencer at sarah@cicerone.co.uk

Eland Publishing

www.travelbooks.co.uk. Barnaby Rogerson at barnaby@travelbooks.co.uk.

Fisher's Travel SOS

www.fisherstravelsos.com. Furgan Syed at furgan.syed@fisherstravelsos.com.

Global Travel Publishers

www.africa-adventure.com. Kate Bandos at kate@ksbpromotions.com.

Globetrotters LogBook

www.globetrotterslogbook.com. Giedo Claes at giedo@globetrotterslogbook.com

Inn House Publishing

www.innhousepublishing.com. Kathryn McWhirter at kathrynmcwhirter@btopenworld.com.

Insight

www.insightguides.com. Julia Spence at julia.spence@ukonline.co.uk.

In your pocket guides

www.inyourpocket.com. Craig Turp at editor@inyourpocket.com.

Jane's Smart Art Guides

www.JanesSmartArt.com. Jane McIntosh at MJM@JanesSmartArt.com

Jonglez Publishing

www.jonglezpublishing.com. Alexandre Thery at alexandre@editionsjonglez.com.

Kuperard Publishers

www.kuperard.co.uk. Contact : Geoffrey Chesler at geoffreychesler@btinternet.com.

Morris Communications

www.themilepost.com. Contact Kate Bandos at kate@ksbpromotions.com.

Odyssey Books & Guides

www.odysseypublications.com. Contact : Caroline Eden at caroline@odysseypublications.com

Oxygen Books city-lit

www.oxygenbooks.co.uk Malcom Burgess at malcolm@oxygenbooks.co.uk

Rough Guides

www.roughguides.com. Contact : press@roughguides.com

Summersdale travel publications

www.summersdale.com. Contact : Dean at dean@summersdale.com.

Take two Books

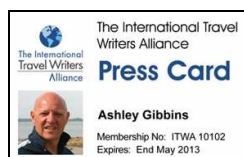
www.taketwobooks.com Sarah Duvalle at Sarah@taketwobooks.com.

Turnleft

www.turnleftguides.com Contact: Nick Buteau at nick@turnleftguides.com

Alliance initiatives

The International Travel Writers Alliance Press Card



The Alliance introduced its press card to meet a number of specific objectives.

1 : Industry recognition

The Alliance press card provides our journalists with formal and industry-wide recognition of their status as a professional travel writer, editor, broadcaster and/or photographer.

The Alliance is the world's largest association of professional travel journalists and also has links to over 4,000 travel industry representatives worldwide.

These partners have welcomed the opportunity to work ever more closely with press card holders.

2 : Opportunities for press card holders

We are developing an ever growing number of specific opportunities for our press card holders.

The current package of opportunities for is attached as Appendix one to each issue of the Alliance's fortnightly bulletin.

In addition, Alliance press card holders receive :

- a) the card itself, formally confirming membership of the International Travel Writers Alliance
- b) the Alliance members logo for use with email signature and on websites and stationery, and
- c) membership of the Alliance Press Card Holders LinkedIn group, which enables additional networking opportunities.

The fee

The fee for the card (including all postage, packaging and taxes) is as follows :

- a one-year card : GBP45/EUR58/USD75/CAD74/AUD72
- a two-year card GBP75/EUR97/USD125/CAD124/AUD119 or
- a three-year card GBP100/EUR129/USD167/CAD165/AUD159.

When paying from outside the UK, payment can currently only be accepted via PayPal which incurs an 8% administrative cost, which will make the fee as follows:

- a one-year card : GBP49/EUR63/USD81/CAD80/AUD78
- a two-year card : GBP81/EUR105/USD135/CAD134/AUD129
- a three-year card : GBP108/EUR139/USD180/CAD178/AUD172

For more information contact : Ashley Gibbins at Ashley@itwalliance.com

The Global Travel ITWA Prepaid MasterCard

The **International Travel Writers Alliance** has launched its **Global Travel ITWA Prepaid MasterCard**, a new initiative brought to you in partnership with *Global Currency Exchange Network*, one of the UK's leading foreign exchange companies.



The Prepaid Card is a smart and cost effective way to carry euros or dollars abroad.

Simply preload your Card then use it like a debit card to pay for goods at thousands of shops, restaurants and other outlets.

For more details and to apply for The Global Travel ITWA Prepaid MasterCard visit :

<https://itwa.gcencurrencycards.com/?r=1952>

The Alliance Syndication Network

The **Alliance Syndication Network** will be of interest to those who have online travel publications including travel websites and blogs, bulletins and newsletters etc.

The concept for the **Syndication Network** is a simple one, with each Syndicate member providing brief information on their own publication.

The Alliance will publish a regularly updated **Syndication Network directory**, which will provide the information Syndicate members will need to liaise with other members.

From then on each Syndicate member will agree to consider publishing a sentence on - and link to - features produced by other members in the Syndicate, when asked to do so.

By co-operating in this way, each Syndicate member should be able to increase the circulation of their own features considerably - and attract dedicated followers in the process.

For more information contact : Ashley Gibbins at Ashhley@itwalliance.com.

The International Travel Writers Alliance Job Shop

The **International Travel Writers Alliance Job Shop** is a developing resource of information on jobs for journalists - across the world.

It will enable the Alliance's partners to place - and journalists to receive - information on in-house jobs, special assignments or one-off projects.

Alliance journalists will be able to :

- set up **Job Alerts** so as to be notified if a job is posted that matches the journalists skills or interests
- create an anonymous job seeker profile or upload a CV for potential employers to search through, and
- access job searching tools and tips

Alliance partners will be able to :

- search the **Alliance Job Shop** CV database of qualified candidates
- manage jobs and applicant activity on the Alliance website, and
- limit applicants to those who meet your requirements

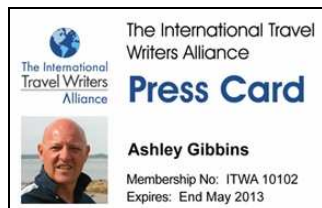
To find out more visit : www.itwalliance.com and click **Job shop**

Appendix one



The Alliance press card holders directory

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The following press trip opportunities are offered to press card holders by the Alliance's travel industry partners worldwide.

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40Berkeley, Boston

40Berkeley, located in the heart of Boston, is New England's largest hostel and a leading budget traveler destination on the East Coast. It is one of *HostelWorld's* forTop 10 Hostels in the US.

40Berkeley will be delighted to consider providing accommodation to Alliance press card holders able to profile the hostel in their features.

Visit : www.40Berkeley.com. Contact : Oliver Mernick-Levene at 40berkeleyhostel@gmail.com.

Abbots Brae Hotel, Dunoon, Argyll, Scotland

The Abbots Brae Hotel is a four star family hotel located In Dunoon on the Cowal Peninsula.

The award winning hotel sits in 2 acres of woodland and boasts stunning views across the River Clyde estuary. Eight spacious bedrooms are individually named after places within the Cowal Peninsula, with each room displaying photographs and the history related to the place-name.

The hotel will always be happy to hear from Alliance press card holders who are interested in writing about this part of Scotland.

Visit : www.abbotsbrae.co.uk. Contact : Colin Macpherson at info@abbotsbrae.co.uk.

Adelboden, Switzerland

Adelboden is a traditional mountain village at the end of the Engstligen valley in the Bernese Oberland region of the Swiss Alps.

From Adelboden the cable cars and ski lifts to take visitors up to some of the most spectacular Alpine scenery.

From December to early-May, Adelboden's snow covered mountain slopes are a magnet for winter sports enthusiasts.

From June to October, the mountainsides turn into a lush green tapestry of grass that carpets the area. It is then the walkers and bikers who come to Adelboden.

Adelboden will be delighted to hear from Alliance press card holders on assignment.

Visit : www.adelboden.ch. Contact : Adrian Roesti at a.roesti@adelboden.ch.

Adventure Cat Sailing Charters, San Francisco

Adventure Cat Sailing Charters has a fleet of spacious catamarans that take guests on a stable, safe ride combining the exhilaration of fresh air and waves on our deck with the protection and outstanding views from our covered cabin.

It's the chance to enjoy some of the Bay's most popular attractions up close with sailings around Alcatraz Island, directly underneath the Golden Gate Bridge and back to gaze at the city's famed skyline.

There's also the chance to see pelicans, sea lions, dolphins, and even the occasional whale.

Adventure Cat Sailing Charters will be delighted to consider offering its cruises to Alliance press card holders who are able to feature the experience,

Visit : www.adventurecat.com. Contact : Sharon Schrum at sharon@adventurecat.com.

The Aegean Suites Hotel Skiathos, Greece

The Aegean Suites Hotel, Skiathos, Greece is located on a hillside among olive trees on the quiet outskirts of Skiathos town's port. It is an all-suite property overlooking the Aegean Sea.

With approximately 1,000 different types of herbs growing across Skiathos the hotel's Herb Hikes are an interesting, informative and educational as well as a good form of exercise and a chance to see some of the island's most beautiful sites.

The Aegean Suites Hotel will be happy to hear from Alliance press card holders interested in making arrangements to visit the hotel.

Visit : www.aegeansuites.com. Contact Kathryn at Kathryn@ophirpr.co.uk.

Africa Safari Holidays

Africa Safari Holidays will be happy to offer any press trip services to Alliance press card holders who are looking to travel to East Africa.

Visit : www.africasafariholidays.net. Contact : Agnes Njagi at info@africasafariholidays.net

Ahms Resorts, Thailand

Founded in 2003, the AHM hotel group comprises three fully owned resorts in Koh Samui, Phuket and Hua Hin as well as Akyra Chura Samui, which is managed by the group.

Aleenta Hua Hin-Pranburi

Aleenta Hua Hin-Pranburi, the former beach house of AHMS Hotels Owner, Anchalika Kijkanakorn who turned it into Thailand's first boutique resort is located on 16km stretch of golden sands on Paknampran Beach, 20 minutes south of Hua Hin

It is known for gourmet dining sourced from its organic farm and laid-back beachfront experiences at its.

Visit : www.aleenta.com/luahin

Aleenta Phuket-Phang Nga

Sister property Aleenta Phuket-Phang Nga is located on the 20km long Natai Beach, and specialises in healthy, romantic retreats for couples, with yoga, spa, slow-food dining and a turtle release programme.

AKARYN

On Koh Samui, the AKARYN is located on the 400m-long Hanuman Bay near to Chaweng, and offers authentic gourmet food, including the 100 candles dining on the rocks experience, a reef regeneration project as well as sprawling and very private pool villa accommodation.

Visit : www.akaryn.com

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The *akyra* Chura Samui Close is located on Chaweng Beach and is an adults only resort for young couples within easy reach of the island's top shopping and entertainment hotspots.

Visit : www.theakyra.com

The AHM hotel group will be delighted to consider offering accommodation to Alliance press card holders on assignment.

Contact : Lysbeth Fox at Lysbeth@foxpr.co.uk.

Aikbank Farmhouse, Yorkshire, UK

The Aikbank Farmhouse is provides 5-star self-catering accommodation on the outskirts of the Lake District and the Yorkshire Dales.

Sleeping up to 10 people, the farmhouse dates back to the 18th century and is situated in 17 acres of private countryside.

Despite looking like an archetypal farmhouse from the outside, every room in Aikbank has been carefully designed and includes giant, Missoni candles and Timorous Beasties lamp bases and shades, mis-matched Mulberry voile curtains and a framed Manolo Blahnik silk scarf.

The Aikbank Farmhouse is located a 5-minute drive from junction 36 of the M6 at the foot of the Farleton fells.

The market town of Kirkby Lonsdale, the focus of the painting by J.M Turner for its charming Ruskin's View, is a 10-minute drive away.

The Aikbank Farmhouse will be delighted to consider providing accommodation to Alliance press card holders on assignment.

Visit : www.aikbank-lupton.com. Contact : Julie Darroch at julie.darroch@lakespr.co.uk.

Alta Badia, Italy

Alta Badia is a ski resort in the Dolomites of northern Italy, in the upper part of the Val Badia in South Tyrol offering a mix of skiing, scenery and gourmet food.

The climate in Alta Badia is a typical alpine microclimate with mild summers and long and cold winters.

From December to February average temperatures are below zero and night time temperatures can fall to minus 20°C. However there is an average of 100 days of sunshine between December and March is the norm.

Alta Badia will be delighted to hear from Alliance press card holders who are interested in producing features on the region.

Visit : www.altabadia.org. Contact : Lynsey Devon at lynsey@heavenpublicity.co.uk.

Akamas Villas, West Cyprus

Launched in 2010, Akamas Villas is a luxury villa company based in West Cyprus, currently offering 40 luxury holiday-rental properties. Villas are situated in the mountainous conservation areas of Chrysochou Bay, Agarka, Polis, Latchi and Neo Chorio.

Akamas Villas will be delighted to hear from Alliance press card holders who are able to review one or more of the Akamas Villas.

Visit : www.akamas-villas.com. Contact : Leila Stocker at leila@turtle-pr.com.

Asa Ransom House, New York State

Asa Ransom House, which is a charming Clarence New York bed and breakfast, built in 1853, is romantic and secluded, but only 15 minutes away from Buffalo and 28 miles from Niagara Falls.

Guests enjoy glowing fireplaces in winter and spacious grounds full of herbs and flowers in the summer and can explore Buffalo, the beauty of Niagara Falls, and the charm of historic Clarence. In 2013 Asa Ransom House is featuring three day "Retreats" by Tina Tompkins Ames from February through October

Asa Ransom House will be delighted to consider requests for accommodation from Alliance press card holders who are on assignment and able to feature the establishment.

Visit : www.asaransom.com. Contact : Bob Lenz at innfo@asaransom.com.

Atlantic City, New Jersey

From New Jersey's tallest lighthouse to deep sea fishing, and everything in between, you can always find exciting things to do in Atlantic City.

Relaxing at one of the Atlantic City casino spas, the excitement of 24/7 gaming, the thrill of a royal flush or finding a new pair of shoes, the sand in between your toes or visiting one of the many attractions – whatever your pleasure, it is always more pleasurable in AC.

Atlantic City attractions and activities include antique shops, museums and cultural attractions, piers and arcades, an aquarium and much more and culture and history including Atlantic City Historical Museum and Art Center on Garden Pier, the Absecon Lighthouse and the Atlantic City Aquarium.

The Atlantic City Convention & Visitors Authority will be delighted to hear from Alliance press card holders who are able to feature the city.

Visit : www.atlanticcitynj.com. Contact : Greg Evans at g.p.evans@btinternet.com.

Audio Tours USA

Boston / Chicago / New York / Philadelphia / San Francisco / Washington DC

Audio Tours USA will be happy to provide complimentary MP3-based or app-based (iOS or Android) audio tours to Alliance press card holders.

Each tour contains 20-25 audio tracks highlighting the top sites and attractions in a given US city. The average track is 5-6 minutes.

The apps also incorporate photo's, location based functions, and all the information you need including hours of operation, prices, phone numbers & website address.

The tours were professionally prepared by travel experts and narrated by a radio show host. The tours provides the background and history to each site which makes the visit more interesting and meaningful.

The sites highlighted include iconic landmarks, historical sites, nature spots, sport venues, recreation areas, famous buildings, and top museums. The tours can be used in advance or as you visit.

Visit : www.bvtours.com. Contact : Shani Kaplan at contact.bvtours@gmail.com

Aurora Expeditions

Aurora Expeditions is an Australian-owned adventure company specialising in Expedition cruises to wild and remote places.

In its quest to seek destinations that push the boundaries of travel, Aurora has purposely kept the number of participants on each departure small, allowing more intimate encounters with wildlife and cultures, and lessening its impact on the regions visited.

Each voyage is led by a team of expert naturalists, geologists, historians, staff and crew who help to unlock the wonders of these special places with the use of flexible, innovative itineraries.

Aurora Expeditions will be delighted to consider providing Alliance press card holders with trips for review purposes.

Visit : www.auroraexpeditions.com.au. Contact : Fiona Twyford at fiona@auroraexpeditions.com.au.

Bath Tourism Plus

Bath Tourism Plus will host press visits for Alliance press card holders to the Georgian and UNESCO World Heritage city of Bath.

Visit : www.visitbath.co.uk. Contact : Audra McSherry at audra_mcsberry@bathtourism.co.uk

Benidorm, Spain

Benidorm is a coastal resort on the Costa Blanca in the province of Alicante, Valencia, Spain.

With its unique microclimate, Benidorm is the perfect all year-round resort with a wide range of accommodation to suit all tastes and budgets from 5* resort hotels to campsites.

The Visit Benidorm Tourist Board will be delighted to consider press requests from Alliance press card holders.

Visit www.en.visitbenidorm.es. Contact Cathryn Hicks at cathryn@douggoodmanpr.com for more information.

Bloomington, Minnesota

With a beautiful location on the banks of the Minnesota River, the city of Bloomington has much to offer travelers.

It is home to the world-famous Mall of America® and the Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge, Water Park of America and an extensive system of hiking and biking trails.

The city's #1 attraction by far, is Mall of America, the largest shopping center in the United States, welcoming over 40 million visitors annually. This shopping Mecca boasts 2.5 million square feet of retail space, over 500 stores and entertainment options that range from nightclubs to the Nickelodeon Universe® amusement park to a 14-screen cinema.

Another popular Bloomington destination is the Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge, spanning 14,000 acres, with miles of hiking and biking trails, prime bird-watching opportunities, and an extensive visitors center.

Bloomington Tourism will be delighted to hear from Alliance press card holders who are able to feature the state.

Visit : www.bloomingtonmn.org. Contact : Fiona Pettitt at fiona@cellet.co.uk.

Bon Vivant (London)

Bon Vivant, which is London's premier concierge service, advises on and arranges every travel, lifestyle and leisure need.

The Bon Vivant personal concierge will arrange holidays, recommend and book restaurants and bars, source tickets for the theatre, concerts and VIP events, and advise on a range of lifestyle services.

Bon Vivant will be delighted to hear from Alliance members in London on assignment who can profile the service.

Visit : www.bonvivant.co.uk Contact : Emyr Thomas info@bonvivant.co.uk.

Bournemouth, UK

Bournemouth in the county of Dorset on the English south coast is one of the UK's most popular destination for tourists and a regional centre for leisure, entertainment, culture and recreation.

Bournemouth Tourism will be happy to hear from Alliance press card holders who are able to feature the destination.

Visit : www.bournemouth.co.uk. Contact : Sheron Crossman at Sheron.Crossman@Bournemouth.gov.uk.

Brandywine Valley, Pennsylvania

The Brandywine Valley is located in Chester County where Media giant QVC is headquartered, producing 24-hour broadcasts and offering behind-the-scenes studio tours. Local wineries have flourished and the Brandywine Valley Wine Trail features tours, tastings, special events and more. And that's only half the story!

The Brandywine Valley will be delighted to hear from Alliance press card holders who are able to feature the area.

Visit : www.brandywinevalley.com Contact: Greg Evans g.p.evans@btinternet.com

The Bright Consortia

Bright is a group of 14 specialist tour operators, cruise companies, tourist boards etc that provide training to independent local agents through a series of workshop dinners across the UK.

Bright will be delighted to hear from Alliance press card holders who work with the travel trade press.

Visit : www.brightconsortia.com. Contact Doug Goodman doug@douggoodmanpr.com.

The Broadway Collection New York

The Broadway Collection New York, a group of 24 new and classic Broadway musicals, will host Alliance press card holders with a commission.

Visit : www.broadwaycollection.com. Contact : Della Tully at Della.Tully@btinternet.com

BusyBus, Liverpool & Chester, UK

Sightseeing tour BusyBus, will host Alliance press card holders (with a guest) on a review basis. Visit: www.busybus.co.uk. Contact : Vera de Ruiter: vera@busybus.co.uk

Camp Denali & North Face Lodge, Alaska

Camp Denali & North Face Lodge are two wilderness lodges located in the center of Denali National Park, Alaska.

The two lodges have been family owned and operated for over sixty years and offer unparalleled views of Mt. McKinley, exquisite food, a welcoming atmosphere, and guided hikes and outings led by knowledgeable naturalist guides.

Camp Denali & North Face Lodge will be delighted to hear from Alliance press card holders who are able to feature the lodges and would like review the accommodations.

Visit : www.campdenali.com. Contact: Katherine Schake at katherine@campdenali.com.

Cannizaro House, Wimbledon UK

Cannizaro House is a 300 year old Georgian mansion located 16km from central London in 34 acres of parkland.

All of its forty-six bedrooms have been individually designed and benefit from recently refurbished bathrooms complete with rain showers.

The property has undergone a £3million renovation with the highlight being The Orangerie, an al fresco conservatory offering Mediterranean artisan cuisine.

Its award-winning restaurant serves European dishes and during summer months al fresco dining can be enjoyed on its large terrace.

Cannizaro House will be delighted to consider providing accommodation of Alliance press card holders on assignment.

Visit : www.cannizarohouse.com. Contact : Lysbeth Fox at lysbeth@foxpr.co.uk.

Captain Cook Cruises, Australia

Captain Cook Cruises operates a fleet of 16 vessels and offers a choice of over 150 cruises weekly throughout Australia and Fiji.

These range from the Great Barrier Reef to the islands of Fiji, from the bays and beaches of Sydney Harbour to the outback vastness of the Murray River basin.

Captain Cook Cruises is a family-owned, Australian 'small ship' cruise operator and the recipient of numerous awards including :

- Australian, New South Wales, Tropical North Queensland and South Australian 'Tourism Awards for Excellence'
- Fiji Visitors Bureau 'Best Cruise Line', and
- the Australian Federation of Travel Agents 'Best Cruise Line'.

Captain Cook Cruises will be delighted to hear from Alliance press card holders who would like to review and feature their cruises

Visit : www.captaincook.com.au. Contact : Brooke Tolar at pr@captaincook.com.au

The Castle Inn Hotel, Lake District UK

The Castle Inn Hotel is a four star family hotel located in the northern Lake District. The property offers large spacious rooms and is situated just moments from Lake Bassenthwaite and close to Skiddaw, one of the area's most popular peaks.

The Castle Inn is always happy to hear from Alliance press card holders who are interested in stories about the Lake District.

Visit : www.castleinncumbria.co.uk. Contact : Samantha Marsh at samantha@infinitypublicrelations.co.uk

Champagne-Ardenne Tourisme

Champagne-Ardenne Tourisme is four French departments boasting historic sites and châteaux, walking and cycling routes, a variety of sports, superb natural scenery and Champagne will be pleased to consider press visits for Alliance press card holders.

Visit : www.champagne-ardenne-tourism.co.uk. Contact: Doug Goodman at doug@douggoodmanpr.com

Charles Cotton Hotel, Hartington, Derbyshire, UK

For over 275 years the hotel has been welcoming customers through its doors. It is a world-renowned destination for anyone who loves walking and fishing and outdoor pursuits.

There are very strong links with fishing, in particular, given that the hotel is named after one of the authors of The Compleat Angler, Charles Cotton, which he co-wrote with his very good friend Sir Izaak Walton.

Charles Cotton was born at Beresford Hall, less than 3 miles from Hartington, which was set high above Beresford Dale.

Unfortunately, over centuries the hall fell into disrepair and all that remains of Charles's birthplace is a tower, which stands just to the east of where the hall once stood.

Alliance press card holders able to review are welcome to stay at the hotel and explore dales that you can walk to from the hotel; there is also fishing available for those who may wish to review for sporting magazines.

Visit : www.charlescotton.co.uk. Contact : Simon Turton at simon@operapr.com.

Charming Hotels Madeira

The Portuguese-owned group Charming Hotels Madeira has a luxurious collection of boutique hotels, which are lovingly restored Manor Houses, traditional from Madeira and known as "Quintas".

Charming Hotels will be pleased to offer Alliance press card holders special rates on accommodation.

Visit: www.charminghotelsmadeira.com. Contact: Antonio Silva at asilva@charminghotelsmadeira.com

The Classic Air Force at Newquay - Cornwall Airport, UK

The Classic Aircraft Trust preserves a unique collection of airworthy aircraft of the UK's post-war era.

These exhibits, with the exception of a DC3, are all British aircraft from the 1950's and 1960's, both military and commercial. These include the de Havilland Dragon Rapide and Dove, Vampire and Meteor, and just arrived, a BAC 1-11.

This Classic Air Force, is housed in its own 'living museum' at Newquay Aerohub, in Cornwall.

Entrance is free to Alliance press card holders and their families and it may be possible to also organise a flight in one of the historic aircraft.

Visit : www.classicairforce.com. Contact : Malcolm Ginsberg at malcolm@ginsberg.co.uk.

Coastline Villas, Corsica, Ibiza and Mallorca

Coastline offers luxury villas on the islands of Corsica, Ibiza and Mallorca.

The portfolio comprises 30 villas from romantic retreats to sprawling family farmhouses, with some by the sea and others high on hillsides and privacy a main feature.

Coastline will be delighted to consider offering accommodation to Alliance press card holders able to feature one or more of its properties.

Visit : www.coastline.co.uk. Contact : Lynsey Devon at lynsey@heavenpublicity.co.uk.

Colorado

The US state of Colorado is a four-season destination offering world-class adventure and recreational pursuits, a thriving arts scene, a rich cultural heritage, flavorful cuisine, and renowned ski resort areas.

The state's breathtaking natural landscape boasts natural hot springs, hundreds of lakes and rivers, 10 national parks and monuments and 54 mountain peaks that top 14,000 feet.

The Colorado Tourism Office will be delighted to hear from Alliance press card holders who are able to feature the state.

Visit : www.colorado.com. Contact : Fiona Pettitt at fiona@cellet.co.uk.

Colorado River & Trail Expeditions

Colorado River & Trail Expeditions (CRATE) was founded in 1971 and specializes in deluxe multi-day rafting expeditions with an emphasis on off-river exploration.

The company originally started on the Colorado River in the Grand Canyon, but today operates throughout Utah and Canyonlands National Park on the Green and Colorado Rivers and Alaska and Canada on the Tatshenshini and Alsek Rivers.

Colorado River & Trail Expeditions will be delighted to consider providing Alliance press card holders with trips for review purposes.

Visit www.crateinc.com. Contact : Walker Mackay at walkmin@crateinc.com.

Ciclismo Classico

Ciclismo Classico will consider offering tours to Alliance press card holders with a commission.

Ciclismo Classico is a specialised "boutique" tour operator that offers authentic and exciting cycling vacations.

Its well-crafted educational trips in Italy, France, Spain, Austria and New England are active immersions into local art, language, music and, of course, delicious cuisine.

Visit : www.ciclismoclassico.com. Contact : Adam York at adam@sublimepub.com

City Running Tours-Chicago

City Running Tours-Chicago will give free 5k running or walking tours to Alliance press card holders.

Visit : www.cityrunningtours.com/chicago. Contact : Marlin Keesler at marlin@cityrunningtours.com

Coombe Abbey Hotel, Coventry, UK

Originally build in the 12th century as a Cistercian Abbey, Coombe Abbey has been restored to its former glory and has retains many of its original features.

Set in 500 acres of parkland overlooking formal gardens created by Capability Brown, the property is suited to a short break, wedding or conference – or even a medieval banquet!

Coombe Abbey will be delighted will be delighted to consider requests for accommodation from Alliance press card holders on a suitable assignment.

Visit : www.coombeabbey.com. Contact : Bernice Saltzer at bernice@sortedpr.com.

The Copamarina Beach Resort, Puerto Rico

The Copamarina Beach Resort, located on Puerto Rico's south-western coast, is a landscaped 20-acre tropical resort with a sandy beach fronting the Caribbean Sea.

Copamarina Beach Resort has 106 guest rooms with either a garden or sea view, two suites and two villas in a romantic, private setting. Guests have full use of the beach, two swimming pools, jacuzzis, tennis courts, fitness centre and the Bodyderm Spa.

The Copamarina Beach Resort, which is a member of Great Hotels of the World, will be delighted to consider providing accommodation to Alliance press card holders on assignment.

Visit : www.copamarina.com and www.ghotw.com. Contact : Ashleigh Silverman at asilverman@ghotw.com.

Crans Montana, Switzerland

Crans-Montana is a Alpine ski resort in south western Switzerland, in Valais canton.

Located on a plateau in the Valais region of Switzerland, Crans-Montana enjoys spectacular views stretching from the Matterhorn to Mont Blanc.

It is in the sunniest region of the Alps and enjoys more than 300 days of sunshine each year. The Plaine Morte glacier, at an altitude of 3,000 meters and accessible by cable car, provides some of the most challenging runs and one of the longest pistes at 12km.

Crans Montana will be delighted to hear from Alliance press card holders able to feature the resort.

Visit : www.crans-montana.ch. Contact : Katrina Blunden at katrina@insightsmc.com.

DDG Retreat, Spain

The DDG Retreat is located on the coast of Costa del Sol, 500 meters above the sea just outside one of the most picturesque Pueblo Blanco - Casares.

The village of Casares, which is located 14 kilometres from the bustling and cosmopolitan Costa del Sol, offers the visitor the most authentic character of those mountain villages that have preserved an ambience of quieter times.

Andalucia offers :

- eight hundred kilometres of coastline
- over three hundred days of sunshine a year
- two national parks, whales, orcas and dolphins
- the largest number of protected natural areas in Spain
- an historic and artistic heritage unique in the world,
- towns with local festivities all twelve months of the year, and
- a cuisine which features top quality produce.

The DDG Retreat will be delighted will be delighted to consider requests for accommodation from Alliance press card holders on a suitable assignment.

Visit : www.ddgretreat.com. Contact : Teresa Thomason at teresa@teresathomason.com.

Derbyshire Country Houses, UK

Derbyshire Country Houses owns 3 listed halls, which are available for private and corporate use.

- Lea Hall was the early childhood home of Florence Nightingale
- Harthill Hall dates back to the 1200s, and
- Riber Hall offers 11 self-catering apartments that cater for adults only.

All have been very tastefully restored and are very much at the higher end of the market.

Derbyshire Country Houses will be delighted to consider requests for accommodation from Alliance press card holders on a suitable assignment.

Visit : www.derbyshirecountryhouses.com. Contact : Simon Turton at simon@operapr.com.

D-Hotel Maris, Maris, Turkey

The five star D-Hotel Maris enjoys a cliff top location in a conservation area on the Datca Peninsula with views over the sea and small islands.

It has 200 rooms, five beaches and its own desert island. The popular resort of Marmaris is 35 km and Dalaman Airport 125 km away. The nearby mountain village of Bayır is best known for its ancient plane tree that stands in the main village square next to the mosque and is said to be 2300 – 2500 years old.

The D-Hotel Maris will be delighted to consider offering accommodation to Alliance press card holders on assignment.

Visit : www.dhotel.com.tr/en. Contact : Lysbeth Fox at lysbeth@foxpr.co.uk

Diallo Tours, West Africa

Diallo Tours are located in Mbour, Senegal, West Africa, which is the region's most vibrant fishing centre and is located approximately 84km from Dakar, the capital of Senegal.

Situated at the most western tip of West Africa, Senegal and its border sharing neighbour, the Gambia, provide a gateway to discover and explore Africa.

Daillo Tours will be delighted to hear from Alliance press card holders on assignment.

Visit : www.diallotours.com. Contact : Abdoulaye at info@diallotours.com.

Discover Walks : London, Paris, Barcelona, Rome, Prague, Lisbon, St Petersburg and San Francisco

Discover Walks offers fascinating walking tours of London, Paris, Barcelona, Rome, Prague, Lisbon, St Petersburg and San Francisco.

The off-the-tourist-path tours and activities are led by natives of each city and are designed to be flexible and to get below the surface of each destination.

Discover Walks will be delighted to provide Alliance press card holders with a tour of one of their cities.

Visit : www.discoverwalks.com. Contact : Alexandre Gourevitch at alexg@discoverwalks.com.

Dom Pedro Laguna Beach, Fortaleza, Brazil

The Dom Pedro Laguna Beach Villas & Golf Resort enjoys a beachfront location on the Aquiraz Riviera, Fortaleza, Brazil

The resort offers a golf course, watersports, fitness centre, massage treatments and numerous dining options.

Located 40 minutes from Fortaleza, the capital of the northern Brazilian state of Ceara, Dom Pedro Laguna is set within a 300 hectare ecological resort and leisure complex with 2km of coastline and year-round temperate weather thanks to its proximity to the equator.

The Dom Pedro Laguna Beach, which is a member of Great Hotels of the World, will be delighted to consider providing accommodation to Alliance press card holders on assignment.

Visit : www.dompedro.com and www.ghotw.com. Contact : Ashleigh Silverman at asilverman@ghotw.com.

The Ebrington Arms, UK

The Ebrington Arms is a 17th Century inn in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty in the rolling hills of the Cotswolds at Ebrington near Chipping Campden, Gloucestershire.

This Cotswold country pub offering award-winning food (awarded 2 rosettes by The Michelin Guide) and ales (winner of the CAMRA North Cotswolds Pub of the Year 3 times in a row) will be delighted to consider offering review accommodation on a case by case basis.

Visit : www.theebringtonarms.co.uk. Contact : Anna Sharp at anna@asharppr.com.

The Elphinstone Hotel, Biggar, Scotland

Situated in the centre of Biggar, thirty miles outside of Edinburgh, the Elphinstone Hotel is a traditional and charming Coaching Inn, with a history going back over 400 years.

The Elphinstone Hotel will be delighted to consider hosting Alliance press card holders able to review.

Visit : www.elphinstonehotel.co.uk. Contact : Su Hesketh at su@crimsonedge.co.uk.

The Essex Inn, Chicago

The Essex Inn has a fine location on Michigan Avenue, in the heart of downtown Chicago, minutes from Chicago's finest attractions.

It provides excellent accommodations and free extras including free shuttle around downtown, rooftop pool, fitness centre and free wireless internet.

The Essex Inn will be delighted to consider requests for accommodation from Alliance press card holders who are on assignment and able to feature the establishment.

Visit : www.essexinn.com. Contact : Fiona Pettitt at fiona@cellet.co.uk.

EUROPA-PARK

EUROPA-PARK, which is Germany's biggest theme park, located in the tri-border region of Germany, France and Switzerland, offers guests more than 100 attractions and international shows in 13 European themed areas, over 90 hectares.

EUROPA-PARK will be delighted to offer complimentary entrance press card holders plus one other where they have a written commission and on presentation of the card.

Visit : www.europapark.com. Contact : presse@europapark.com.

Experience Nottinghamshire

Experience Nottinghamshire invites Alliance press card holders to visit Robin Hood country. There will be the chance to see the Major Oak in Sherwood Forest, try your hand at archery, visit England's oldest pub and meet Robin Hood himself on a special guided tour.

Website: www.experiencenottinghamshire.com/robin-hood. Contact: Erin Huckle at erin.huckle@experiencenottinghamshire.com

Finland

Located between East and West, with snowy winters and warm, light-filled summers, Finland offers a number of fascinating contrasts.

Its unspoilt forests, as well as its thousands of islands and lakes, offer plenty of opportunities for visitors to enjoy beautiful natural surroundings.

The Finns are also considered to be cool – a bit quiet and reserved. However, they are actually warm, friendly, hospitable and especially honest people once you get to know them.

Visit Finland, the Finnish Tourist Board will be delighted to hear from Alliance press card holders who are interested in feature the country.

Visit : www.visitfinland.com. Contact : Henri Anundi at henri.anundi@visitfinland.com.

Focus Hotels

Focus Hotels invite Alliance press card holders to review their three and four-star properties located in key destinations across the UK.

Visit : www.focushotels.co.uk. Contact : Nat Frogley at nat@bacall.net

Four Pillars Hotels, UK

Four Pillars Hotels is an independent company, which currently operates six predominantly four star hotels in Oxfordshire and Gloucestershire and the Cotswolds.

- **Tortworth Court Four Pillars Hotel** This four-star is a stately Victorian country hotel located in 30 acres of landscaped grounds 18 miles north of Bristol in South Gloucestershire. The hotel has its own arboretum housing over 300 rare and exotic trees.
- **Cotswold Water Park Four Pillars Hotel** This contemporary four-star hotel is situated in a lakeside setting in a 55-acre conservation parkland area in The Cotswolds.
- **Oxford Spires Four Pillars Hotel** This four-star hotel is located half a mile from the centre of the city in 40 acres of protected parkland. This French Renaissance-style chateau houses the Rothschild Collection of art treasures and a fine Victorian garden with a Roccoco style aviary.
- **Oxford Thames Four Pillars Hotel** This four-star hotel is housed partly within historic medieval buildings three miles from the centre of Oxford in 30 acres of parkland leading down to the River Thames.

The four-star Oxford Witney Four Pillars Hotel is located close to the market town of Witney. The Cotswold Wildlife Park is nearby.

Four Pillars Hotels will be delighted to consider providing Alliance press card holders with accommodation for review purposes.

Visit : www.four-pillars.co.uk. Contact : Lucy Mayes at lucy@humewhitehead.co.uk.

Frontier Travel

Frontier Travel organise tailor-made holidays to Canada in both Summer and Winter.

The company will consider offering individual press trips for Alliance press card holders who can get commissions from UK national newspapers, websites or high end publications with large circulations.

Visit : www.frontier-canada.co.uk and www.frontier-ski.co.uk. Contact: Dave Ashmore at dave@frontier-travel.co.uk.

Frontiers Travel

Frontiers Travel will consider offering tours to Alliance press card holders on assignment. Frontiers Travel specialise in the finest worldwide fly fishing and shooting destinations.

Visit : www.frontierstravel.com. Contact : Adam York at adam@sublimepub.com

Generator Hostels

Generator is Europe's fastest growing hostel brand. With nearly 4,000 beds across six properties, the award-winning group's portfolio will increase to eight and more than 5,200 beds in 2013 with two new hostels opening in Barcelona (March) and Berlin Mitte (May).

Generator will achieve one million bed nights across its design-led properties located in Berlin, Copenhagen, Dublin, Hamburg, London and Venice.

Guests can book instantly using the company's award-winning iPhone app as well as via the main website.

Generator Hostels will be delighted to consider offering review accommodation to Alliance press card holders.

Visit : www.generatorhostels.com. Contact : Suzanne Seyghal at Suzanne.Seyghal@generatorhostels.com

Greater Miami and the Beaches, Florida

Greater Miami and the Beaches consists of a diverse group of neighborhoods.

Vibrant and contrasting areas – from ocean resort towns to the urban core, planned suburbs to pristine rural land, complemented by villages rooted in history – are woven into Miami's fascinating and diverse tapestry.

The Greater Miami Convention & Visitors Bureau is an independent not-for-profit sales and marketing organization whose mission is to attract visitors to Greater Miami and the Beaches for leisure, business and conventions.

The Greater Miami Convention & Visitors Bureau will be delighted to consider press trips for Alliance press card holders on assignment.

Visit : www.miamiandbeaches.com. Contact : Lois Kettlewell at Lois.Kettlewell@fourcommunications.com.

Great Hotels of the World

Great Hotels of the World offers an unrivalled collection of the best 4 and 5 star luxury hotels and resorts.

Each hotel is selected for its dedication to the highest standards of luxury, unique sophistication, surroundings and innovative facilities.

Great Hotels of the World will be delighted to consider providing Alliance press card holders with accommodation for review purposes.

Visit : www.ghotw.com. Contact : Ashleigh Silverman at asilverman@ghotw.com.

The Great Lakes USA

The Great Lakes is the largest expanse of freshwater in the world with a unique and diverse landscape.

This region which is the size of continental Europe includes the U.S. states of Illinois, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, Wisconsin and Indiana with its capital city of Indianapolis.

Great Lakes USA will be delighted to hear from Alliance press card holders who are able to feature the region.

Visit : www.greatlakesnorthamerica.co.uk. Contact : Fiona Pettitt at fiona@cellet.co.uk.

Group Travel World

Group Travel World is the best selling magazine for organisers of group travel in Europe. To read a sample issue online : www.grouptravelworld.com/sample-issue

Alliance press card holders can receive a hard copy of *Group Travel World*, by post (anywhere in the world). Print subscribers also get online access to the magazine.

Those interested should email Harley Denham with name card number and full postal address.

Visit : www.grouptravelworld.com. Harley Denham at Harley.Denham@grouptravelworld.com.

The Haweswater Hotel, Cumbria UK

The Haweswater Hotel, an art-deco hotel located next to the secluded Haweswater Reservoir, Cumbria, UK, will be happy to consider offering accommodation to Alliance press card holders.

Visit : www.haweswaterhotel.com. Contact : Samantha Marsh at samantha@infinitypublicrelations.co.uk

Helpful Holidays, UK

Helpful Holidays, UK will consider offering accommodation to Alliance press card holders with a commission from suitable media.

Visit: www.helpfuleholidays.com. Contact: Pat Edgar at PRMatters@dsl.pipex.com

Hertz car hire

tx247 is the partner of Hertz car hire and the Hertz Golf and Drive initiative.

Hertz car hire, the world's leading vehicle renting organisation, operates from more than 8,500 locations in 150 countries worldwide.

Alliance press card holders can get Worldwide and year-round 10% additional discount on Hertz car hire best available rates and Free Hertz #1 Club membership, which offers a range of privileges and benefits including the fastest way to rent a car.

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- Free Hertz #1 Club membership: visit : www.hertz.com/rentacar/emember/join/overview.do?learnMore=gold<<http://www.hertz.com/rentacar/emember/join/overview.do?learnMore=gold>>.

Contact : Alexander Graham at alexgraham@tx247.co.uk.

Hg2 city guides

The Hg2 city guide series has launched its new mobile applications available for iPhone, iPad and iPad mini.

The apps covering 49 cities and ski resorts are individually downloadable and provide an insider's guide to hotels, restaurants, bars, clubs, shops, sights and spas.

There are also maps and Itineraries to help plan a trip and a reviews and ratings facility allows users to become Hg2 reviewers

Cities covered to date include :

Almaty	Damascus & Aleppo	Marrakech	St Moritz
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Beijing	Havana	Monte Rosa	Tel Aviv
Berlin	Istanbul	Moscow	Tokyo
Beirut	Johannesburg	Mumbai	Toronto
Bogota	La Grave	New Orleans	Val d'Isere
Buenose Aires	Las Vegas	New York	Verbier
Cape Town	Lisbon	Paris	Zermatt
Chamonix	London	Prague	Zurich
Chicago	Los Angeles	Rome	
Courchevel	Madrid	San Francisco	

Hg2 will be delighted to offer its city guide apps free to Alliance press card holders who are able to review the app.

Visit : www.hg2.com. Contact : Marilyn MacDonald at marilyn@hg2.com

Hidden Pousadas Brazil

Hidden Pousadas offers independent travellers recommendations for uniquely beautiful places to visit and stay in Brazil.

Alliance press card holders with commissions for Brazil can enquire about staying at Pousadas within the special collection, outside of high season.

Visit : www.hiddenpousadasbrazil.com. Contact : Fola Odumosu at folat@hiddenpousadasbrazil.com

Hilton Head Golf Island, South Carolina

Golf enthusiasts can find over 30 world-class quality golf courses on the Hilton Head Golf Island, many of which have been sculpted by golf course architects as Robert Trent Jones Sr., Pete Dye and Jack Nicklaus.

Hilton Head Island itself is a Low country resort town located on an island of the same name in Beaufort County, South Carolina, USA, 20 miles north of Savannah, Georgia and 95 miles south of Charleston.

Alliance press card holders are invited to request a round or two when able to feature the facilities on Hilton Head Golf Island.

Visit : www.hiltonheadgolfisland.com. Contact : Glenn Gray at ggray@buffalocommunications.com.

The Historic House Hotels, UK

The Historic House Hotels comprise :

- Bodysgallen Hall in North Wales
- Hartwell House in Aylesbury, and
- Middlethorpe Hall in York.

Each building is at least 300 years old, and there are few hotels of such charm and historic interest.

In 2008 the group was gifted to the National Trust, by donation, to ensure their long-term protection and with all profits benefiting the houses and the charity.

Historic House Hotels will be delighted to consider requests for accommodation from Alliance press card holders on a suitable assignment.

Visit : www.historichousehotels.com. Contact : Alison Buxton at alison.buxton@gmail.com.

Holidaylettings

Holiday Lettings offers a range of traditional and unique villas, cottages and apartments worldwide and will consider arranging accommodation at its listed properties for Alliance press card holders.

Visit : www.holidaylettings.co.uk. Contact: Emilie and Kate on press@holidaylettings.co.uk

Home Base Holidays

Home Base Holidays is pleased to offer one year complimentary home exchange membership to Alliance press card holders on assignment to cover home swap or budget holiday ideas.

Visit : www.homebase-hols.com. Contact : Lois Sealey at info@homebase-hols.com

Home land Tours', Israel

Home land Tours' provide small group and individual tours for those looking to strengthen their faith by visiting the land that is key to a deeper understanding of the Word of God.

All of its guides are licensed by the Ministry of Tourism and are very knowledgeable professionals and specialise in :

- Historical, Heritage and Cultural Tours of Israel
- Holy Land Tours
- Bible College Study Groups
- Youth and Student Tours
- Christian Tours

Visit : www.home-land-tours.com. Contact : Ofer at ofer@home-land-tours.com.

The Horseshoe Inn, Scottish Borders

The Horseshoe Inn is situated in a former blacksmiths shop in Eddleston within the picturesque Scottish Borders, five miles north of Peebles.

It has an award-winning fine dining restaurant, a bar and bistro as well as eight individually decorated bedrooms within the Lodge, a former Victorian primary school.

The Horseshoe Inn will be delighted to consider hosting Alliance press card holders able to review.

Visit : www.horseshoeinn.co.uk. Contact : Su Hesketh at su@crimsonedge.co.uk.

The Hoste, Norfolk UK

The Hoste is a four star boutique retreat located in Nelson's county and surrounded by countryside, unspoilt coastline, acclaimed nature reserves, picturesque villages and historic market towns.

A little more than a two hour's drive from London, this collection of hotels and luxury cottages with its two AA rosette restaurant and beauty spa, is located in one of Norfolk's loveliest villages, Burnham Market.

The Hoste will be delighted to consider offering accommodation to Alliance press card holders for review purposes.

Visit : www.thehoste.com. Contact :Kate at kate@thehoste.com.

Hotel d'Europe, Avignon, France

Hotel d'Europe, one of the oldest hotels in the world, is located in the centre of Avignon, a vibrant city with a relaxed cafe culture and intriguing history.

Dating back to 1799, this historical hotel has a gourmet restaurant and range of luxurious rooms and suites, most of which have views of the romantic streets of Provence.

The city's medieval bridge – immortalised in the children's rhyme Sur le Pont d'Avignon – is well worth visiting, and only five minutes' walk from the hotel. The Palace of the Popes – built in the 14th Century when the Catholic Church split briefly from Rome – is another attraction.

The Hotel d'Europe exudes an old-world charm and elegance in the heart of one of the most beautiful areas of France – truly the finest deluxe destination in Provence.

The Hotel d'Europe, a Great Hotel of the World, will be delighted to consider requests for accommodation from Alliance press card holders on a suitable assignment.

Visit : <http://www.ghotw.com/hotel/home/heurope.htm>. Contact : Ashleigh Silverman at asilverman@ghotw.com.

Hotel H1898, Barcelona, Spain

Hotel H1898, from Nuñez i Navarro Hotels Collection, has been placed in the top 10 Hotels in Barcelona by the Global Review Index.

Located in central Barcelona, Hotel 1898 is within walking distance of Boqueria Market, Las Ramblas, and Placa de Catalunya. Nearby points of interest also include Barcelona Cathedral and Gran Teatre del Liceu. Hotel Features.

The hotel will be happy to host Alliance press card holders who are producing features about about Barcelona.

Visit : www.hotel1898.com. Contact : pr@orbyce.com.

The Hotel Fort Canning, Singapore

The Hotel Fort Canning, which forms part of Fort Canning Park - an historical landmark in the heart of Singapore, will be delighted to consider hosting Alliance press card holders on assignment.

Once used as a base for the British Far East Command pre/post World War II in Singapore, the Hotel Fort Canning has been restored and re-opened as a chic boutique hotel with 86 rooms and suites, two restaurants and a THANN Spa.

Visit : www.hfcsingapore.com. Contact : Karen Luard at kp@KPcommunications.co.uk.

HouseTrip

HouseTrip, which is one of the world's largest holiday rental booking sites, offers self catering holiday rentals, which are available to book with the owners direct.

The HouseTrip portfolio has over 170,000 properties in hundreds of destinations worldwide, ranging from country cottages and spacious villas with private swimming pools to city centre apartment. It caters for those looking to rent entire house, apartment, castle or boat and then to live like a local.

HouseTrip will be delighted to hear from Alliance press card holders on assignment. The company has specific criteria, which they will discuss on an individual basis

Visit : www.housetrip.com. Contact : Ryan Levitt at rlevitt@housetrip.com.

Hungary

Hungary is located in Central Europe and bordered by Austria, Slovakia, Ukraine, Romania, Serbia, Croatia and Slovenia. It is a popular tourist destinations, with Budapest, its capital, regarded as one of the most beautiful in the world.

Despite its relatively small size, the country is home to many World Heritage Sites, UNESCO Biosphere reserves, the second largest thermal lake in the world (Lake Hévíz), the largest lake in Central Europe (Lake Balaton) and the largest natural grassland in Europe (Hortobágy).

Hungarian Tourism will be delighted to hear from Alliance press card holders able to feature the country.

Visit : www.gotohungary.com. Contact : Karin Jones at media@gotohungary.co.uk.

Independence Missouri

Independence Missouri is happy to work with Alliance press card holders on assignment and will consider lodging, food and admission to attractions and will create customized itineraries.

Visit : www.visitindependence.com. Contact : Janeen Aggen at janeena@sbcglobal.net.

Indianapolis, Indiana

Indianapolis - the Circle City has it all. An artificial city laid down on the swampy marshes of a non-navigable river, Indy should have been a sleepy, small-town state capital.

Today two downtown landmarks, Monument Circle and Indiana War Memorial Plaza, are among America's great urban spaces. With a diverse roster of residential areas, from downtown's quaint Lockerbie Square to its retro Fountain Square to funky Broad Ripple not far away, Indy feels like home.

While famous for fast cars, Indianapolis is winning praise for reinventing the bicycle and pedestrian experience and the city enjoys a rich African-American legacy and unique local cuisine linked to history and cherished traditions

Visit : www.visitindy.com. Contact : Morgan Greenlee at MGreenlee@visitindy.com.

The Inn on Fifth, Naples, Florida

The Inn on Fifth is a luxurious, 87-room boutique hotel in the heart of downtown Naples in Southwest Florida will be delighted to consider accommodations for Alliance press card holders on assignment.

In December 2012, the Inn opened an additional 32 new club level suites.

Visit : www.innonfifth.com. Contact : Katharina Lane at katharina@hayworthcreative.com

The InterContinental Marseille - Hotel Dieu, France

The InterContinental Marseille - Hotel Dieu overlooks the Vieux Port, in the oldest district in Marseille known as the Panier.

Marseille is the capital of Provence and the hotel is housed in a listed historical monument dating back to the 18th century. Nearby the Calanques is designated a Unesco World Heritage site.

The InterContinental Marseille - Hotel Dieu, France will be delighted to hear from Alliance press card holders who are in Marseille and able to review the hotel.

Visit : www.ihg.com/intercontinental/hotels/gb/en/marseille/mrsha/hoteldetail . Contact : Self Lucy at lucyself@hors-norme.com.

Juneau, Alaska

Juneau, Alaska's scenic capital city, has cosmopolitan charm and rich history combined with the wilderness of the Tongass National Forest and the bountiful waters of the Inside Passage.

Juneau is Southeast Alaska's hub with convenient air and ferry service to Inside Passage communities and to Glacier Bay National Park, Seattle (only 2 hours) and Anchorage.

Visitors can :

- enjoy Alaska's most accessible glacier
- fly over the Juneau Icefield
- discover the State Museum
- gaze at humpback and orca whales
- take a glacier cruise
- tour a historic gold mine
- ride the Mount Roberts Tram
- savour fresh Alaskan seafood
- shop downtown galleries, and
- catch salmon and watch sea lions, seals, eagles and bears.

Juneau also has a thriving arts community with a local symphony, two major state wide music festivals, an award-winning theatre and countless local artists.

The Juneau Convention and Visitors Bureau will be delighted to hear from Alliance press card holders who are able to feature the city.

Visit : www.traveljuneau.com. Contact : Elizabeth Arnett at elizabeth.arnett@traveljuneau.com.

The Katikies Hotel and Kirini Suites and Spa, Santorini, Greece

Santorini is an island in the southern Aegean Sea, about 200 km (120 mi) southeast of the Greek mainland. It is the largest island of a small, circular archipelago and forms the southernmost member of the Cyclades group of islands

The Katikies Hotel

Located 300ft up on the cliffs of the village of Oia, Katikies is a free form architectural property of stairs, bridges, cubist cottages and views over the island's volcanic basin.

In the evenings, the Katikies Dinner restaurant has four tables suspended on a rooftop veranda on the volcano's rim.

Kirini

Located on the edge of the village of Oia, the Kirini Suites and Spa has been newly renovated for 2013, all of which look out over the Caldera and the Aegean.

The Katikies Hotel and Kirini will be delighted to consider offering accommodation to Alliance press card holders with a 'high end' assignment.

Visit : www.katikieshotelsantorini.com and www.kirini.com. Contact : Aaron Moore at aaron.moore@mediacofss.com.

Kempinski Hotels worldwide

Hoteliers since 1897, Kempinski has travelled the world in search of the most fascinating destinations without ever forgetting the finest traditions of its European heritage.

With luxury holiday resorts, business and Spa hotels around the world, every Kempinski Hotel is unique, designed for guests who value five star holidays and luxury getaways.

Kempinski will be pleased to consider providing accommodation to International Travel Writers Alliance press card holders on a case-by-case basis.

Visit: www.kempinski.com. Contact: Hilary Philpott at hilary.philpott@kempinski.com

Kempinski Barbaros Bay, Turkey

Kempinski Hotel Barbaros Bay, Turkey is now offering guests an adult only silent beach with no background music, no motor boats, no phone conversations and no children.

Therapists from the resorts spa are also on hand to provide al fresco spa treatments on the beach. Located on its own private bay on the Aegean Coast of Turkey, Kempinski Hotel Barbaros Bay is made up of 24 suites and 149 rooms, each with their own view of the sea.

Kempinski will be pleased to consider providing accommodation to International Travel Writers Alliance press card holders on a case-by-case basis.

Visit : www.kempinski.com/bodrum. Contact: Hilary Philpott at hilary.philpott@kempinski.com.

Kempinski Gold Coast City, Accra, Ghana

The five-star Kempinski Hotel Gold Coast City, is set to open early 2013, next to the Accra International Conference Centre, State House and National Theatre.

The hotel is the centrepiece of Accra Gold Coast City, a new downtown for the capital.

The Kempinski Hotel Gold Coast City will be delighted to consider press visits for Alliance press card holders on a case-by case basis.

Visit : www.kempinski.com/accra. Contact Kathryn Peel at kathryn@ophirpr.co.uk.

Kempinski Hotels in Russia

St Petersburg

The Kempinski Hotel Moika 22 is located in a charming and historical area, in the very heart of St Petersburg, on the Moika River, opposite the renowned Hermitage Museum and Palace Square. The Hotel is just two minutes walk from the Nevsky Prospect and close to all major sights and shopping.

Moscow

The 5 star Hotel Baltshug Kempinski Moscow offers the best views of the Kremlin. Located in the heart of Moscow.

Gelendzhik

The Kempinski Grand Hotel Gelendzhik, is a new luxury resort and congress hotel on the Black Sea coast of Russia.

Kempinski will be pleased to consider providing accommodation to International Travel Writers Alliance press card holders on a case-by-case basis.

Visit: www.kempinski.com. Contact: Hilary Philpott at hilary.philpott@kempinski.com.

Kissimmee

Kissimmee, a short drive south of Orlando, puts visitors right in the middle of all the areas attractions including Walt Disney World®, Universal Orlando® and SeaWorld® Orlando.

There is also the chance to go flying across the water on a thrilling airboat ride and discover a world alive with tropical birds, turtles and legendary alligators.

Travel to Old Town or tour the brick-lined streets of Celebration, where colorful restaurants offer a variety of dining options and unique shopping possibilities.

The Kissimmee Convention and Visitors Bureau will be delighted to hear from Alliance press card holders who are able to feature the area.

Visit : www.visitkissimmee.com. Contact : Fiona Pettitt at fiona@cellet.co.uk.

Ker & Downey Botswana

Ker & Downey Botswana, located in the heart of the Okavango Delta and Moremi Game Reserve, will be pleased to consider press visits to Alliance press card holders with a commission.

Visit : www.kerdowneybotswana.com. Contact : Honour Schram de Jong at honour@honourway.com

KOŠICE – Tourism, Slovakia

Košice, the second largest city in Slovakia, is situated on the river Hornád at the eastern reaches of the Slovak Ore Mountains, near the border with Hungary.

The city has a well preserved historical centre with heritage protected buildings in Gothic, Renaissance, Baroque, and Art Nouveau styles and the St. Elisabeth Cathedral, Slovakia's largest church.

KOŠICE - Tourism, the official tourist authority for the Košice, will be delighted to hear from Alliance press card holders who are interested in visiting the city on assignment.

Visit : www.visitkosice.eu. Contact : Ivana Takacsova at ivana.takacsova@visitkosice.eu.

La Residencia Mallorca

La Residencia, Mallorca will consider offering one or two night's bed and breakfast accommodation from mid September-May to Alliance press card holders with a commission.

Visit : www.laresidencia.com. Contact : Louise Davis at louise.davis@laresidencia.com

Linthwaite House Hotel, Lake Windemere, Cumbria, UK

Located on 14 acres of peaceful, picturesque grounds and overlooking Lake Windermere, Linthwaite House is a luxury hotel in the Lake District.

The hotel's grounds are perfect for a peaceful stroll and trout fishing is available in the estate's own tarn.

Linthwaite House will be delighted to consider hosting Alliance press card holders able to review.

Visit : www.linthwaitehousehotel.com. Contact : Su Hesketh at su@crimsonedge.co.uk.

Livigno, Italy

Located in the Lombardy region of the Italian Alps, Livigno has been awarded the title of Best European Resort at the 2012 World Snow Awards.

The resort offer great skiing with carnival in February a highlight of the ski season.

Summer in Livigno offers a range of activities to the slopes with cycling being a particularly popular activity.

Livigno will be delighted to hear from Alliance press card holders who are interested in producing features on the region.

Visit : www.livigno.eu. Contact : Lynsey Devon at lynsey@heavenpublicity.co.uk.

LocalGuiding

LocalGuiding is an online service connecting travellers with independent, local tour guides in destinations worldwide. It currently has guides in over 500 destinations in 100 countries worldwide - and is recruiting new guides all the time.

***LocalGuiding* has tour guides in :**

Albania	China	India	Namibia	Slovenia
Angola	Colombia	Indonesia	Nepal	Sri Lanka
Argentina	Costa Rica	Ireland	Netherlands	Switzerland
Armenia	Croatia	Israel	Panama	Syria
Australia	Cuba	Italy	Peru	Tanzania
Austria	Czech Republic	Jamaica	Philippines	Thailand
Bangladesh	Dominica	Japan	Poland	The Bahamas
Barbados	Ecuador	Jordan	Portugal	Tunisia
Belarus	Egypt	Kazakhstan	Puerto Rico	Turkey
Belgium	England	Kenya	Republic of	Uganda
Belize	Estonia	Kyrgyzstan	Serbia	Ukraine
Bhutan	Ethiopia	Latvia	Romania	United Arab
Bolivia	France	Lithuania	Russia	Emirates
Bosnia and	Georgia	Malawi	Saint Kitts and	USA
Herzegovina	Germany	Malaysia	Nevis	Uruguay
Botswana	Greece	Malta	Scotland	Uzbekistan
Brazil	Guatemala	Mauritius	Senegal	Venezuela
Bulgaria	Honduras	Mexico	Slovakia South	Vietnam
Cambodia	Hong Kong	Monaco	Africa	Zambia
Canada	Hungary	Morocco	South Korea	Zimbabwe
Chile	Iceland	Myanmar	Spain	

LocalGuiding will be delighted to hear from Alliance press card holders looking for a local tour guide in the destinations it covers.

Visit : www.LocalGuiding.com. Contact : Robert Blessing at rb@localguiding.com.

Loch Melfort Hotel, Argyll, Scotland

The Loch Melfort is a family run hotel on the coast of Argyll, set in the Scottish West Highlands. All rooms have sea views over Asknish Bay towards Jura, Shuna and Scarba.

The Asknish Bay Restaurant has been awarded two Rosettes by the AA every year since 2000.

The Loch Melfort will be delighted to consider hosting Alliance press card holders able to review.

Visit : www.lochmelfort.co.uk/. Contact : Su Hesketh at su@crimsonedge.co.uk.

The Lot Valley, France

The Lot Valley comprises the Départements through which the river Lot flows are, from its source, Lozère, Cantal, Aveyron, Lot and Lot-et-Garonne.

In 1980, the five local government bodies set up an organisation called l'Entente to coordinate and run Lot Valley development. Its task: to continue the economic, environmental, tourist and hydraulic development of the Valley.

An ambitious economic development programme covering waterway tourism and the valorisation of the environment fixed the major objectives : to facilitate the growth of a new tourist destination, while preserving the environment.

After 40 years of hard work the Lot Valley is on the point of becoming a prime tourist.

l'Entente will be delighted to hear from Alliance press card holders able to feature this region.

Visit : www.valleedulot.com. Contact : Stephanie Khaou at lotvalley1@gmail.com.

Lovelady Shield, Cumbria, UK

Lovelady Shield is an elegant Georgian Country House Hotel near Alston, Cumbria. It stands on the site of a former 13th century convent on the banks of the River Nent and within secluded gardens and un-spoilt countryside.

The hotel can also act as a base from which to visit the UK's Lake District, Hadrian's Wall, the North Pennines, Durham Cathedral and the Yorkshire Dales.

The hotel has 2 rosette awards from the AA , and their restaurant provides elegant surroundings in which to enjoy the award winning cuisine prepared by our Master Chef, Barrie Garton.

Lovelady Shield will be delighted to consider hosting Alliance press card holders able to review.

Visit : www.lovelady.co.uk. Contact : Su Hesketh at su@crimsonedge.co.uk.

Love Loch Lomond, Scotland

Love Loch Lomond is a group of tourism operators passionate about the Loch Lomond and Clyde Sea Lochs area will be delighted to host press visits for Alliance press card holders as well as to offer a range of story ideas and activities.

Visit: www.lovelochlomond.com. Contact: Johanna Campbell at Johanna@johannacampbell.com.

Macau

Macau, which is a Special Administrative Region of China since 1999, is located on China's south coast, 40 miles from Hong Kong.

It enjoys a Portuguese-Chinese heritage and, in 2013, celebrates the 500th anniversary since the arrival of the Portuguese in Macau in the 16th century.

The destination's distinctive blend of cultures is reflected in the Historic Centre of Macau, a UNESCO World Heritage Site comprised of over 20 historic Sino-Portuguese buildings.

East-meets-West flavours are incorporated in Macanese cuisine, which features influences from Portugal, China, South America, Africa, India and Malaysia.

Macau also hosts a wealth of colourful events and festivals including :

- the Macau International Fireworks Display Contest, one of the biggest of its kind in the world, and
- the Macau Grand Prix, when tourists and locals will line the streets creating a party atmosphere as both cars and motorcycles separately race on one of the most demanding circuits in the world.

Macau Tourism will be delighted to hear from Alliance press card holders who are on assignment and able to feature the destination.

Visit : www.macautourism.gov.mo. Contact : Sarah Habicht at Sarah@humewhitehead.co.uk.

Madesimo, Italy

Madesimo is a classic mountain ski resort typical of the Italian Alpine region with the 'ski-holiday' launched by the Italian Touring Club in the resort in 1911.

Surrounded by mountains and Alpine landscapes, Madesimo is a summer and winter destination and convenient for popular tourist destinations like Lake Como and St. Moritz.

Madesimo will be delighted to hear from Alliance press card holders able to feature this region.

Visit : www.visitmadesimo.it. Contact : Lynsey Devon at lynsey@heavenpublicity.co.uk.

Malawi, Africa

Malawi is the 'warm heart of Africa' offering a combination of lake, landscape, wildlife and culture in one of Africa's most beautiful and compact countries.

Malawi Travel Marketing Consortium is a partnership organisation of Malawi's travel and tourism industry including accommodation providers, tour and safari companies, car hire and air charter firms.

The Malawi Travel Marketing Consortium will be delighted to hear from Alliance press card holders.

Visit: www.malawitourism.com. Contact : Mr Kelly White at enquiries@malawitourism.com

Mallorca Hotels: Hotel Bon Sol Resort & Spa, Hotel Tres and Hotel Dalt Murada, and Hotel Mar i Vent, Mallorca

Mallorca Hotels will be pleased to offer accommodation to Alliance press card holders with a commission for city breaks to Palma and spa & yoga, cycling, walking, hiking, cultural on the island.

Visit : www.hotelbonsol.es, www.hoteltres.com, www.daltmurada.com and www.hotelmarivent.com.

Contact : Cathryn Hicks at cathryn@douggoodmanpr.com.

The Marriott Paris Champs-Elysees, Paris

The Marriott Paris Champs-Elysees, the only five-star hotel on the Champs-Elysees, will be happy to offer accommodation to Alliance press card holders who are in the city on an assignment.

Visit: www.parismarriott.com. Contact: Bernice Saltzer at bernice@sortedpr.com

The Mercy Hotel Lisboa, Lisbon

The Mercy Hotel Lisboa is a new 5* boutique luxury property located on Mercy Street, between the Chiado and Bairro Alto districts of Lisbon.

It offers the ideal base for leisure and business guests with easy access to the city and excellent facilities right on the doorstep.

Several cultural highlights, as well as excellent dining, shopping and nightlife are within easy walking distance of the hotel.

The Hotel Mercy would be pleased to consider press requests from Alliance press card holders with a commission.

Visit : www.mercyhotel.com. Contact : Cathryn Hicks at cathryn@douggoodmanpr.com

Michael Neave Kitchen and Whisky Bar, Edinburgh, Scotland

Michael Neave Kitchen and Whisky Bar has recently opened on Old Fishmarket Close in the heart of Edinburgh's old town. It is the first acquisition by the young chef who has worked with talented chefs from The Bonham and the Amber restaurant in the Scotch Whisky Experience.

Michael Neave Kitchen and Whisky Bar will be delighted to consider hosting Alliance press card holders able to review.

Visit : www.michaelneave.co.uk. Contact : Su Hesketh at su@crimsonedge.co.uk.

Mir Corporation

Mir Corporation will consider offering tours to Alliance press card holders on assignment. Mir Corporation is a well-established tour-operator specialising in tours to Russia, the Trans-Siberian Railroad and tours to Central Asia.

Visit : www.mircorp.com. Contact : Adam York at adam@sublimepub.com

Mohonk Mountain House, New York State

Mohonk Mountain House is a National Historic Landmark resort and Historic Hotel of America located in New York's Hudson Valley, 90 miles north of New York City.

Owned and operated by the Smiley Family since its founding in 1869, the resort has been welcoming guests in a beautiful natural setting for 144 years.

The Victorian castle resort has been named the Number One Resort Spa in the United States in *Condé Nast Traveler's* Readers' Choice Awards.

Year-round recreation includes a spectacular Skating Pavilion, rock climbing, and 85 miles of trails for seasonal hiking, mountain biking, snowshoeing, and cross-country skiing. The grounds feature gardens, a nine-hole golf course, tennis courts, and stables for horseback riding and horse-drawn carriage rides.

Over 40 theme programs are presented annually, including culinary classes, gardening workshops, music festivals and nature programs.

The Mohonk Mountain House will be delighted to consider hosting Alliance press card holders with an appropriate commission.

Visit : www.mohonk.com. Contact : Laura Koster at lkoster@btcmarketing.com.

The Montcalm at The Brewery London City

The Montcalm at The Brewery London City is situated in the heart of The City of London.

The grade II listed building has been restored into a luxury five star hotel, whilst preserving the heritage values being conveniently located by the Barbican and in-between Liverpool Street and Moorgate stations.

Formerly the site of Whitbread & Co, Britain's first purpose-built mass production brewery, the original building dates back from as early as 1750 when Samuel Whitbread moved his brewing operations to Chiswell Street on the 'eastern rim of Georgian London'.

The hotel offers acclaimed English cuisine at The Chiswell Street Dining Rooms and traditional British fayre at the gourmet gastropub are offered at The Montcalm at The Brewery London City.

The Mountcalm will be delighted to consider offering accommodation to Alliance press card holders.

Visit : www.themontcalmlondoncity.co.uk. Contact : Lysbeth Fox at lysbeth@foxpr.co.uk.

Montes e Vales - cultural and activity tours in Portugal.

Portugal is among the oldest countries in Europe with the same boundaries since 1297, an impressive medieval heritage and in the Douro Valley the oldest wine demarcated region in the world.

Montes e Vales provides visitors with the chance to to learn more about Portuguese wine, food and history during easy walks or biking tours.

Montes e Vales will be delighted to consider offering Alliance press card holders a tour for review purposes.

Visit : www.walkinginportugal.com. Contact : David Monteiro at info@walkinginportugal.com.

The Moevenpick Resort & Spa Dead Sea

The Moevenpick Resort & Spa Dead Sea is located on the shore of the Dead Sea in Jordan - a peaceful area with renowned health benefits.

Many visitors flock to Jordan to float in the Dead Sea, and the benefits of the high-salt content mean that the water is extremely calming and healing, offering the ultimate relaxation therapy.

The resort has 346 rooms and suites which have been tastefully decorated to ensure that all guests have a comfortable stay. There is also a Zara spa - one of the largest in the Middle East, which provides a wide variety of treatments to relax the mind, body and soul.

The Moevenpick Resort & Spa Dead Sea, a Great Hotel of the World, will be delighted to consider requests for accommodation from Alliance press card holders on a suitable assignment.

Visit : www.ghotw.com/hotel/home/moevenpick-dead-sea.htm. Contact : Ashleigh Silverman at asilverman@ghotw.com.

Myanmar (formerly known as Burma)

Myanmar, formerly known as Burma, has emerged from decades of military rule, and the South-East Asia nation is moving towards democracy and opening up economically.

With 28-day tourist visas, improved foreign exchange services, and new destinations and accommodations, Myanmar is now easier than ever to visit.

Slow Burma Travel

Slow Burma Travel is a small tour operator in Myanmar, organizing tailor-made, personalized trips throughout Myanmar.

Established in 2010, and respecting the wishes of democracy leader, Nobel Prize laureate Ang San Suu Kyi, Slow Burma Travel offers individual, family and small group trips the heartland of Myanmar, as well as more off-the-beaten-track places.

Working with locals, communities, ethnic minorities, Buddhist monasteries and NGOs, Slow Burma Travel provides deep insights into Myanmar, authentic experiences away from the tourist hordes, and moments of wonder in this long-forgotten world.

Among the trips organized include colonial heritage tours of downtown Yangon's buildings, up-country tours in search of writer George Orwell, mountain biking adventures in Shan state, and China-Myanmar trips for Tai Chi practitioners from around the world.

Alliance press card holders are invited to contact Slow Burma Travel for information and advice about travel in Myanmar. In mid-late 2013 Slow Burma Travel will be offering media familiarization trips, in association with the Myanmar tourism industry.

Visit : www.burma-travel.info and www.visit-myanmar.info. Contact : Keith Lyons at keithalyons@gmail.com.

Myrtle Beach Seaside Resorts, South Carolina, USA

Myrtle Beach Seaside Resorts is a collection of six oceanfront and ocean view condo-hotels in North Myrtle Beach and Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

Avista Resort, Prince Resort, Horizon at 77th, Grande Shores, Seaside and the Towers at North Myrtle Beach all provide the comforts of full-service resort hotels with the space and luxury of condominiums.

Each property features modern décor that reflects a coastal lifestyle and views of the pristine northern region of the Grand Strand.

Most hotels have fitness centers, an array of indoor and outdoor pools, on-site dining and access to world-class beaches.

Alliance press card holders are welcome to request a stay at Myrtle Beach Seaside Resorts when able to feature the collection of properties.

Visit: www.myrtlebeachseasideresorts.com. Contact: Jane Milbrandt at jmilbrandt@buffalocommunications.com.

Newcastle Gateshead Marriott Hotel Metrocentre

Newcastle Gateshead Marriott Hotel Metrocentre has completed a £500,000 refurbishment to its leisure facilities.

The hotel, which is next to the Metrocentre, the biggest shopping centre in Europe, will be happy to host Alliance press card holders who would like to visit the North East of the UK.

Visit : www.marriott.co.uk/hotels/travel/nclgh-newcastle-gateshead-marriott-hotel-metrocentre
Contact : Bernice Saltzer at bernice@SortedPR.com.

New York Circle Line Sightseeing Cruises

New York Circle Line Sightseeing Cruises will be delighted to host Alliance press card holders with a commission.

Visit: www.circleline42.com. Contact: Lisa Chamberlain at lisa.chamberlain@btinternet.com

Niagara, USA

The Niagara Tourism & Convention Corporation (NTCC) promotes the county as a premier destination for meetings, events, conventions, and leisure tourism by generating individual and group visitation.

Niagara Falls comprises the American Falls, Bridal Veil Falls and Horseshoe Falls. The historic village of Lewiston was the site of the first battle of the War of 1812 and the last stop for slaves escaping to freedom on the Underground Railroad.

The original Flight of Five locks that were built in 1840 still exist along the Erie Canal in Lockport. Surrounded by water, Niagara USA is also a fishing destination in and on Lake Ontario, Niagara River and Erie Canal.

The NTCC will be delighted to hear from Alliance press card holders who are interested in doing a story on Niagara Falls or Niagara USA.

Visit : www.niagara-usa.com. Contact : MichelleBlackley at michelle@niagara-usa.com

No.1 Traveller : Heathrow Terminal 3, Gatwick North and South Terminals, Stansted and Birmingham Airport

No.1 Traveller works with airlines, businesses and individuals to offer a convenient and comfortable service to take the stress out of going to and through airports.

It offers smart chauffeur-driven airport transfers and stylish 'pay-as-you-go' airport lounges (a complete 'driveway to runway' service)

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No.1 Traveller is happy to offer a 50% discount rate for all International Travel Writers Alliance Press Card holders.

Those interested should contact : Charlie Spencer at Charlie.Spencer@No1Traveller.com, when wishing to make a booking with :

- Full name (as it appears on your passport)
- Flight date / time
- Flight number
- Which airport / terminal

Visit : No1Traveller.com. Contact : Charlie Spencer at Charlie.Spencer@No1Traveller.com.

Norfolk Hideaways

Norfolk Hideaways, which is a holiday cottage/self-catering holiday company with 200 coastal cottages in North Norfolk, will be delighted to hear from Alliance press card holders on assignment. Press trips are available and subject to dates and availability.

Visit : www.norfolkhideaways.co.uk. Contact : Danielle Howard at danielle@junglepr.com.

The Oetker Collection - Masterpiece Hotels

The Oetker Collection - Masterpiece Hotels are one-of-a-kind, five-star hotels individually designed, with a unique character and distinctive atmosphere.

They are situated in some of the world's most appealing locations, such as Antibes, Baden-Baden, Marrakesh, Paris and Vence.

The Oetker Collection will be pleased to consider offering accommodation to Alliance press card holders.

Visit : www.oetkercollection.com. Contact : Julia Perowne at jp@verypcc.com

ON AIR WORLD radio

ON AIR WORLD radio is broadcast across many radio stations in Australia with programmes available for broadcast on community and other radio stations worldwide.

Its radio travel features highlight the best things to do and see in various cities and regions around the world.

ON AIR WORLD radio is pleased to invite Alliance press card holders to supply audio interviews.

The station cannot pay for features, at this stage, but believes it could give card holders exposure to world radio networks.

The format :

Intro : *This is on air world travel radio, this week broadcasting from (location) ... This is (reporter name) and we are here with (guest name) from (attraction/location name).*

The interview :

Include website of attraction/facility at end when thanking the guest and mention the www.onairworld.com website for all the links.

Technical :

Interviews can be recorded on Iphones or similar devices in MP3 format and would need to be recorded at 44.1 khz quality 16 bit preferable.

Electronic stores have good quality external mics with windscreens at around 30 quid.

The station will edit the feature, add music and remove umm and ahhs, breaths, etc.

Card holders should also provide *ON AIR WORLD radio* an image in a jpeg format and a brief bio for its presenters page.

Visit : www.onairworld.com. Contact : Geoff Harrison at worldtvinternational@gmail.com.

One World Trekking

One World Trekking has been a leader in Worldwide Adventure Travel with two decades of experience in creating and guiding unique trekking and hiking itineraries across the globe.

It offers small group trekking trips and adventure tours throughout the great Himalayan kingdoms of Nepal, Bhutan, Ladakh, Tibet, Sikkim, the Karakoram and to Eastern Europe, Africa and South America.

One World Trekking will be delighted to consider providing Alliance press card holders with trips for review purposes. To hear one programme, which have over 4000 downloads per week, visit : www.travelradioaustralia.com.

Visit : www.oneworldtrekking.com. Contact : Andy Crisconi at andy.crisconi@oneworldtrekking.com.

Orient-Express Hotels

Orient-Express Hotels is a luxury hotel company and adventure travel operator which began offering luxury travel experiences since 1976, when it purchased Hotel Cipriani in Venice.

Shortly after the company recreated the Venice Simplon-Orient-Express, linking London, Paris and Venice, along with other European cities.

Today the Orient-Express Hotels brand embraces 46 hotel, cruise and luxury rail businesses in 22 countries, including distinctive properties including :

- Hotel Cipriani in Venice
- Grand Hotel Europe in St Petersburg
- Hotel Ritz Madrid
- Mount Nelson Hotel in Cape Town
- Copacabana Palace in Rio de Janeiro, and
- Maroma Resort and Spa on Mexico's Riviera Maya

The Company also Orient-Express Hotels luxury tourist trains, three river cruise operations and one of New York's most iconic restaurants.

Orient-Express Hotels will be delighted to hear from Alliance press card holders who are assignment and able to feature one or more of its hotels. Requests considered on a case-by-case basis.

Visit : www.orient-express.com. Contact : Emily Wilson at emily.wilson@orient-express.com.

The Otago Central Rail Trail, New Zealand

The Otago Central Rail Trail is a 150-kilometre walking, cycling and horse riding track in the South Island of New Zealand.

The trail runs in an arc between Middlemarch and Clyde, along the route of the former Otago Central Railway, and has become a popular tourist attraction.

It's the chance to discover an untamed, natural environment, Otago's harsh and daring past, and the early engineering feats of the pioneers.

The Trail was the first rail trail in New Zealand and its success encouraged John Key, the NZ Prime Minister, to establish further Trails throughout NZ.

The Otago Central Rail Trail will be delighted to hear from Alliance press card holders who do a lot of cycling or walking and who could feature the Trail.

Visit : www.otagocentralrailtrail.co.nz. Contact : Edward Fox at edwardfox@orcon.net.nz.

The Palace of Versailles, France

The Château de Versailles, which has been on UNESCO's World Heritage List for 30 years, is one of the most beautiful achievements of 18th-century French art.

The site began as Louis XIII's hunting lodge before his son Louis XIV transformed and expanded it, moving the court and government of France to Versailles in 1682. Each of the three French kings who lived there until the French Revolution added improvements to make it more beautiful.

Alliance press card holders can get free admission to the Château de Versailles and its grand gardens.

Visit : www.en.chateauversailles.fr. Contact : Talon at 1dad1kid@gmail.com.

The Palms Hotel & Spa, Miami Beach, FL

Just minutes from the heart of South Beach, with a city-block of grounds and a pristine stretch of white sandy beach, The Palms Hotel & Spa originally opened as the Sea Isle Hotel in 1939.

It was purchased by its current owners, the Krause Family, in 1989, renovated and re-opened as The Miami Beach Ocean Resort in the summer of 1992.

In the following years, the family continued to modernize and re-position the property, culminating in a 2010 re-launch as The Palms Hotel & Spa. The AAA Four Diamond property is now part of the exclusive collection of Preferred Hotels & Resorts, and one of few independently owned and operated full-service hotels on the beach.

The Palms will be delighted to consider requests for accommodation from Alliance press card holders on a suitable assignment.

Visit : www.thepalmshotel.com. Contact : Vanessa Lopez at VLopez@thepalmshotel.com.

Pembrokeshire, South West Wales

Pembrokeshire, South Wales will be delighted to consider offering accommodation to Alliance press card holders with a commission in suitable media.

Visit : www.pembrokeshire.com. Contact: Pat Edgar PRMatters@dsl.pipex.com

The Pheasant Inn, the Lake District UK

Located at the bottom of Sale Fell and close to Bassenthwaite Lake, the Pheasant Inn dates back to the 17th century and was the haunt of huntsman John Peel.

It is situated at the unspoilt northern end of the Lake District, within easy reach of Keswick and Cockermouth. The hotel bar, one of the most well known bars in the Lake District, is full of local character and characters some of whom are very knowledgeable and opinionated!

The Pheasant Inn will be delighted to consider hosting Alliance press card holders able to review.

Visit : www.the-pheasant.co.uk. Contact : Su Hesketh at su@crimsonedge.co.uk.

Philadelphia

Philadelphia might be known as the birthplace of American democracy, but you'll find it's an ideal destination to explore its colorful neighborhoods, learn more about its rich history and delve into its spectacular sites and attractions.

Philly has all the excitement of big-city life with a quaint, hometown feel.

The Philadelphia Convention & Visitors Bureau will be delighted to hear from Alliance press card holders who are able to feature the city.

Visit : www.discoverPHL.com. Contact : Greg Evans at g.p.evans@btinternet.com.

Phoenix Park Bike Hire, Dublin, Ireland

Phoenix Park in Dublin has 20km of cycle paths and over 1750 acres of parkland to explore.

Located right at the entrance to the Park, Phoenix Park Bike Hire is a cost effective, healthy and enjoyable way to see attractions in the park and all that Dublin city has to offer.

Many thousands of extra visitors are expected to choose Ireland in 2013 for The Gathering.

Phoenix Park Bike Hire will be delighted to offer its bike hire to Alliance press card holders.

Visit : www.phoenixparkbikehire.com and www.thegatheringireland.com. Contact : Anna Sharp at anna@asharppr.com.

Pismo Beach, California

Pismo Beach is located on California's famous Central Coast, half way between San Francisco and Los Angeles along the scenic Pacific Coast Highway and Highway 101.

This classic California beach town offers long white beaches for taking a pleasant stroll or for just enjoying the spectacular views of a Pismo Beach sunset.

Visitors also enjoy great weather year round, fabulous local wineries, golfing, riding the dunes in a four-wheel ATV on California's only drive-on beach, horseback riding, surfing, body boarding, and fishing from the historic 1200-foot Pismo Beach Pier.

The Pismo Beach Conference & Visitors Bureau will be delighted to hear from Alliance press card holders who are interested in featuring this destination.

For more information, please visit www.ClassicCalifornia.com, or contact Suzen Brasile at sbrasile@pismo beach.org.

The Pocono Mountains, Pennsylvania

The Pocono Mountains region is 2,400 square miles of mountains, lakes, rivers, waterfalls and woodlands in Northeastern Pennsylvania.

The four-county region offers year round outdoor recreation, seasonal festivals and fairs, lavish spas and fine dining. The Pocono Mountains is two hours from both Philadelphia and New York City.

The Pocono Mountains Visitors Bureau will be delighted to consider press trip requests from Alliance press cardholders.

Visit : www.800poconos.com. Contact : Elizabeth A. Richardson at Erichardson@poconos.org.

Poole, Dorset UK

Poole in the county of Dorset is a large coastal town and seaport on the English south coast.

Poole is an area of great natural beauty and a prime tourist resort, attracting visitors with its stunning natural harbour, history and Blue Flag beaches.

Poole Tourism will be delighted to hear from Alliance press card holders able to review this coastal resort.

Visit : www.pooletourism.com. Contact : Michelle Holland at m.holland@pooletourism.com.

Québec, Canada

Québec is a unique land in North America. Unique for its geography, its history and its culture, which together have forged its bold and exuberant identity.

The region is multi-faceted geography, diverse landscapes, vegetation and climate and a rich history spanning five centuries, from colonial regime to the present-day challenge of maintaining the cultural vitality of this culture in North America!

Summer, fall, winter and spring: the contrasting seasons bring this vast territory to life, offering you four spectacular opportunities to discover the many faces of Québec!

Destination Québec will be delighted to hear from Alliance press card holders who are able to feature the area.

Visit : www.bonjourquebec.com. Contact : Caroline Corfield-Rose at caroline@corecommunications.co.uk.

Rabbie's tours (UK)

Rabbie's provides small group tours departing from Edinburgh, Glasgow, Dublin and London.

These cover :

- the Scottish Highlands and Islands
- northern Britain, including the Lake District and York
- the heart of England
- northern Wales, and
- Devon and Cornwall.

Rabbie's will be delighted to hear from Alliance press card holders interested in a press review of its tours.

Visit : www.rabbies.com. Contact : Andrea McCallum at andrea.mccallum@freshwater-uk.com.

The Ramada Encore Hotel, Gateshead, UK

The Ramada Encore Hotel, Gateshead is located minutes from the historic Newcastle Quayside, on the banks of the river Tyne, and within walking distance of restaurants, bars, theatres, art galleries and attractions, including :

- the Baltic Centre of Contemporary Art
- Gateshead Millennium Bridge, and
- the Metro Radio Arena.

The Ramada Encore Hotel, Gateshead will be happy to host Alliance press card holders on assignment.

Visit : www.ramada.co.uk. Contact : Bernice Saltzer at bernice@sortedpr.com.

Ravenstone Manor, Keswick, Cumbria UK

Ravenstone Manor is a family run hotel situated just a short drive from the market town of Keswick in the Lake District.

Overlooking Bassenthwaite Lake, and set against the backdrop of Skiddaw, Ravenstone Manor provides guests with a vantage point to fully appreciate the beauty of the Lake District. The grounds of the Hotel are a great start for many walks for any ability; a short amble through Dodd Wood looking for Ospreys nesting or the odd deer to a hike to the summit of Skiddaw.

Ravenstone Manor will be delighted to consider hosting Alliance press card holders able to review.

Visit : www.ravenstonemanor.co.uk. Contact : Su Hesketh at su@crimsonedge.co.uk.

The Renaissance Paris Arc de Triomphe, Paris

The five-star Renaissance Paris Arc de Triomphe designed by Christian de Portzamparc, is just a few steps away from the famous landmark and Champs-Élysées Avenue.

A contemporary design, this Arc de Triomphe, Paris hotel's upscale guest rooms and suites are spacious and tastefully decorated and boast the latest in-room technology, including wireless Internet.

Outstanding among hotels in Arc de Triomphe, Paris, guests can indulge in delightful dining at the Makassar Lounge Restaurant serving contemporary French - Indonesian cuisine.

The Renaissance Paris Arc de Triomphe will be delighted to consider offering accommodation to Alliance press card holders who are able to review the hotel in their features.

Visit : www.marriott.co.uk/hotels/travel/parwg-renaissance-paris-arc-de-triomphe-hotel. Contact : Bernice Saltzer at bernice@sortedpr.com

Reykjavik Bike Tours

Reykjavik Bike Tours provide two wheeled tours of the essential 'must-see' sights of Iceland's capital and tell you the stories that bring these places to life!

It enables visitors to see and experience places that would be missed on foot or by bus and to meet local residents who know the ins and outs of the city.

The small group tours are made on comfortable, high quality bikes.

Reykjavik Bike Tours will provide press tours of Iceland's capital for Alliance press card holders.

Visit : www.icelandbike.com. Contact : Stefan Helgi Valsson at valsson@centrum.is

Reykjavik Segway Tours

Reykjavik Segway Tours provide sightseeing by segway in the capital city of Iceland.

Gliding along on the segway personal transporter is a unique experience available in Reykjavik for the first time in March 2013.

Reykjavik Segway Tours will be delighted to provide press tours of Iceland's capital for Alliance press card holders.

Visit : www.reykjaviksegwaytours.com. Contact : Stefan Helgi Valsson at book@reykjaviksegwaytours.com

Rockford, Illinois

Rockford is located in north central Illinois, just south of Wisconsin, halfway between Galena and Chicago.

Rockford life centers around the Rock River, which may divide the east side from the west, but brings people together for events such as the :

- Illinois Snow Sculpting Competition
- Fourth of July Festival
- Ski Broncs Water Ski Shows
- Rockford Art Museum
- Greenwich Village Art Fair and Rockford Art Guild's Artists' Fair
- On the Waterfront, Illinois' largest street music festival
- Music in the Park, and
- Holiday Festival of Lights.

Several museums cluster in Riverfront Museum Park on the west bank and Sinnissippi Gardens and Park stretch along the east bank. A trail network links them all.

Rockford continues to develop its waterfront by converting industrial sites into parks and public areas, such as Davis Park at Founder's Landing.

Visit : www.gorockford.com. Contact : Fiona Pettitt at fiona@cellet.co.uk.

Rosalie Bay Resort, Dominica

Rosalie Bay Resort, an eco-luxury and wellness retreat on the Nature Island of Dominica in the Caribbean, located along the Atlantic Ocean at the edge of a UNESCO World Heritage site,

The Rosalie Bay will be happy to consider accommodations for Alliance members on assignment.

Visit : www.rosaliebay.com. Contact: Julie Harper at julie@madiganpratt.com.

Royal Demeure luxury hotels, Italy

The Royal Demeure luxury hotel chain is a collection of historic palazzi in some of Italy's most important cities including :

- the Hotel d'Inghilterra, Residenza di Ripetta and the Hotel Beverly Hills, in Rome
- the Hotel Helvetia & Bristol in Florence the Grand Hotel Continental in Siena and,
- the Hotel Villa Michelangelo in Vicenza.

Each hotel has been meticulously refurbished with frescoed halls hosting modern art, marble bathrooms boast hydro-massage bathtubs and cosy restaurants offering traditional Italian cuisine.

The Royal Demeure group will be happy to consider hosting Alliance press card holders who are in Italy on assignment and able to review one or more of the properties.

Visit : www.royaldemeure.com. Contact : Anne-Marie Buckley at Anne-Marie.Buckley@brightergroup.com.

The Royal Park and The Cranley, London

The Royal Park and The Cranley, two luxury, boutique hotels located in central London are delighted to welcome Alliance press card holders with suitable commissions.

Visit : www.theroyalpark.com and www.thecranley.com. Contact : Li Boatwright at Li@storringtoncommunications.com

Rushton Hall Hotel and Spa, Northamptonshire

Rushton Hall Hotel and Spa offers guests the chance to stay in what has been a stately home in rural Northampton since 1438.

Everything about Rushton Hall is grand from the moment you pass through its heavy timber doors. Most stunning, however, is the great hall with its magnificent timber roofing, ornate plasterwork, stained glass windows and fireplace.

Rushton Hall will be pleased to consider offering accommodation to Alliance press card holders.

Visit : www.rushtonhall.com. Contact : jacky Mcaulay at j.Mcaulay@rushtonhall.com.

Saigon Streets

Saigon Streets, which run 3 to 3.5 hour street food tours in Ho Chi Minh City, will be delighted to provide Alliance press card holders with a tour for review purposes.

Visit : www.saigonstreeteats.com. Contact : Barbara Adam at theboss@thedropoutdiaries.com.

Sail Lofts St Ives

A group of 12 award winning luxury holiday apartments surrounding a central courtyard, just metres from Porthmeor Beach in St Ives, with their own 'holistic' Ocean Spa.

Sail Lofts will be pleased to consider offering accommodation to Alliance press card holders with a commission.

Visit: www.thesaillofts.co.uk. Contact: Peter Hutchinson at peter@thesaillofts.co.uk.

Scotland's Personal Hotels

Scotland's Personal Hotels is one stop shop to finding hotels in Scotland, and offer visitors to Scotland :

- a large selection of independent hotels across Scotland and the chance to experience the real Scotland, and
- best rates guaranteed –travellers book direct with the hotels

Scotland's Personal Hotels can take care of all arrangements, book hotels, arrange car hire and offer advice on things to see and do, all over Scotland. There is no charge for this service.

Scotland's Personal Hotels will always consider hosting Alliance press card holders.

Visit : www.scotland-hotels.com. Contact : Mark Linklater at mark@scotland-hotels.com.

Secret London – An unusual guide Secret London – Unusual bars & restaurants

Following the success of “Secret London – An unusual guide” (Amazon bestseller) Jonglez Publishing has launch its first iPhone applications:

- Secret London – An unusual guide, and
- Secret London – Unusual bars & restaurants

Alliance press card holders able to review the applications can receive a code to download the app for free (iPhone users only).

Visit : www.itwalliance.com. Contact : Alexandre Thery at alexandre@editionsjonglez.com.

Senderos (Latin America)

Senderos is a UK based agency representing a portfolio of travel experiences across Latin America.

Its partners are estancias, rainforest and remote jungle lodges, expedition vessels and small upmarket hotels in destinations including the Galapagos and Antarctica, Brazil, Colombia, Peru, Ecuador, Argentina and Chile.

Senderos will be delighted to hear from Alliance press card holders interested in news, high resolution images and press trips.

Visit : www.senderos.co.uk. Contact : Gareth Lyons at gareth@senderos.co.uk.

Shakespeare Country, UK

Shakespeare Country in Warwickshire is happy to host Alliance press card holders and their family for 1/2 nights to experience the region.

This includes staying in a 4 star hotel in the Stratford-upon-Avon District with tickets to :

- a Royal Shakespeare Company play
- the 5 Shakespeare Houses
- Heritage Motor Centre
- Stratford Butterfly Farm
- Ragley Hall
- Compton Verney
- Kenilworth Castle
- Stratford Armouries
- The MAD Museum.

Dates are subject to availability.

Visit : www.Shakespeare-Country.co.uk. Contact : Tanya Aspinwall at tanya@marketingaloud.co.uk

Shieldhill Castle, the Clyde Valley, Scotland

Shieldhill Castle hotel is a 4 star hotel set in the upper Clyde valley 30 minutes from both Edinburgh and Glasgow.

The Castle dates back to 1199 and offers great character and charm amongst elegant surroundings. The principal building has 16 en suite bedrooms, and the newly refurbished stable block has created a courtyard setting for an extra 10 en suite rooms.

Chancellor's restaurant, set within the Castle itself, has won numerous food and wine awards, including a two Rosette distinction from the AA.

In the grounds of the Castle and the surrounding areas, there is falconry, paintballing, clay pigeon shooting, helicopter flights, hot air balloon rides, fishing and golf.

Shieldhill Castle will be delighted to consider hosting Alliance press card holders able to review.

Visit : www.shieldhillcastlehotel.co.uk. Contact : Su Hesketh at su@crimsonedge.co.uk.

Silversea Cruises

Silversea Cruises is a luxury cruise line, offering guests large-ship amenities aboard its intimate, all-suite vessels: Silver Cloud, Silver Wind, Silver Shadow, Silver Whisper and Silver Spirit.

With the inclusion of the expedition ships Silver Explorer and Silver Galapagos (debuting late 2013), Silversea Cruises' itineraries encompass all seven continents and feature worldwide luxury cruises to the Mediterranean, Caribbean, both polar regions and over 500 fascinating destinations in between.

Silversea Cruises will be delighted to hear from Alliance press card holders, with suitable assignments, who are able to provide reviews of its cruises.

Visit : www.silversea.com. Contact : Katie Francis visit : kf@verypcc.com.

South Oxfordshire, UK

South Oxfordshire is a popular location for film and TV productions because of its unspoilt rural character.

Over 50% of programmes in the ever-popular British TV crime series Midsomer Murders are filmed here.

South Oxfordshire's three main market towns have served as Midsomer's fictional town of Causton with :

- Thame with its food focus
- Wallingford's Thames river setting, and
- Henley on Thames, home of the world famous rowing regatta and arts festival where the 'blazers and boaters' combination is a colourful highlight of the social season.

South Oxfordshire will be happy to hear from Alliance press card holders looking for visits, itineraries, story ideas, fact checking and copyright free images.

Visit : www.southernoxfordshire.com and www.visitmidsomer.com. Contact : Jackie Ellis at jackie@tourism-angles.co.uk.

Sugnall Hall, Staffordshire, UK

The owners Sugnall Hall have been restoring their 2-acre walled kitchen garden for six years and have brought this back into production as well as allocating one of the quadrants for an Indian Pavilion that was handmade and hand-block printed in Jodhpur.

The walled garden, which dates back to 1737, complete privacy in the heart of rural Staffordshire.

Sugnall Hall, Staffordshire will welcome the chance to talk to Alliance press card holders on assignment.

Visit : www.sugnall.co.uk. Contact : Simon Turton at simon@operapr.com.

Swaziland and Malawi

Geo Group will be delighted to consider press trips to either Swaziland or Malawi for Alliance press card holders with suitable commissions.

Visit : www.thekingdomofswaziland.com and www.malawitourism.com. Contact: Kelly White at tourism@geo-group.co.uk

Talbot County, Maryland USA

The Talbot County Office of Tourism promotes the pristine landscapes, waterscapes, and small hamlets along the "Hamptons of the Chesapeake Bay".

The Towns of St. Michaels, Oxford, Easton, and Tilghman Island offer a wealth of small town charm with metropolitan amenities.

Outdoor recreational opportunities abound at every corner - with five rivers, two bays and hundreds of creeks and tributaries, kayaking, canoeing, sailing, and yachting can be enjoyable throughout the seasons of Spring, Summer and Fall.

Year round entertainment at local theatres and nightclubs, art festivals and galleries, culinary events, and cultural treasures add to the Talbot County experience.

The Talbot County Office of Tourism will be delighted to consider press trips for Alliance press card holders on assignment.

Visit : www.talbgov.org. Contact : Debbi Dodson at ddodson@talbgov.org.

The Taskonaklar Boutique Hotel, Turkey

The Taskonaklar Boutique Hotel is located in Uçhisar, the highest town in the Turkish region of Cappadocia.

A member of Great Hotels of the World, it has rooms and suites carved into volcanic formations with the accommodations combines subterranean spaces, rough-hewn walls and stone archways with fresh air in the form of terraces and balconies, with stunning views.

The Taskonaklar Boutique Hotel will be delighted to consider offering accommodation to Alliance press card holders.

Visit : www.taskonaklar.com. Contact : Tolga Akarcalı at tolga@taskonaklar.com.

theExplorateur

theExplorateur reviews hotels, shops, restaurants and travel-related products around the world.

theExplorateur will consider offering Alliance press card the opportunity to review any of its properties.

Visit : www.theExplorateur.com. Contact Gabriella Ribeiro Truman at gabriella@trumarketing.com

Three Nelson Hotels in Cheshire, UK

The Grosvenor Pulford Hotel & Spa, The Pheasant Inn and The Bear's Paw will be happy to accommodate Alliance press card holders with a commission.

Visit : www.grosvenorpulfordhotel.co.uk, www.thepheasantinn.co.uk and www.thebearspaw.co.uk
Contact : Karen Floyd at karen.floyd@symmetrypr.com

Tipi Adventure, Herefordshire UK

Tipi Adventure offers alternative UK holidays on the River Wye in Herefordshire.

Here visitors can stay in luxury tipis along the riverside and take part in daily paddles along the river itself in Canadian Canoes.

The holidays are suitable for anyone aged four upwards and as tuition and buoyancy aids are provided, no previous canoeing experience is required.

Tipi Adventure would be delighted to hear from any Alliance press card holders who would like to know more about the company. Media visits are also available outside of the peak school holiday periods.

Visit : www.tipiadventure.co.uk. Contact : Samantha Marsh:
samantha@infinitypublicrelations.co.uk

Tongabezi, Zambia

Tongabezi Lodge is the first Zambezi River lodge on the Zambian side of Victoria Falls. Privately owned and run it was voted among the world's finest places to stay in Condé Nast Traveler's 2008 Gold List.

Tongabezi Lodge will be delighted to consider providing Alliance press card holders with stays at the Lodge for review purposes.

Visit : www.tongabezi.com. Contact : Sanja Cloete-Jones at sanja@tongabezi.com.

Tontine Hotel, Peebles, Scotland

Tontine Hotel, a family-run hotel in the heart of Peebles, won the award as Best Town Hotel in the 2012 Scottish Hotel Awards.

With 36 en-suite rooms, it's the fourth largest hotel in the Scottish Borders.

The Tontine is a fine base for covering one of Scotland's most beautiful regions, especially renowned for outdoor activities such as walking, mountain biking, cycling, golf, fishing and shooting.

Peebles itself is ranked the best town in Scotland for independent shops and is within easy reach of the 21 golf courses in the Borders.

It is a half hour's drive from Edinburgh and 90 minutes from Glasgow.

The Tontine Hotel, will be delighted to consider accommodation requests from Alliance press card holders on assignment.

Visit : www.tontinehotel.com. Contact : Mark Linklater at marklinklater@gmail.com.

Towan Valley, Cornwall, UK

Towan Valley, Cornwall is a place for families looking to get a totally Cornish getaway – a stones throw from one of Cornwall's best blue flag beaches and cliff top walks.

Situated in a wooded valley, Towan Valley comprises luxury self catering beach retreats which enjoy the very latest facilities, a fully fitted modern kitchen, off road parking and fully landscaped gardens.

These are located on the North Cornish Coast in the village of Porthtowan, 12 miles between St Ives and Newquay and seven miles from Truro - Cornwall's only City. The properties are available through Aspects Holidays and Michael Paul Holidays.

Towan Valley will be delighted to hear from Alliance press card holders on assignment who would like to review.

Visit : www.aspects-holidays.co.uk and www.michaelpaulholidays.co.uk. Contact: Graham Buckley at graham@mercury-pr.co.uk.

Truro, Cornwall, UK

The cathedral city of Truro, which is the UK's most Southerly and Cornwall's only city, has cobbled streets, narrow alleyways and riverside walks down to Malpas.

Beaches including Porthtowan are a 15 minute drive away and there is the opportunity to take a boat from Truro down to Falmouth and St Mawes.

Truro has been very much overlooked from a travel media perspective, in favour of destinations such as St Ives and Padstow, but has a wealth to offer people wanting a city break that offers them the best of both worlds.

Enjoy Truro will be delighted to hear from Alliance press card holders on assignment who would like to visit the city.

Visit : www.enjoytruro.co.uk. Contact: Karen Baker at karen@mercury-pr.co.uk.

Utah

The US state of Utah attracts outdoor enthusiasts offering national Parks, ski resorts and golf courses.

Within the state is to be found Park City, historic Temple Square, St George, Lake Powell and, of course, Salt Lake City. Visitors come to ski or snowboard to mountain bike Slickrock in Moab Utah, take summer whitewater rafting down Cataract Canyon, or visit the Old West.

The Utah Office of Tourism will be delighted to hear from Alliance press card holders who are able to feature the state.

Visit : www.utah.com. Contact : Caroline Corfield-Rose at caroline@corecommunications.co.uk.

Valley Forge, Pennsylvania

Recreation, history, retail and the arts intersect in the Valley Forge area.

Located 18 miles west of downtown Philadelphia, it is most often remembered as the site of George Washington's winter encampment of 1777-1778, where the army was transformed from a rag-tag band of soldiers into the fighting force that went on to win the American Revolution.

Visitors today can enjoy the tranquil beauty of Valley Forge National Historical Park's 3,500 acres of rolling hillsides and sparkling streams.

The Valley Forge Convention & Visitors Bureau will be delighted to hear from Alliance press card holders who are able to feature the area.

Visit : www.valleyforge.org. Contact : Greg Evans at g.p.evans@btinternet.com.

Verbier, Switzerland

Located in the heart of the Swiss Alps in the canton of Valais, the resort of Verbier is located in a sunny bowl high above the Rhone river.

Along with St-Bernard and La Tzoumaz the area of Verbier - St Bernard offers over 400kms of hiking, biking and world class skiing.

The village itself comprises chalet-style buildings.

Verbier will be delighted to hear from Alliance press card holders who are interested in producing features on the region.

Visit : www.verbier.ch. Contact: Lynsey Devon at lynsey@heavenpublicity.co.uk.

The Villa Rosa Hotel, Nairobi

Kempinski Hotels is set to open one of the country's most luxurious properties, the Villa Rosa Hotel on Chiromo Road as well as tented camp, Olare Camp in a Maasai Mara conservancy in early 2013.

Alliance press card holders are invited to request a press review stay at the the Villa Rosa Hotel and or Olare Camp.

Visit : www.kempinski.com/en/nairobi/hotel-villa-rosa and www.magicalkenya.co.uk. Contact: Hilary Philpott at hilary.philpott@kempinski.com.

Visit Dublin

Visit Dublin offers Alliance press card holders visiting on-assignment a Media Pass (the Dublin Pass), which provides free entry to 34 visitor attractions in Dublin.

Visit : www.visitdublin.com and www.dublinpass.com. Contact : Catherine McCluskey at Catherine.mccluskey@failteireland.ie

Visit Orlando

Visit Orlando offers Alliance press card holders visiting on-assignment a complimentary Journalist VIP Passport.

Visit : www.VisitOrlando.com/media. Contact : Amy Rodenbrock at amy.rodenbrock@visitorlando.com

VisitCornwall

Cornwall is located in the far west of Great Britain on a peninsula pointing into into the Atlantic Ocean, and with 300 miles of coastline.

Cornwall is also the location of mainland Great Britain's most southerly promontory, The Lizard, and one of the UK's most westerly points, Land's End, while a few miles off shore and even further west is an archipelago of tiny islands that make up the Isles of Scilly.

For Alliance press card holders visiting Cornwall with suitable commissions, VisitCornwall will be pleased to offer bespoke itinerary arrangements and assist in negotiating complimentary or reduced rate accommodation and entry to attractions and activities.

Visit : www.visitcornwall.com. Contact : Julia Hughes at julia.hughes@visitcornwall.com

Visit Oxfordshire

From Oxford - the city of Dreaming Spires - to the countryside of Oxfordshire, there are many things to see and places to visit including :

- historical Oxford attractions including Blenheim Palace, Christ Church college or the Ashmolean Museum
- country walks, cycling , sailing and punting
- villages in the Oxfordshire Cotswolds

Visit Oxfordshire, the county's tourism association, will be delighted to assist Alliance press card holders who are planning a visit to Oxford and Oxfordshire, including providing a Press Pass (for 1+1) which gives entrance to many attractions in Oxford and Oxfordshire

Visit : www.visitoxfordshire.org/press. Contact : Heather Armitage at HArmitage@oxford.gov.uk.

Visit South East England

South East England comprises the counties that wrap around London, and which take in the south coast from Dover to the New Forest.

These are :

Kent
Sussex
Isle of Wight

Hampshire
Surrey,
Berkshire

Buckinghamshire, and
Oxfordshire

The South East is home to English icons such as Windsor Castle, Oxford, Brighton and Canterbury and Visit South East England can arrange themed tours such as Jane Austen, James Bond, Downton Abbey, Tolkien, CS Lewis and Inspector Morse.

Some of the areas 2013 highlights include the 200th Anniversary of Pride & Prejudice, the opening of the Mary Rose Museum, Portsmouth.

For Alliance press card holders visiting SE England with suitable commissions, Tourism South East will be pleased to offer bespoke itinerary arrangements and assist in negotiating complimentary or reduced rate accommodation and entry to attractions and activities.

Visit : www.visitsoutheastengland.com. Contact : Carol Plunkett at cplunkett@tourismse.com.

Wedgwood the Restaurant, Edinburgh, Scotland

Paul Wedgwood and Lisa Channon opened Wedgwood the Restaurant in 2007, and gains inspiration for his style of dishes from regular travels around the world.

Favourite dishes in the restaurant include Panko and black sesame crusted mullet or Pork belly, Diver caught scallops wrapped in caul fat.

Wedgwood the Restaurant will be delighted to consider hosting Alliance press card holders able to review.

Visit : www.wedgwoodtherestaurant.co.uk. Contact : Su Hesketh at su@crimsonedge.co.uk.

Welcome to Yorkshire

Welcome to Yorkshire, which is the official agency for the English county of Yorkshire, has one clear priority, to make Yorkshire the most popular destination in the UK for business and leisure.

In just two years *Welcome to Yorkshire* has grown the value of the county's tourism and visitor economy from £5.9bn to £7bn per annum.

Welcome to Yorkshire will be delighted to consider press trip opportunities for Alliance press card holders with an appropriate commission.

Visit : www.yorkshire.com/mediacentre. Contact : Graham Poucher at gpoucher@yorkshire.com

The West Somerset Railway, UK

The West Somerset Railway is Britain's longest standard gauge "heritage" railway and runs steam trains daily from early April to early October and on elected dates in other months.

The route is from Bishops Lydeard (4 miles from the Somerset County Town of Taunton) to the small seaside resort of Minehead and the Railway carries some 200,000 passengers each year.

The West Somerset Railway will be delighted to offer Alliance press card holders free travel on its trains. Please book tickets in advance.

Visit : www.west-somerset-railway.co.uk. Contact : John Simms at john.com@wsrail.net

Wilderness Scotland

Wilderness Scotland is a specialist adventure travel company offering an inspiring range of holidays, journeys and wilderness experiences in the most remote and beautiful regions of the Scottish Highlands and Islands.

Established in 2001, its team of guides know the wild places of Scotland better than anyone. Wilderness Scotland will consider offering press trip facilities to Alliance press card holders.

Visit : www.wildernessscotland.com. Contact: Ben Thorburn at ben@wildernessscotland.com

WildJunket Magazine

WildJunket Magazine is a new-age digital magazine with an emphasis on adventure travel and special interest journey.

It is a finalist in the Digital Magazine Awards 2012 for Best Travel Magazine Award. To read a sample issue online : . Password: wjjun88

Alliance press card holders can receive a free annual subscription (four issues) via email. Those interested should email Alberto Molero with name card number and email address.

Visit : www.wildjunketmagazine.com. Contact Alberto Molero at alberto@wildjunket.com.

Windsor and the Royal Borough, UK

Windsor and the Royal Borough have almost 1,000 years of history including :

- Windsor Castle - the world's largest occupied castle
- 4,800 acres of royal landscape in Windsor Great Park
- horse racing at the Windsor and Ascot Races
- Eton College
- Legoland
- Windsor Michelin starred restaurants at Bray
- Cookham and the River Thames for boating, walking and cycling.

Windsor will be happy to hear from Alliance press card holders looking for visits, itineraries, story ideas, fact checking and copyright free images.

Visit : www.windsor.gov.uk. Contact : Jackie Ellis at jackie@tourism-angles.co.uk.

www.cornwallscottages.co.uk

www.cornwallscottages.co.uk a specialist internet holiday cottage agency with over 230 properties throughout the Duchy, will be delighted to consider offering self-catering accommodation to Alliance press card holders with a commissioned feature.

Visit: www.cornwallscottages.co.uk. Contact: Jess Money at jess@suebradburypr.com

The Yukon

Situated in the upper Northwest corner of Canada, next to Alaska, the Yukon is Canada's most accessible northern destination.

The Yukon is one of North America's major wilderness attractions; close to 80 percent remains pristine wilderness with 5,000-metre peaks, forested valleys, unspoiled waters and untamed wildlife. It is home to more than 160,000 caribou, 70,000 moose, 22,000 mountain sheep, 6,000 grizzly bears and 220 species of birds and 34,000 humans!

Canada's highest mountain (Mount Logan) is located here as is one of the largest non-polar ice fields located in Kluane National Park - a UNESCO World Heritage site.

The Yukon has three national parks, six territorial parks and four Canadian Heritage Rivers and with nearly 3,000 miles of all-weather and mostly paved road. The Yukon's 10 communities enjoys a vibrant culture rich in northern tradition and First Nation (native) customs and beliefs.

Travel Yukon will be delighted to hear from Alliance press card holders who are able to feature this region.

Visit : www.travelyukon.com. Contact : Lisa Chamberlain at Lisa.chamberlain@btinternet.com.

Zambian Dawn Safaris

Zambian Dawn Safaris is an owner-operated safari company based in the North Luangwa National Park, Zambia.

This area is the only park in Zambia, which is home to Africa's Big Five and is also a bird watchers destination with over 400 species of bird recorded in the Zambian Dawn Safaris area.

Zambian Dawn Safaris will be pleased to consider press visits to Alliance press card holders with a commission.

Visit : www.zambiandawnsafaris.com. Contact : Honour Way at info@honourway.com.

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