

# The Alliance

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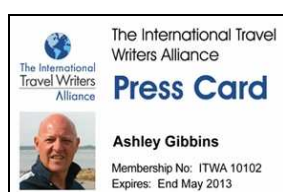
## Information

### Registering with the Alliance

To register with the Alliance visit : [www.itwalliance.com](http://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

### The Alliance press card



**The International Travel Writers Alliance Press Card** provides Alliance journalists with a formal recognition of their status and standing in the profession.

Alliance press card holders also enjoy access to a wide range of specific opportunities provided by travel industry partners worldwide.

See Appendix one for the press card holders directory.

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## Working with the Alliance

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

**Other Alliance partners and agencies can be found at [www.itwalliance.com](http://www.itwalliance.com).**

### Partners

#### Alabama

Alabama is a state located in the south eastern region of the United States. It is bordered by Tennessee to the north, Georgia to the east, Florida and the Gulf of Mexico to the south, and Mississippi to the west.

The name Alabama often evokes expectations of cute country towns and simple living and Alabama can offer visitors to a place and a state of mind far from the big smoke, where the pace naturally moves slower in the fragrant heat.

Alabama's warm welcome visitors looking to explore their state, which sweeps down from the foothills of the Appalachians to the 32 miles of white sandy beaches on the Gulf Coast.

However, Alabama's larger cities such as Birmingham, Montgomery, Huntsville and Mobile also offer chic restaurants, stylish bars, superb museums and galleries showcasing Alabama's rich history.

The Alabama Bureau of Tourism & Travel is responsible for the promotion of the destination of Alabama to trade, consumer and media

Visit : [www.alabama.travel](http://www.alabama.travel) and [www.deep-south-usa.com/alabama](http://www.deep-south-usa.com/alabama) Venessa. Contact : Della Tully at [della.tully@btinternet.com](mailto:della.tully@btinternet.com).

## Emilia Romagna, Italy

The Emilia Romagna tourist board promotes the Emilia Romagna region of Italy, its excellences in terms of products and its uniqueness as a destination to the National and International tourist market.

It liaises with the media and professionals of the tourism sector, it provides information for journalists and it hosts them with individual and group press trips.

It also organizes or attend to events that can be helpful for the destination promotion.

Visit : [www.emiliaromagnaturismo.com](http://www.emiliaromagnaturismo.com). Contact : Sara Mantovani at [s.mantovani@aptservizi.com](mailto:s.mantovani@aptservizi.com).

## The Greater Palm Springs Convention & Visitors Bureau, USA

The Greater Palm Springs Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB) is the official tourism agency for the entire Coachella Valley including the cities of Palm Springs, Desert Hot Springs, Cathedral City, Rancho Mirage, Palm Desert, Indian Wells, La Quinta, Indio and Coachella.

Visit : [www.visitgreaterpalmsprings.com](http://www.visitgreaterpalmsprings.com). Contact : Joyce Kiehl at [jkiehl@palmspringsoasis.com](mailto:jkiehl@palmspringsoasis.com)

## Experience (my) France (Canada)

Experience (my) France is an intimate customized tour company where guests are guided by their host, a fully bilingual Aveyron local.

No other company is offering tours in the unspoiled Aveyron There are no buses, hotels, and groups are tiny, 8 max.

Visit : [www.experiencemyfrance.com](http://www.experiencemyfrance.com). Christian Hery at [christian@experiencemyfrance.com](mailto:christian@experiencemyfrance.com).

## Shakespeare's England

Shakespeare's England is the new the destination management organisation for Stratford-upon-Avon, Warwick, Kenilworth, Royal Leamington Spa and the surrounding area of South Warwickshire.

A number of leading attractions across the region have already joined Shakespeare's England, including the Royal Shakespeare Company, Shakespeare Birthplace Trust, Warwick Castle and Kenilworth Castle.

Visit : [www.shakespeares-england.co.uk](http://www.shakespeares-england.co.uk). Contact : Tanya Aspinwall at [tanya@marketingaloud.co.uk](mailto:tanya@marketingaloud.co.uk).

## The International Gay & Lesbian Travel Association

The International Gay & Lesbian Travel Association is the leading member-based global organization dedicated to LGBT tourism.

The association represents LGBT and LGBT-friendly accommodations, destinations, service providers, travel agents, tour operators, and events, as well as the LGBT travel consumers.

Visit : [www.iglta.org](http://www.iglta.org). Contact : LoAnn Halden at [loann.halden@iglta.org](mailto:loann.halden@iglta.org).

## Napa Valley, California

Visit Napa Valley is the official tourism marketing organization for the Napa Valley, with a mission to promote, protect, and enhance the destination's position as the world's premier wine, food, arts, and wellness region.

The area is internationally recognized as one of only ten "Great Wine Capitals," and its restaurants have earned more Michelin Stars than any other wine region.

Visit : [www.visitnapavalley.com](http://www.visitnapavalley.com). Contact : Margaux Lushing at [Margaux@visitnapavalley.com](mailto:Margaux@visitnapavalley.com).

## Mount Kenya Tourism Association

The new Mount Kenya e-book provides an online version of the Mount Kenya Tourism Association destination guide which showcases tourism highlights in the region.

The guide includes information on surrounding parks, reserves and towns including Amberdare National Park, Mount Kenya National Park and Meru Town as well as maps and advice on accommodation, sights and activities in the area.

Visit : [www.magickkenya.com](http://www.magickkenya.com). Contact : Josie Self at [JosieS@hillsbalfour.com](mailto:JosieS@hillsbalfour.com).

## South Africa

South Africa is one of the world's top destinations for intrepid travellers with :

- over 21 National Parks
- eight World Heritage Sites
- 3,500 kilometres of pristine coastline
- a fine climate and adventures ranging from shark-diving to surfing, historic trails to wine tasting.

Visit : [www.southafrica.net](http://www.southafrica.net). Contact : Kgomotso Ramothea at [kgomotso@southafrica.net](mailto:kgomotso@southafrica.net).

## Las Vegas

The LVCVA's mission is to attract visitors by promoting Las Vegas as the world's most desirable destination for leisure and business travel.

Visit : [www.lvcva.com](http://www.lvcva.com). Contact : Dawn Christensen at [dchristensen@lvcva.com](mailto:dchristensen@lvcva.com).

## Glasgow 2014

Glasgow 2014 has been set up to deliver the XX Commonwealth Games and committed to delivering an outstanding athlete centred and sport-focused Games.

Key partners are the Scottish Government, Glasgow City Council and Commonwealth Games Scotland, we are, which will be held up as an exemplar for future Organising Committees.

Visit : [www.Glasgow2014.com](http://www.Glasgow2014.com). Contact : Iain Clark at [Iain.Clark@Glasgow2014.com](mailto:Iain.Clark@Glasgow2014.com)

## Destination British Columbia, Canada

Destination British Columbia has been mandated to fulfill several key marketing and leadership responsibilities critical to the long-term, sustainable growth of the provincial tourism industry

Visit : [www.destinationbc.ca](http://www.destinationbc.ca). Contact : Clare Mason at [clare.mason@gov.bc.ca](mailto:clare.mason@gov.bc.ca)

## Festivals Edinburgh, Scotland

Festivals Edinburgh is the umbrella organisation for the city's 12 Festivals.

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| • Imagine Festival                      | • Edinburgh International Film Festival        |
| • Edinburgh Art Festival                | • Edinburgh International Science Festival     |
| • Edinburgh Festival Fringe             | • Edinburgh Jazz and Blues Festival            |
| • Edinburgh's Hogmanay & New Year Party | • Edinburgh Mela                               |
| • Edinburgh International Book Festival | • Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo, and         |
| • Edinburgh International Festival      | • Scottish International Storytelling Festival |

Festivals Edinburgh lead on promoting the 'Edinburgh Festivals' brand.

The group press office works with travel and lifestyle outlets and can help with imagery, broadcast, press visits and general information requests.

Visit : [www.edinburghfestivals.co.uk](http://www.edinburghfestivals.co.uk) . Contact : Joe Walton at [Media@festivalsedinburgh.com](mailto:Media@festivalsedinburgh.com).

## **Puerto Vallarta's Tourism Board, Mexico**

Puerto Vallarta is a Mexican resort city situated on the Pacific Ocean's Bahía de Banderas.

The Puerto Vallarta's Tourism Board is a non-profit organization in charge of promoting the destination. It coordinates with publicity agencies aiming information at Canada, USA, the Mexican market and the emerging markets in the rest of the world, such as Europe and South America.

Visit : [www.visitpuertovallarta.com](http://www.visitpuertovallarta.com). Contact : Gustavo Rivas at [gustavo@latitude-intl.com](mailto:gustavo@latitude-intl.com).

## **Sue Bond PR**

Sue Bond Public Relations represents a number of galleries and museums including, The Courtauld Gallery and Estorick Collection of Modern Italian Art in London, the American Museum in Bath, the Sainsbury Centre for the Visual Arts in Norwich and the Palazzo Strozzi in Florence.

Visit : [www.suebond.co.uk](http://www.suebond.co.uk). Contact : Annie Roper at [annie@suebond.co.uk](mailto:annie@suebond.co.uk).

## **News**

### **Transitions (Central and Easter Europe)**

Transitions is a Czech non-profit, media development organisation dedicated to improving the writing and journalism skills of reporters from across Central and Eastern Europe.

The organisation is running its first travel writing course, in the Czech Republic, between 5 and 14 January 2014, with instructor, Mark Baker, an experienced travel writer and author of many of the guidebooks for Central and Eastern Europe.

Visit : [www.tol.org](http://www.tol.org). Contact : Emily Morrissey at [emliy.morrissey@tol.org](mailto:emliy.morrissey@tol.org).

### **The Cruise Traveler's Handbook**

Written by self-confessed cruise addict, Gary Bembridge, 'The Cruise Traveler's Handbook' provides inspiration, advice and tips on how to explore the world from the water, including ocean, river and canal cruising.

It is written by Gary Bembridge of [TipsForTravellers.com](http://TipsForTravellers.com) and covers why and when you should cruise, planning your cruise, making the most of your time on board and how to be a responsible and safe cruiser.

Review Copies are available.

Visit : [www.tipsfortravellers.com](http://www.tipsfortravellers.com). Contact: Gary Bembridge at [gary@tipsfortravellers.com](mailto:gary@tipsfortravellers.com).

### **The Perez Art Museum Miami, Florida**

With plans in place since 1995 and having been under construction since November 2010, the Perez Art Museum Miami (PAMM) has opened in Downtown Miami.

Costing \$220 million and designed by architects Herzog & de Meuron, who designed the Serpentine Gallery Pavilion and the Tate Modern Project in London, the Perez Art Museum will be the latest addition to the art and culture scene in Miami.

The museum will be an anchor of the 29-acre Museum Park overlooking Biscayne Bay and will include public gardens and sculpture installations, acting as a catalyst for the urban re-design vision for the area now known as Bicentennial Park.

Visit : [www.pamm.org](http://www.pamm.org). Contact : Emma Howard-Smith at [Miami@fourcommunications.com](mailto:Miami@fourcommunications.com).

## VisitPITTSBURGH

VisitPITTSBURGH received the 2013 Gold Service Award from Meetings & Conventions magazine for providing quality service to clients in the meetings and convention industry.

Visit : [www.visitpittsburgh.com](http://www.visitpittsburgh.com). Contact : Connie George at [connie.george@visitpittsburgh.com](mailto:connie.george@visitpittsburgh.com).

## The Beaumont Hotel, London

Housed within a Grade II-listed, Art Deco exterior, the décor of The Beaumont Hotel will open in Summer 2014 in the heart of Mayfair. It will be inspired by 1920s Manhattan.

Visit : [www.thebeaumont.com](http://www.thebeaumont.com). Contact : Jenny Mathieson at [Jenny.Mathieson@thebeaumont.com](mailto:Jenny.Mathieson@thebeaumont.com).

## Eden Roc at Cap Cana, Dominican Republic

Eden Roc at Cap Cana, has become a member of Relais & Châteaux, a collection of the world's finest hotels and gourmet restaurants.

The resort, which opened in December 2012, is located 20 minutes from the Punta Cana International Airport. Its design is inspired by the glamorous resorts of the French and Italian Riviéras, with each of the 34 free-standing suites featuring their own swimming pool and relaxation area.

The Eden Roc at Cap Cana also has five restaurants and bars, access to the Caledon Beach Club and La Palapa restaurant, a 4,090-square-foot swimming pool, Solaya Spa, Koko Kid's Club and a Jack Nicklaus Signature Golf course.

Visit : [www.edenroccapcana.com](http://www.edenroccapcana.com).

## About Relais & Châteaux

Relais & Châteaux has a collection of more than 520 hotels and gourmet restaurants in 60 countries.

Visit [www.relaischateaux.com](http://www.relaischateaux.com). Contact : Esther Smith at [esthercsmith@hotmail.com](mailto:esthercsmith@hotmail.com).

## The Melbourne Planners' Guide

The Melbourne Planners' Guide, which is a comprehensive manual for planning a business event in Melbourne and regional Victoria.

The 2014 offers information on the state's premier business events products and services located, including venues, accommodation, conference and event organisers, and pre and post touring options.

The Guide is available in hard copy and searchable PDF format on MCB's website, [melbournecb.com.au/plannersguide](http://melbournecb.com.au/plannersguide).

Visit : [www.melbournecb.com.au](http://www.melbournecb.com.au). Contact : Hannah Grant at [hannah.grant@melbournecb.com.au](mailto:hannah.grant@melbournecb.com.au).

## Helsinki365

The Helsinki365 partnership, between Helsinki Travel Marketing and photographer Jussi Hellstenäims, aims to increase the attractiveness of the city as a travel destination

The project will use photographs to convey the atmosphere of the city, especially to international tourists. To this end, a new, topical photograph of Helsinki will be published every day for a year, with the photographs promoted primarily through the social media channels of Helsinki Travel Marketing.

The Helsinki 365 photographs published so far at [www.helsinki365.com](http://www.helsinki365.com) and [visithelsinki.smugmug.com](http://visithelsinki.smugmug.com).

Contact : Maarit Pitkänen at [maarit.pitkanen@hel.fi](mailto:maarit.pitkanen@hel.fi) and Jussi Hellsten at [jussi@jussihellsten.com](mailto:jussi@jussihellsten.com).

## **Friends of Seychelles – Press**

Friends of Seychelles – Press is a newly-formed grouping of the international press who are familiar with Seychelles.

At a time when Seychelles is seeking to further raise its profile in the highly competitive global tourism market, the knowledge and support of 'Friends of Seychelles – Press' will be provided with information on Seychelles' marketing initiatives.

Visit : [www.seychelles.travel/en](http://www.seychelles.travel/en). Contact : Amia Jovanovic at [amia.j@seychelles.com](mailto:amia.j@seychelles.com).

## **Harrods Fine Watch Room launches exclusive Backes & Strauss watch collections**

The Harrods Fine Watch Room, London, has exclusively launched the Backes & Strauss Renaissance and Victoria collections, which are displayed in three special showcases at the entrance of the Fine Watch Room.

Backes & Strauss has partnered with Tamara Rojo, the Prima Ballerina and the Artistic Director of the English National Ballet, to be its brand ambassador for the Victoria Collection.

Harrods is one of London's most popular visitor destinations.

Visit : [www.backesandstrauss.com](http://www.backesandstrauss.com). Contact : Florence Bull at [FlorenceBull@backesandstrauss.com](mailto:FlorenceBull@backesandstrauss.com).

## **The Celtic Manor Resort, Wales**

The Celtic Manor Resort will open ten new luxury holiday lodges next year in a major £4.3m development.

The large log cabins will be known as Hunter Lodges and will be situated close to Celtic Manor's Twenty Ten Course, with views across the Usk Valley. They will also overlook the 16th and 17th holes where Graeme McDowell won the Ryder Cup for Europe in 2010.

The lodges, in their secluded, rural setting, will be aimed primarily at the family market for three or four-night or week-long leisure and activity stays.

All will have open-plan living areas with high windows and ceilings, and include lounge, dining and kitchen spaces, and every lodge will also have its own sauna and outdoor decking with covered jacuzzi.

Visit : [www.celtic-manor.com](http://www.celtic-manor.com). Contact: Paul Williams at [paulwilliams@celtic-manor.com](mailto:paulwilliams@celtic-manor.com).

## **Below stairs at Anglesey Abbey, Cambridgeshire**

In summer 2014, the National Trust's Anglesey Abbey will open up a new 'below stairs' experience that will be set in the 1960's when the former owner Lord Fairhaven died.

The Heritage Lottery funded project involves the restoration and interpretation of the kitchen, scullery, butler's pantry, servants' hall and brushing room.

Visitors will be able to learn how to mix cocktails, polish the silver and make flower arrangements.

Visit : [www.nationaltrust.org](http://www.nationaltrust.org). Contact Sally Airey at [sally.airey@nationaltrust.org.uk](mailto:sally.airey@nationaltrust.org.uk)

## **Wellness Centre Aro Ha, Queenstown, New Zealand**

Wellness Centre 'Aro Ha' will open in near Queenstown, New Zealand in January 2014, offering all-inclusive Wellness Adventures overlooking Lake Wakatipu.

Visit : [www.aro-ha.com](http://www.aro-ha.com). Contact : [sr@verypcc.com](mailto:sr@verypcc.com).



## Golf in Spain

Research presented at this year's International Golf Travel Market, revealed that Spanish Golf Tourism is a 340 million euros industry.

The study, which also revealed Spain as the No.1 travel destination for visitors from the UK, France, Germany and Scandinavia, highlighted European golf tourism to be worth 1.55 billion euros per year.

Visit : [www.spain.info/en](http://www.spain.info/en). Contact : Paco Gutierrez at [franciscojose.gutierrez@tourspain.es](mailto:franciscojose.gutierrez@tourspain.es) and [press.london@tourspain.es](mailto:press.london@tourspain.es).

## Pegasus Airlines

Flight-comparison website, WhichAirline, has named Pegasus Airlines the most affordable airline in its comparison of 20 low-cost airlines.

Pegasus Airlines flies a scheduled service to 31 destinations within Turkey and 45 in the rest of the world taking its passengers to 76 destinations in 30 countries.

WhichAirline searches more than 100,000 routes operated by both traditional and low cost airlines to bring the best low cost flights available.

Visit [www.flypgs.com/en](http://www.flypgs.com/en) and [www.whichairline.com](http://www.whichairline.com). Contact : Serra Celikkan at [pegasus@redmintcomms.co.uk](mailto:pegasus@redmintcomms.co.uk).

## Wilderness Scotland and Aigas Field Centre, Scotland

Wilderness Scotland, based in Aviemore, and Aigas Field Centre have won the marketing campaign of the year award and Year of Natural Scotland – Best Nature Based Experience Award, respectively.

The Scottish Thistle Awards, organised by VisitScotland, recognise the outstanding efforts made by companies and individuals across the country, including accommodation providers, visitor attractions, tour operators, food and drink establishment and event organisers.

Wilderness Scotland is a dedicated 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.

Visit : [www.wildernessscotland.com](http://www.wildernessscotland.com)

Aigas Field Centre offers fully inclusive, small group learning holidays and study courses exploring the stunning wildlife, habitats, and landscapes of the Highlands and Islands.

Visit : [www.aigas.co.uk](http://www.aigas.co.uk)

Visit : [www.visitscotland.com](http://www.visitscotland.com). Contact : Andrew.Moffat@visitscotland.com

## Rosewood Phnom Penh, Cambodia

The Rosewood Phnom Penh is scheduled to open in 2015 as the top 14 floors of the 188-meter-high, 39-storey Vattanac Capital Tower One.

The hotel will offer a panoramic view of the city and the Mekong River from its position within the tallest building in the capital. The Royal Palace, National Museum, Central Market and Phnom Penh's other most fascinating historic landmarks will be within easy reach.

The Rosewood Phnom Penh will join portfolio of Rosewood ultra-luxury hotels in the region that will also include properties Beijing, Chongqing, Bangkok, Phuket, Jakarta and Bali.

Visit : [www.rosewoodhotels.com/en/phnom-penh](http://www.rosewoodhotels.com/en/phnom-penh). Contact : Paul Calder at [paul.calder@catchonco.com](mailto:paul.calder@catchonco.com).



### **Istralandia the new water park in Istria, Croatia**

Istralandia, a 10 million Euro water park will open near Brtonigla and Novigrad in Istria in June 2014.

Contact : Tim Thackray at [Tim.Thackray@Rooster.co.uk](mailto:Tim.Thackray@Rooster.co.uk).

### **Las Vegas Sands and Beckham Ventures**

Las Vegas Sands and Beckham Ventures have announced a partnership which will see David Beckham involved with the development of dining, retail and leisure concepts at Sands China properties in Macao and Marina Bay Sands in Singapore.

Visit : [www.sands.com](http://www.sands.com).

### **Natural Retreats**

Luxury self-catering company Natural Retreats is to build 19 new luxury residences on the estate of Leighton Hall, Lancashire, due to open in 2015.

The site is located in the village of Yealand Conyers on the edge of the Lake District just 30 minutes from Lake Windermere. Natural Retreats' new development will include the renovation of an abandoned collection of traditional farm buildings, as well as newly built stone cottages.

The group currently has a portfolio of properties in 15 destinations in the UK, Ireland, Europe and the USA.

Visit : [www.naturalretreats.com](http://www.naturalretreats.com). Contact : Charlie Fox at [Charlie@grifcopr.com](mailto:Charlie@grifcopr.com).

### **Shangri-La Hotels and Resorts**

Shangri-La Hotels and Resorts has launched "Bayanihan for the Philippines", a public and internal campaign to support relief, rebuilding and rehabilitation operations in two villages in Daanbatayan that were devastated by Super Typhoon Yolanda. Daanbatayan is an area about 140 kilometres north of Cebu.

Shangri-La is offering two ways the public can help support aid efforts:

Shangri-La operates five hotels in the Philippines. The group's resorts in Cebu and Boracay did not suffer any significant damage from the typhoon and both are fully operational.

Shangri-La Hotels and Resorts currently owns and/or manages more than 80 hotels with upcoming projects in mainland China, India, Mongolia, Philippines, Qatar, Sri Lanka and United Kingdom.

Visit : [www.shangri-la.com](http://www.shangri-la.com). Contact : Serena Zhang at [serena.zhang@shangri-la.com](mailto:serena.zhang@shangri-la.com).

### **Red Mountain Resort, British Columbia**

Red Mountain Resort, which is located in the Kootenay Rockies, has undergone a multi-million dollar expansion to Grey Mountain, adding over 1000 acres of intermediate terrain.

The expansion marked one of the single largest expansions of a resort in Canada and the USA and has placed Red Mountain amongst the Top 20 North American resorts in terms of terrain scale.

The resort now comprises three peaks – Red Mountain, Granite Mountain and Grey Mountain – which together offer 4,200 acres of skiing, with terrain suitable for all abilities.

Visit : [www.redresort.com](http://www.redresort.com). Contact : Jardine Howlett at [jardine.howlett@whitetigerpr.com](mailto:jardine.howlett@whitetigerpr.com).

## Andaz Tokyo

Andaz Tokyo, which is opening in Spring 2014, will be the fourth Hyatt-branded hotel to open in Tokyo and the ninth to be established in Japan.

Visit : [www.andaz.com](http://www.andaz.com). Contact : Emma Powell at [Emma@grifcopr.com](mailto:Emma@grifcopr.com).

## Brand USA

Brand USA, the public-private partnership responsible for launching the United States' first-ever nationally coordinated tourism-marketing effort, has named Adnova, Comunicación Estratégica its international representation firm for Mexico and Central America.

The mission of Brand USA is to encourage increased international visitation to the United States and to grow America's share of the global travel market.:

Adnova is currently the marketing representative for :

- Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority
- Disney Parks and Resorts
- Nevada Commission on Tourism

Visit : [www.thebrandusa.com](http://www.thebrandusa.com). Contact : [info@adnova.com.mx](mailto:info@adnova.com.mx) and Camila Clark at [cclark@thebrandusa.com](mailto:cclark@thebrandusa.com).

## Brancott Estate Heritage Centre, Marlborough, New Zealand

A New Zealand cellar door with The Brancott Estate Heritage Centre in Marlborough, New Zealand has won the 2014 International Best of Wine Tourism award.

The Heritage Centre won the Innovative Wine Tourism category for its 'Mastery of Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc'.

Visit : [www.brancottestate.com](http://www.brancottestate.com). Contact : [information@brancottestate.com](mailto:information@brancottestate.com).

## Leads

### Strathspey Railway, the Scottish Highlands

Strathspey Railway is a heritage steam railway based in the Scottish Highlands.

Its railway stock includes a steam engine dating back to 1899, another involved in the first ever rail accident attributed to the blackout of the Second World War, and a diesel that celebrated its 50th anniversary in 2012.

With the original, authentic carriages, Strathspey Railway offers the most vintage trip through the Highlands.

The Scottish Highlands is the location of the Cairngorms National Park, and :

- Britain's highest and most massive mountain range
- its biggest ancient forests
- vast moorlands, fields and villages, rivers and lochs
- red squirrels, reindeer, ospreys, eagles and wildcats, and

There are exclusive packages available year round, with fine dining and a Scottish bar board, as well as a host of special events.

Visit : [www.strathspeyrailway.co.uk](http://www.strathspeyrailway.co.uk). Contact : Deborah Quinn at [Deborah.quinn@strathspeyrailway.co.uk](mailto:Deborah.quinn@strathspeyrailway.co.uk).

## **The International Institute for Peace Through Tourism**

The International Institute For Peace Through Tourism (IIPT) is a US-based, not for profit organization dedicated to fostering and facilitating tourism initiatives which contribute to :

- international understanding and cooperation, an improved quality of environment
- the preservation of heritage, and
- helping to bring about a peaceful and sustainable world.

It is based on a vision of the world's largest industry, travel and tourism - becoming the world's first global peace industry; and the belief that every traveller is potentially an "Ambassador for Peace."

A primary goal of IIPT is to mobilize the travel and tourism industry as a leading force for poverty reduction.

Visit : [www.iipt.org](http://www.iipt.org). Contact : [ljld@iipt.org](mailto:ljld@iipt.org).

## **The Wells Fargo Center for the Arts in Santa Rosa, California**

The Wells Fargo Center for the Arts in Santa Rosa has re-opened after a \$2.8 million renovation.

As a premiere arts venue in Santa Rosa, the Center is part of Northern California's Wine Country experience.

It offers a wide and diverse programme from classical, pop and jazz concerts to comedy, dance and theater productions.

Visit : [www.wellsfargocenterarts.org](http://www.wellsfargocenterarts.org). Contact : Anne Abrams at [goanne@comcast.net](mailto:goanne@comcast.net).

## **Hotel Football, Manchester, North-West England**

Hotel Football is a new hotel concept with a football theme located on the doorstep of Manchester United's Old Trafford football stadium.

Visit : [www.hotelfootball.com](http://www.hotelfootball.com). Contact: Caroline Gibson at [caroline.gibson@tangerine.com](mailto:caroline.gibson@tangerine.com).

## **The Abn Rajmahal, the Ganges, India**

Launching on the waters of the Ganges in February 2014, the Abn Rajmahal cruise ship will offer a schedule of weekly 7-night Ganges cruises from Patna to the city of Varanasi.

Operating only in periods of high water, when India is at its most lush and attractive, the new boat will explore untouched villages and towns of rural India,

The ship will have 22 cabins with full length French balconies.

Visit : [www.ampersandtravel.com](http://www.ampersandtravel.com). Contact : [sr@verypcc.com](mailto:sr@verypcc.com).

## **Powder White**

Leading independent ski-holiday provider, Powder White has increased its chalet programme to 52 chalets this season in the big five resorts of St Anton, Courchevel, Meribel, Val d'Isere and Verbier.

Visit : [www.powderwhite.com](http://www.powderwhite.com). Contact : [sr@verypcc.com](mailto:sr@verypcc.com).

## **The Rancho Valencia Resort & Spa, San Diego, California**

The Rancho Valencia Resort & Spa will be hosting a performance cycling camp from 23 to 29 January 2014. The 5 day programme includes daily rides with the pros, in-resort training sessions, a daily 1 hour massage, all equipment and six nights full-board accommodation.

Visit : [www.ranchovalencia.com](http://www.ranchovalencia.com). Contact : Katie O'Lone at [katie@masonrose.com](mailto:katie@masonrose.com).

## Madeira

Madeira is a Portuguese archipelago in the north Atlantic Ocean and an outermost region of the European Union.

It includes the islands of Madeira, Porto Santo, and the Desertas.

Madeira, whose capital is Funchal, is a popular year-round resort noted for its Madeira wine, flowers, landscapes and embroidery artisans, as well as for its annual New Year celebrations that feature the largest fireworks show in the world.

### Funchal

The Diocese of Funchal, which is celebrating its 500 Anniversary in 2014, was the first Catholic Diocese to be created outside Europe, following the start of the European age of discovery voyages.

Visit : [www.congressodiocesefunchal500anos.org](http://www.congressodiocesefunchal500anos.org).

### The Cathedral of Funchal

Work of restoration and conservation of the altarpiece of the main chapel of the Cathedral of Funchal will be completed in May 2014.

This altar has the best set of paintings from the time of King D.Manuel that remained intact and the restoration work has revealed details on the 12 paintings that have hidden for centuries.

Visit : [www.madeira-web.com](http://www.madeira-web.com). Contact : Melhores Cumprimentos at [martahenriques@ap-madeira.pt](mailto:martahenriques@ap-madeira.pt).

## Swinton Estate, Yorkshire UK

The route of the Grand Depart of the 101st edition of the Tour de France includes a four-mile route which will ride through the heart of the 22,000 acre Swinton Estate in the Yorkshire Dales.

The winding moorland roads of the Dales already attract all levels of cyclists including those attempting the whole 120 mile section in one day.

The Swinton Estate is one of the largest estates in England, stretching from the River Ure in Wensleydale up onto the moorland Dales.

It is home to Swinton Park, a luxury castle hotel, located a mile from the route as it passes through Masham.

Visit : [www.swintonpark.com](http://www.swintonpark.com). Contact : [sr@verypcc.com](mailto:sr@verypcc.com).

## BLOOM Retreats, Mallorca

Lynne Franks, author, entrepreneur and women's empowerment champion, is launching a new series of signature retreats for women at her home in Deia, Mallorca.

BLOOM Retreats will offer creative and wellbeing breaks at Lynne Franks' property, which is part of a 17<sup>th</sup> century monastery, located among ancient Moorish terraces, olive trees, lemon and orange groves with views over the Mediterranean Sea and the Tramuntana mountain range.

Visit : [www.bloomretreats.com](http://www.bloomretreats.com). Contact : Rachael Jevons at [rachael@purplepr.com](mailto:rachael@purplepr.com)

## Small Ship Safaris

Small Ship Safaris features expedition ships for between 16 and 210 guests, which transports wildlife and nature enthusiasts to remote areas of Antarctica and Hawaii, Alaska, the Amazon, Arctic, Baja Sea of Cortez, Galapagos and Patagonia.

Visit : [www.mallshipsafaris.com](http://www.mallshipsafaris.com). Contact : Sara Widness at [sara@widnesspr.com](mailto:sara@widnesspr.com).

## Winter Tours in Yellowstone National Park, California

Active travel company Austin Adventures is offering Yellowstone in Winter Adventures with activities including :

- cross-country skiing from Craig's Pass down to Old Faithful Geyser
- dog-sledding in Paradise Valley
- a soak in historic Chico Hot Springs, and
- snowshoeing the park's Upper Geyser Basin Trail.

Accommodations include the Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel, Old Faithful Snow Lodge and Chico Hot Springs.

Visit : [www.austinadventures.com](http://www.austinadventures.com). Contact : Dave Wiggins at [dave@travelnewssource.com](mailto:dave@travelnewssource.com).

## Río Futaleufú, Chilean Patagonia

CNN.com has chosen Río Futaleufú, in Chilean Patagonia, as among the 15 best rivers in the world for travelers.

The ranking was made based on criteria such as scenic beauty, nature and wildlife, culture, adventure and variety of activities.

The river, with its ferocious rapids, runs down from the heights of the Cordillera de los Andes towards the south-west of Chile with different levels of waterfalls, maintaining an adrenaline high for the athletes that take this route, mainly from November to March.

The area is also a renowned destination for fly fishing.

In addition to Futaleufú, CNN.com also listed other rivers including :

- the Volga in Russia
- the Loire in France
- the Danube, and the Rhine in Europe,
- and the Zambezi in Africa.

Visit : [www.chile.travel/en](http://www.chile.travel/en). Contact : Alejandra Sáenz at [alejandra.saenz@turismochile.travel](mailto:alejandra.saenz@turismochile.travel).

## The Yacht Club de Monaco

The new Yacht Club de Monaco will open on Quai Louis II, an extension of Quai des États-Unis, in June 2014.

The Yacht Club de Monaco will house a spiral staircase which will link all the club's new spaces including an exhibition hall, ballroom, swimming pool, terrace, library and five spacious 'cabins' for guests on stopovers.

Visit : [www.visitmonaco.com](http://www.visitmonaco.com). Contact : [sr@verypcc.com](mailto:sr@verypcc.com).

## Santiago, Chile

Santiago, the Chilean capital, is becoming an increasingly attractive destination for its diverse cultural scene, cuisine, its proximity to ski resorts or the coast of the Pacific Ocean.

Places like La Vega and the Mercado Central, plus neighborhoods such as Lastarria, Bellavista and Italia are working to promote Santiago as a traveller destination.

Visit : [www.santiagotourist.com](http://www.santiagotourist.com). Contact : Alejandra Sáenz at [alejandra.saenz@turismochile.travel](mailto:alejandra.saenz@turismochile.travel).

## Salt Lake City Foothills Cultural District

The Salt Lake City Foothills Cultural District offers a cluster of attractions including :

- the Natural History Museum of Utah, which now displays the new species of horned dinosaur that has been unearthed in Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument, southern Utah
- Place Heritage Park, which enables visitors to appreciate the West as it was in the early settlement of Utah.
- Hogle Zoo, which covers 42 acres of tree-lined pathways to view over 800 animals
- the Fort Douglas Military Museum, formerly a 19th century barracks built of Red Butte sandstone. This was established in the Utah Territory to guard the Overland Mail route.

Visit : [www.visitsaltlake.com](http://www.visitsaltlake.com). Contact : Jessica Fredrickson at [jfredrickson@visitsaltlake.com](mailto:jfredrickson@visitsaltlake.com).

## The Volvo Ocean Race 2014/15

The Volvo Ocean Race 2014 will be a nine-month, 10-port circumnavigation that starts in October 2014 in Alicante, Spain and ends in Gothenburg, Sweden.

Along the 45,000-mile race course the teams will make stops in :

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|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| • Newport, Rhode Island, USA   | • Brazil        |
| • Cape Town, South Africa      | • Portugal, and |
| • the United Arab Emirates     | • France.       |
| • China; Auckland, New Zealand |                 |

Eight teams will compete in 65-foot boats specially designed for the race.

Visit : [www.volvooceanrace.com](http://www.volvooceanrace.com). Contact : [press@volvooceanrace.com](mailto:press@volvooceanrace.com).

## The FIFA U-20 World Cup New Zealand 2015

The FIFA U-20 World Cup 2015 will be held in New Zealand and will be the biggest celebration of world football held in the country.

The tournament will start at Auckland's North Harbour Stadium – the official home of New Zealand football – on Saturday 30 May 2015.

During the three week tournament (20 May – 20 June 2015) New Zealand will play host to 24 international teams, with a total of 52 matches played. Match times are expected to be announced early in 2014 – with further announcements due after the qualification period.

Visit : [www.newzealand.com](http://www.newzealand.com). Contact : Gillian Monahan at [gillianm@tnz.govt.nz](mailto:gillianm@tnz.govt.nz).

## Ramblers Worldwide Holidays and the Ypres Salient, Belgium

Ramblers Worldwide Holidays is offering a week-long guided walking holiday in Ypres Salient in Belgium, which was the scene of some of the battles of World War One.

With departure dates available from April, the commemorative guided walk embraces Ypres, the battlefields of Flanders Fields, and the countryside and villages of Belgium's Westhoek.

The Ypres Salient was formed by British, French, Canadian and Belgian defensive forces against German invasion during the 1914 'Race to the Sea' attack, culminating in the first battle of Ypres, and later the second and third battles in 1915 and 1917.

Visit : [www.ramblersholidays.co.uk](http://www.ramblersholidays.co.uk). Contact : Tony Maniscalco at [tonym@ramblersholidays.co.uk](mailto:tonym@ramblersholidays.co.uk).

## What's on

### **London International Mime Festival**

8 January to 1 February 2014

The London International Mime Festival is 25 days of innovative, contemporary visual theatre from the Czech Republic, France, Holland, Italy and the UK.

The festival has eight UK premieres and six London premieres and wordless, circus-theatre, illusion, masks, puppetry and powerful movement are the distinctive media through which the festival's many stories are told.

The London International Mime Festival is the UK Capital's longest established international theatre season. It was founded by producer, Joseph Seelig, and mime/clown, Nola Rae and was inspired by Cologne's Gaukler Festival and Amsterdam's Festival of Fools.

Visit : [www.mimelondon.com](http://www.mimelondon.com). Contact : Peter at [peter@arthurleone.com](mailto:peter@arthurleone.com).

### **Bianchetti Truffle Season At Chiesa del Carmine, Umbria, Italy**

January to March 2014

Located at the foot of Monte Tezio in a protected valley in the stunning Italian countryside, Chiesa del Carmine is a villa sleeping 14 guests, comprising an 18th century former farmhouse and ancient 13th century church.

From January – March 2014, it's Bianchetti truffle season and the countryside surrounding Chiesa del Carmine is a place to dig up these small white truffles.

Guests will go hunting for truffles in the woodlands and countryside surrounding the hilltop town of Montone, followed by truffle degustation in the picturesque town of Montone at L'Antica Osteria.

Visit : [www.chiesadelcarmine.com](http://www.chiesadelcarmine.com). Contact : Emma Powell at [Emma@grifcopr.com](mailto:Emma@grifcopr.com).

### **Rijeka Carnival, Croatia**

17 January to 5 March 2014

The Rijeka Carnival, held each year before Lent, is the biggest carnival in Croatia and one of the longest celebrations.

The opening event is Rijeka Carnival Queen Pageant and Handover of the Town Key as a beginning of masked madness. Then follows one of the most colorful and cheerful period in this region, ending with Children's Carnival Parade on 22 February and the Grand Finale - International Carnival Parade on 2 March.

Visit : [www.ri-karneval.com.hr/en](http://www.ri-karneval.com.hr/en). Contact : [press@ri-karneval.com.hr](mailto:press@ri-karneval.com.hr).

### **The Bremen Classic Motorshow, Bremen, Germany**

31 January to 2 February 2014

The Bremen Classic Motorshow at the Bremen Exhibition Centre is now the biggest classic car fair in northern Europe, attracting more than 600 exhibitors from twelve countries.

Visit : [www.classicmotorshow.de/index\\_en.html](http://www.classicmotorshow.de/index_en.html). Contact : Christine Glander at [info@messe-bremen.de](mailto:info@messe-bremen.de).

### **The 2014 Los Angeles Travel & Adventure Show Long Beach Convention Center, Ocean Blvd, Long Beach, CA**

8 and 9 February 2014

The country's largest travel show will feature 400 exhibitors from around the globe, travel experts, consumer seminars, interactive family-friendly activities and industry-focused trade events.

Visit : [www.LAtravelshow.com](http://www.LAtravelshow.com). Contact : Ann Flower at [annflowercommunications@gmail.com](mailto:annflowercommunications@gmail.com).



### **Festival du Voyageur, Winipeg, Canada**

14 to 23 February 2014

The Festival du Voyageur winter festival, which started over 40 years ago, offers a variety of food, drink, music and costumes.

There is traditional French-Canadian food and caribou, the festival drink, which is a fortified wine served in an ice glass. The origins of the caribou go back to hunters who drank caribou blood mixed with alcohol to counter the cold weather.

The Festival also showcases mainly francophone artists, whether local, national or international. Traditional French Canadian music is the highlight of the festival with its distinct sound created by guitars, fiddles, spoons, jaw harps and various instruments.

Visit : [www.festivalvoyageur.mb.ca](http://www.festivalvoyageur.mb.ca). Contact : Jean-Luc LaFlèche at [jlafeche@heho.ca](mailto:jlafeche@heho.ca).

### **Snowdrops at Hodsock, Hodsock Priory, Nottinghamshire, UK**

1 February – 2 March 2014

Hodsock Priory offers 12 acres of snowdrop-covered woodland along with five acres of formal gardens.

The Snowdrop Village is located in front of the magnificent 19th century country house, with direct access into the snowdrop woodland and gardens, and will be home to a luxury tea room, gift shop and plant sale. It'll be the venue for free tours and talks and weekend festival events.

Visit : [www.snowdrops.co.uk](http://www.snowdrops.co.uk). Contact : Linda Parker at [linda.parker@experiencenottinghamshire.com](mailto:linda.parker@experiencenottinghamshire.com).

### **Sundance Film Festival, Salt Lake City**

16 to 26 January 2014

The Sundance Film Festival, will be held in Park City, Salt Lake, Ogden and Sundance Resort. The event attracts 50,000 directors, producers, actors, film industries professionals and fans to the city.

Visit : [www.sundance.org/festival](http://www.sundance.org/festival). Contact : Elizabeth Latenser at [press@sundance.org](mailto:press@sundance.org).

### **The New Zealand Open (golf)**

27 February to 2 March 2014

The New Zealand Open returns to Queenstown in February and is set to be the biggest golfing event hosted in New Zealand in many years.

The tournament, a tier one event on the PGA Tour of Australasia, will be held at The Hills Golf Course and Millbrook Resort and will include a pro-am format played concurrently with the professional tournament.

Visit : [www.nzopen.co.nz](http://www.nzopen.co.nz). Contact : Michael Goldstein at [mgoldstein@nzgolftournament](mailto:mgoldstein@nzgolftournament).

### **Yoga & Well Being Festival, Val d'Isère, France**

28 February to 2 March 2014

Val d'Isère will be holding a three day yoga festival based on the theme of sharing with yogis and yoginis from the world over.

There will be around 35 yoga courses with international English speaking teachers, a concert, a market and a café offering organic produce during the festival.

Visit : [www.valdisere.com](http://www.valdisere.com). Contact : Emma Powell at [Emma@grifcopr.com](mailto:Emma@grifcopr.com).

## **Zythos Beer Festival, Leuven, Flanders**

26 and 27 April 2014

The Zythos Beer Festival is the largest beer-tasting festival in Benelux.

Over 100 breweries from small artisanal micro-breweries to large international names, will converge in the historic university city of Leuven with 400 styles of beer available.

The public will be able to make trips to see some of the independent breweries during the weekends before and after the festival.

Visit : [www.zbf.be](http://www.zbf.be) and [www.leuven.be/beercapital](http://www.leuven.be/beercapital). Contact : Anita Rampall at [anita@visitflanders.co.uk](mailto:anita@visitflanders.co.uk).

## **Robin Hood Festival, Nottinghamshire, UK**

4 to 10 August 2014

Nottinghamshire's annual festival that celebrates the life and times of Robin Hood celebrates its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2014. The Robin Hood Festival is set in the heart of Sherwood Forest, near the outlaw's hideout, the Major Oak.

Visit : [www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/robinhoodfestival](http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/robinhoodfestival). Contact : Linda Parker at [linda.parker@experiencenottinghamshire.com](mailto:linda.parker@experiencenottinghamshire.com).

## **2014 International Route 66 Festival**

14 to 17 August 2014

Two of the Southwest's major tourist destinations, Hualapai Tourism, operators of Grand Canyon West and the Route 66 International Festival, are joining forces to host a multi-day Festival.

Events planned include :

- vintage car shows
- a Conference on Transforming Route 66 into America's 1st All Electric Highway
- film festival
- cock hop
- concerts
- barbeques
- wine and rum tastings and,
- an authors, artists and collector's exhibit.

Visit : [www.Kingman66Fest.com](http://www.Kingman66Fest.com). Contact : Mike Wagner at [4realmike@gmail.com](mailto:4realmike@gmail.com).

## **The Falmouth to Royal Greenwich Tall Ships Regatta**

28 August to 5 September 2014

The Falmouth to Royal Greenwich Tall Ships Regatta will be one of the biggest international sailing events in solely English waters.

Over 30 Tall Ships from around the world will arrive in Falmouth for three days of festivities from 28 to 30 August before the race start on the 31 August 2014.

On Sunday 31 August, the Tall Ships will pass between Henry VIII's twin Tudor castles of Pendennis and St Mawes in a Parade of Sail to the start line in Falmouth Bay.

They then head eastwards en route to the finish line just off the Isle of Wight.

The ships will continue to London, sailing up the iconic River Thames to the finish port of Royal Greenwich, where they will enjoy a further five days of celebrations

Visit : [www.falmouthtallships.co.uk](http://www.falmouthtallships.co.uk). Contact : [tallshipsmedia@visitcornwall.com](mailto:tallshipsmedia@visitcornwall.com).

## Southport Air Show

20-21 September 2014

The Southport Air Show, on the seafront, is the largest aviation event in the English North West.

The flying programme regularly features The Red Arrows and other military aircraft including the Typhoon and Tornado as well as the Battle of Britain fly-past.

The military programme is supported by civil aircraft including display teams, wing walkers and stunt aircraft. On the ground there will be static aircraft, children's entertainment and exhibition stands from the army, navy and air force.

Visit : [visitsouthport.com](http://visitsouthport.com). Contact : Steve Christian at [Steve.Christian@sefton.gov.uk](mailto:Steve.Christian@sefton.gov.uk).

## Reasons to write about

### Thula Thula, KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa

Thula Thula has become the first privately owned game reserve in KwaZulu-Natal to infuse its rhino horns with an indelible dye and ectoparasiticides to protect its two orphans, Thabo and Nthombi, from poachers.

To tackle rhino poaching in South Africa, the horn infusion added to extreme security measures may be the best solution to protect the reserve's existing rhinos and any future orphans that the Thula Thula Rhino Sanctuary will rescue.

Thabo & Nthombi are both orphaned rhinos that were relocated to Thula Thula from Moholoholo Rehab Centre when they were only a few months old.

#### Rhino horn infusion

Though still controversial, rhino horn infusion is a sustainable, cost effective proactive solution to the ongoing rhino poaching scourge.

A special compound of depot ectoparasiticides (though completely safe for rhino & other wildlife), is infused through a hole drilled into the rhino horn.

The compound is then absorbed by the entire horn, remaining effective for up to 7 years, the time taken for the entire horn to grow out.

Ectoparasiticide makes the horn unsuitable for human consumption – as it causes serious illness, leading to diarrhoea, nausea & in extreme cases convulsions and nerve disorder.

An indelible dye that saturates the horn is also inserted and cannot be removed.

If the horn is cut through (should the animal be poached) it has a blue colour to it.

Apart from warning international crime syndicates, and those using rhino-based traditional health remedies, that the horns could cause serious illness, the dye can also be picked up on airport X-ray scanning machines – even if the horn is ground to powder.

DNA sampling (results of which will go into a nationwide data base) & microchip tracking technology is also undertaken. Signs warning poachers of our treated rhino horn have been placed around the entire boundary of the reserve.

The co-owner of Thula Thula is Françoise Malby-Anthony, widow of the late Lawrence Anthony, world-renowned conservationist, author and founder of The Lawrence Anthony Earth Organization.

Visit : [www.thulathula.com](http://www.thulathula.com) and [www.earthorganization.org](http://www.earthorganization.org). Contact : Françoise Malby-Anthony at [francoise@thulathula.com](mailto:francoise@thulathula.com).

## **Tembe Elephant Park, KwaZulu-Natal**

Tembe Elephant Park, also in KwaZulu-Natal but a national park managed by Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife (a state conservation agency), had its rhino horns treated in September, along with neighbouring reserve Ndumo in the ongoing battle that claimed 620 rhinos in the first 9 months of 2013.

Visit : [www.tembe.co.za](http://www.tembe.co.za). Kevin Keating at [kevin@ethosmarketing.co.uk](mailto:kevin@ethosmarketing.co.uk).

## **The Museum Gallery, Salzburg, Austria**

The Museum Gallery in Salzburg's Cathedral District, which is an historic gallery from the 17<sup>th</sup> century built under the rule of Prince-Archbishop Guidobald Graf von Thun, will reopen in May 2014.

Closed for 200 years, the gallery will restore the physical unity that was once the state's spiritual and political center and a visible sign of the archbishops' power.

It will lead from the former archbishop's State Rooms and Residence Gallery in the Old Residence through to the Cathedral arches and into Salzburg Cathedral.

The gallery then continues through the Chamber of Art and Wonders and the Long Gallery of St. Peter's Monastery and through the Wallis Tract with views into the Franciscan Church and then leads back to the Old Residence.

Visit : [www.domquartier.at](http://www.domquartier.at) and [www.salzburg.info](http://www.salzburg.info). Contact : Mag. Birgit Weszelka at [weszelka@salzburg.info](mailto:weszelka@salzburg.info).

## **Mountain biking in the Reserva Nacional Malalcahuello national reserve, Chile**

The natural environment surrounding the Reserva Nacional Malalcahuello national reserve and the Corralco Mountain & Ski Resort in the La Araucania Region are well suited to mountain biking the trails specially created for exploring this area in southern Chile.

In the Corralco Mountain & Ski Resort, mountain biking is available on 25 different routes for all levels of biking experience.

All tours are accompanied by support vans.

Visit : [www.conaf.cl/parques/reserva-nacional-malalcahuello](http://www.conaf.cl/parques/reserva-nacional-malalcahuello) and [www.corralco.com/en/excursions/mountain-bike](http://www.corralco.com/en/excursions/mountain-bike). Contact : Alejandra Sáenz at [alejandra.saenz@turismochile.travel](mailto:alejandra.saenz@turismochile.travel).

## **Vietnam : intangible cultural heritage**

The vietnam Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism has asked the northern province of Nam Dinh to compile a dossier seeking UNESCO's recognition of the Chau Van (spiritual singing) ritual as a piece of intangible cultural heritage of humanity.

Chau Van, which has national heritage status already, was created during the Tran Dynasty (1225-1400) and Nam Dinh province is considered its birthplace.

The highly rhythmic and trance-oriented form of singing often takes place during rituals to honour the Mother Goddesses and connect to other gods.

It is performed mostly at temples and pagodas, with Dan Nguyet (moon-shaped lute) the main musical instrument used in the genre.

Vietnam now has seven examples of world intangible heritage listed by UNESCO :

Hue's royal court music

Gong space culture in the Central Highlands Quan ho (love duet) singing the Giong festival Ca Tru ceremonial singing Xoan singing, and the Worship of the nation founders Hung Kings.

Visit : [www.vietnamtourism.com](http://www.vietnamtourism.com). Contact : Ngo Tuyet Nhung at [nhungtitc@vietnamtourism.gov.vn](mailto:nhungtitc@vietnamtourism.gov.vn).

## The National Trust, UK

The National Trust looks after more than 250,000 hectares of countryside, 740 miles of coastline and hundreds of special places across England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

### Working holidays

From getting stuck in with lambing season in the Lake District, to experiencing life as a ranger for all the family, the NT's holidays offer great value for money (from £80pp for a weekend break including all food and accommodation), the chance to learn new skills and offer opportunities to discover the special places cared for by the Trust.

Visit : [www.nationaltrust.org.uk/workingholidays](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/workingholidays).

### Places to stay

The National Trust offers a range of places to stay including :

- Doyden Castle, Cornwall : a quintessential country house with with lime avenue, knot garden and formal parterre.
- Norbury Manor, Derbyshire : Grade I listed manor ghouse.
- A lighthouse keepers' cottage in Devon
- 89 Church Lawn, Stourhead situated at the entrance to world famous landscape garden
- seven loughside estate cottages gathered around a courtyard at Crom, Co Fermanagh (one of Ireland's most important nature reserves).

Visit : [www.nationaltrustcottages.co.uk](http://www.nationaltrustcottages.co.uk).

### TV and film

The National Trust has provided backdrops to memorable TV and film moments including Channel 4's historical drama, The Mill – which was based on the history of Quarry Bank Mill and will return for a second series in 2014.

Visit : [www.nationaltrust.org.uk/quarry-bank-mill](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/quarry-bank-mill).

Visit : [www.nationaltrust.org.uk](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk). Contact : Sally Airey at [sally.airey@nationaltrust.org.uk](mailto:sally.airey@nationaltrust.org.uk).

## The 'Nga Haerenga Cycle Trail, New Zealand

The 'Nga Haerenga Cycle Trail, New Zealand will become complete in 2014.

This jointly funded government and community network of cycle trails showcase the very best of New Zealand's landscape, environment, culture and heritage.

When New Zealand's 23 Great Rides are completed, cyclists will have a choice of almost 2,500km of dedicated cycle routes free to explore independently or as part of a guided group.

Beyond the network, New Zealand has developed a number of other dedicated off road cycle trails and introduced new itineraries and events to cater to all cyclists from extreme mountain bikers to beginners looking for a new way to explore.

In the North Island, the vast central volcanic plateau has a choice of landscapes and experiences ranging from sandy river tracks to meandering forest trails and steamy volcanic pathways.

The South Island's majestic alpine scenery sets the scene for a multitude of shorter outings, multi-day touring routes and hard-core mountain-biking experiences - following the water's edge of a lake, river or coastal estuary, cruising a food and wine trail, or a grand touring adventure cycling from the mountains to the sea.

Visit : [www.nzcycletrail.com](http://www.nzcycletrail.com) or [www.newzealand.com/uk/cycling](http://www.newzealand.com/uk/cycling). Contact : [sr@verypcc.com](mailto:sr@verypcc.com).

## Little known festivals in Latin America

US-based adventure travel company Culture Xplorers has listed four little known festivals in Latin America:

### **January Festival (Fiestas de Enero), Chiapa de Corzo, Mexico**

15 to 23 January 2014

For a week each January there's non-stop revelry in this normally quite town, with the excitement culminating in a mock naval battle on the Grijalva River.

During the dance of the Parachicos, hundreds of townspeople dress in brightly colored sarapes, wooden masks made to resemble the original Spanish colonizers and wigs made of shocks of bristling broom thistle.

### **Easter Pilgrimage, Tilcara, Argentina. Wednesday of Easter Week**

Tilcara, located in Argentina's northwestern-most province close to the border with Bolivia, is known as an artists' enclave.

But on this day it turns into the site of one of South America's great pilgrimages, when thousands of sikuris (pan flute wielding devotees of the Virgen of Copacabana) return from the Virgen's mountain sanctuary, carrying banners and playing their pan flutes.

### **Virgen del Carmen Celebration, Paucartambo, Peru**

15 to 17 July 2014

This Andean hamlet (population 5,000) becomes the staging ground for an atmospheric, energetic and heart-felt homage to the town's beloved Mamacha Carmen (the Virgen of Carmen).

More than 15 comparsas (dance troupes) decked out in fantastical masks and elaborate costumes portray the region's ethnic groups, professions and history, in turns majestic and humorous.

Fireworks and daredevil dancers ignite the town's square on the festival's opening night, while the story of the Mamacha Carmen's victory over the demons and other forces of evil is re-enacted.

On the final day, a moving procession to visit dearly departed members of the various comparsas concludes the annual event.

### **Day of the Dead Kite Festival, Sumpango, Guatemala**

1 November 2014

Every year on 1 November, residents in Sumpango fly colorful kites inscribed with messages to their dearly departed.

The focal point of the festivities is the town's cemetery where families gather to commune and celebrate with relatives past and present a giant kite competition adds an exclamation point to the annual fest, with dozens of super-sized, technicolor entrants -- some measuring more than 30 feet across -- competing for prizes and the cameras' eye.

### **About Culture Xplorers**

Culture Xplorers, a leader in sustainable travel, offers handcrafted journeys that deepen understanding and foster connection between travelers and local communities around the world. Countries where cultural exchanges are fostered are Peru, Guatemala, Argentina, Mexico, Spain, Portugal and Cuba (in 2014).

The Culture Xplorers Foundation was founded in 2007 to help foster the sustainability of local culture in at risk communities worldwide.

Visit : [www.cultureexplorers.com](http://www.cultureexplorers.com) and [www.cxfoundation.org](http://www.cxfoundation.org). Contact : Sara Widness at [sara@widnesspr.com](mailto:sara@widnesspr.com).

## Georgian Bath, UK

In 2014 it will be 300 years since the beginning of the Georgian era; a period that completely transformed Bath's society, architecture and history.

### Discovering Bath's Georgian connections :

#### Walk in Georgian Bath

A new walking tour will begin in the spring to celebrate Bath's Georgian life and history.

Starting from the official Visitor Information Centre next to Bath Abbey, the walk will include facts about life in Georgian Bath, its buildings and history, as well as notable Georgian attractions such as the Pump Room and No. 1 Royal Crescent.

#### Fashionable society

Bath has been a fashionable destination to shop and was the place to be seen in the 18th Century for Georgian fashionistas who flocked to the city to keep up with the latest styles.

An exhibition at the Fashion Museum entitled *Georgians: 18th century dress for polite society* (25 January 2014 – 1 January 2015) will present a selection of the fashions worn by those attending assemblies and other glittering occasions of 18th century life.

#### Taking the waters

During the 18th Century, people came to Bath in huge numbers to 'take the waters'.

It was believed that the natural thermal water could help to cure diseases and so people would visit Bath to bathe and drink the water.

Today's bathers head to the Thermae Bath Spa, which combines historic spa buildings with contemporary design and a roof-top pool.

#### Bath's art scene

Bath was a centre for portrait painting in the late 18th century and many of the best portrait painters at the time came to Bath, most notably Thomas Gainsborough, who worked here for many years.

His portrait of Captain William Wade is featured at the Victoria Art Gallery. The Holburne Museum also holds works by Thomas Gainsborough as well as other notable Georgian painters.

#### Georgian architecture

Bath has a 5,000 listed buildings and offers the most impressive Georgian architecture in the country with iconic sights such as the Royal Crescent and Circus which have been recognised by UNESCO, awarding Bath with its prestigious World Heritage Status.

#### Jane Austen's Bath

Jane Austen lived in Bath for six years and based two of her novels in the city.

The Jane Austen Centre tells the story of this ever-popular writer, while a free walking tour available on [www.visitbath.co.uk](http://www.visitbath.co.uk) takes you to the locations used in Jane's novels and places she lived and visited.

The annual Jane Austen Festival (12 – 20 September 2014) is a celebration of Austen's work and Regency times and offers a packed programme of theatrical events, walking tours, talks and more.

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](http://www.visitbath.co.uk). Contact : Audra McSherry at [audra\\_mcsherry@bathtourism.co.uk](mailto:audra_mcsherry@bathtourism.co.uk)



## Ecuador

Ecuador is one of the world's most biologically diverse countries, featuring beaches, active volcanoes and dense forests.

According to a report by Escuela Superior Politécnica del Litoral (ESPOL), an Ecuadoran university, Ecuador is the home for about :

- 25,000 species of plants
- 1,600 species of birds
- 4,500 species of butterflies
- 350 species of reptiles
- 375 species of amphibians, and
- 320 species of mammals

Last year, 1.2 million tourists visited the country, up 12% from 2011, according to Ecuador's Ministry of Tourism.

The country's preferred destination remains the Galápagos Islands, which are visited by 15% of tourists.

This natural area is 972 kilometers from the continental coast of Ecuador and was declared a United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) World Heritage Site in 1979.

Visit : [www.ecuador.travel](http://www.ecuador.travel). Contact : Norma Bock at [nbock@turismo.gov.ec](mailto:nbock@turismo.gov.ec).

## Ski Utah

Salt Lake City's Wasatch Front Rocky Mountains offer 11 ski resorts located 50-70 minutes of the airport.

### For the ski enthusiast :

- Utah has more than 500 inches annually in several resorts, and because the snow that falls on these resorts has crossed 600 miles of high desert, the quality is excellent
- The 25,000 acres of lift-served terrain at Utah's resorts host about four million skier and rider days, which is a little over one person per acre each day of winter
- Salt Lake City has all the attractions of a major metropolis, and
- Utah's two southern resorts of Brian Head and Eagle Point are easy to combine with a trip to Las Vegas.

Visit : [www.goutah.com](http://www.goutah.com). Contact : Caroline Corfield-Rose at [info@goutah.co.uk](mailto:info@goutah.co.uk).

## MasterChef Travel

MasterChef Travel is a new range of culinary holidays created by Cox & Kings in partnership with MasterChef.

### MasterChef Travel tours include:

#### **Turkey: Legacy of the Ottomans with MasterChef: The Professionals 2012 winner Keri Moss**

Keri will join guests on a walking tour to discover the food and culture of European and Asian Istanbul and give an interactive cookery demonstration followed by dinner.

#### **Italy: Glories of the Amalfi coast with MasterChef UK 2011 finalist Sara Danesin Medio**

Sara will join the tour for two days in Amalfi. Highlights of the tour will include visits to buffalo mozzarella and limoncello producers as well as an interactive cookery lesson and dinner in Ravello.

### **China: An oriental odyssey with MasterChef UK 2013 finalist Larkin Cen**

Meeting the tour in Beijing for two days, Larkin will give a cookery demonstration at the Hutong Cuisine Cookery School.

Among other visits, he will join guests on a walking tour of a night food market, have a dim sum dinner at the Peninsula Hotel, enjoy a traditional tea with a local family and take a rickshaw tour of the Hutongs.

### **Spain: Culinary passion of the Basques with MasterChef: The Professionals 2011 winner Ash Mair**

Over two days in San Sebastian, Ash will give an introductory talk on the cuisine of the Basque Country and will join guests on a cider tasting and lunch in Astigarraga and a pinxtos (tapas) tasting tour.

As well as giving a cooking demonstration, Ash will accompany a walking tour of La Brexta market.

### **Italy: Flavours from the heartland with MasterChef UK 2011 finalist Sara Danesin Medio**

Sara will join the tour in Tuscany for two days, and give a cookery lesson and lunch at Villa Casagrande as well as Tuscan olive oil and ham tasting in Montepulciano and wine tasting at Borgo Casabianca in Vallombrone, where Sara will also give a cookery demonstration and join guests for dinner.

### **India: Splendours of the north with MasterChef UK 2010 winner Dhruv Baker**

Based in Jaipur for two days, Dhruv will join three different northern India tours.

He will give cookery demonstrations in a former palace and at the Amber Fort as well as visiting the spice bazaar and local markets. Dhruv will also join a visit to the City Palace in Jaipur for a tour of the private rooms and a Thali dinner.

### **Vietnam: The lush & fragrant land with MasterChef UK 2008 winner James Nathan**

James will accompany the tour for two days in Hanoi and will give an introductory talk on the food of Vietnam as well as join a tour of the local street food market and take the group for dinner at his favourite stall.

James will give a cookery class at the Hanoi Cooking Centre and join for dinners and lunches throughout the two days.

### **Mexico: Flavours of a vibrant land with MasterChef UK 2010 winner Dhruv Baker**

Dhruv will meet the tour for two days in Oaxaca, Mexico's food capital.

He will accompany a walking tour of the town, which includes a visit to the Abastos food market, give cooking demonstrations and join guests for lunches and dinners.

### **Thailand: The exotic lemongrass trail with MasterChef UK 2012 finalist Andrew Kojima**

Andrew will take guest on a tour of Chiang Mai night market and have dinner at one of his favourite stalls as well as join a morning visit to the local food market and give two cookery lessons followed by lunch with the group.

Visit : [www.mastecheftravel.com](http://www.mastecheftravel.com). Contact : Katie Parsons at [Katie.Parsons@mastercheftravel.co.uk](mailto:Katie.Parsons@mastercheftravel.co.uk).

## The South Bank, London

London's South Bank is a mix of employment, culture, tourist attractions, eateries, residences, universities, a hospital and the busiest transport hub in London.

Over the past fifteen years the area has been transformed from a depressing and uninviting part of London into a vibrant, welcoming and attractive destination.

South Bank is now an eclectic area that is the cultural heart of the city and home to a host of London's attractions, theatres, arts and design-led venues.

The South Bank Employers Group's is a partnership of the major organisations in the South Bank, which is committed to improving the area for employers, visitors and residents.

### South Bank attractions include :

- The Balcony at Waterloo Station : anew shopping and dining destination at the heart of London's favourite station.
- Bargehouse : an Avant-garde gallery space
- BFI IMAX : an ultimate cinema experience
- BFI Southbank : the World renowned film centre
- EDF Energy London Eye
- Florence Nightingale Museum : tells the story of the nurse
- gallery@oxo : a modern riverside gallery
- Imperial War Museum London : telling the story of those who have lived, fought and died in conflict.
- The London Dungeon
- The National Theatre : three leading theatres under one roof
- OXO Tower Restaurant, Bar and Brasserie : Thames views accompanied by excellent food and drinks
- Oxo Tower Wharf : boutiques and riverside dining
- Image of Park Plaza Westminster Bridge
- SEA LIFE London Aquarium
- The Old Vic : one of London's oldest theatres
- Young Vic : an acclaimed theatre celebrating young talent

Accommodation includes :

### London Marriott Hotel County Hall

5-star luxury hotel overlooking the London Eye and Houses of Parliament

### Park Plaza County Hall

Deluxe 4 Star hotel ideally situated in the heart of South Bank

### Plaza on the River

Exclusive all-suite luxury hotel

### Park Plaza Riverbank

4-star deluxe hotel situated on the south bank of the river Thames

Visit : [www.southbanklondon.com](http://www.southbanklondon.com) and [www.sbeg.co.uk](http://www.sbeg.co.uk). Contact : Louise Nornes at [Louise.Nornes@southbanklondon.com](mailto:Louise.Nornes@southbanklondon.com).

## The Moundville site, Alabama

The Moundville Archaeological Site, also known as the Moundville Archaeological Park, is a Mississippian culture site on the Black Warrior River in Hale County, near the city of Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

The site was occupied from around A.D. 1000 until A.D. 1450, and at the time of heaviest residential population, the community took the form of a three hundred-acre village built on a bluff overlooking the river.

At its height the Moundville community contained a population of about one thousand with around ten thousand in the entire valley.

The archaeological park portion of the site is administered by the University of Alabama Museums and encompasses 185 acres (75 ha), consisting of 29 platform mounds around a rectangular plaza.

The site is a National Historic Landmark and on the National Register of Historic Places.

Visit : [www.moundville.ua.edu](http://www.moundville.ua.edu). Contact : Della Tulley at [della.tully@btinternet.com](mailto:della.tully@btinternet.com).

## Tobago

Filming is about to start in Tobago for a new docudrama about two of the bloodiest sea battles in the island's history.

Tobago is the smaller of the two main islands that make up the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago. It is located in the southern Caribbean, northeast of the island of Trinidad and southeast of Grenada.

Tobago changed hands more than any other Caribbean island and the Battle of Scarborough in February and December of 1677 were two of the worst conflicts.

The Dutch and French both wanted control of Tobago and when the countries' warships met the result was the death of thousands, including French and Dutch women and children and African slaves.

Three centuries later and the remains of twenty warships and their undiscovered artifacts are still in the muddy bottom of what is now Scarborough harbour.

Oceans Discovery, which is filming Tobago 1677 between February and March 2014, will use locations including Parlatuvier Beach, Parlatuvier Waterfall and Fort King George in Scarborough.

Visit : [www.oceansdiscovery.com](http://www.oceansdiscovery.com) and [www.tobagohoteltourism.com](http://www.tobagohoteltourism.com). Contact : Katy Young at [katy@sbms.co.tt](mailto:katy@sbms.co.tt).

### **Ocean activities in Tobago**

Tobago is the smaller of the two main islands that make up the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago. It is located in the southern Caribbean, northeast of the island of Trinidad and southeast of Grenada.

Tobago offers natural beauty with sandy beaches, pristine reefs and an array of underwater wildlife.

### **Diving**

Tobago is one of the best diving locations in the Caribbean, with sloping gentle reefs, rock formations, shear walls, canyons and plankton rich waters.

Crown Point, Charlotteville, Speyside and the western north coast offer the best diving spots with the chance to get alongside turtles, an array of colourful fish, stingray and larger pelagics like nurse sharks and barracuda.

## Sailing

Island Girl offers catamaran charters for day sails, sunset cruises and special occasions. You you can learn to hoist up sails or just laze away in the sunshine on deck.

Tobago has many idyllic bays, some of which can only be reached by boat.

## Fishing

Tobago's nutrient rich waters means it's home to a huge range of fish species such as tarpon, sailfish, marlin, wahoo, kingfish and bonito.

This makes it suitable for offshore game fishing, reef or coastal fishing.

The main game fishing season runs from November to April and there are several charter companies on the island.

In 2013 a blue marlin weighing more than a thousand pounds was caught eight miles off Tobago's coast.

## Kitesurfing

Uncrowded and with great wind in season, Tobago is a Kitesurfer's destination with the best time to visit from December to mid May.

The Pigeon Point is by far the most popular location and considered to be one of the best places in the world to kitesurf.

Radical Sports is the only kitesurfing shop on island with IKO certified instructors.

## Surfing

Mount Irvine is one of the most popular spots on the island, both with white, sandy beaches and almond trees for shade.

It is suitable for both long and short boarders as the waves here break right on an offshore reef on the north eastern side of the bay.

For beginners, lessons are available, as is equipment rental on the beach.

Visit : [www.tobagohoteltourism.com](http://www.tobagohoteltourism.com). Contact : Katy Young at [katy@sbms.co.tt](mailto:katy@sbms.co.tt).

## A place to stay

### The Oasis by Don Carlos Resort, Marbella, Spain

The five-star Don Carlos Leisure Resort & Spa has recently launched *The Oasis by Don Carlos Resort* its adult-only, 5-star resort in Marbella.

This new accommodation and wellness initiative is designed to target health-conscious travellers by offering luxury accommodations coupled with enhanced fitness facilities and healthy options.

Situated in Spain's popular beach resort of Marbella, *The Oasis by Don Carlos Resort* is surrounded by 40.000 sq metres of natural tropical gardens and situated on the shoreline.

Guests will enjoy access to the wider resort's offerings including four swimming pools, five restaurants and bars, a boutique spa, Beach Club, and access to the Nikki Beach Marbella.

Visit : [www.theoasisdoncarlos.com/en](http://www.theoasisdoncarlos.com/en). Contact : Chloe Amsden at [chloe@bethcooperpr.co.uk](mailto:chloe@bethcooperpr.co.uk).

## **L'Apogée Courchevel, France**

L'Apogée Courchevel, in the French Alps, will open in mid-December at the very top of the former Olympic ski jump, with some of the finest views in the resort.

It is a sister property to Hotel du Cap-Eden-Roc in Cap d'Antibes and Le Bristol Paris.

Visit : [www.lapogeecourchevel.com](http://www.lapogeecourchevel.com). Contact : [sr@verypcc.com](mailto:sr@verypcc.com).

Alila Jabal Akhdar, Oman

The Alila Jabal Akhdar, which opens in 2014, will be the first luxury resort in the mountainous area of Jabal Akhdar in Oman.

Oman is located 2000 metres above sea level and just two hours drive from Muscat, and the resort will provide access to one of Oman's most spectacular and untapped areas.

Overlooking a gorge and with views of the Hajar mountains, Alila Jabal Akhdar will be a base from which to explore the region's rugged landscapes.

Visit : [www.alilahotels.com](http://www.alilahotels.com). Contact : [sr@verypcc.com](mailto:sr@verypcc.com).

## **The Hoxton Hotel, Holborn**

The Hoxton Hotel, now in east London is heading central to High Holborn, where the Hoxton Holborn will open in May 2014.

The new site, located within a Grade II-listed building, will house 174 bedrooms over five floors in three different categories; comfy, cosy and tiny.

Its restaurants will include the Hoxton Grill, serving American classics, and the Chicken Shop.

Hox Holborn will adhere to the brand's "no rip-off" policy with free WiFi throughout, one hour of free phone calls to landlines (and US mobiles) in Britain, USA, Australia and most of Europe, a supermarket-priced lobby shop for everything from confectionery to champagne while fresh milk and mineral water will be free.

Visit : [www.hoxtonhotels.com](http://www.hoxtonhotels.com). Contact : Julia Pearson at [Jules@thehox.com](mailto:Jules@thehox.com).

## **Royal Palm Marrakech**

The Royal Palm Marrakech, opening in spring 2014, will be Beachcomber Hotels first property in Morocco.

Located 7 miles from the centre of Marrakech, accommodation includes Junior Suites, Family Suites and a Penthouse Suite, and there are 11 villas, each with private garden.

The four fine dining restaurants enjoy views of the Atlas Mountains and the resort will have a Par 72 golf course, set to be one of the best in Marrakech.

Visit : [www.beachcomber-hotels.com](http://www.beachcomber-hotels.com). Contact : Emma Powell at [Emma@grifcopr.com](mailto:Emma@grifcopr.com).

## **Akamas Villas, West Cyprus**

Akamas Villas is a luxury villa company based in West Cyprus, offering 40 bespoke holiday-rental properties.

All villas are located in the un-spoilt Akamas region in mountainous conservation areas of Chrysochou Bay, Agarka, Polis, Latchi and Neo Chorio.

Visit : [www.akamas-villas.com](http://www.akamas-villas.com). Contact : Leila Stocker at [leila@turtle-pr.com](mailto:leila@turtle-pr.com).

## Awasi Patagonia

The Awasi Patagonia is a new lodge set within one of Chile's most iconic private reserves offering views of the Torres del Paine and Lake Sarmiento.

Designed by Chilean architect, Felipe Assadi, and located behind the thick native forest of Lenga and Nire trees, Awasi Patagonia comprises 12 villas.

Every guest enjoys access to a guide complete with 4x4 allowing them to create their own itinerary whether it be exploring the protected fauna and native animals including guanaco, nandu, foxes, condors plus the occasional puma.

There is also hiking across the various mountain trails that surround the reserve and horse riding excursions.

Visit : [www.awasipatagonia.cl/en](http://www.awasipatagonia.cl/en) and [enwww.scottdunn.com](http://enwww.scottdunn.com). Contact : [sr@verypcc.com](mailto:sr@verypcc.com).

## The Ham Yard Hotel, Soho, London

The Ham Yard hotel, which opens in May 2014, will be situated on a ¾ acre vacant site off Great Windmill Street in Soho.

Its 90 bedrooms and suites will be individually designed by Kit Kemp and the complex will include 13 speciality retail stores, two drawing rooms, a restaurant and bar all centred around a leafy garden.

There will be a small spa and several private event rooms including a 175-seat theatre/cinema with a stage and VIP balcony, plus a four-lane 1960s-style bowling alley along with a bar and dance floor.

Visit : [www.firmdalehotels.com](http://www.firmdalehotels.com). Contact : Jodie Tice [JodieTice@firmdalehotels.com](mailto:JodieTice@firmdalehotels.com).

## Qbic Hotel, London

The Qbic Hotel, which has opened close to London's Brick Lane and The City, offers affordable urban accommodation for business and leisure travellers in the capital's east end. Q

The hotel is located in east London on Adler Street, close to Aldgate East tube station. Rates start from £59 per room per night, inclusive of breakfast and free high-speed WiF and will offer a unique guest experiences tailored to the local area including impromptu cookery sessions, temporary art exhibitions and local excursions.

Visit : [www.qbichotels.com](http://www.qbichotels.com). Contact : Kath Kay at [kkay@prco.com](mailto:kkay@prco.com).

## Hotel Ritz Madrid

Hotel Ritz Madrid is located in the vibrant 'Golden Triangle' at the heart of the lively Spanish capital.

Overlooking the famous Prado Museum, it is steps away from other major galleries, the old town and shops.

Visit : [www.ritzmadrid.com](http://www.ritzmadrid.com). Contact : [kathy.rowsome@orient-express.com](mailto:kathy.rowsome@orient-express.com).

## Heckfield Place Manor, Hampshire, South England

Heckfield Place Manor, which was built in the Georgian period and expanded in Victorian times, has been reunited with its 330-acre home farm.

The hotel boasts 60 individually designed bedrooms, a historic walled garden of flowers, herbs and fruit trees, and cottages offering a variety of health and beauty experiences, a restaurant and a working farm with livestock and vegetables.

Visit : [www.heckfieldplace.com](http://www.heckfieldplace.com). Miles Nicholson at [miles.nicholson@heckfieldplace.com](mailto:miles.nicholson@heckfieldplace.com).



## **Andaz Peninsula Papagayo, Costa Rica**

The new Andaz Peninsula Papagayo, located on Costa Rica's Papagayo Peninsula, marks the debut of the Andaz brand in Latin America.

Designed by iconic Costa Rican architect, Ronald Zurcher, the resort showcases unique Mother Nature-inspired design and will feature 153 rooms including 21 suites – four of which will have their own plunge pools – and a vast Presidential Suite.

In addition, there will be three themed restaurants, two multiple cascading outdoor infinity pools, private beach access and a Sanctuary Spa built in 'jungle pods' with nine treatment rooms and state-of-the-art gym.

The Papagayo Peninsula offers surfing and other activities including an 18-hole Arnold Palmer championship golf course, fishing, zip lining and white water rafting. Nearby sites of interest include the Palo Verde National Park, Monteverde Cloud Forest and Arenal Volcano.

Visit : [www.papagayo.andaz.hyatt.com](http://www.papagayo.andaz.hyatt.com). Contact : [sr@verypcc.com](mailto:sr@verypcc.com).

## **Blue Haven Resort and Marina, Turks and Caicos**

The Blue Haven Resort and Marina has opened on the Leeward side of Providenciales, Turks and Caicos.

The "adventure" property will feature 35 suites and 16 premier guest rooms and a state-of-the-art 78 slip marina can berth yacht up to 220 feet.

Located beside the world's third largest barrier reef, the resort will offer a range of activities for outdoor and water sports enthusiasts.

It is also a short boat ride to top scuba diving, snorkeling, deep sea and bone fishing spots.

Divers will be able to explore the underwater marine life off of the Grace Bay reefs, Salt Cay and South and West Caicos.

Deep sea fishing enthusiasts will enjoy waters around Turks and Caicos where Wahoo, Tuna, White and Blue Marlin thrive while fly-fishermen will have access to bone fishing in the flats south of North Caicos and the cays nearby Providenciales.

Visit [www.bluehaventci.com](http://www.bluehaventci.com). Contact: Rebecca Widness at [rebecca@widness-co-pr.com](mailto:rebecca@widness-co-pr.com).

## **Chateau on the Lake Resort & Spa in Branson, Missouri**

The mountaintop Chateau on the Lake Resort & Spa in Branson, Missouri is the recipient of the prestigious AAA Four-Diamond rating for 14 consecutive years.

Known as one of the finest resorts in the US Midwest, the Chateau on the Lake Resort & Spa has vistas of Missouri's scenic Table Rock Lake, lush gardens and surrounding mountains.

The recreational options at the resort include the full-service Chateau Marina, which is open seasonally, offering an array of boat rentals, such as pontoons, ski boats, wave runners, and sea kayaks.

Parasailing, catamaran and guided fishing excursions, scuba diving, and snorkeling, are also available options.

In addition to Silver Dollar City, Branson also features the Titanic Museum Attraction, as well as The Branson Landing in the heart of downtown Branson on Lake Taneycomo, which features festivals, musical events, a variety of waterfront dining options.

Visit : [www.ChateauOnTheLake.com](http://www.ChateauOnTheLake.com) and [www.branson.com](http://www.branson.com). Contact : Karen Lamonica at [klamonica@chisano.com](mailto:klamonica@chisano.com).

## **Sonesta Great Bay Beach Resort, Casino & Spa, St. Maarten's, Caribbean**

The Sonesta Great Bay Beach Resort, Casino & Spa is looking to position itself as St. Maarten's premier, adults-only, limitless all-inclusive resort. The all-inclusive experience now features Champagne check-in, premier liquors, stocked mini bars, beach service, room service, afternoon tea, evening turndown service and a host of other extras.

Visit : [www.sonesta.com/greatbay](http://www.sonesta.com/greatbay). Contact : Lorie Juliano at [ljuliano@sonesta.com](mailto:ljuliano@sonesta.com).

## **Radisson Cincinnati North CoCo Key Water Resort**

The Radisson Cincinnati North CoCo Key Water Resort, Cincinnati has a 50,000 square foot indoor water park.

Located close to downtown Cincinnati and across the street from the Sharonville Convention Center, the hotel is near Proctor & Gamble, Ford , GE Aviation, EnterTRAINment Junction, Cincinnati Museum Center, Kings Island, Cincinnati Zoo, Paul Brown Stadium and the Great American Ball Park.

The hotel is scheduled to begin a comprehensive renovation in the second quarter of 2014 and will remain open during the renovation.

Visit : [www.radisson.com](http://www.radisson.com).

## **First couples-only hotel in Dubrovnik**

Koločep Island, the smallest of the three inhabited Elaphiti islands off the coast of Dubrovnik, is to be the location for a couples-only hotel in 2014.

Karisma Hotels Adriatic will invest nearly nine million Euros into converting an existing property into a child-free zone.

The island is accessed by a regular ferry services from Dubrovnik's Port of Gruz.

Visit : [www.karismahotels.com](http://www.karismahotels.com). Contact : Tim Thackray at [Tim.Thackray@Rooster.co.uk](mailto:Tim.Thackray@Rooster.co.uk).

## **The Grand Hotel Les Trois Rois, Basel, Switzerland**

The Condé Nast Traveler's annual Readers' Choice Award, has voted the Grand Hotel Les Trois Rois in Basel, Switzerland is one of the best hotels in Central Europe.

The 5-Star-Superior-Hotel, which is one of the oldest city hotels in Europe, is located in the middle of Basel's historic district, directly on the edge of the Rhine and right next to the pedestrian zone and the city center.

The Congress center, museums and shops are within easy reach by foot. Prominent figures such as Napoléon, Queen Elisabeth II and Pablo Picasso have been guests at the hotel.

Visit: [www.lestroisrois.com](http://www.lestroisrois.com). Contact : Katja Hasselkus at [katja@hasselkus-pr.com](mailto:katja@hasselkus-pr.com).

## **Hotel Rio Sagrado, Peru**

The Hotel Rio Sagrado, which is located by the Urubamba River between Cusco and Machu Picchu in Peru, has the Sacred Valley's first ever solar heated swimming pool.

Introduced as part of a range of refurbishments at the hotel, including two new treatment rooms in the spa and upgraded accommodation, the outdoor pool is heated by six groups of four solar panels, which can store heat for when it is cloudy or should the temperature dip.

With a total of 21 Rooms and Suites and two Villas, Hotel Rio Sagrado offers a range of activities including horse riding, mountain picnics, kayaking, quad biking and cooking classes.

Visit : [www.riosagrado.com](http://www.riosagrado.com). Contact : Kathy Rowsome at [kathy.rowsome@orient-express.com](mailto:kathy.rowsome@orient-express.com).

## **Chiesa del Carmine, Umbria, Italy**

The Chiesa del Carmine comprises an 11th century chapel and adjoining 18th century farmhouse.

The property is surrounded by ancient olive groves, vineyards and landscaped gardens at the foot of Monte Tezio in a protected valley in the heart of Umbria.

Visit [www.chiesadelcarmine.com](http://www.chiesadelcarmine.com). Contact : Nicole Lovett at [Nicole@grifcopr.com](mailto:Nicole@grifcopr.com).

## **Winter glamping with Pitchup.com**

Founded in 2009 by former lastminute.com man, Dan Yates, Pitchup.com is a free guide to all types of outdoor accommodation in the UK, Ireland and France.

The site provides users with a simple platform in which they can search and book a camping or caravanning holiday.

Winter accommodation via Pitchup.com includes :

### **Bude, Cornwall**

Set within 26 acres of farmland on the north Cornish coast, Atlantic Surf Pods is a luxury, family-run glamp site.

Atlantic Surf Pods are 20sq metre pods suitable for two adults and two children up to the age of 16. Each pod is fully insulated with underfloor heating for colder nights.

### **Lampeter, Ceredigion, West Wales**

Located amid the little known countryside of Ceredigion, Teifi Meadows is a known for wildlife, including the famous red kite.

Nearby Ceredigion's coastline has fine views, small coves, sandy beaches and a coastal path. The shepherd's huts have a double bed with under-bed storage, woodburning stove with free firewood

### **Hexham, Northumberland**

The shepherd's huts at POSHHUTS are located in a private rural setting in the heart of Northumberland National Park.

### **Masham, North Yorkshire**

The 'Shacks' at The Bivouac in Masham, North Yorkshire are wooden houses. They are off-grid with no electricity, but woodburning stoves.

### **Cartmel Lodg-et, Lake District**

This lodge is located on the edge of the Lake District National Park.

### **Loch Tay Highland Lodges, Scotland**

These one bedroom woodland cabins sleep up to four people.

Visit : [www.Pitchup.com](http://www.Pitchup.com). Contact: Cass Helstrip at [Cass.Helstrip@whitetigerpr.com](mailto:Cass.Helstrip@whitetigerpr.com).

## **Anantara Angkor Resort and Spa, Siem Reap, Cambodia**

The Anantara Angkor Resort and Spa, which opened in November 2013, is the group's first property in Cambodia.

The new hotel offers 39 guest rooms and suites within an estate that enjoys the classic tranquillity of a grand Khmer villa.

It is also a short distance from the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Angkor Wat, the Eighth Wonder of The World.

Anantara Angkor will offer a Streetwise Guru, who is a local that will take guests to spots off the beaten tourist trail, allowing them to experience a completely unique getaway.

Visit : [www.anantara.com](http://www.anantara.com). Contact : Emma Powell at [Emma@grifcopr.com](mailto:Emma@grifcopr.com).

## **Park Hyatt Vienna, Austria**

The Park Hyatt Vienna, opening in spring 2014, is located in the heart of the most exclusive shopping district in Vienna, just steps away from the celebrated fashion houses and boutiques of Kohlmarkt, and within easy walking distance of the city's famous opera house, sights, historic monuments and museums.

Park Hyatt Vienna features 143 generously sized guest rooms, including 35 suites.

Visit : [www.parkhyatt.com](http://www.parkhyatt.com). Contact : Emma Powell at [Emma@grifcopr.com](mailto:Emma@grifcopr.com).

## **Park Plaza Belvedere Medulin, Croatia**

PPHE Hotel Group, owner and operator of primarily full service upscale and lifestyle hotels including Park Plaza® Hotels & Resorts in Europe will open its 4-star Park Plaza Belvedere Medulin, Croatia in June 2014.

Following a 17 million euro renovation, the existing Hotel Belvedere Medulin will be rebranded, Park Plaza Belvedere Medulin and become an all-inclusive, couples-only hotel.

It will be the fourth contemporary Park Plaza hotel to open in Croatia and joins Park Plaza Histria Pula, Park Plaza Verdula Pula and Park Plaza Medulin, which were launched in 2012.

Visit [www.parkplaza.com/croatia](http://www.parkplaza.com/croatia). Contact : Lisa Woodman at [lwoodman@pphe.com](mailto:lwoodman@pphe.com).

## **The Sarojin, Thailand**

The five star Thailand has been awarded Best Honeymoon Destination, at the Amadeus and World Travel Market Experience Awards, best "Luxury Coastal Resort" at the World Luxury Hotel Awards and the 2013 Wine Spectator Award of Excellence.

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

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

Designed in a contemporary Asian style, resort's 56 deluxe residences are sited within ten acres of tropical grounds leading directly onto the beachfront.

Visit: [www.sarojin.com](http://www.sarojin.com). Contact : Sarah Habicht at [sarah@humewhitehead.co.uk](mailto:sarah@humewhitehead.co.uk).

## Travel guides

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

### AA Travel Guides

Visit : [www.shop.theaa.com/store/travel-guides](http://www.shop.theaa.com/store/travel-guides). Katie Stephens at [katie.stephens@theaa.com](mailto:katie.stephens@theaa.com).

### Anova Books

[www.anovabooks.com](http://www.anovabooks.com). Helen Ponting at [hponting@anovabooks.co](mailto:hponting@anovabooks.co)

### Berlitz

[www.berlitzpublishing.com](http://www.berlitzpublishing.com).

### Bradt Travel

[www.bradtguides.com](http://www.bradtguides.com). Rachel Fielding at [rachel.fielding@bradtguides.com](mailto:rachel.fielding@bradtguides.com)

### Brit's Guide

[www.foulsham.com](http://www.foulsham.com). Margaret Lashbrook at [margaret.lashbrook@lineone.net](mailto:margaret.lashbrook@lineone.net) or Sue Wilkins at [wilkins@foulsham.com](mailto:wilkins@foulsham.com).

### Cicerone

[www.cicerone.co.uk](http://www.cicerone.co.uk). Contact : Sarah Spencer at [sarah@cicerone.co.uk](mailto:sarah@cicerone.co.uk)

### Eland Publishing

[www.travelbooks.co.uk](http://www.travelbooks.co.uk). Barnaby Rogerson at [barnaby@travelbooks.co.uk](mailto:barnaby@travelbooks.co.uk).

### Fisher's Travel SOS

[www.fisherstravelsos.com](http://www.fisherstravelsos.com). Furgan Syed at [furgan.syed@fisherstravelsos.com](mailto:furgan.syed@fisherstravelsos.com).

### Global Travel Publishers

[www.africa-adventure.com](http://www.africa-adventure.com). Kate Bandos at [kate@ksbpromotions.com](mailto:kate@ksbpromotions.com).

### Globetrotters LogBook

[www.globetrotterslogbook.com](http://www.globetrotterslogbook.com). Giedo Claes at [giedo@globetrotterslogbook.com](mailto:giedo@globetrotterslogbook.com)

### Inn House Publishing

[www.innhousepublishing.com](http://www.innhousepublishing.com). Kathryn McWhirter at [kathrynmcwhirter@btopenworld.com](mailto:kathrynmcwhirter@btopenworld.com).

### Insight

[www.insightguides.com](http://www.insightguides.com). Julia Spence at [julia.spence@ukonline.co.uk](mailto:julia.spence@ukonline.co.uk).

### In your pocket guides

[www.inyourpocket.com](http://www.inyourpocket.com). Craig Turp at [editor@inyourpocket.com](mailto:editor@inyourpocket.com).

### Jane's Smart Art Guides

[www.JanesSmartArt.com](http://www.JanesSmartArt.com). Jane McIntosh at [MJM@JanesSmartArt.com](mailto:MJM@JanesSmartArt.com)

### Jonglez Publishing

[www.jonglezpublishing.com](http://www.jonglezpublishing.com). Alexandre Thery at [alexandre@editionsjonglez.com](mailto:alexandre@editionsjonglez.com).

### Kuperard Publishers

[www.kuperard.co.uk](http://www.kuperard.co.uk). Contact : Geoffrey Chesler at [geoffreychesler@btinternet.com](mailto:geoffreychesler@btinternet.com).

### Morris Communications

[www.themilepost.com](http://www.themilepost.com). Contact Kate Bandos at [kate@ksbpromotions.com](mailto:kate@ksbpromotions.com).

### Odyssey Books & Guides

[www.odysseypublications.com](http://www.odysseypublications.com). Contact : Caroline Eden at [caroline@odysseypublications.com](mailto:caroline@odysseypublications.com)

### Oxygen Books city-lit

[www.oxygenbooks.co.uk](http://www.oxygenbooks.co.uk) Malcom Burgess at [malcolm@oxygenbooks.co.uk](mailto:malcolm@oxygenbooks.co.uk)

### Rough Guides

[www.roughguides.com](http://www.roughguides.com). Contact : [press@roughguides.com](mailto:press@roughguides.com)

### Summersdale travel publications

[www.summersdale.com](http://www.summersdale.com). Contact : Dean at [dean@summersdale.com](mailto:dean@summersdale.com).

### Take two Books

[www.taketwobooks.com](http://www.taketwobooks.com) Sarah Duvalle at [Sarah@taketwobooks.com](mailto:Sarah@taketwobooks.com).

### Turnleft

[www.turnleftguides.com](http://www.turnleftguides.com) Contact: Nick Buteau at [nick@turnleftguides.com](mailto:nick@turnleftguides.com)

## The International Travel Writers Alliance



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AllWays traveller provides independent travellers with an equally independent view of the world from the professional travel journalists in the Alliance

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## AllWays traveller

## Appendix one



# The Alliance press card holders directory

December 2013/ January 2014

### The International Travel Writers Alliance press card



#### 1: Credibility

An Alliance press card holder enjoys genuine credibility, as a professional travel journalist, within the travel and tourism industry.

#### 2 : Opportunity

Alliance press card holders can take advantage of a range of specific opportunities and benefits from travel industry partners.

These partners welcome the chance to develop effective and long term working relationships with Alliance accredited travel journalists.

#### 3 : Accountability

The Alliance press card places a responsibility on the holder to be accountable :

- for themselves, as a professional travel journalist
- to the Alliance as a global organisation of professional travel journalists, and
- to those travel industry representatives who will support that card holder.

In addition, International Travel Writers Alliance press card holders are *roving ambassadors* for the Alliance

They help to create an ever greater awareness of the Alliance and the way it works to best effect with travel journalists and travel industry organisations.

### More information

For more information on obtaining an **International Travel Writers Alliance Press Card** contact [Ashley@itwalliance.com](mailto:Ashley@itwalliance.com)

## The Alliance press card holders directory

**NB :** [New entries to the directory are highlighted blue](#)

### A

- 40Berkeley, Boston
- Abbots Brae Hotel, Dunoon, Argyll, Scotland
- Aberglasney Gardens, Wales
- Adelboden, Switzerland
- Adventure Cat Sailing, San Francisco Bay
- The Aegean Suites Hotel, Skiathos, Greece
- Africa Safari Holidays
- Ahms Resorts, Thailand
- Aikbank Farmhouse, Yorkshire, UK
- Akamas Villas, West Cyprus
- Alta Badia, Italy
- Anacaona Boutique Hotel, Anguilla, British West Indies
- Anguilla Luxury Villa Collection, British West Indies
- [Antigua and Barbuda](#)
- [The Ardèche, Gard, Vaucluse-en-Provence and the Côtes du Rhône wine regions, France](#)
- The Arizona Biltmore, Phoenix, Arizona
- [Arundel Castle, West Sussex](#)
- Asa Ransom House, New York State
- The Asia Gardens, Alicante, Spain
- Atlantic City, New Jersey
- Audio Tours USA
- Aurora Expeditions
- The Azores

### B

- Bath Tourism Plus
- Benidorm
- Bloomington, Minnesota
- Bon Vivant (London)
- Bournemouth, UK
- Brandywine Valley, Pennsylvania
- The Brazilian Court Hotel & Beach Club, Palm Beach, Florida, USA
- Bright Consortia
- The Broadway Collection New York
- BusyBus, Liverpool & Chester – UK

### C

- Camp Denali & North Face Lodge, Alaska
- Cannizaro House
- Captain Cook Cruises, Australia
- The Castle Inn Hotel, Lake District UK
- Champagne-Ardenne Tourisme The Charles Cotton Hotel, UK
- Charming Hotels Madeira
- Chester and Cheshire, UK
- The Chilterns, UK
- Ciclismo Classico
- City Running Tours-Chicago
- The Classic Air Force, Newquay, UK
- Coastline Villas, Corsica, Ibiza and Mallorca
- Colorado
- Colorado River & Trail Expeditions
- Conrad Hotels and Resorts
- Coombe Abbey, Coventry, UK
- The Copamarina Beach Resort, Puerto Rico
- Country Inns in the White Mountains, North Conway, New Hampshire, USA
- Crans Montana, Switzerland

### D

- DDG Retreat
- The Deerfield Inn, Massachusetts, USA
- Delphina Hotels & Resorts, Sardinia
- Denbies Wine Estate, England UK
- Derbyshire Country Houses, UK
- Desroches Island, Seychelles
- D-Hotel Maris, Maris, Turkey
- Diallo Tours, West Africa
- Discover Walks : London, Paris, Barcelona, Rome, Prague, Lisbon, St Petersburg and San Francisco
- Dunton Hot Springs, Colorado
- Distinctive Inns of New England, USA
- Dom Pedro Laguna Beach, Fortaleza, Brazil
- Doolin Cave is located in County Clare, Ireland
- The DRG Retreat, Spain
- Düsseldorf, Germany
- The Dylan Amsterdam



## E

- The Ebrington Arms, UK
- Eleonis mountain cottages in Crete
- The Elphinstone Hotel, Scotland
- EPIC, Liverpool UK
- The Essex Inn, Chicago
- EUROPA-PARK, Germany
- Experience Nottinghamshire
- The Exploratorium, San Francisco

## F and G

- Finland
- Focus Hotels
- Four Pillars Hotels, UK
- The Francis Hotel, Bath, UK
- Frontier Travel
- Frontiers Travel
- Gaggan Restaurant, Bangkok
- Generator Hostels, Europe
- Goldener Berg Hotel, Oberlech, Austria
- Grand Canyon West, Arizona
- Grand Hotel Tremezzo, Lake Como, Italy
- [Grape Escapes, Europe](#)
- Greater Miami and the Beaches, Florida
- Great Hotels of the World
- The Great Lakes USA
- Group Travel World
- Gstaad Palace, Gstaad, Switzerland

## H to J

- Hadrian's Wall Path National Trail
- Hangzhou, China
- The Haweswater Hotel, Cumbria UK
- Hawks Cay Resort, Florida Keys, USA
- Helpful Holidays, UK
- The Heritage Railway Association (UK)
- Hertz car hire
- Hg2 city guide
- Hidden Pousadas Brazil
- Hilton Head Island, South Carolina
- HistoricBritain.com
- Historic House Hotels, UK
- The Historic Inns of Rockland, Maine, USA
- Home Base Holidays
- Home land Tours'
- The Horseshoe Inn, Scottish Borders
- The Hoste, Norfolk UK
- Hotel Carlton Lyon, France
- Hotel Cour du Corbeau Strasbourg, France
- Hotel d'Europe, Avignon, France
- The Hotel Fort Canning, Singapore
- Hotel H1898, Barcelona
- Hotel Lone
- Hotel Matilda, San Miguel de Allende, Mexico
- Hotel Pont Royal, Paris
- [The Hoxton Holborn, London](#)
- HouseTrip
- Holidaylettings
- Hungary
- Hyatt Regency Clearwater Beach Resort and Spa, Florida, USA
- Hyatt Regency Trinidad, Port of Spain, Trinidad
- ibis Brighton City Centre, UK
- ICEHOTEL (Sweden)
- Independence Missouri
- Indonesia
- Inglewood Manor, Cheshire UK
- Inn by the Sea, Maine, USA
- The Inn on Fifth, Naples, Florida
- InterContinental London Westminster, UK
- The InterContinental Marseille - Hotel Dieu, France
- Juneau, Alaska The Katikies Hotel and

## K and L

- Kirini Suites and Spa, Santorini Greece
- Ker & Downey Botswana
- Kempinski Russia
- Kissimmee
- Knock Castle Hotel and Spa, Scotland
- Kempinski Hotels Worldwide
- Kempinski Hotel Barbaros Bay, Turkey
- Kempinski Gold Coast City, Ghana
- Košice, Slovakia
- LaGare Hotel Venezia, Venice
- La Mamounia, Marrakech, Morocco
- La Residencia Mallorca
- Las Alamandas, Costalegre, Mexico

## M to O

- Macau, China
- Made London – West End Theatre Shows
- Madesimo, Italy
- Malawi, Africa
- **Malaysia**
- Mallorca Hotels: Hotel Bon Sol Resort & Spa, Hotel Tres and Hotel Dalt
- The Marriott Paris Champs-Elysees, Paris
- Mercy Hotel Lisboa, Lisbon
- Mid Wales and West Coast Wales
- Mir Corporation
- The Montcalm at The Brewery London City
- Montes e Vales, Portugal
- The Moorland Garden Hotel, Dartmoor UK
- The Moevenpick Resort & Spa Dead Sea
- Mt Washington Valley, New Hampshire, USA
- Murada, and Hotel Mar i Vent, Mallorca
- Michael Neave Kitchen and Whisky Bar, Edinburgh
- Mohonk Mountain House, New York State

- **Limousin, France**
- Linthwaite House, Cumbria UK
- **Lithuania**
- Livigno, Italy
- The Llangoed Hall Hotel, Wye Valley, Wales
- LocalGuiding, worldwide
- The Loch Melfort, Scotland
- The Lot Valley, France
- Lovelady Shield, Cumbria
- Love Loch Lomond, Scotland
- Lumley Castle Hotel, Chester le Street, nr Durham, UK

- Myanmar (formerly Burma)
- Myrtle Beach Seaside Resorts
- The Nam Hai, Hoi An, Vietnam
- **The Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club, Florida**
- Newcastle Gateshead Marriott Hotel Metrocentre
- New York Circle Line Sightseeing Cruises
- Niagara, USA
- Nicols Boating Holidays, France
- No.1 Traveller : Heathrow Terminal 3, Gatwick North and South Terminals, Stansted and Birmingham Airport.
- Norfolk Hideaways, UK
- Núñez i Navarro Hotels, Barcelona
- The Oetker Collection, Europe
- **Oman**
- ON AIR WORLD radio
- One World Trekking
- Orient-Express Hotels
- The Otago Central Rail Trail, New Zealand

## P to R

- Palace Hotel Tokyo
- The Palace of Versailles, France
- Paso Robles and the Travel Paso Robles Alliance, California USA
- PGA Golf Club, Florida
- The Pheasant Inn, Cumbria UK
- Pembrokeshire, South West Wales
- Philadelphia, PA
- Phoenix Park Bike Hire
- Pine River Ranch
- Pocono Mountains, Pennsylvania
- Poole, Dorset UK
- Pismo Beach, California
- The Professional Association of Innkeepers International, USA
- The Pullman Marseille Palm Beach Hotel
- Pullman Paris Bercy Hotel, France
- Québec, Canada
- Rabbie's tours (UK)
- **Radisson Blu and Park Inn by Radisson hotels, UK and Ireland**
- The Ramada Encore Hotel, Gateshead, UK
- Rancho Valencia Resort & Spa, San Diego, USA
- Ranch Rider
- Ravenstone Manor, Cumbria UK
- The Renaissance Paris Arc de Triomphe, Paris
- Reykjavik Bike Tours, Iceland
- Reykjavik Segway Tours, Iceland
- Ritz-Carlton Montreal, Montreal, Quebec
- Rockford, Illinois
- The Rocky Mountaineer, Canada
- Rosalie Bay Resort, Dominica
- Royal Demeure luxury hotels, Italy
- The Royal Mansour, Marrakech
- The Royal Park Hotel, London
- Rushton Hall, Northamptonshire, UK

## S

- Saigon Streets, China
- Sail Lofts St Ives
- **Samoa**
- The Saxon, Johannesburg, South Africa
- Scotland's Personal Hotels
- Secret London
- Senderos (Latin America)
- The Setai, Miami Beach, Florida
- Shambala Private Game Reserve, South Africa
- **Shakespeare's England, UK**
- The Shakespeare Birthplace Trust
- The Shasta Cascade, northern California, USA
- Shieldhill Castle Hotel, Scotland
- Silversea Cruises Sugnall Hall, Staffordshire, UK
- Ski Solutions
- **The Sloane Club, London**
- Small hotels in Turkey South Oxfordshire, UK
- Steamboat Springs Ski Resort, Colorado
- **The Strathspey Railway, Scotland**
- **Sugnall Hall, Staffordshire, UK**
- Swaziland and Malawi

## T

- Talbot County, Maryland USA
- The Taskonaklar Boutique Hotel, Turkey
- Tenerife Tourist Board, Canary Islands, Spain
- theExplorateur
- Think Hotels and Apartments, London
- Thornton Hall Hotel & Spa, Cheshire, UK
- Three Nelson Hotels in Cheshire, UK
- Tipi Adventure, Herefordshire UK
- Tiroran House, Mull, Scotland
- Tongabezi Lodge, Zambia
- Tontine Hotel
- Towan Valley, Cornwall, UK
- Truro, Cornwall, UK
- The Valley Forge, Pennsylvania

## U to Z

- Uptown Palace Milan, Italy
- Utah, USA
- Valencia, Spain
- The Valley Forge, Pennsylvania
- Verbier, Switzerland
- Viceroy Riviera Maya & Wayak Spa, Playa del Carmen, Mexico
- VILA VITA Parc, the Algarve, Portugal
- The Villa Rosa Hotel, Nairobi
- Visit Orlando
- VisitCornwall
- Visit Oxfordshire
- Visit South East England
- Volcanoes Safaris, Uganda and Rwanda
- Warrington, UK
- Waldorf Astoria Hotels & Resorts
- Wedgwood the Restaurant, Edinburgh
- Welcome to Yorkshire, UK Whistling Arrow, Asia
- The West Somerset Railway
- Wilderness Scotland
- WildJunket Magazine
- Windsor and the Royal Borough, UK
- WineCoastCountry, California
- Wynyard Hall Hotel, County Durham, UK
- [www.cornwallscottages.co.uk](http://www.cornwallscottages.co.uk)
- [Hotel Xenia, London](#)
- the Yukon, Canada
- Zambian Dawn Safaris

### [40Berkeley, Boston](#)

40Berkeley, located in the heart of Boston, is New England's largest hostel and a leading budget traveller 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](http://www.40Berkeley.com). Contact : Oliver Mernick-Levene at [40berkeleyhostel@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://www.abbotsbrae.co.uk). Contact : Colin Macpherson at [info@abbotsbrae.co.uk](mailto:info@abbotsbrae.co.uk).

### [Aberglasney Gardens, Wales](#)

Aberglasney, in Carmarthenshire, is one of Wales' finest gardens with an Elizabethan cloister garden at its heart.

Visitors can wander more than 10 acres of ancient gardens, walled gardens and woodlands and discover a collection of plants, many of which are rarely seen elsewhere. The fully restored Elizabethan cloister garden and parapet walk is the only remaining example in the UK.

'Ninfarium' - an indoor garden – has been created within the ruinous central rooms and courtyard of the mansion at Aberglasney, with the walls were stabilized and the entire area was covered with a huge glass atrium.

It now contains a collection of warm temperate and sub-tropical plants including Orchids, Palms, Magnolias and Cycads. In 2012/13 the ground floor of Aberglasney's grade II\* listed mansion was fully restored and is now a stunning venue for exhibitions and events.

Aberglasney will be delighted to give complimentary entry to Alliance press card holders.

Visit : [www.aberglasney.org](http://www.aberglasney.org). Contact : Ellen Llewellyn at [marketing@aberglasney.org](mailto:marketing@aberglasney.org).

## **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](http://www.adelboden.ch). Contact : Mathias Mägerle at [mathias.maegerle@tourdi.ch](mailto:mathias.maegerle@tourdi.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](http://www.adventurecat.com). Contact : Sharon Schrum at [sharon@adventurecat.com](mailto: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](http://www.aegeansuites.com). Contact Kathryn at [Kathryn@ophirpr.co.uk](mailto: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](http://www.africasafariholidays.net). Contact : Agnes Njagi at [info@africasafariholidays.net](mailto: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/huahin](http://www.aleenta.com/huahin)

### 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](http://www.akaryn.com)

### akyra

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](http://www.theakyra.com)

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

Visit : [www.aleenta.com](http://www.aleenta.com). Contact : Lysbeth Fox at [Lysbeth@foxpr.co.uk](mailto:Lysbeth@foxpr.co.uk).

## 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.

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 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](http://www.aikbank-lupton.com). Contact : Julie Darroch at [julie.darroch@lakespr.co.uk](mailto: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.

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](http://www.altabadia.org). Contact : Lynsey Devon at [lynsey@heavenpublicity.co.uk](mailto: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](http://www.akamas-villas.com). Contact : Leila Stocker at [leila@turtle-pr.com](mailto:leila@turtle-pr.com).

### **Anacaona Boutique Hotel, Anguilla, British West Indies**

Anacaona Boutique Hotel is located in the heart of the trendy West End on the beautiful island of Anguilla in the British West Indies overlooking and with access to wonderful Meads Bay.

It is a paradise for those who appreciate quality, friendly people, stable government, warm weather, beautiful beaches and excellent restaurants.

Anacaona Boutique Hotel, built in Mediterranean style with Caribbean colors, is run personally by the owners together with an experienced management team.

Anacaona Boutique Hotel will be delighted to consider offering accommodation to Alliance press card holders on assignment.

Visit : [www.anacaonahotel.com](http://www.anacaonahotel.com). Contact : Sue Ricketts at [sue@rickettsluxury.com](mailto:sue@rickettsluxury.com).

### **Anguilla Luxury Villa Collection, British West Indies**

The Anguilla Luxury Villa Collection and Recommended Luxury Villas, on Anguilla in the British West Indies, this Caribbean island's leading portfolio of high-end homes and estates for rental.

The Villas and estates can accommodate from 2 to 38 guests and some have private tennis courts, gyms, or a private dock and dinghy and boatman.

Many have beaches on their doorsteps or have easy access to adjoining beaches. Bankers, brokers and senior executives will be able to stay in touch with their staff from private, well-equipped in-house offices.

The villas come either with minimal staff (manager, housekeepers, maintenance, poolman and gardener) or a complete line-up of private staff including chef and butler.

Visit : [www.anguillaluxurycollection.com](http://www.anguillaluxurycollection.com). Contact : Sue Ricketts at [sue@rickettsluxury.com](mailto:sue@rickettsluxury.com).



## Antigua and Barbuda

Antigua is located in the heart of the Caribbean Sea and is recognised for its numerous coves, bays, 365 beaches and clear turquoise waters. The sister island of Barbuda lies 27 miles northeast of Antigua and is accessible by boat and plane.

Antigua's rich history and spectacular topography provide a variety of popular sightseeing opportunities. Nelson's Dockyard, the only remaining example of a Georgian fort commissioned by the British in 1755, is perhaps the most renowned landmark.

Visitors may also enjoy a panoramic view of the Caribbean's longest continuously operational port from Shirley Heights. Betty's Hope, which was built in 1674, is the site of one of the first full-scale sugar plantations on Antigua, and offers a chance to step back into time by visiting the restored mills.

A variety of land and sea activities await the adventure-seeker. Water sports abound from sailing, boat cruising, water skiing, deep sea and reef fishing to scuba diving and snorkelling amongst 200 shipwrecks surrounding the island.

The island also offers the unforgettable Antigua Rainforest Canopy Tour, a hire wire course through the verdant forest, high above the trees. Festivals and events happen throughout the year including Antigua's Sailing Week which takes place in April and the Antigua Carnival which takes place in the summer.

The Antigua and Barbuda tourism associations will be delighted to support Alliance press card holders able to feature the islands.

Visit: [www.visitantiguabarbuda.com](http://www.visitantiguabarbuda.com) Contact: Anna Wolstenholme at [anna@firstpr.co.uk](mailto:anna@firstpr.co.uk).

## The Ardèche, Gard, Vaucluse-en-Provence and the Côtes du Rhône wine regions, France

The southern French departments of Ardèche, Gard, Vaucluse-en-Provence and the Côtes du Rhône wine regions offer a foray into nature and wide-open spaces.

Visitors can enjoy a hike or a donkey trek in the Cévennes Mountains, a kayaking expedition down the Ardèche Gorges or a cycling tour along the tiny roads around Mont-Ventoux and Luberon Massif.

For those interested in history and heritage travel back in time to:

- the Middle Ages when Popes built their huge palace in Avignon
- to Prehistoric times with the earliest artists at the Chauvet-Pont d'Arc Cave (the replica education centre will open in late 2014), or
- the Ancient Romans with the likes of the Pont de Gard and the monuments of Nîmes.

True epicureans can amble through "Côtes du Rhône" vineyards to meet winemakers and sample their latest vintages. They can also have lunch on the terrace of a bistro, dine in a great Chef's restaurant or improvise a picnic with local products in the shade of an olive tree.

As for the wines themselves, the vineyards stretch along the length of the Rhône Valley, which plays an integral part in the wealth and diversity of grape varieties that are grown, combined with the different soils and climates.

As such, this creates a large variety of different wines all with different flavours and textures to suit all pallets and budgets.

The Ardèche, Gard, Vaucluse-en-Provence and the Côtes du Rhône will be delighted to support Alliance press card holders able to feature the regions.

Visit: [www.visit-southern-france.com](http://www.visit-southern-france.com) Contact: Edith Meyer at [edith@firstpr.co.uk](mailto:edith@firstpr.co.uk).

## **The Arizona Biltmore, Phoenix, Arizona and Ocatilla at the Arizona Biltmore**

The legendary Arizona Biltmore, opened in 1929, set the stage for the development of the state into a major tourist destination.

With its luxurious facilities and distinctive Frank Lloyd Wright-inspired design, from the beginning it has been a playground for the rich and famous: every US president since Herbert Hoover has stayed here, and many current celebrities frequent the resort.

The 740-room, 39-acre resort celebrates its 85th anniversary in 2014, the Biltmore remains Arizona's historic Grande Dame, the state's best-known luxury resort and a storied landmark recognized worldwide.

The Arizona Biltmore, which is a member of Hilton's exclusive Waldorf Astoria Collection®, will be delighted to consider hosting Alliance press card holders able to feature the hotel.

Visit : [www.arizonabiltmore.com](http://www.arizonabiltmore.com). Contact : Marian Gerlich at [PGworld@aol.com](mailto:PGworld@aol.com).

## **Arundel Castle, West Sussex**

One of the largest inhabited and complete castles in England, Arundel Castle is situated in 40 acres of grounds overlooking the River Arun in West Sussex.

It was founded at the end of the 11th century by Roger de Montgomery, Earl of Arundel and today is the family home of the 18th Duke of Norfolk.

Arundel Castle offers a full day out with guided and free-flow tours of the preserved castle rooms including:

- The Baron's Hall
- 14th Century Catholic Fitzalan Chapel
- Regency Library and Victorian bedrooms

There's also the opportunity to ascend the Norman Motte and Keep and take in The Collector Earl's Garden that was opened by HRH The Prince of Wales in 2008.

Suited to visitors of all ages, the Castle offers a packed calendar of historical events throughout the year from Europe's largest Medieval Jousting Tournament to open-air Shakespeare performances in The Collector Earl's Garden as part of the annual Arundel Festival.

The Castle will be open to visitors from 01 April to 02 November 2014, Tuesday to Sunday, Mondays in August and Bank Holiday Mondays.

Arundel Castle will be delighted to offer complimentary passes to Alliance press card holders able to feature the Castle.

Visit: [www.arundelcastle.org](http://www.arundelcastle.org). Contact: Flo Powell or Jessica Beales at [Arundel@midnight.co.uk](mailto:Arundel@midnight.co.uk).

## 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](http://www.asaransom.com). Contact : Bob Lenz at [info@asaransom.com](mailto:info@asaransom.com).

## The Asia Gardens, Alicante, Spain

The 5 star Asia Gardens is located in the foothills of the Sierra Cortina mountain range, 150 metres above sea level and with views over the Mediterranean and Costa Blanca.

It stands beside two 18-hole golf courses and the theme parks Terra Mítica, Terra Natura and Aqua Natura.

The resort hotel is 2 km from the beach, around 10-15 minutes' drive from Altea and the Campomanes Marina, 25 minutes' drive from Alicante airport and just over an hour from Valencia.

The Asia Gardens will be delighted to consider offering accommodation to Alliance press card holders on assignment.

Visit : [www.asiagardens.es/en](http://www.asiagardens.es/en). Contact : Ros Boycott at [ros@masonrose.com](mailto:ros@masonrose.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
- 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](http://www.atlanticcitynj.com). Contact : Greg Evans at [g.p.evans@btinternet.com](mailto: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](http://www.bvtours.com). Contact : Shani Kaplan at [contact.bvtours@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://www.auroraexpeditions.com.au). Contact : Fiona Twyford at [fiona@auroraexpeditions.com.au](mailto:fiona@auroraexpeditions.com.au).

## **The Azores**

The nine islands of the Azores are in the middle of the North Atlantic and belong to Portugal.

These volcanic islands are renowned for their volcanic craters, lakes, stunning sea, thermal pools and mountain vistas, their flora and fauna and marine life.

The islands have played a hugely important part in European maritime history, due to their strategically significant position as the westernmost point of Europe.

Alliance press card holders are invited to request details of press trips to the Azores.

Visit : [www.azoreschoice.com](http://www.azoreschoice.com) and [www.visitazores.com](http://www.visitazores.com). Contact : David Wilson at [david.wilson@kbc-pr.com](mailto:david.wilson@kbc-pr.com).

## **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](http://www.visitbath.co.uk). Contact : Audra McSherry at [audra\\_mcsberry@bathtourism.co.uk](mailto: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](http://www.en.visitbenidorm.es). Contact Cathryn Hicks at [cathryn@douggoodmanpr.com](mailto:cathryn@douggoodmanpr.com) for more information.

## **Bloomington, Minnesota**

With a 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](http://www.bloomingtonmn.org). Contact : Fiona Pettitt at [fiona@cellet.co.uk](mailto: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](http://www.bonvivant.co.uk) Contact : Emyr Thomas [info@bonvivant.co.uk](mailto:info@bonvivant.co.uk).

## **Bournemouth, UK**

Bournemouth in the county of Dorset on the south coast of England 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](http://www.bournemouth.co.uk). Contact : Sheron Crossman at [Sheron.Crossman@Bournemouth.gov.uk](mailto:Sheron.Crossman@Bournemouth.gov.uk).

## **Brandywine Valley, Pennsylvania**

The Brandywine Valley is located in Chester County, the home to Longwood Gardens, the inspiration of Pierre S. du Pont. Other du Pont attractions include Hagley, Neumours and Winterthur.

Three generations of the famed artistic Wyeth family were inspired by the region and the Brandywine River Museum houses the work of N.C., Andrew and Jamie Wyeth among other American artists.

Media giant QVC is headquartered in Chester County, 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](http://www.brandywinevalley.com) Contact: Greg Evans [g.p.evans@btinternet.com](mailto:g.p.evans@btinternet.com)

## **The Brazilian Court Hotel & Beach Club, Palm Beach, Florida, USA**

The Brazilian Court Hotel & Beach Club is a luxury hotel and historic landmark in Palm Beach, which opened on New Year's Day in 1926.

It has been meticulously restored as one of the quintessential Palm Beach and West Palm Beach hotels, offering an elegant private retreat featuring luxurious accommodations and impeccable service surrounded by lushly landscaped courtyards.

It enjoys 2012 Conde Nast Traveler Gold List 2012 status and has achieved No. 1 in South Florida and No. 3 in the state ranking on Travel + Leisure's Best Hotels list.

The Brazilian Court Hotel & Beach Club will be delighted to consider hosting Alliance press card holders able to feature the property.

Visit : [www.thebraziliancourt.com](http://www.thebraziliancourt.com). Contact : Maureen O'Sullivan at [MOREPB@aol.com](mailto:MOREPB@aol.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](http://www.brightconsortia.com). Contact Doug Goodman [doug@douggoodmanpr.com](mailto:doug@douggoodmanpr.com).

## **The Broadway Collection New York**

The Broadway Collection New York, a group of 24 new and classic Broadway musicals, selected for their unparalleled popularity with international audiences, will be pleased to host Alliance press card holders.

Please provide your card number when requesting tickets.

Visit: [www.broadwaycollection.com](http://www.broadwaycollection.com). Contact: John Bridge [John@made2010.com](mailto:John@made2010.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](http://www.busybus.co.uk). Contact : Vera de Ruiter: [vera@busybus.co.uk](mailto: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](http://www.campdenali.com). Contact: Katherine Schake at [katherine@campdenali.com](mailto: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](http://www.cannizarohouse.com). Contact : Lysbeth Fox at [lysbeth@foxpr.co.uk](mailto: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](http://www.captaincook.com.au). Contact : Brooke Tolar at [pr@captaincook.com.au](mailto: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](http://www.castleinncumbria.co.uk). Contact : Samantha Marsh at [samantha@infinitypublicrelations.co.uk](mailto: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](http://www.champagne-ardenne-tourism.co.uk). Contact: Doug Goodman at [doug@douggoodmanpr.com](mailto: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](http://www.charlescotton.co.uk). Contact : Simon Turton at [simon@operapr.com](mailto: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](http://www.charminghotelsmadeira.com). Contact: Antonio Silva at [asilva@charminghotelsmadeira.com](mailto:asilva@charminghotelsmadeira.com)

## Chester, UK

### Chester

Chester is one Britain's great heritage cities with a history spanning 2000 years.

Its great treasures from the past include the most complete City Walls and largest Roman Amphitheatre in Britain, the two-tier Rows shopping galleries dating from the Middle Ages and the oldest racecourse in the country.

The classical, contemporary city also features a 1,000 year old Cathedral with some of the finest mediaeval carvings in Europe, where the oldest and most complete Cycle of Mystery Play based on tales from The Bible are staged every 5 years.

A host of festivals and events including *Plays in the Park* and traditional parades give Chester an extra special atmosphere. The oldest rowing regatta in the world take place on the River Dee.

Just outside the city is Chester Zoo, the biggest animal attraction in Britain.

### Cheshire

Cheshire is a mix of gardens, stately homes, industrial heritage and canals.

The area features the unspoilt beauty of Cheshire's Peak District to the mediaeval woodlands of Delamere Forest.

Its hotels feature soothing spas and great golf courses.

It has traditional market towns like Nantwich, Knutsford and Wilmslow, where chic boutiques vie with restaurants and glitzy bars.

Cheshire attractions include Beeston Castle towering above the Cheshire Plain and the unique Anderton Boat Lift that hoists canal craft up in the air from the river below to the canal above.

Cheshire is also home to the National Waterways Museum.

It's known throughout the world for Cheshire Cheese available in red, white and blue, and the Cheshire Cat, immortalised in children's fantasy novel, *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* whose author – Lewis Carroll - was born in Daresbury.

Marketing Cheshire will be delighted to consider press trip requests from Alliance press card holders able to feature Chester and/or Cheshire.

Visit : [www.marketingcheshire.co.uk](http://www.marketingcheshire.co.uk). Contact : Gerald Tattum at [g.tattum@marketingcheshire.co.uk](mailto:g.tattum@marketingcheshire.co.uk).

## The Chilterns, UK

The Chilterns cover an area of 322 sq miles 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](http://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](http://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 Culpepper.

Visit : [www.cheniesmanorhouse.co.uk](http://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](http://www.coam.org.uk).

The Chilterns will be pleased to hear from Alliance press card holders on assignment who are able to feature the area.

Visit : [www.VisitChilterns.co.uk](http://www.VisitChilterns.co.uk). Contact : Mary Tebje at [mary@tourismleisure.com](mailto:mary@tourismleisure.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](http://www.classicairforce.com). Contact : Malcolm Ginsberg at [malcolm@ginsberg.co.uk](mailto: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](http://www.coastline.co.uk). Contact : Lynsey Devon at [lynsey@heavenpublicity.co.uk](mailto: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](http://www.colorado.com). Contact : Fiona Pettitt at [fiona@cellet.co.uk](mailto: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](http://www.crateinc.com). Contact : Walker Mackay at [walkmin@crateinc.com](mailto:walkmin@crateinc.com).

## **Ciclismo Classico**

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.

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

Visit : [www.ciclismoclassico.com](http://www.ciclismoclassico.com). Contact : Adam York at [adam@sublimepub.com](mailto: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](http://www.cityrunningtours.com/chicago). Contact : Marlin Keesler at [marlin@cityrunningtours.com](mailto:marlin@cityrunningtours.com)

## Conrad Hotels and Resorts

Conrad Hotels & Resorts is a global brand consisting of 22 properties across five continents, offering guests personalised experiences with sophisticated and locally inspired surroundings.

Conrad Hotels and Resorts will be pleased to hear from Alliance press card holders interested in arranging a stay at one of its properties.

Visit : [www.conradhotels.com](http://www.conradhotels.com). Contact : Emma Powell at [Emma@grifcopr.com](mailto:Emma@grifcopr.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](http://www.coombeabbey.com). Contact : Bernice Saltzer at [bernice@sortedpr.com](mailto: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](http://www.copamarina.com) and [www.ghotw.com](http://www.ghotw.com). Contact : Ashleigh Silverman at [asilverman@ghotw.com](mailto:asilverman@ghotw.com).

## Country Inns in the White Mountains, North Conway, New Hampshire, USA

The White Mountains region of New Hampshire is a four season destination known for its breathtaking scenery and classic New England villages with white-steepled churches, covered bridges, waterfalls, antique shops and art galleries.

Visitors can also enjoy :

- hiking, scenic walks and drives through the 780,000acre White Mountain National Forest
- golf at ten area scenic and challenging courses
- canoeing and kayaking in mountain streams, rivers and lakes
- skiing in seven alpine areas with 250 trails and six Nordic centers with 450 km of trails
- snowmobiling with Corridor 19, which connects Southern New Hampshire to Canada, running through this area, and
- tax-free Shopping at hundreds of boutiques, specialty shops and name brand factory outlets.

The Country Inns collection comprises ten country inns or bed and breakfasts, each unique in decor reflecting the personality of the innkeepers.

The Country Inns collection will be delighted to consider offering accommodation to Alliance press card holders able to highlight the properties.

Visit : [www.countryinnsinthewhitemountains.com](http://www.countryinnsinthewhitemountains.com). Contact : Marti Mayne at [info@maynelymarketing.com](mailto:info@maynelymarketing.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](http://www.crans-montana.ch). Contact : Katrina Blunden at [katrina@insightsmc.com](mailto: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](http://www.ddgretreat.com). Contact : Teresa Thomason at [teresa@teresathomason.com](mailto:teresa@teresathomason.com).

## The Deerfield Inn, Massachusetts, USA

The Deerfield Inn is located on the the mile-long, tree-lined Old Main Street of Deerfield in rural Massachusetts, the best documented small town in America.

The Inn, which has been welcoming guests since 1884, has a farm to fork restaurant and tavern, wing chairs and warming fireplaces and white rockers. It makes a fine base for exploring this heart of colonial America.

The Deerfield Inn will be delighted to consider offering accommodation to Alliance press card holders able to highlight the property.

Visit : [www.deerfieldinn.com](http://www.deerfieldinn.com). Contact : Marti Mayne at [info@maynelymarketing.com](mailto:info@maynelymarketing.com).

## Delphina Hotels & Resorts, Sardinia

Delphina is a collection of eight, four and five-star properties with award winning family facilities, located across the northern coast of Sardinia.

Whilst almost all Delphina resorts offer child-friendly services the jewel in the crown is the four-star Resort & Spa Le Dune, which is located in private grounds surrounded by sand dunes and scented junipers.

Le Dune has six fresh water swimming pools, 10 restaurants and five hotel options overlooking the Asinara Gulf.

Delphina Hotels & Resorts will be delighted to hear from Alliance press card holders interested in press stays.

Visit: [www.delphina.it](http://www.delphina.it). Contact : Jessica Howard at [delphina@mason-williams.com](mailto:delphina@mason-williams.com).



## Denbies Wine Estate, England UK

Denbies Wine Estate in Dorking, Surrey is England's largest vineyard and one of the largest privately owned in Northern Europe.

Denbies Wine Estate is also one of the first wine estates in the world to give visitors an insight into all aspects of the wine producing process, all year round.

The indoor tours comprise a 360° circular cinema with a 20 minute surround vision film and a trip on the indoor 'people mover' through the working winery, and ends in the cellars for a selected wine tasting.

The Denbies Farmhouse B&B, which enjoys English Tourist Board '4 Stars silver' status, is located in the heart of the vineyard.

Denbies will be delighted to hear from Alliance press card holders able to feature the vineyard.

Visit : [www.denbies.co.uk](http://www.denbies.co.uk). Contact : Jeannette Simpson at [jsimpson@denbiesvineyard.co.uk](mailto:jsimpson@denbiesvineyard.co.uk)

## 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](http://www.derbyshirecountryhouses.com). Contact : Simon Turton at [simon@operapr.com](mailto:simon@operapr.com).

## Desroches Island, Seychelles

Desroches Island is a private island and luxurious in the Amirante Archipelago about 230 km south-west of Mahé, the main and largest island of the Seychelles.

There are daily scheduled flights with IDC Aviation (40 minutes).

Abundant with coconut trees, Desroches Island is approximately 6 km long, 1.5 km wide and has 14 km of white soft sandy beaches and crystal blue waters.

Located only 5° south of the equator Desroches Island has one of the world's healthiest, malaria free climates.

The naturally inspired Beach Retreats and Exclusive Villas on the island provide the epitome in luxury and opulent indulgence.

Desroches Island lies outside of the cyclone belt with consistent and predictable weather patterns. March and April are the hottest months but shade temperatures seldom exceed 30°C.

The south-east trade winds blow regularly from May to October when the temperature is slightly lower and the atmosphere less humid with mild sea breeze.

The north-west monsoon prevails from December to March, which are the hottest and wettest months with humidity averaging 65%.

Visit : [www.desroches-island.com](http://www.desroches-island.com). Li Boatwright at [li@storringtoncommunications.com](mailto:li@storringtoncommunications.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](http://www.dhotel.com.tr/en). Contact : Lysbeth Fox at [lysbeth@foxpr.co.uk](mailto: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](http://www.diallotours.com). Contact : Abdoulaye at [info@diallotours.com](mailto:info@diallotours.com).

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

*Discover Walks* offers fascinating alternative walking tours 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 enthusiastic natives of each city and are designed to be flexible and to get below the surface of each destination. Services include free walking tours, where guests pay what they want at the end of the tour.

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

Visit : [www.discoverwalks.com](http://www.discoverwalks.com). Contact : Alexandre Gourevitch at [alexg@discoverwalks.com](mailto:alexg@discoverwalks.com).

## Distinctive Inns of New England, USA

Distinctive Inns of New England has a portfolio of 11 inns in six New England states :

### Massachusetts

Captain's House  
Deerfield Inn  
Gateways Inn

### Connecticut

Inn at Harbor Hill Marina

### Maine

Camden Maine Stay

### New Hampshire

Chesterfield Inn  
Manor on Golden Pond  
Inn at Thorn Hill

### Rhode Island

Cliffside Inn

### Vermont

Grafton Inn  
Rabbit Hill Inn

The properties combine luxury accommodation with various vacation packages and getaway specials including a Grand Tour of the region by visiting several of our member inns during a vacation.

Distinctive Inns of New England, will be delighted to consider offering accommodation to Alliance press card holders who are on assignment and able to highlight the property.

Visit : [www.distinctiveinns.com](http://www.distinctiveinns.com). Contact : Maynely Marketing at [info@maynelymarketing.com](mailto:info@maynelymarketing.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](http://www.dompedro.com) and [www.ghotw.com](http://www.ghotw.com). Contact : Ashleigh Silverman at [asilverman@ghotw.com](mailto:asilverman@ghotw.com).

### **Doolin Cave (Ireland)**

Doolin Cave is located in County Clare, Ireland, and one of Europe's most compelling cave attractions.

The cave's most notable feature is the Great Stalactite, one of the world's longest known free-hanging stalactites.

Doolin Cave has opened a new Farmland Nature Trail, which is free for visitors and hosting a show for the Gathering, 'A Sense of Ireland in Song and Story'.

Doolin Cave, which has recently been awarded a Gold Award from Ecotourism Ireland, will be delighted to offer complimentary entry to Alliance press card holders.

Visit : [www.doolincave.ie](http://www.doolincave.ie). Contact : Helen Browne at [doolincave@gmail.com](mailto:doolincave@gmail.com).

### **Dunton Hot Springs, Colorado**

Dunton Hot Springs is a small and exclusive resort nestled deep in the San Juan Mountains of the Colorado Rockies.

This restored ghost town offers hand-hewn log cabins, a life-worn saloon serving food of startling quality, lung torturing trails followed by pampering massages, sensuous hot springs beneath shimmering snow banks.

This old mining town is located close to the desert, from the haunting beauty of Monument Valley and Canyon de Chelly, deep in the Navajo Reservation, through the sculpted wilderness of "Valley of the Gods" to our own vineyard in McElmo Canyon.

Dunton Hot Springs, which is open all year, will be delighted to consider offering accommodation to Alliance press card holders on assignment.

Visit : [www.duntonhotsprings.com](http://www.duntonhotsprings.com). Contact : Ros Boycott at [ros@masonrose.com](mailto:ros@masonrose.com).

## Düsseldorf, Germany

Düsseldorf on the Rhine is the state capital of Germany's most densely populated federal state, North Rhine-Westphalia and is one of Germany's top city destinations.

The city's heartbeat is to be found in the Altstadt, between the Rhine and Heinrich-Heine Allee, which has around 260 eateries, pubs, bars, discos and restaurants.

The Altstadt is also home to Altbier – a real Düsseldorf speciality, which is a dark, top-fermented speciality beer which has its origins in the Greater Düsseldorf area.

The Düsseldorf WelcomeCard is the cheapest and simplest way of getting to know the city. It offers unlimited use of trams and buses within the city area, and free or reduced-price entry to museums, various attractions and leisure facilities.

The Tourist-Information offices will provide card holders with a set of information containing the Düsseldorf City Guide, the official calendar of events and a current list of exhibitions and will be delighted to consider press trip requests from Alliance press card holders.

Visit : [www.visitduesseldorf.de](http://www.visitduesseldorf.de). Contact : Thea Lochmann at [lochmann.t@duesseldorf-tourismus.de](mailto:lochmann.t@duesseldorf-tourismus.de).

## The Dylan Amsterdam

The Dylan Amsterdam luxury hotel is located behind an historical façade besides the canals.

Comprised of the Keizersgracht canal houses with a manicured courtyard at its heart, the luxury Dylan Hotel Amsterdam is continually recognized for its contemporary meets classic design, dedicated service and location.

The Dylan Amsterdam will be delighted to consider offering accommodation to Alliance press card holders on assignment.

Visit : [www.dylanamsterdam.com](http://www.dylanamsterdam.com). Contact : Ros Boycott at [ros@masonrose.com](mailto:ros@masonrose.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](http://www.theebringtonarms.co.uk). Contact : Anna Sharp at [anna@asharppr.com](mailto:anna@asharppr.com).

### **Eleonis mountain cottages, Crete**

Eleonis mountain cottages are located above the village of Zaros, 50k south of Heraklion airport.

Surrounded by wilderness, and UNESCO protected trails on the doorstep, they offer a retreat for nature lovers on the Greek island of Crete.

October and November offers the chance to take part in the olive harvest, raki making and food festivals and to enjoy the warm Libyan sea, on deserted south coast beaches.

December and January are good for exploring the archaeological sites and ancient monasteries. In March, the island is carpeted with rare orchids and poppies.

Eleonis mountain cottages will be delighted to consider offering B&B accommodation to Alliance press card holders able to feature the properties.

Visit : [www.eleonas.gr](http://www.eleonas.gr). Contact: June Field at [jfield@threesixtydegrees.net](mailto:jfield@threesixtydegrees.net).

### **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](http://www.elphinstonehotel.co.uk). Contact : Su Hesketh at [su@crimsonedge.co.uk](mailto:su@crimsonedge.co.uk).

### **EPIC Liverpool**

EPIC Liverpool is a luxury serviced apartment brand due to launch its apart hotel brand in the city this September.

Located in the heart of the thriving city, EPIC presents an alternative luxury to a city centre hotel with more space and more home comforts.

Accommodation ranges from one-bed studios to two and three bedroom apartments.

EPIC is the ideal place to stay for both leisure and business travellers. Staying at EPIC makes exploring what Liverpool has to offer easy, with direct access to the cities best shops, restaurants, tourist attractions, nightlife and much more.

EPIC Liverpool will be delighted to consider hosting Alliance press card holders able to feature the property.

Visit : [www.epicliverpool.co.uk](http://www.epicliverpool.co.uk). Contact : Emma Garner at [emma@webtise.com](mailto:emma@webtise.com).

### **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](http://www.essexinn.com). Contact : Fiona Pettitt at [fiona@cellet.co.uk](mailto: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](http://www.europapark.com). Contact : [presse@europapark.com](mailto: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](http://www.experiencenottinghamshire.com/robin-hood). Contact: Erin Huckle at [erin.huckle@experiencenottinghamshire.com](mailto:erin.huckle@experiencenottinghamshire.com)

## The Exploratorium, San Francisco

The Exploratorium museum has reopened at it's new home on Piers 15 and 17 along San Francisco's Embarcadero.

The Exploratorium, which has created over 1,000 participatory exhibits that mix science and art, offers visitors a variety of ways—including exhibits, webcasts, websites and events—to explore and understand the world around them.

The Exploratorium will be delighted to welcome Alliance press card holders able to feature the museum.

Visit : [www.exploratorium.edu](http://www.exploratorium.edu). Contact : Linda Dackman at [ldackman@exploratorium.edu](mailto:ldackman@exploratorium.edu).

## 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](http://www.visitfinland.com). Contact : Henri Anundi at [henri.anundi@visitfinland.com](mailto: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](http://www.focushotels.co.uk). Contact : Nat Frogley at [nat@bacall.net](mailto: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](http://www.four-pillars.co.uk). Contact : Lucy Mayes at [lucy@humewhitehead.co.uk](mailto:lucy@humewhitehead.co.uk).

## The Francis Hotel, Bath, UK

Located in the centre of Bath, The Francis Hotel is a Regency-inspired townhouse hotel with 98 luxurious bedrooms.

The Francis Hotel is a Grade 1 listed building originally designed as seven townhouses on Bath's famous Queen Square.

The interiors reflect the heritage of the townhouse with a contemporary and stylish edge that fills this chic city-centre hotel with personality.

The Francis Hotel will be delighted to consider hosting Alliance press card holders able to feature the hotel.

Visit : [www.mgallery.com](http://www.mgallery.com). Contact : Sarah Wilson at [sarah.wilson@mason-williams.com](mailto:sarah.wilson@mason-williams.com).

## 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](http://www.frontier-canada.co.uk) and [www.frontier-ski.co.uk](http://www.frontier-ski.co.uk). Contact: Sandra Potter at [sandrapotter@frontier-travel.co.uk](mailto:sandrapotter@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](http://www.frontierstravel.com). Contact : Adam York at [adam@sublimepub.com](mailto:adam@sublimepub.com)

## Gaggan Restaurant, Bangkok

The Gaggan restaurant has been voted No.10 at the inaugural edition of the Asia's 50 Best Restaurants 2013 and No 66 in the world top 100 restaurants as compiled by Restaurant magazine.

The 85-year-old whitewashed colonial-style wooden house is located in the heart of downtown Bangkok

Chef Gaggan Anand has cooked for former US President Bill Clinton, and Abdul Kalam Azad, the former President of India. His signature dishes include 'Papdi Chaat'; 'Tandoor lamb chops' and 'Iberian pork neck slow-cooked in a Goan vindaloo reduction.

Alliance press card holders in Bangkok and able to review are invited to dine at the restaurant.

Visit : [www.eatatgaggan.com](http://www.eatatgaggan.com). Contact: Gavin Nazareth at [pr@eatatgaggan.com](mailto:pr@eatatgaggan.com).

## Generator Hostels

Generator offers travellers stylish, central, safe and affordable accommodation. As Europe's fastest growing hostel brand, Generator currently has eight design-led properties and nearly 5,200 beds located across six countries, attracting guests from over 75 nationalities.

The award-winning group's portfolio of urban design hostels expanded to eight in spring 2013 with the addition of its first venture in Spain (Barcelona) and its second in Berlin. These join Generator's existing portfolio of boutique-inspired hostels in Berlin East, Copenhagen, Dublin, Hamburg, London and Venice.

Characterised by their cutting-edge design, central locations, creative events, locally-inspired menus and wide range of room options, from private en-suite twins to female-only dorms, each Generator hostel offers free Wi-Fi, stylish bar and chill-out areas, 24-hour security plus a free walking tour of the city.

Generator will be happy to hear from Alliance press card holders keen to review one of their properties.

Visit [www.generatorhostels.com](http://www.generatorhostels.com) or contact Suzanne Seyghal via [Suzanne.seyghal@generatorhostels.com](mailto:Suzanne.seyghal@generatorhostels.com).

## Goldener Berg Hotel, Oberlech, Austria

The 4-star Goldener Berg Hotel is located at 1,750 metres above sea level in Oberlech, Austria and is surrounded by mountain.

During the ski season, which stretches over January, February and March and into April the hotel offers a luxury location right on the piste. In May there is the blooming natural environment around Goldener Berg Alps Hotel. Alpine hiking is possible from May until the November rain sets in. The mild climate in June, July and August allows dinners on the hotel's sun terrace.

The Goldener Berg Hotel will be delighted to consider offering accommodation to Alliance press card holders on assignment (travel to the city excluded).

Visit : [www.goldenerberg.co.uk](http://www.goldenerberg.co.uk). Contact : Karen Luard at [kp@kpcommunications.co.uk](mailto:kp@kpcommunications.co.uk).

## Grand Canyon West, Arizona

The Grand Canyon Resort is wholly owned and operated by the Hualapai Nation and manages :

- Grand Canyon West
- Hualapai River Runners (whitewater rafting)
- Hualapai Ranch, and
- the Hualapai Lodge.

Grand Canyon West is a collection of viewpoints and attractions spread over 9000 acres of the Grand Canyon's West Rim in Northwest, 120 miles east of Las Vegas, Nevada.

It is the only place in the Canyon where visitors can access a boat ride on the Colorado River via helicopter and is home to the Grand Canyon Skywalk, a glass walkway 4000 ft above the canyon floor.

The site attractions are:

- Guano Point, with panoramic canyon views and the historic guano mine tram
- Eagle Point, the site of the Canyon Skywalk
- the Native American Village with authentic dwellings of multiple tribes
- live Native American performances and, the Hualapai Ranch, a western town with cowboy entertainment, horseback riding, wagon rides and overnight cabins facing the Canyon rim.

The Hangzhou Tourism Commission will be delighted to consider offering accommodation to Alliance press card holders on assignment (travel to the city excluded).

Visit ; [www.hualapaitourism.com](http://www.hualapaitourism.com). Contact : Karen Luard at [kp@kpcommunications.co.uk](mailto:kp@kpcommunications.co.uk).

## Grand Hotel Tremezzo, Lake Como, Italy

Grand Hotel Tremezzo is one of the oldest luxury hotels on Lake Como, an authentic Art Nouveau palace that offers a warm inviting welcome and the delights of a true 5-star vacation.

From its lakeside position it offers views of Bellagio and the stunning Grigne mountains.

The hotel's origins date back to the early 1900's, the era of romantic grand tours, long voyages and illustrious travellers.

Grand Hotel Tremezzo will be delighted to consider hosting Alliance press card holders able to feature the hotel.

Visit : [www.grandhoteltremezzo.com](http://www.grandhoteltremezzo.com). Contact : Ros Boycott at [ros@masonrose.com](mailto:ros@masonrose.com).

## Grape Escapes

Created in 2004 by wine lovers Mark and Claire Hallett, Grape Escapes is a specialist wine tour operator offering a broad selection of holidays and trips to the premium European wine regions, principally in France.

From their flagship Premium tours to the popular regions of Champagne, Bordeaux and Burgundy to bespoke self-drive circuits and birthday weekends, their expertise is in creating perfect trips for individuals, couples, groups or companies. Grape Escapes offers customers the flexibility to arrange the perfect holiday.

Grape Escapes have experienced great success over the last few years, which has allowed them to spread their wings and develop existing tours in France and also to start working with exciting new regions such as Porto, Rioja in Spain and Tuscany in Italy.

Grape Escapes will be delighted to support Alliance press card holders able to feature its tours.

Visit: [www.grapeescapes.net](http://www.grapeescapes.net) Contact: Anna Wolstenholme at [anna@representationplus.co.uk](mailto:anna@representationplus.co.uk).

## 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.

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](http://www.miamiandbeaches.com). Contact : Juliet Velazquez at [jvelazquez@gmcb.com](mailto:jvelazquez@gmcb.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.

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Visit : [www.ghotw.com](http://www.ghotw.com). Contact : Ashleigh Silverman at [asilverman@ghotw.com](mailto: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](http://www.greatlakesnorthamerica.co.uk). Contact : Fiona Pettitt at [fiona@cellet.co.uk](mailto: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](http://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](http://www.grouptravelworld.com). Harley Denham at [Harley.Denham@grouptravelworld.com](mailto:Harley.Denham@grouptravelworld.com).

## **Gstaad Palace, Gstaad, Switzerland**

Gstaad Palace, one of the only family-owned and -operated hotels in Switzerland, is located on a hill overlooking the town of Gstaad, with views of the Swiss Alps.

Built in 1913 the Gstaad Palace has earned an unrivalled reputation for discreet, refined hospitality.

During World War II, the hotel housed other treasures: owing to its isolated location on the upper mountainside, the Swiss government hid a large portion of the country's gold reserves in a two-storey bunker at the hotel.

Today, this historic space serves as La Fromagerie, with a Champagne truffle fondue, and the terrace of the famous Lobby Bar.

Gstaad Palace will be delighted to consider hosting Alliance press card holders able to feature the hotel.

Visit : [www.palace.ch](http://www.palace.ch). Contact : Ros Boycott at [ros@masonrose.com](mailto:ros@masonrose.com).

## **Hadrian's Wall Path National Trail**

The Hadrian's Wall Path National Trail is the 84-mile trail following the historic World Heritage Site from Wallsend in the North East of England to Bowness-on-Solway in Cumbria.

The path takes in the Northumberland National Park and the Solway Coast & North Pennines Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty. There are more than 80 shorter circular walks that can be done in a day from various parts of the Trail, offering panoramic viewpoints, and a number of Roman-themed attractions.

Alliance press card holders able to feature the Hadrian's Wall Path National Trail will be considered for press trips.

Visit : [www.visithadrianswall.co.uk](http://www.visithadrianswall.co.uk). Contact: Julie Darroch at [julie.darroch@lakespr.co.uk](mailto:julie.darroch@lakespr.co.uk).

## **Hangzhou, China**

Hangzhou is the capital and largest city of Zhejiang Province in Eastern China.

A core city of the Yangtze River Delta, Hangzhou has a position on the Hangzhou Bay 180 kilometres (110 mi) southwest of Shanghai.

It has been one of the most prosperous cities of China for much of the last 1,000 years, due in part to its natural scenery. The city's West Lake, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, is its best-known attraction.

Hangzhou is known for its historic relics and natural beauty and retains its historical and cultural heritage.

The Hangzhou Tourism Commission will be delighted to consider hosting Alliance press card holders able to feature the destination (travel to the city excluded).

Visit : [www.gotohz.com](http://www.gotohz.com). Contact : Karen Luard at [karen.l@hotline-marketing.net](mailto:karen.l@hotline-marketing.net).

## **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](http://www.haweswaterhotel.com). Contact : Samantha Marsh at [samantha@infinitypublicrelations.co.uk](mailto:samantha@infinitypublicrelations.co.uk)

## **Hawks Cay Resort, Florida Keys, USA**

Hawks Cay Resort, a member of Preferred Hotels & Resorts and a AAA Four-Diamond Award, is located on Duck Key in the middle Florida Keys.

A premier destination in all of the Florida Keys it sits alongside the emerald water of the Atlantic Ocean, guests enjoy offshore, flats and backcountry fishing; diving; kayaking; kiteboarding and standup paddle boarding programmes.

There is the Cliff Drysdale tennis program; Segway tours and the only resort-based Dolphin Connection program in the continental U.S.

The 60-acre resort boasts 177 guestrooms and 160-plus two- and three-bedroom villas, a full-service marina, five signature restaurants, saltwater lagoon, five swimming pools, kid and teen clubs and the award-winning Calm Waters Spa.

Hawks Cay Resort will be delighted to consider offering accommodation to press card holders able to feature the resort.

Visit: [www.hawkscay.com](http://www.hawkscay.com). Contact: Holly Zawyer [Holly@cam-pr.com](mailto:Holly@cam-pr.com).

## **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](http://www.helpfuleholidays.com). Contact: Pat Edgar at [PRMatters@dsl.pipex.com](mailto:PRMatters@dsl.pipex.com)

## **The Heritage Railway Association (UK)**

The Heritage Railway Association represents the heritage and tourist railways of Great Britain and Ireland.

These railways, and some tramways, have a large voluntary input with the aim of preserving some of Britain's railway heritage for both the present and the future.

Restored steam locomotive operate on most of the railways which run through scenic or interesting locations with some running through National Parks.

Special facilities on some railways include evening "Wine and Dine" trains (some of which include restored Pullman Cars) and Drivers Experience Days.

The Heritage Railway Association will be pleased to facilitate visits by Alliance press card holders to member railways.

Visit : [www.heritagerailways.com](http://www.heritagerailways.com). Contact David Woodhouse at [david.woodhouse@hra.gb.com](mailto:david.woodhouse@hra.gb.com).

## Hertz car hire

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

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Contact : John Graham at [johngraham@tx247.co.uk](mailto:johngraham@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 :

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Berlin	Eat London	Marrakech	San Francisco	
Beirut	Eat New York	Megeve	Stockholm	
Bogota	Havana	Miami	Sydney	
Buenose Aires	Istanbul	Milan	Tallinn	
Cape Town	Johannesburg	Monte Rosa	Tel Aviv	
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		Mumbai		

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](http://www.hg2.com). Contact : Marilyn MacDonald at [marilyn@hg2.com](mailto: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](http://www.hiddenpousadasbrazil.com). Contact : Fola Odumosu at [folat@hiddenpousadasbrazil.com](mailto: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](http://www.hiltonheadgolfisland.com). Contact : Glenn Gray at [ggray@buffalocommunications.com](mailto: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](http://www.historichousehotels.com). Contact : Alison Buxton at [alison.buxton@gmail.com](mailto:alison.buxton@gmail.com).

## The Historic Inns of Rockland, Maine, USA

The Historic Inns of Rockland comprises :

- Captain Lindsey House, an 18th century Federal inn
- Berry Manor Inn and LimeRock Inn, which are 19th century Victorian homes, and
- The Granite Inn, which began as a Federal house from the first half of the 19th century.

All are located in Rockland's designated historic and offer a romantic B&B getaway within walking distance of Rockland busy harbor front and downtown.

The Historic Inns of Rockland will be delighted to consider offering accommodation to Alliance press card holders able to highlight the collection.

Visit : [www.historicinnsofrockland.com](http://www.historicinnsofrockland.com). Contact : Marti Mayne at [info@maynelymarketing.com](mailto:info@maynelymarketing.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](http://www.holidaylettings.co.uk). Contact: Emilie and Kate on [press@holidaylettings.co.uk](mailto: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](http://www.homebase-hols.com). Contact : Lois Sealey at [info@homebase-hols.com](mailto: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
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- Bible College Study Groups
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## 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](http://www.horseshoeinn.co.uk). Contact : Su Hesketh at [su@crimsonedge.co.uk](mailto: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](http://www.thehoste.com). Contact : Kate at [kate@thehoste.com](mailto:kate@thehoste.com).

## Hotel Carlton Lyon, France

At the heart of the Presqu'île in the centre of Lyons, not far from the Opéra and the Théâtre des Célestins, the Carlton Lyon hotel has firm roots in the world of culture, the arts and spectacle.

Located between the Rhône and Saône rivers, the Carlton Lyon hotel was built in 1894 as a "petit palace" in Lyons.

Fully renovated in 2012, the 80-bedroom Carlton Lyon hotel has retained its authenticity and personality, blending contemporary comfort with sophistication.

The hotel is a 5-minute walk from the Bellecour Metro stop and is the ideal base for exploring Lyon, with its opera house, museums and the St. Jean Cathedral.

The Hotel Carlton Lyon will be delighted to consider hosting Alliance press card holders able to feature the hotel.

Visit : [www.mgallery.com](http://www.mgallery.com). Contact : Sarah Wilson at [sarah.wilson@mason-williams.com](mailto:sarah.wilson@mason-williams.com).

## Hotel Cour du Corbeau Strasbourg, France

The Cour du Corbeau hotel, a member of the MGallery collection, is located in the heart of Strasbourg near to the river Ill and a short walk from the cathedral and place Kléber.

Occupying a peaceful 16th-century inner courtyard, the hotel has 57 bedrooms including 19 suites in the style of Louis XV.

This former coaching inn, now converted into a boutique hotel, is part of the city's history and the nooks and crannies of the Cour du Corbeau hotel offer a charming setting for guests..

A listed historic monument, over the last five centuries this Alsace inn has opened its doors to famous guests such as Frederick II, the King of Prussia, Voltaire and Maréchal de Turenne.

The Hotel Cour du Corbeau Strasbourg will be delighted to consider hosting Alliance press card holders able to feature the hotel.

Visit : [www.mgallery.com](http://www.mgallery.com). Contact : Sarah Wilson at [sarah.wilson@mason-williams.com](mailto:sarah.wilson@mason-williams.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](mailto: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](http://www.hotel1898.com). Contact : [pr@orbyce.com](mailto: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](http://www.hfcsingapore.com). Contact : Karen Luard at [kp@KPcommunications.co.uk](mailto:kp@KPcommunications.co.uk).

### **Hotel Lone, Croatia**

Hotel Lone, which is located in the Istrian coastal resort of Rovinj, in the Istria region, is one of Croatia's most contemporary hotel and the country's only member of the lifestyle brand Design Hotels.

It lies close to the sea, is surrounded by the Zlatni Rt Forest Park and is a short walk to the town centre It was winner of Newbuild Hotel at the European Hotel Design Awards.

Situated by the Golden Cape Forest Park, the property is positioned within a few steps from the sea and a short stroll from the town centre.

Partly shaded by Cypresses and Himalayan Cedars, the spectacular new outdoor pool complements the Wellness & Spa centre.

Unique architecture, bespoke artwork, creative culinary treats, spacious spa facilities, and a comprehensive menu of excursions combine to offer a standout hotel in a special location.

Hotel Lone will be delighted to consider hosting Alliance press card holders able to feature the hotel.

Visit : [www.lonehotel.com/en](http://www.lonehotel.com/en). Contact : Raquel Fonseca at [RFonseca@quatro-pr.co.uk](mailto:RFonseca@quatro-pr.co.uk).

## Hotel Matilda, San Miguel de Allende, Mexico

The Hotel Matilda, San Miguel de Allende, Mexico, Spa Matilda and Moxi Restaurant by Enrique Olvera combine to provide a cutting-edge boutique hotel set in the heart of enchanting San Miguel de Allende, the crown jewel of colonial Mexico.

Spa Matilda was the only spa in Mexico named to Conde Nast Traveler's 2011 Hot List. In 2012, the readers of Conde Nast Traveler named Matilda the #2 hotel in Mexico.

Introducing haute cuisine to the destination, Hotel Matilda partnered with Mexican superstar chef Enrique Olvera to create Moxi restaurant.

Hotel Matilda celebrates the lifestyle of today's international traveler and the contemporary Latin art scene.

Guests are immersed in a relaxed and sophisticated setting of refined and comfortable accommodations, international gourmet dining, personalized spa experiences and a dynamic art scene.

In a city renowned for its architecture and art, Hotel Matilda takes this legacy a step further by exhibiting the works of acclaimed contemporary artists.

The Hotel Matilda, San Miguel de Allende, Mexico, Spa Matilda and Moxi Restaurant by Enrique Olvera will be delighted to consider hosting Alliance press card holders able to feature the hotel.

Visit : [www.hotelmatilda.com](http://www.hotelmatilda.com). Contact : Marian Gerlich at [PGworld@aol.com](mailto:PGworld@aol.com).

## Hotel Pont Royal, Paris

Located in the midst of the stylish Saint-Germain des Prés area, the five star Pont Royal, guests can immerse themselves in literary and artistic Paris.

There is the chance to stroll through the small side streets, where the best art galleries are found, and with the Seine never far away.

The Pont Royal will be delighted to consider accommodation for Alliance press card holders on assignment.

Visit : [www.leshotelsduroy.com/en/hotel-pont-royal](http://www.leshotelsduroy.com/en/hotel-pont-royal). Contact : Ros Boycott at [ros@masonrose.com](mailto:ros@masonrose.com).

## 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](http://www.housetrip.com). Contact : Ryan Levitt at [rlevitt@housetrip.com](mailto:rlevitt@housetrip.com).

## **The Hoxton Holborn, London**

The Hoxton Hotel in East London is relocating to High Holborn, where the second hotel in the portfolio, called the Hoxton Holborn, will open in central London in May 2014.

The new site, located within a Grade II listed building, will house 174 bedrooms over five floors.

Guests can take advantage of the complimentary healthy breakfast bags by hanging a special paper bag outside the room door which is then filled over night with a granola yoghurt, banana and OJ.

Emulating the successful formula of the original Hox hotel, most of the public spaces will be run by The Soho House group.

The hotel will also feature an outlet of the Hoxton Grill which serves up classic American food in an industrial style conservatory space, whilst in the basement the laid back Chicken Shop dishes out rotisserie chicken.

The Hoxton Holborn will be delighted to consider hosting Alliance press card holders able to feature the hotel.

Visit : [www.hoxtonhotels.com](http://www.hoxtonhotels.com). Contact : Julia Pearson at [Jules@thehox.com](mailto:Jules@thehox.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](http://www.gotohungary.com). Contact : Karin Jones at [media@gotohungary.co.uk](mailto:media@gotohungary.co.uk).

## **Hyatt Regency Clearwater Beach Resort and Spa, Florida, USA**

The Hyatt Regency Clearwater Beach Resort and Spa features 250 guest suites that blend tropical elegance with a luxurious carefree experience on Florida's West coast.

The resort offers Gulf views provide the backdrop for expansive floor plans ranging from deluxe to one and two-bedroom beach suites.

Each suite features a full kitchen and balconies or rooftop terraces. Guests can enjoy a variety of upscale amenities such as a resort swimming pool deck with 20 air-conditioned poolside cabanas and a children's pool area, a spa pool area on the 16th floor and multiple dining options, including the resort's signature seafood grill, SHOR.

Located less than 20 miles from international airports in both Tampa and St. Petersburg / Clearwater, resort is the centerpiece of the Clearwater Beach's new Beach Walk, a half-mile promenade offering entertainment, shopping, dining, strolling and more

The Hyatt Regency Clearwater Beach Resort and Spa will be delighted to consider offering accommodation to press card holders able to feature the resort.

Visit : [www.clearwaterbeach.hyatt.com](http://www.clearwaterbeach.hyatt.com). Contact : Claire Kunzman [Claire@cam-pr.com](mailto:Claire@cam-pr.com)

## Hyatt Regency Trinidad, Port of Spain, Trinidad

Hyatt Regency Trinidad, located in Port of Spain, Trinidad, is the first Caribbean hotel designed specifically for business and meetings guests.

Port of Spain, Trinidad's capital city, is the fastest growing city in the Caribbean and the region's 'business capital'.

The hotel's versatile event space showcases a 16,000 square foot Grand Ballroom and a 10,000 square-foot Ballroom with translation facilities.

Other guest facilities include a full-service fine-dining restaurant, lobby bar and lounge, fitness center and the 9,000 square-foot Spa Esencia. Hyatt Regency Trinidad provides a relaxing escape for business travelers with an infinity pool and terrace overlooking the Gulf of Paria.

Hyatt has a farm to table program for Waterfront and Spa Esencia. Local farmers develop produce never before grown in Trinidad just for the use of the hotel.

Hyatt Regency Trinidad will be delighted to consider hosting Alliance press card holders able to review.

Visit: [www.trinidad.hyatt.com](http://www.trinidad.hyatt.com) Contact: Dana Pucci [Dana@cam-pr.com](mailto:Dana@cam-pr.com).

## ibis Brighton City Centre, UK

The recently opened ibis Brighton City Centre hotel is the first new look ibis hotel in the UK, featuring ibis' new stylish lobby, bar and restaurant concept - changing perceptions of economy hotels in the UK.

The property offers 140 contemporary bedrooms in Brighton's vibrant city centre, and a walking distance from the seafront, shopping Lanes and the Theatre Royal.

The hotel also features a photo wall capturing the essence of the seaside city. Local photographer Emma Boyns created a 29 metre bespoke photo gallery installation featuring Polaroid style images capturing all aspects of Brighton life.

The ibis Brighton City Centre will be delighted to consider offering accommodation to Alliance press card holders on assignment.

Visit : [www.ibis.com](http://www.ibis.com). Contact : Ros Boycott at [ros@masonrose.com](mailto:ros@masonrose.com).

## ICEHOTEL (Sweden)

ICEHOTEL is an art project and hotel made of ice from the Torne River and every year sees a new rendition of the hotel, featuring new interior designs and makers.

ICEHOTEL is constructed over 2 months in the autumn and is open for visitors between December and mid-April.

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

Visit : [www.icehotel.com](http://www.icehotel.com). Contact : Beatrice Karlsson at [pressofficer@icehotel.com](mailto:pressofficer@icehotel.com).

## 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](http://www.visitindependence.com). Contact : Janeen Aggen at [janeena@sbcglobal.net](mailto:janeena@sbcglobal.net).

## Inglewood Manor, Cheshire UK

Located at the heart of 38 acres of grounds, gardens, ponds and pavilions, this Edwardian country house retains all the charm and warmth of a lavish period home.

The 29 luxuriously refurbished bedrooms, most with views of the grounds, provide tranquillity for guests, with dining options ranging from elegant evenings in the restaurant, to sunny alfresco lunches on the Terrace.

Inglewood Manor is conveniently located at the heart of the Northwest's motorway network, with easy access to Manchester, Liverpool and historic Chester, yet surrounded by beautiful Cheshire countryside, the hotel provides the perfect base for doing business or simply relaxing.

Inglewood Manor will be delighted to consider offering accommodation to Alliance press card holders able to feature the hotel.

Visit : [www.inglewoodmanor.co.uk](http://www.inglewoodmanor.co.uk). Contact : Emma Garner at [emma@webtise.com](mailto:emma@webtise.com).

## Indonesia

The Republic of Indonesia is the largest archipelago in the world, comprising more than 13,000 tropical islands fringed with white sandy beaches. Among the most well-known islands are :

- Bali
- Java
- Kalimantan (formerly Borneo)
- Papua
- Sulawesi (formerly Celebes)
- Sumatra, and
- the Maluku Islands (known as Moluccas, the original Spice Islands).

The destination offers richly diverse cultures and heritage, beautiful beaches and ecotourism along with green rainforests to trek through and deep blue pristine seas to dive and swim, and some of the warmest, most hospitable people on earth.

Indonesia will be delighted to hear from Alliance press card holders interested in featuring the country.

Visit : [www.indonesia.travel](http://www.indonesia.travel). Contact : Sarah Habicht at [sarah@humewhitehead.co.uk](mailto:sarah@humewhitehead.co.uk).

## 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](http://www.visitindy.com). Contact : Morgan Greenlee at [MGreenlee@visitindy.com](mailto:MGreenlee@visitindy.com).



## **Inn by the Sea, Maine**

Voted a World's Best Hotel by Travel + Leisure Magazine, 2012, Inn by the Sea is located on a mile of sandy beach and just fifteen minutes from the vibrant city of Portland, Maine.

Inn by the Sea offers fifty-seven guest rooms, suites and cottages making the property the perfect luxury Maine beach hotel for couples or family travel.

Sea Glass restaurant offers panoramic views of Crescent Beach from its intimate dining room or al fresco deck. Chef Mitchell Kaldrovich features the best of Maine's oceans and farms in his seasonally appropriate menus.

There is the chance to enjoy Signature cocktails or selections from our award-winning wine list. SPA at Inn by the Sea offers a full complement of beach inspired body treatments, massages and aesthetics.

Inn by the Sea, on Crescent Beach, has been nationally recognized for its green and pet-friendly hotel practices.

Visit : [www.innbythesea.com](http://www.innbythesea.com). Contact : Rauni Kew at [rkew@innbythesea.com](mailto:rkew@innbythesea.com).

## **The Inn on Fifth, Naples, Florida**

The AAA Four Diamond Inn on Fifth is a luxury, 87-room boutique hotel and new \$18 million Club Level Suites in the heart of downtown Naples in Southwest Florida.

Following the recent completion of an expansion project and, the Inn on Fifth on Fifth Avenue South in downtown Naples is to open a new 7,000-square-foot, \$1.5 million restaurant before Christmas 2013. The Inn on Fifth complex also includes Truluck's Seafood Steak and Crab House.

The Inn on Fifth will be delighted to consider accommodation for Alliance press card holders on assignment.

Visit : [www.innonfifth.com](http://www.innonfifth.com). Contact : Katharina Lane at [katharina@hayworthcreative.com](mailto:katharina@hayworthcreative.com)

## **InterContinental London Westminster, UK**

Named as one of the best new hotels in the world in Condé Nast Traveler's Hot List 2013, this luxury London hotel is located in the heart of Westminster.

Its façade compliments a renovated interior within an historic building, Queen Anne's Chambers, to create superb and spacious accommodation and the sophisticated Blue Boar Smokehouse and Bar. Its hotel is within minutes of Westminster Abbey, Big Ben, and the Houses of Parliament.

Visit : [www.ihg.com/intercontinental/hotels/gb/en/london/lonwm/hoteldetail](http://www.ihg.com/intercontinental/hotels/gb/en/london/lonwm/hoteldetail). Contact : Ashleigh Fleming at [ashleigh.fleming@ihg.com](mailto:ashleigh.fleming@ihg.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 vibrant capital of Provence and the hotel is housed in a listed historical monument dating back to the 18th century. Nearby the Calanques have been 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](http://www.ihg.com/intercontinental/hotels/gb/en/marseille/mrsha/hoteldetail) . Contact : Self Lucy at [lucyself@hors-norme.com](mailto:lucyself@hors-norme.com).

## Juneau, Alaska

Juneau, Alaska's scenic capital city, has cosmopolitan charm and rich history combined with the stunning 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](http://www.traveljuneau.com). Contact : Elizabeth Arnett at [elizabeth.arnett@traveljuneau.com](mailto: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](http://www.katikieshotelsantorini.com) and [www.kirini.com](http://www.kirini.com). Contact : Aaron Moore at [aaron.moore@mediacofss.com](mailto: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.

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

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## **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](http://www.kempinski.com/bodrum). Contact: Hilary Philpott at [hilary.philpott@kempinski.com](mailto: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](http://www.kempinski.com/accra). Contact Kathryn Peel at [kathryn@ophirpr.co.uk](mailto: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.

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## 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](http://www.visitkissimmee.com). Contact : Fiona Pettitt at [fiona@cellet.co.uk](mailto: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](http://www.kerdowneybotswana.com). Contact : Honour Schram de Jong at [honour@honourway.com](mailto: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](http://www.visitkosice.eu). Contact : Ivana Takacsova at [ivana.takacsova@visitkosice.eu](mailto:ivana.takacsova@visitkosice.eu).

## LaGare Hotel Venezia, Venice

The LaGare Hotel Venezia is the first hotel on Venice's Island of Murano.

Located in an old glass factory dating back to the 14th century, the building now features a subtle blend of art and design.

Elegant furnishings are enhanced by Venini glass lighting fixtures, while the common areas feature a permanent exhibition of museum works and objects designed by Murano's famous glass artist.

The views from the windows of the establishment's 118 rooms attest to its exceptional location: magnificent stretches of water can be glimpsed beyond the Grand Canal, while many of the island's famous gardens and flowers add to the gentle charm of the setting.

Guests can enjoy the exceptional splendour of the surrounding streets, an evening sunset over the canal and a relaxing moment in the hotel's typical Venetian courtyard. The hotel's restaurant, Ristorante Riva Longa, also specialises in local dishes and seafood cuisine for a true flavour of Italy.

LaGare Hotel Venezia will be delighted to consider hosting Alliance press card holders able to feature the hotel.

Visit : [www.mgallery.com](http://www.mgallery.com). Contact : Sarah Wilson at [sarah.wilson@mason-williams.com](mailto:sarah.wilson@mason-williams.com).

### **La Mamounia, Marrakech, Morocco**

An icon of Marrakech, La Mamounia is located in 17-hectare of gardens dating from the 18th century.

Past guests have included Hillary Clinton and Winston Churchill

The hotel incorporates Moroccan architectural features and art-deco style, and is surrounded by 12th-century ramparts. Apart from the usual amenities the hotel also offers a gymnasium, a golf course, tennis courts and a casino.

La Mamouina will be delighted to consider hosting Alliance press card holders able to feature the hotel.

Visit : [www.mamounia.com](http://www.mamounia.com). Contact : Ros Boycott at [ros@masonrose.com](mailto:ros@masonrose.com).

### **La Residencia Mallorca**

Located in the verdant mountains on Mallorca's north-west coast, the twin historic manor houses that make up La Residencia have gardens dotted with orange trees, an olive plantation, and important collections of sculptures and other works of art.

Beyond the hotel's fabulous outdoor pools are individual villas with private terraces and a wellness spa.

Days can be spent swimming in sea coves, walking through the hills, taking art classes, discovering cultural attractions by Vespa, cruising the coast at sunset or enjoying a picnic carried by donkeys.

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](http://www.laresidencia.com). Contact : Louise Davis at [louise.davis@laresidencia.com](mailto:louise.davis@laresidencia.com)

### **Las Alamandas, Costalegre, Mexico**

An exclusive estate resort created by Isabel Goldsmith Patiño, Las Alamandas is located within a private nature reserve on the Pacific.

Located on 1,500 acres of unspoiled tropical paradise on the Costalegre midway between Puerto Vallarta and Manzanillo, Las Alamandas is ideal for romantic getaways, intimate honeymoons, relaxing family reunions and self-contained corporate retreats.

Las Alamandas offers seven villas with 16 extraordinarily spacious and beautifully appointed suites accommodating up to 42 guests, contemporary Mexican cuisine, massages to the sounds of the surf, and an array of activities such as nature hikes, mountain biking, kayaking, tennis and surfing.

Las Alamandas will be delighted to consider hosting Alliance press card holders able to feature the hotel.

Visit : [www.alamandas.com](http://www.alamandas.com). Contact : Marian Gerlich at [PGworld@aol.com](mailto:PGworld@aol.com).

## Limousin, France

With a range of concerts, exhibitions, festivals, sports events, markets throughout the year, there's always something going on in Limousin.

Whether you enjoy horseback riding, biking or kayaking events, the sports lover in you will feel right at home here. However, Limousin is much more than a land of adventure.

Culture plays an important part too.

In Corrèze discover several of France's prettiest villages, the lovely town of Brive-la-Gaillarde, the Dordogne river and its gabare boats or the unique town of Collonges-la-Rouge made entirely of red stone.

Take time to discover Creuse, from Aubusson with its famous tapestry (on UNESCO's intangible heritage list) to Guéret with its famous wolf park.

Limoges welcomes visitors to Haute-Vienne. Visit Mortemart, another one of France's prettiest villages with breathtaking churches, abbeys, castles.

Discover age old crafts such as leather production in Saint-Junien, the Saint-Léonard-de-Noblat paper mill, and of course the art of Limoges porcelain.

- Limousin also offers an abundance of top quality local produce including :
- meat (the famous Limousin beef, veal, lamb, pork, poultry and foie gras)
- apples (the only ones to have been awarded the prestigious AOP label in France), berries (strawberries, blueberries, raspberries)
- walnuts (try walnut liqueur at the Denoix Distillery in Brive), and
- chestnuts can all be found at local markets, farms and in restaurants.

Tourism Limousin will be delighted to support Alliance press card holders able to feature the destination.

Visit: [www.tourismelimousin.com/en](http://www.tourismelimousin.com/en) Contact: Edith Meyer at [edith@firstpr.co.uk](mailto:edith@firstpr.co.uk).

## 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](http://www.linthwaitehousehotel.com). Contact : Su Hesketh at [su@crimsonedge.co.uk](mailto:su@crimsonedge.co.uk).

## Lithuania

Lithuania is a top European short break destination for culture and heritage, outdoors and spa tourism.

From the bustling capital city of Vilnius to the seaside resort of Klaipėda and winter destination of Druskininkai, Lithuania is the most southern country of the three Baltic States, affording visitors the opportunity to explore its vast and varied activities and landscapes.

Visitors are invited to come and explore the destinations unique culture and heritage from the Amber Trails to the Curonian Spit National Park and relax at one of Lithuania's many spas.

Year round events include :

- Mardi Gras in February
- Vilnius International Film Festival in March
- the International Jazz Festival in April
- the International Contemporary Dance Festival "New Baltic Dance" in May
- the Medieval Festival in Trakai Peninsular Castle in June
- the Vilnius Marathon in September, and
- the "Christopher Christmas" music concerts in December.

Lithuania Tourism will be delighted to hear from Alliance press card holders looking to produce features on the country.

Visit: [www.lithuania.travel](http://www.lithuania.travel) Contact: Cindy Landlust at [cindy@representationplus.co.uk](mailto:cindy@representationplus.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 on the slopes with cycling being a particularly popular.

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

Visit : [www.livigno.eu](http://www.livigno.eu). Contact : Lynsey Devon at [lynsey@heavenpublicity.co.uk](mailto:lynsey@heavenpublicity.co.uk).

## The Llangoed Hall Hotel, Wye Valley, Wales

The Llangoed Hall Hotel has been voted the AA Hotel of the Year 2013/2014 Wales and awarded the AA Inspectors' Choice with 4 Red Stars.

Llangoed Hall, a Jacobean manor formally known as Llangoed Castle, dates back to 1632.

It was purchased in the mid-1980s by Sir Bernard Ashley & Laura Ashley who transformed it and a recent refurbishment celebrates the heritage of the Laura Ashley brand which enters its 60th year of business this year.

Many of the bedrooms feature original pieces by Laura Ashley herself, including the first garment Laura ever made. Llangoed Hall's art collection is dispersed throughout the hotel, with paintings, drawings and various pieces of fine art including artists such as Whistler, Herman Dudley Murphy and James Cowie.

Llangoed Hall will be delighted to host Alliance press card holders able to review the hotel in their features.

Visit : [www.llangoedhall.co.uk](http://www.llangoedhall.co.uk). Contact : Peter da Silva at [peter@boutiquedasilva.com](mailto:peter@boutiquedasilva.com).



## LocalGuiding

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Belgium	England	Kenya	Republic of	Uganda
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Bhutan	Ethiopia	Latvia	Romania	United Arab
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Botswana	Greece	Malta	Scotland	Uzbekistan
Brazil	Guatemala	Mauritius	Senegal	Venezuela
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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](http://www.LocalGuiding.com). Contact : Robert Blessing at [rb@localguiding.com](mailto: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/](http://www.lochmelfort.co.uk/). Contact : Su Hesketh at [su@crimsonedge.co.uk](mailto: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.

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

Visit : [www.valleedulot.com](http://www.valleedulot.com). Contact : Stephanie Khaou at [lotvalley1@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://www.lovelady.co.uk). Contact : Su Hesketh at [su@crimsonedge.co.uk](mailto:su@crimsonedge.co.uk).

### **Love Loch Lomond, Scotland**

*Love Loch Lomond*, which 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 distilleries, climb mountains, try a segway safari or a photography course, sail on one of Scotland's most beautiful and famous lochs.

There is also the chance to visit its islands, walk on two of Scotland's Great Trails, visit boutique shops and farmers' markets or simply relax in Scotland's premier day visit and leisure destination.

Visit: [www.lovelochlomond.com](http://www.lovelochlomond.com). Contact: Johanna Campbell at [johanna@johannacampbell.co.uk](mailto:johanna@johannacampbell.co.uk)

### **Lumley Castle Hotel, Chester le Street, nr Durham, UK**

Standing proud for more than 600 years, the Lumley Castle dominates the County Durham landscape.

It is surrounded by parklands overlooking the River Wear and Durham County Cricket Ground and the historic city of Durham Newcastle, and is situated to explore the North East of England.

Lumley Castle is one of the finest Durham hotels and UK business and leisure destinations and has 73 bedrooms and suites, some of which boast bathrooms hidden behind bookcases or through a wardrobe.

Lumley Castle Hotel will be delighted to consider offering accommodation to Alliance press card holders able to feature the property.

Visit : [www.lumleycastle.com](http://www.lumleycastle.com). Contact : Emma Walker at [emma@sortedpr.com](mailto:emma@sortedpr.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 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary since the arrival of the Portuguese in Macau in the 16<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.macautourism.gov.mo). Contact : Sarah Habicht at [Sarah@humewhitehead.co.uk](mailto:Sarah@humewhitehead.co.uk).

## Made London – West End Theatre Shows

PR agency made London will host Alliance press card holders at a selection of London musicals including MAMMA MIA! We Will Rock You and Wicked. Plus Opera & Ballet.

Subject to availability. For information on current shows visit: [www.officiallondontheatre.co.uk](http://www.officiallondontheatre.co.uk).

To request tickets contact: [info@made2010.com](mailto:info@made2010.com) with your card number when requesting tickets.

Visit : [www.officiallondontheatre.co.uk](http://www.officiallondontheatre.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](http://www.visitmadesimo.it). Contact : Lynsey Devon at [lynsey@heavenpublicity.co.uk](mailto:lynsey@heavenpublicity.co.uk).

## Malaysia

Malaysia is a bustling melting pot of races and religions where Malays, Indians, Chinese and many other ethnic groups live together.

Multiculturalism has only made Malaysia a gastronomical paradise, it has also made Malaysia home to hundreds of colourful festivals including in its capital Kuala Lumpur.

Malaysians are very laid back, warm and friendly people who love celebrating and socialising.

One of Malaysia's key attractions is its extreme contrasts with :

- towering skyscrapers looking down upon wooden houses built on stilts, and five-star hotels located several metres away from ancient reefs, and
- cool hideaways to be found in the highlands that roll down to warm, sandy beaches and rich, humid mangroves.

In Malaysia, you can choose to city-hop to experience the variety of shopping opportunities, entertainment and accommodation or lie back on white sandy beaches or enjoy the rustic charms of the countryside.

There's the chance to take an eco-holiday and climb Kinabalu, one of the regions highest mountains, visit orangutans in Sepilok, or go diving in Sipadan.

Malaysia has something for the historian, conference delegate, backpacker and gap traveller, the eco-tourist, city-hopper or beachcomber.

Tourism Malaysia is launching Visit Malaysia Year 2014, an extravaganza of special events for visitors and locals alike and with daily direct flights with Malaysian Airlines.

Tourism Malaysia will also be delighted to hear from Alliance press card holders who are looking to produce features in the country.

Visit: [www.tourism.gov.my](http://www.tourism.gov.my) Contact: Anna Wolstenholme at [anna@representationplus.co.uk](mailto:anna@representationplus.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](http://www.malawitourism.com). Contact : Mr Kelly White at [enquiries@malawitourism.com](mailto: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](http://www.hotelbonsol.es), [www.hoteltres.com](http://www.hoteltres.com), [www.daltmurada.com](http://www.daltmurada.com) and [www.hotelmarivent.com](http://www.hotelmarivent.com). Contact : Cathryn Hicks at [cathryn@douggoodmanpr.com](mailto: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](http://www.parismarriott.com). Contact: Bernice Saltzer at [bernice@sortedpr.com](mailto: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 will be pleased to consider press requests from Alliance press card holders with a commission.

Visit : [www.mercyhotel.com](http://www.mercyhotel.com). Contact : Cathryn Hicks at [cathryn@douggoodmanpr.com](mailto: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](http://www.michaelneave.co.uk). Contact : Su Hesketh at [su@crimsonedge.co.uk](mailto:su@crimsonedge.co.uk).

### **Mid Wales and West Coast Wales**

Mid Wales is a great location for a family holiday, romantic getaway, or short break or weekend getaway.

The area has :

- two National Parks - Snowdonia and the Brecon Beacons
- the Cambrian Mountains
- the mid Wales - Cardigan Bay Coast and the Mid Wales Marches.

Bordering both Shropshire and Herefordshire you will find castles, country houses & gardens, wildlife and nature reserves, small market towns, lakes, mountains and beaches.

Mid Wales offers walking, cycling, water sports, mountains, wildlife and nature and the chance to relax.

Mid Wales Tourism (MTW) will be delighted to support Alliance Press Card holders, with suitable commissions, who are visiting Mid and West Coast Wales.

MWT 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.visitmidwales.com](http://www.visitmidwales.com). Contact : Duncan Foulkes at [press@mwtcymru.co.uk](mailto:press@mwtcymru.co.uk).

## Mir Corporation

Mir Corporation will consider offering tours to Alliance press card holders on assignment. Mir Corporation is a tour-operator specialising in tours to Russia, the Trans-Siberian Railroad and tours to Central Asia.

Visit : [www.mircorp.com](http://www.mircorp.com). Contact : Adam York at [adam@sublimepub.com](mailto: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](http://www.mohonk.com). Contact : Laura Koster at [lkoster@btcmarketing.com](mailto:lkoster@btcmarketing.com).

## 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 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 review tour.

Visit : [www.walkinginportugal.com](http://www.walkinginportugal.com). Contact : David Monteiro at [info@walkinginportugal.com](mailto: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](http://www.ghotw.com/hotel/home/moevenpick-dead-sea.htm). Contact : Ashleigh Silverman at [asilverman@ghotw.com](mailto:asilverman@ghotw.com).

## **The Moorland Garden Hotel, Devon UK**

The Moorland Garden Hotel, which is under the new management of Sonia and Brian Meaden, enjoys a location between the Dartmoor National Park and the magnificent natural harbour of Plymouth.

An extensive refurbishment programme is under way to restore the hotel and its nine acres of gardens to their former glory. Located on the Devon-Cornwall border between the wilds of Dartmoor and the coast at Plymouth.

Diners at the hotel's Wildflower Restaurant and informal Dartmoor Bar can enjoy locally sourced produce including farmers aged beef fillet and 'Dartmoor raised lamb; two ways' Dartmoor ham and Cornish brie; locally sourced fish in a Dartmoor beer batter.

The Moorland Garden Hotel will be delighted to consider hosting Alliance press card holders able to feature the hotel.

Visit : [www.moorlandgardenhotel.co.uk](http://www.moorlandgardenhotel.co.uk). Samantha Kirton at [samantha@ipr-online.co.uk](mailto:samantha@ipr-online.co.uk).

## **Mt Washington Valley, New Hampshire, USA**

Mt Washington Valley is New Hampshire's premier White Mountains vacation destination.

The Mt. Washington Valley Chamber of Commerce was set up in 1911, although for years before that, vacationers had been making their way through the area.

The Mt. Washington Valley Chamber of Commerce now represents :

- over 200 lodging properties
- 150 attractions
- 7 Alpine Ski mountains and 6 Nordic Ski centers
- tax-free shopping
- 10 golf courses with over 200 holes allowing
- over 75 restaurants, including a band of locally owned and operated "Valley Originals".

Mt. Washington itself is the highest peak in New England

The Mt. Washington Valley Chamber of Commerce will be delighted to hear from Alliance press card holders who are on assignment and able to highlight the area.

Visit : [www.mtwashingtonvalley.org](http://www.mtwashingtonvalley.org). Contact : Maynely Marketing at [info@maynelymarketing.com](mailto:info@maynelymarketing.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](http://www.burma-travel.info) and [www.visit-myanmar.info](http://www.visit-myanmar.info). Contact : Keith Lyons at [keithalyons@gmail.com](mailto: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 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](http://www.myrtlebeachseasideresorts.com). Contact: Jane Milbrandt at [jmilbrandt@buffalocommunications.com](mailto:jmilbrandt@buffalocommunications.com).

## The Nam Hai, Hoi An, Vietnam

The stunning all villa resort located on pristine Hoi An Beach features sixty one-bedroom retreats as well as forty privately owned two-to-five bedroom residences each with a private infinity pool, amid lush landscaping and unobstructed views of the sea.

The unique and gracious culture of Central Vietnam combines with The Nam Hai's splendor to deliver one of the world's foremost luxury experiences. The spa, rated among the world's best, gourmet cuisine and abundant recreational pursuits including an 18-hole Colin Montgomerie golf course are just some of the offerings at The Nam Hai.

The Nam Hai will consider hosting Alliance press card holders able to feature the resort.

Visit : [www.thenamhai.com](http://www.thenamhai.com). Contact : Ros Boycott at [ros@masonrose.com](mailto:ros@masonrose.com).

## **The Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club, Florida**

The Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club is Southwest Florida's only beachfront resort with an on-site championship golf course, world-class spa, and award-winning tennis center.

The resort has received the AAA Four Diamond rating, moving up from its previous AAA Three Diamond rating. Only 4.8% of the 30,000 lodgings approved by AAA receive its four diamond rating.

The Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club will be delighted to consider press trip requests from Alliance press card holders able to feature the resort.

Visit : [www.naplesbeachhotel.com](http://www.naplesbeachhotel.com). Contact : Karen Lamonica at [klamonica@chisano.com](mailto:klamonica@chisano.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](http://www.marriott.co.uk/hotels/travel/nclgh-newcastle-gateshead-marriott-hotel-metrocentre)  
Contact : Bernice Saltzer at [bernice@SortedPR.com](mailto: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](http://www.circleline42.com). Contact: Lisa Chamberlain at [lisa.chamberlain@btinternet.com](mailto:lisa.chamberlain@btinternet.com)

## **Niagara, USA**

The Niagara Tourism & Convention Corporation (NTCC) promotes the county 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](http://www.niagara-usa.com). Contact : MichelleBlackley at [michelle@niagara-usa.com](mailto:michelle@niagara-usa.com)

## **Nicols Boating Holidays, France**

Nicols is a tour operator offering self-drive boating holidays on the rivers and canals of France, with over 20 different bases are available throughout most regions of the country.

No previous boating experience or a licence is needed to take the helm of a stylish Nicols cruiser. Travelling by boat is a great way to see France from a new perspective and enjoy the relaxed pace of life on the waterways.

Nicols will be delighted to consider press trips for Alliance press card holders who are able to review this fun and flexible holiday accommodation.

Visit: [www.boat-renting-nicols.co.uk](http://www.boat-renting-nicols.co.uk). Contact: Rob Jordan at [rob.jordan@mondomarketing.co.uk](mailto:rob.jordan@mondomarketing.co.uk).

## **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.

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Those interested should contact : Charlie Spencer at [Charlie.Spencer@No1Traveller.com](mailto: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](http://No1Traveller.com). Contact : Charlie Spencer at [Charlie.Spencer@No1Traveller.com](mailto: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](http://www.norfolkhideaways.co.uk). Contact : Danielle Howard at [danielle@junglepr.com](mailto: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 Venice.

The Oetker Collection will be pleased to consider offering accommodation to Alliance press card holders.

Visit : [www.oetkercollection.com](http://www.oetkercollection.com). Contact : Julia Perowne at [jp@verypcc.com](mailto:jp@verypcc.com)

## **Núñez i Navarro Hotels, Barcelona**

Núñez i Navarro Hotels has nine hotels in Barcelona :

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| • Hotel Barcelona Universal | • Hotel Paral.lel | • the B-Hotel, and |
| • Hotel Europark            | • Hotel Granvía   | • Hotel 1898.      |
| • Núñez Urgell Hotel        | • Hotel Jazz      |                    |

It has properties in Las Ramblas for visiting Boqueria Market and the Gothic area; in Passeig de Gràcia next to Antoni Gaudí buildings; in Plaza Catalunya at Fira de Barcelona and near Palau de Congressos.

Núñez i Navarro Hotels will be delighted to consider hosting Alliance press card holders who are visiting the city on assignment.

Visit : [www.nnhotels.com](http://www.nnhotels.com). Contact : Alba Plana at [pr@orbyce.com](mailto:pr@orbyce.com).

## Oman

Oman boasts a unique culture, stunning landscapes and an array of natural attractions that range from 3,000 metre high rugged mountain ranges to ochre deserts.

Divers, hikers and history buffs all relish the pristine local waters, over 3,000 kilometre of untouched coastline and labyrinthine souks.

The country's welcoming population greets over 2.5 million travellers per year.

Oman's greatest attraction is its diverse landscape.

The peninsula of Musandam's majestic fjords skirt the country's northernmost tip.

Further South, Oman is dotted with magnificent desert expanses, towering mountains and virgin sandy beaches.

The range of activities available in Oman is equally varied, from canoeing in the Indian Ocean to bird watching and rock climbing. There are also boat trips to spot dolphins or close encounters with nesting turtles.

The country's cultural and archaeological heritage reflects hundreds of years of foreign influence and international trade.

Evidence of this rich legacy is dispersed throughout the country.

Oman is home to more than 500 forts, as well as castles, watchtowers and a wealth of ancient cave paintings, not to mention four UNESCO World Heritage Sites.

The Frankinscence Trail and Salalah are favourites with culture vultures travelling to the destination.

Through deliberate and sustainable development, the country remains firmly rooted in its traditions. A trip to Oman affords the chance to experience the timeless Arabian way of life.

Moreover, visitors will revel in the natural beauty of a country that purveys its own brand of low impact tourism.

Oman Air has non-stop daily flight from Heathrow to Muscat with connections to Salalah and Musandam making travelling to the destination particularly easy.

Oman Tourism will be delighted to hear from Alliance press card holders able to produce features on the country.

Visit: [www.omantourism.gov.om](http://www.omantourism.gov.om) Contact: Suzanne Halil at [suzanne@representationplus.co.uk](mailto:suzanne@representationplus.co.uk).

## 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 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.

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](http://www.onairworld.com). Contact : Geoff Harrison at [worldtvinternational@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://www.travelradioaustralia.com).

Visit : [www.oneworldtrekking.com](http://www.oneworldtrekking.com). Contact : Andy Crisconi at [andy.crisconi@oneworldtrekking.com](mailto: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](http://www.orient-express.com). Contact : Emily Wilson at [emily.wilson@orient-express.com](mailto: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 Middelmarc 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 it's 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](http://www.otagocentralrailtrail.co.nz). Contact : Edward Fox at [edwardfox@orcon.net.nz](mailto:edwardfox@orcon.net.nz).

## **Palace Hotel Tokyo**

Palace Hotel Tokyo, which reopened in 2012 after a total refurbishment, has a moat-side location beside the Imperial Palace gardens.

As the anchor to a USD 1.2 billion mixed-use development which includes an adjoining Palace Building consisting of prime commercial office space, Palace Hotel Tokyo features 290 luxury guestrooms, 10 restaurants & bars and an evian SPA.

Palace Hotel Tokyo will be delighted to consider hosting Alliance press card holders able to feature the property.

Visit : [www.en.palacehoteltokyo.com](http://www.en.palacehoteltokyo.com). Contact : Ros Boycott at [ros@masonrose.com](mailto:ros@masonrose.com).

## **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.chateauversailles.fr](http://www.chateauversailles.fr). Contact : Hélène Dalifard at [presse@chateauversailles.fr](mailto:presse@chateauversailles.fr)

## **Paso Robles and the Travel Paso Robles Alliance, California USA**

Located in the Santa Lucia Mountains of the Central California Coast midway between Los Angeles and San Francisco, Paso Robles is a welcoming retreat that offers the authentic California experience.

Founded in 2008, the Travel Paso Robles Alliance (TPRA) is a group of 19 area hoteliers with the mission to market Paso Robles as world class visitor destination.

The extensive variety of activities and experiences provide enjoyment for everyone including untouched natural beauty, more than 250 wineries, renowned cultural attractions such as nearby Hearst Castle, a bounty of fresh cuisine supplied by local organic specialty farmers, ranchers and fisherman, first-class shopping, golf and entertainment, and much more.

Visitors can choose from a wide selection of accommodations, from historic hotels and boutique inns to leading brand properties and affordable, family friendly motels.

The Travel Paso Robles Alliance will be delighted to hear from Alliance press card holders who are able to feature this part of California

Visit [www.travelpaso.com](http://www.travelpaso.com). Susan Hartzler at [shartzler@mentalmarketing.com](mailto:shartzler@mentalmarketing.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](http://www.pembrokeshire.com). Contact: Pat Edgar [PRMatters@dsl.pipex.com](mailto:PRMatters@dsl.pipex.com)

## **PGA Golf Club, Florida**

Located in Port St. Lucie, Fla. (one hour north of West Palm Beach), the PGA Golf Club at PGA Village is one of America's top ranked resorts and home to 54 championship holes by Tom Fazio and Pete Dye.

Owned and operated by The PGA of America, PGA Golf Club is one of the premier public-access resort facilities and the "home course" for the 27,000 men and women PGA Professionals.

Also located on-site, the PGA Center for Golf Learning and Performance is a 35-acre golf park with 100 swing stations and nine bunker types to simulate play from around the world.

This ultimate learning environment employs world-class technology as well as innovative training solutions from the PGA Center for Fitness and Performance.

The PGA Golf Club will be happy to consider visits by Alliance press card holders on assignment.

Visit : [www.pgavillage.com](http://www.pgavillage.com). Contact : Glenn Gray at [ggray@buffalocommuncations.com](mailto:ggray@buffalocommuncations.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 bar 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](http://www.the-pheasant.co.uk). Contact : Su Hesketh at [su@crimsonedge.co.uk](mailto: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](http://www.discoverPHL.com). Contact : Greg Evans at [g.p.evans@btinternet.com](mailto: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.

Visit : [www.phoenixparkbikehire.com](http://www.phoenixparkbikehire.com) and [www.thegatheringireland.com](http://www.thegatheringireland.com). Contact : Anna Sharp at [anna@asharppr.com](mailto:anna@asharppr.com).



### **Pine River Ranch, Washington State**

Pine River Ranch B&B and Wedding Venue has 22 acres of historic outdoor beauty.

Located just minutes outside Leavenworth - one of Washington State's biggest tourist cities – the ranch provides excellent accommodations including custom made log beds, river rock fireplaces, Jacuzzi tubs and breakfast delivered to your room.

Pine River Ranch 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.prranch.com](http://www.prranch.com). Contact : Allan Gourlie at [allang@quicknbrite.com](mailto:allang@quicknbrite.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](http://www.ClassicCalifornia.com), or contact Suzen Brasile at [sbrasile@pismobeach.org](mailto:sbrasile@pismobeach.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, 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](http://www.800poconos.com). Contact : Elizabeth A. Richardson at [Erichardson@poconos.org](mailto:Erichardson@poconos.org).



## Poole, Dorset UK

Poole's natural harbour complete with eight unique islands and striking peninsula is the largest in the Europe. Recently featured in ITV1's Harbour Lives, Poole is a haven for sailors, wildlife and the latest water sport, with Britain's best beach - Sandbanks awarded more Blue Flags than any other UK resort.

Gateway to the world heritage Jurassic Coast, the safe shallow waters of Poole harbour make it the perfect place to learn everything from sailing and windsurfing to kayaks and stand up paddle boards.

The 110 miles of inland harbour and beaches mean there is alfresco dining, fresh seafood and waterside views to suit every budget and taste.

Much of the town's rich history is visible on the traditional working Quayside where one can explore the mix of Georgian and medieval buildings that bring Poole's seafaring history and smugglers to life.

Or cruise round the harbour and explore the National Trust's Brownsea Island to spot red squirrels, sika deer and displays by the fabulous birdlife sheltering at this wildlife hot spot.

Poole Tourism would be happy to hear from Alliance card holders who are able to feature the area.

Visit [www.pooletourism.com](http://www.pooletourism.com) Contact: Michelle Holland, [m.holland@pooletourism.com](mailto:m.holland@pooletourism.com).

## The Professional Association of Innkeepers International, USA

In 1988 two innkeepers, Pat Hardy and JoAnn Bell, created the Professional Association of Innkeepers International (PAII) as an outgrowth of their successful monthly newsletter, *innkeeping*.

Today nearly PAII has 3000 members representing innkeepers throughout the UK.

The Professional Association of Innkeepers International will be delighted to consider offering accommodation at members properties to Alliance press card holders able to highlight the property.

Visit : [www.innkeeping.org](http://www.innkeeping.org). Contact : Maynely Marketing at [info@maynelymarketing.com](mailto:info@maynelymarketing.com).

## The Pullman Marseille Palm Beach Hotel

The a 4\* design hotel Pullman Marseille Palm Beach is located just along the coast from the industrial and cultural city of Marseille, on the Corniche du President John F Kennedy,

It is built into the rocks of the southern France coastline with views of the Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur mountains rising up from the Mediterranean

As part of Marseille-Provence 2013 European Capital of Culture, the Pullman Marseille Palm Beach has added a new dimension to contemporary art with the creation of the "Art Kube" concept.

The Art Kube, which is located in the hotel lobby overlooking the sea, will be in residence until December, hosting internationally renowned local artists who will each transform and reinterpret the areas inside and outside.

The Pullman Marseille Palm Beach Hotel will be delighted to consider hosting Alliance press card holders able to feature the hotel.

Visit : [www.pullmanhotels.com](http://www.pullmanhotels.com). Contact : Sarah Wilson at [sarah.wilson@mason-williams.com](mailto:sarah.wilson@mason-williams.com).

## **Pullman Paris Bercy hotel, France**

In October 2013 Pullman will unveil the new look Pullman Paris Bercy hotel, the second of five Pullman hotels in Paris to undergo a comprehensive redesign as part of Pullman Paris Live.

The hotel's 396 bedrooms have been redesigned, now featuring minimalist lines softened by vibrant colours.

A minutes from central Paris, Bercy Village is Paris's best kept secret, featuring a fantastic array of bars, restaurants and boutique shops housed in old wine warehouses.

The Pullman Paris Bercy will be delighted to consider hosting Alliance press card holders able to feature the hotel.

Visit : [www.pullmanhotels.com](http://www.pullmanhotels.com). Contact : Sarah Wilson at [sarah.wilson@mason-williams.com](mailto:sarah.wilson@mason-williams.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 able to feature the area.

Visit : [www.bonjourquebec.com](http://www.bonjourquebec.com). Contact : Caroline Corfield-Rose at [caroline@corecommunications.co.uk](mailto: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](http://www.rabbies.com). Contact : Andrea McCallum at [andrea.mccallum@freshwater-uk.com](mailto:andrea.mccallum@freshwater-uk.com).

## **Radisson Blu and Park Inn by Radisson hotels, UK and Ireland**

Radisson Blu and Park Inn by Radisson hotels is offering Alliance press card holders the opportunity to stay at their airport hotels at Heathrow, Gatwick, Stansted, Manchester and Liverpool. Or in any of its portfolio of UK and Ireland hotels.

This can be a great addition to a press trip write up and could be your calling point before or during your journey. From luxury high end Radisson Blu city breaks, to affordable Park Inn by Radisson resorts, the company caters for a range of demographics.

Its range of airport hotels can also be used as stopovers before a trip.

Visit : [www.radissonblu.com](http://www.radissonblu.com) and [www.parkinn.com](http://www.parkinn.com). Contact : James Deacon at [James.deacon@fticonsulting.com](mailto:James.deacon@fticonsulting.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](http://www.ramada.co.uk). Contact : Bernice Saltzer at [bernice@sortedpr.com](mailto:bernice@sortedpr.com).

## **Rancho Valencia Resort & Spa, San Diego**

Rancho Valencia Resort & Spa reopened in 2012 after a 10-month, \$30 million property-wide renovation.

Since 1989, the award-winning Rancho Valencia Resort & Spa, Southern California's only Relais & Châteaux, property has a reputation as one of Southern California's most sought after luxury resorts.

Located in 45 acres of gardens, trails and olive groves and casitas this Mediterranean inspired, all-suite property has 49 luxury casitas with private patios, a three-bedroom Hacienda with a private pool and backyard, a world-class spa, fine dining restaurant and award-winning tennis program, as well as 12 residential villas.

The Rancho Valencia Resort & Spa will be delighted to consider accommodation for Alliance press card holders on assignment.

Visit : [www.ranchovalencia.com](http://www.ranchovalencia.com). Contact : Ros Boycott at [ros@masonrose.com](mailto:ros@masonrose.com).

## **Ranch Rider**

Ranch Rider is a specialist company offering horseback adventure holidays for solo travellers to families and groups at ranches throughout the USA and in Canada, Argentina, South Africa, Botswana and Namibia.

Ranch Rider will be delighted to hear from Alliance press card holders able to feature Ranch Rider's or one of their ranches.

Visit : [www.ranchrider.com](http://www.ranchrider.com). Contact : Siobhan Erum-Credo at [siobhan@tionlondon.co.uk](mailto:siobhan@tionlondon.co.uk).

## **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](http://www.ravenstonemanor.co.uk). Contact : Su Hesketh at [su@crimsonedge.co.uk](mailto: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-rennaissance-paris-arc-de-triomphe-hotel](http://www.marriott.co.uk/hotels/travel/parwg-rennaissance-paris-arc-de-triomphe-hotel). Contact : Bernice Saltzer at [bernice@sortedpr.com](mailto: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](http://www.icelandbike.com). Contact : Stefan Helgi Valsson at [valsson@centrum.is](mailto: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](http://www.reykjaviksegwaytours.com). Contact : Stefan Helgi Valsson at [book@reykjaviksegwaytours.com](mailto:book@reykjaviksegwaytours.com)

## **Ritz-Carlton Montreal, Montreal, Quebec**

Recently re-opened after undergoing a four-year, multi-million dollar renovation, the 'Grande Dame of Sherbrooke Street' offers the most luxurious accommodation in Montreal.

It has already been deemed a Five-Diamond property, by CAA /AAA and received nods from Condé Nast Traveller and Robb Report.

The 96 Room, 33 suite hotel has been transformed into a chic and modern space, that retains all of the charm and character of the original 1912 building.

The Ritz-Carlton Montreal has Chef Daniel Boulud's restaurant Maison Boulud.

The Ritz-Carlton Montreal will be delighted to consider press visits for International Travel Writers Alliance press card holders on a case-by case basis.

Visit : [www.ritzmontreal.com](http://www.ritzmontreal.com). Contact Mark Bernhardt at [mark@sirencommunications.com](mailto:mark@sirencommunications.com)

## Rockford, Illinois

Rockford is located in north central Illinois, 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.

Visit : [www.gorockford.com](http://www.gorockford.com). Contact : Fiona Pettitt at [fiona@cellet.co.uk](mailto:fiona@cellet.co.uk).

## The Rocky Mountaineer, Canada

The Rocky Mountaineer offers five unique rail routes, rich in history and natural wonders, through the Pacific Northwest and Alberta.

In 2013, the company introduced its new route, Coastal Passage which signified the Rocky Mountaineer's first time crossing borders, arriving into and departing from Seattle, WA.

This luxury train travels by daylight through the wild beauty of Canada's West and is the best way to experience the Canadian Rockies. Since its inception in 1990, Rocky Mountaineer has grown to become the largest privately owned passenger rail service in North America and has welcomed more than one and a half million guests onboard.

The rail journey looks to recapture the romance of rail travel as it follows the historic rail routes, which united Canada from coast to coast over 100 years ago.

The Rocky Mountaineer will be happy to consider hosting Alliance press card holders on trips who are visiting British Columbia, Alberta or Seattle.

Visit : [www.rockymountaineer.com](http://www.rockymountaineer.com). Contact : Kate Selley at [kate@kateselleypr.co.uk](mailto:kate@kateselleypr.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](http://www.rosaliebay.com). Contact: Julie Harper at [julie@madiganpratt.com](mailto: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](http://www.royaldemeure.com). Contact : Tryphena Greenwood at [Tryphena.Greenwood@brightergroup.com](mailto:Tryphena.Greenwood@brightergroup.com).

## The Royal Mansour, Marrakech

The Royal Mansour luxury hotel is located within the walls of Marrakech's old city, amid the elegant riads, quiet courtyards and intimate restaurants.

Centered on a main courtyard with fountains and colorful mosaics, the hotel has an art gallery and a peaceful enclave for afternoon tea.

Marrakesh is the most important of Morocco's four former imperial cities. Inhabited by Berber farmers from Neolithic times, the city was founded in 1062.

The Royal Mansour will be delighted to consider hosting Alliance press card holders able to feature the hotel.

Visit : [www.royalmansour.com](http://www.royalmansour.com). Contact : Ros Boycott at [ros@masonrose.com](mailto:ros@masonrose.com).

## The Royal Park Hotel, London

Situated on the edge of London's famous Hyde Park and just a short stroll from Lancaster Gate tube station, the elegant, 48 roomed boutique hotel, The Royal Park is delighted to welcome Alliance press card holders who have suitable, confirmed commissions.

Quintessentially English in style and décor, each guest staying at The Royal Park receives a warm welcome and a drink of their choice upon arrival.

Complimentary champagne and canapés are served each evening from 7.00pm-8.00pm.

Original oil paintings adorn the walls and each piece of antique furniture has been thoughtfully and carefully selected. Beds are hand-made and are complete with hand-stitched Irish bed linen. English perfumers, Penhaligon's amenities are abundant throughout the hotel.

A member of Preferred Boutique, The Royal Park is an English hotel in the heart of London with excellent transport links to major rail stations and international airports.

Visit: [www.theroyalpark.com](http://www.theroyalpark.com). Contact : Li Boatwright at [li@storringtoncommunications.com](mailto: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](http://www.rushtonhall.com). Contact : jacky Mcaulay at [j.Mcaulay@rushtonhall.com](mailto: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](http://www.saigonstreeteats.com). Contact : Barbara Adam at [theboss@thedropoutdiaries.com](mailto: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](http://www.thesaillofts.co.uk). Contact: Peter Hutchinson at [peter@thesaillofts.co.uk](mailto:peter@thesaillofts.co.uk).

## Samoa

The islands of Samoa, known as the 'Treasured Islands of the South Pacific', comprise ten Polynesian islands, three of which are inhabited.

Samoa, which was home and is final resting place of Robert Louis Stevenson, offers powder soft beaches, warm tropical seas, blow holes and colourful coral reefs alive with marine life.

The rugged, lush interiors reveal exotic wildlife, waterfalls and hiking trails and three golf courses.

Accommodation ranges from a beach fale which is an authentic rustic option right up to luxury resorts and spas popular with honeymooners for those looking for the rejuvenating Samoan experience.

Look out for new hotel openings scheduled for 2014 including the Saletoga Sands Resort & Spa and Return to Paradise Resort & Spa.

Capital city Apia hosts festivals year round including the famous Teuila festival in September.

Samoa is a good add-on to a holiday downunder in New Zealand or Australia with connecting flights on Virgin Samoa or can be part of a Polynesian escape with a twin-destination visit with Fiji or Hawaii.

Samoa Tourism will be delighted to hear from Alliance press card holders who are looking to produce features in this island nation.

Visit: [www.samoa.travel](http://www.samoa.travel) Contact: Anna Wolstenholme at [anna@representationplus.co.uk](mailto:anna@representationplus.co.uk).



## **The Saxon, Johannesburg, South Africa**

The Saxon is located in the tree-lined suburb of Sandhurst, within minutes of Johannesburg's world-class shopping and business hub.

The Saxon Boutique Hotel, Villas and Spa is the most exclusive private retreat.

It was originally designed in 1990 as a private residence for Douw Steyn, one of South Africa's leading captains of commerce, the Saxon is a quiet retreat from the outside world with panoramic views over the indigenous gardens towards the city skyline beyond.

The Saxon's contemporary African interior is light, airy and spacious, leaving a lasting impression of stately elegance interspersed with novel Eastern accents and African artefacts.

The Saxon will consider hosting Alliance press card holders able to feature the hotel.

Visit : [www.saxon.co.za](http://www.saxon.co.za). Contact : Ros Boycott at [ros@masonrose.com](mailto:ros@masonrose.com).

## **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](http://www.scotland-hotels.com). Contact : Mark Linklater at [mark@scotland-hotels.com](mailto: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.secret-london.co.uk](http://www.secret-london.co.uk). Contact : Kieran Meeke at [ksmeeke@me.com](mailto:ksmeeke@me.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](http://www.senderos.co.uk). Contact : Gareth Lyons at [gareth@senderos.co.uk](mailto:gareth@senderos.co.uk).



## **The Setai, Miami Beach, Florida**

The Setai is an intimate, oceanfront resort in the heart of South Beach.

Its design vision combines the rich architectural history of the neighborhood and its cultural diversity with the International Art Deco movement, particularly its influence in Asia.

The Art Deco landmark building was originally built between 1936 – 1938 as the famed Dempsey Vanderbilt Hotel. Next to it is a 40-story glass tower. The Setai was voted as the “#1 hotel on Miami Beach” in 2013 by U.S. World & News Report and The Spa voted the “Best for Romance by SpaFinder Readers’ Choice Awards” in 2012.

The Setai will be delighted to consider hosting Alliance press card holders able to feature the hotel.

Visit : [www.thesetaihotel.com](http://www.thesetaihotel.com). Contact : Ros Boycott at [ros@masonrose.com](mailto:ros@masonrose.com).

## **The Shakespeare Birthplace Trust**

The Shakespeare Birthplace Trust is the independent charity that cares for the Shakespeare heritage sites in Stratford upon Avon and promotes the enjoyment and understanding of Shakespeare’s works, life and times all over the world.

Together, the Trust’s five Shakespeare Houses and Gardens in Stratford upon Avon form an iconic destination in the UK which has been attracting visitors from around the globe for centuries.

At the heart of all things ‘Shakespeare’, the Trust holds the world’s largest Shakespeare-related museum and archives open to the public. The Shakespeare Centre Library and Archives also house the Royal Shakespeare Company’s archive and the records for the town of Stratford-upon-Avon and the surrounding area.

The Shakespeare Birthplace Trust will be delighted to provide Alliance press card holders with tickets to its houses.

Visit : [www.shakespeare.org.uk](http://www.shakespeare.org.uk). Contact : Lynn Beddoe at [pressinfo@shakespeare.org.uk](mailto:pressinfo@shakespeare.org.uk).

## **Shakespeare’s England, UK**

Shakespeare’s England 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
- Warwick Castle
- The MAD Museum.

Dates are subject to availability.

Visit : [www.shakespeares-england.co.uk](http://www.shakespeares-england.co.uk). Contact : Tanya Aspinwall at [tanya@marketingaloud.co.uk](mailto:tanya@marketingaloud.co.uk).

## Shambala Private Game Reserve, South Africa

Shambala Private Game Reserve covers 12 000 hectares of natural landscape in South Africa's Limpopo Province and is home to Africa's *Big Five* ( leopard, lion, elephant, black and white rhino, and buffalo).

Among the antelope species there are the endangered sable antelope, black impala and tsessebe, in addition to numerous blesbok, duiker, eland, gemsbok, kudu, nyala and steenbok.

The giraffe, herds of wildebeest and troops of zebra are easily spotted, but you can also expect to see some bush pigs trotting through the bush with their stiff little tails pointing upwards. Amongst the smaller cats there are caracal and large-spotted genet.

Shambala will be delighted to consider hosting Alliance press card holders able to feature the game reserve.

Visit : [www.shambalagamereserve.com](http://www.shambalagamereserve.com). Contact : Ros Boycott at [ros@masonrose.com](mailto:ros@masonrose.com).

## The Shasta Cascade, northern California, USA

The Shasta Cascade, located in the northeast corner of northern California, is one of America's most spectacular and remote locations.

Covering an area roughly the size of the state of Ohio, the Shasta Cascade has a vast, unspoiled, landscape of vistas, towering volcanoes, alpine ranges, glaciers, waterfalls, whitewater, lush forests and pristine lakes and rivers.

California's Shasta Cascade contains seven national forests, eight national and state parks, the Trinity Alps, the northern Sierra Nevada and the California Cascade mountain range.

Activities include mountain biking, hiking, spelunking, gold panning and skiing, as well as golf, fishing, hunting, kayaking, cycling, whitewater rafting, horseback riding and wildlife viewing.

Redding is known as the trail capital of California with 200 miles of dog friendly hiking, biking, ATV and horseback riding trails, including a National Recreational Trail, the Sacramento River Trail.

The Shasta Cascade Wonderland Association will be delighted to hear from Alliance press card holders who are able to feature this part of California.

Visit [www.shastacascade.com](http://www.shastacascade.com). Contact : Susan Hartzler at [shartzler@mentalmarketing.com](mailto:shartzler@mentalmarketing.com).

## Shieldhill Castle, the Clyde Valley, Scotland

The 4\* Shieldhill Castle hotel is set in the upper Clyde valley 30 minutes from 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](http://www.shieldhillcastlehotel.co.uk). Contact : Su Hesketh at [su@crimsonedge.co.uk](mailto: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](http://www.silversea.com). Contact : Katie Francis visit : [kf@verypcc.com](mailto:kf@verypcc.com).

## Ski Solutions

Ski Solutions offers a wide range of hotel and chalet holidays in the Alps and North America.

Ski Solutions is open to hosting press trips for Alliance press card holders subject to availability and a prior commission.

Visit : [www.skisolutions.com](http://www.skisolutions.com). Contact : Cass Helstrip : [Cass.helstrip@whitetigerpr.com](mailto:Cass.helstrip@whitetigerpr.com).

## The Sloane Club, London

Number 52 Lower Sloane Street started life as part of a handsome late Victorian redevelopment on an old 18th Century site in Chelsea known as Hans Town.

The buildings with their red brick gables and fine detailing were in the style dubbed 'Pont Street Dutch' and were enviably near the many fashionable milliners, mercers and glove-makers lining Sloane Square.

The Service Women's Club was founded for serving and former lady officers of the Armed Forces in World War II, before becoming *The Helena Club for Ladies*, established in the early 1960s by a lady-in-waiting to Princess Marie Louise.

Gentlemen were admitted during the following decade and by 1976 it had become The Sloane Club. While the exterior has remained unchanged, the interiors have undergone extensive refurbishment.

The Sloane Club is a home-from-home in London.

With 138 bedrooms The Sloane Club offers its members some of the finest value rooms in London. The Club has elegant reception rooms, conference and meeting rooms, a reading room, bar, roof terrace and restaurant.

The Sloane Club will be delighted to consider press visit requests for review by Alliance press card holders.

Visit : [www.sloaneclub.co.uk](http://www.sloaneclub.co.uk). Contact : Jacinta Stevens at [jacinta@rivapr.co.uk](mailto:jacinta@rivapr.co.uk).

## Small Hotels in Turkey

The Small Hotels Association, Turkey represents :

- Boutique Hotels Turkey
- Design Hotels Turkey
- Small Hotels Turkey
- Turkey Hotels, and
- Hip Hotels Turkey

The Association includes hotels in :

Adrasan	Ayvalik	Cirali Olympos	İstanbul
Alacati	Bodrum Fethiye	Datca	Izmir
Antalya Kas	Cappadocia	Ephesus Selcuk	Marmaris
Assos		Sirince	

The Small Hotels Association, Turkey will be delighted to consider offering accommodation in its properties to Alliance press card holders with a commission.

Visit : [www.SmallHotels.com.tr](http://www.SmallHotels.com.tr), [www.BoutiqueSmallHotels.com](http://www.BoutiqueSmallHotels.com), [www.KucukOteller.com.tr](http://www.KucukOteller.com.tr) and [www.TheSmallHotels.com](http://www.TheSmallHotels.com). Contact : Izim Bozada at [info@boutiquesmallhotels.com](mailto:info@boutiquesmallhotels.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](http://www.southernoxfordshire.com) and [www.visitmidsomer.com](http://www.visitmidsomer.com). Contact : Jackie Ellis at [jackie@tourism-angles.co.uk](mailto:jackie@tourism-angles.co.uk).

## Steamboat Springs Ski Resort, Colorado

Seven thousand feet up in the Colorado Rockies, below one of the largest resort mountains in North America, sits a small but vibrant community firmly linked to its ranching heritage and Western tradition.

Known around the globe for the deep, untouched powder that collects between the tall aspen and evergreens, Steamboat generously provides tree skiing and riding that is nothing short of legendary. But it's not just any snow - it's the lightest, driest and fluffiest snow in the world.

It's so different that the phrase Champagne Powder™ snow was coined to describe it.

Visit the resort to learn to ski or board, horse-ride through the snow, dip in the Strawberry Park Hot Springs or snowmobile along the continental divide.

New for the 2013/14 season is the introduction of night skiing and the launch of the Four Points Lodge with its spectacular views across the mountain range.

Steamboat will be delighted to consider hosting Alliance press card holders on assignment.

Visit : [www.steamboat.com](http://www.steamboat.com). Contact : Katy Turner [katy@spikecommunications.co.uk](mailto:katy@spikecommunications.co.uk).

## **St Mary's Hall Hotel, Scilly**

St Mary's Hall Hotel, the Isles of Scilly is happy to provide press trip opportunities to Alliance press card holders.

Visit : [www.stmaryshallhotel.co.uk](http://www.stmaryshallhotel.co.uk). Contact : Graham Buckley at [graham@mercury-pr.co.uk](mailto:graham@mercury-pr.co.uk).

## **Strathspey Railway, the Scottish Highlands**

Strathspey Railway is a heritage steam railway based in the Scottish Highlands.

Its railway stock includes a steam engine dating back to 1899, another involved in the first ever rail accident attributed to the blackout of the Second World War, and a diesel that celebrated it's 50th anniversary in 2012.

With the original, authentic carriages, Strathspey Railway offers the most vintage trip through the Highlands.

The Scottish Highlands is the location of the Cairngorms National Park, and :

- Britain's highest and most massive mountain range
- its biggest ancient forests
- vast moorlands, fields and villages, rivers and lochs
- red squirrels, reindeer, ospreys, eagles and wildcats, and

There are exclusive packages available year round, with fine dining and a Scottish bar board, as well as a host of special events.

The Strathspey Railway will be delighted to consider offering tickets to Alliance press card holders able to profile the railway.

Visit : [www.strathspeyrailway.co.uk](http://www.strathspeyrailway.co.uk). Contact : Deborah Quinn at [Deborah.quinn@strathspeyrailway.co.uk](mailto:Deborah.quinn@strathspeyrailway.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](http://www.sugnall.co.uk). Contact : Simon Turton at [simon@operapr.com](mailto: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](http://www.thekingdomofswaziland.com) and [www.malawitourism.com](http://www.malawitourism.com). Contact: Kelly White at [tourism@geo-group.co.uk](mailto: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](http://www.talbgov.org). Contact : Debbi Dodson at [ddodson@talbgov.org](mailto: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](http://www.taskonaklar.com). Contact : Tolga Akarcalı at [tolga@taskonaklar.com](mailto:tolga@taskonaklar.com).

## **Tenerife Tourist Board, Canary Islands, Spain**

Tenerife is the largest and most populous island of the seven Spanish Canary Islands, and one which attracts five million tourists each year.

Tourism is more prevalent in the south of the island, which is hotter and drier and has many well developed resorts such as Playa de las Americas and Los Cristianos.

More recently coastal development has spread northwards from Playa de las Americas and now encompasses the former small enclave of La Caleta.

In the more lush and green north of the island the main development for tourism has been in the town of Puerto de la Cruz.

Turismo de Tenerife will be delighted to hear from Alliance press card holders who are able to feature the island.

Visit : [www.webtenerife.co.uk](http://www.webtenerife.co.uk). Contact : Karen Blanchard at [karen@webtenerife.com](mailto:karen@webtenerife.com).

## **theExplorateur**

theExplorateur, which reviews hotels, shops, restaurants and travel-related products around the world, will consider offering Alliance press card the opportunity to review any of its properties.

Visit : [www.theExplorateur.com](http://www.theExplorateur.com). Contact Gabriella Ribeiro Truman at [gabriella@trumarketing.com](mailto:gabriella@trumarketing.com).

## Think Hotels and Apartments, London

Think Hotels and Apartments is one of London's most established providers of serviced apart-hotel accommodation with over 750 apartments across the capital at affordable rates and for all lengths of stay.

Think Apartments is the largest operator of serviced apartments in London with 10% of the capital's bed-stock in this sector. The company is currently acquiring new sites and to operate apart-hotels in locations across the UK and is also looking at opportunities in Europe and the Middle East.

Additional services can be provided on request including welcome packs, additional cleaning and servicing of the apartment, early check-in, late check-out and dry cleaning. All apartments benefit from 24-hour manned receptions and security and are in self-contained buildings; apartment sizes vary from one bedroom studios to three bedroom executive apartments.

Think Hotels and Apartments will be delighted to consider offering accommodation to Alliance press card holders able to feature their apart-hotels.

Visit: [www.think-apartments.com](http://www.think-apartments.com). Contact : David Curtis at [david.curtis-brignell@think-apartments.com](mailto:david.curtis-brignell@think-apartments.com).

## Thornton Hall Hotel & Spa, Cheshire UK

Thornton Hall Hotel & Spa is one of the North West's premier venues.

Based in the village of Thornton Hough close to the Cheshire border, the four star family owned hotel has built up a reputation for service and hospitality, with the 3 AA Rosette Lawns Restaurant and accommodation in 63 suites and bedrooms.

The Lawns prides itself on sourcing the best local produce and ingredients. More than £160,000 has been spent on refurbishments to create a premiere fine dining experience, although the restaurant still retains its original mid-1800s oak carvings.

Thornton Hall Hotel has recently invested in new state of the art spa facilities development, creating a leading spa and health club in the region, including a Rasul room, luxury dual spa treatment suite and a makeup and nail studio.

Thornton Hall Hotel & Spa will be delighted to consider hosting Alliance press card holders able to feature the property.

Visit : [www.thorntonhallhotel.com](http://www.thorntonhallhotel.com). Contact: Emma Garner [emma@webtise.com](mailto:emma@webtise.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](http://www.grosvenorpulfordhotel.co.uk), [www.thepheasantinn.co.uk](http://www.thepheasantinn.co.uk) and [www.thebearspaw.co.uk](http://www.thebearspaw.co.uk)  
Contact : Karen Floyd at [karen.floyd@symmetrypr.com](mailto: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 with media visits available outside the peak school holiday periods.

Visit : [www.tipiadventure.co.uk](http://www.tipiadventure.co.uk). Contact : Samantha Marsh:  
[samantha@infinitypublicrelations.co.uk](mailto:samantha@infinitypublicrelations.co.uk)

## Tiroran House, Mull, Scotland

Tiroran House on Mull, is Scotland's Country House Hotel of 2013

The Isle of Mull is the second largest island of the Inner Hebrides, off the west coast of Scotland. Tiroran is in landscaped grounds overlooking Loch Scridain, with its own private shore and within walking distance of the hide for viewing White-tailed (Sea) Eagles, Britain's largest bird of prey.

Mull has more than one-quarter of the 50 breeding pairs of these rare birds in Scotland. Its 2 AA Rosettes restaurant is a dining destination. Chef Craig Ferguson was previously at the luxury Kilcamb Lodge in the North West Highlands. Mull is easily reached by regular ferries from Oban.

Tiroran House will be delighted to consider hosting Alliance press card holders, usually on a dinner, bed and breakfast for two basis for up to two nights, subject to availability.

Journalists wishing to make the most of a feature writing trip to Scotland's West coast may wish to combine a stay at Tiroran with a stay at Loch Melfort Hotel at Arduaine near Oban, owned and managed by Scotland's 2013 Hoteliers of the Year Calum and Rachel Ross.

Visit : [www.tiroran.com](http://www.tiroran.com) and [www.lochmelfort.co.uk](http://www.lochmelfort.co.uk). Contact : Scott Thornton at  
[info@hotelpr.co.uk](mailto:info@hotelpr.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](http://www.tongabezi.com). Contact : Sanja Cloete-Jones at [sanja@tongabezi.com](mailto: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](http://www.tontinehotel.com). Contact : Mark Linklater at [marklinklater@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://www.aspects-holidays.co.uk) and [www.michaelpaulholidays.co.uk](http://www.michaelpaulholidays.co.uk). Contact: Graham Buckley at [graham@mercury-pr.co.uk](mailto: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](http://www.enjoytruro.co.uk). Contact: Karen Baker at [karen@mercury-pr.co.uk](mailto:karen@mercury-pr.co.uk).

## **Uptown Palace Milan, Italy**

The Uptown Palace, which is located just a few minutes from the city's world- famous fashion district, embodies the essence of Italian elegance.

This "urban-chic" hotel has adopted a palette of warm beige and brown colors that infuse charm and elegance.

The suites have a vast, bright living area with great views and a Jacuzzi, while the top- floor Presidential Suite boasts an amazing panoramic view of the cathedral and the rooftops of Milan.

"Uptown", the hotel's restaurant, will delight the most demanding palates with a selection of traditional Lombardy dishes and international specialties produced by its daring and creative young chef, Carlon Ontano.

The Uptown Palace Milan will be delighted to consider hosting Alliance press card holders able to feature the hotel.

Visit : [www.mgallery.com](http://www.mgallery.com). Contact : Sarah Wilson at [sarah.wilson@mason-williams.com](mailto:sarah.wilson@mason-williams.com).

## 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 "The Greatest Snow on Earth," 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](http://www.utah.com). Contact : Caroline Corfield-Rose at [caroline@corecommunications.co.uk](mailto:caroline@corecommunications.co.uk).

## Valencia City, Spain

Valencia is a traditional Spanish city offers visitors many attractions, gastronomy at reasonable prices and great weather with warm sunshine for much of the year.

It is a mix of historical sights, traditional culture and futuristic buildings and known as a party town with the annual Las Fallas in March, Europe's wildest street party and one of Spain's most unusual festivals.

Attractions include the City of Arts and Sciences, the Oceanográfico, Europe's largest aquarium, the UNESCO listed, La Lonja and the Bioparc, a conservation project with 4,000 animals.

Other activities include walking the 9km Turia river bed, the city's 'green lung', taking a guided cycle tour of the city, or a trip out to Albufera Nature Park.

Valencia will be delighted to hear from Alliance press carders able to feature the city.

Visit : [www.turisvalencia.es](http://www.turisvalencia.es). Contact : Karin Jones at [joneskarin@hotmail.com](mailto:joneskarin@hotmail.com).

## 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](http://www.valleyforge.org). Contact : Greg Evans at [g.p.evans@btinternet.com](mailto: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](http://www.verbier.ch). Contact: Lynsey Devon at [lynsey@heavenpublicity.co.uk](mailto:lynsey@heavenpublicity.co.uk).

## **Viceroy Riviera Maya & Wayak Spa, Playa del Carmen, Mexico**

The intimate, all-villa luxury resort set on the turquoise waters of the Caribbean coast of Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula recently underwent a major renovation to add 11 new Villas, new seaside restaurant and more.

When the renovated resort was unveiled, it was also rebranded – from Tides Riviera Maya to Viceroy Riviera Maya.

This serene hideaway brings together the best of the destination with :

- sugary white sands lapped by a crystal clear
- warm sea
- private villas with personal plunge pools in a jungle ambiance
- an organic connection to the indigenous Mayan culture
- gourmet cuisine blending Mayan cooking and Mediterranean techniques, and
- the Wayak Spa with Mayan healing techniques and traditions.

The Viceroy Riviera Maya & Wayak Spa will be delighted to consider hosting Alliance press card holders able to feature the hotel.

Visit : [www.viceroyrivieramaya.com](http://www.viceroyrivieramaya.com). Contact : Marian Gerlich at [PGworld@aol.com](mailto:PGworld@aol.com).

## **VILA VITA Parc, the Algarve, Portugal**

VILA VITA Parc, one of Portugal's finest five-star resorts, is located on 54 acres of lush, blooming subtropical gardens in front of an impressive coastline. Y Perched above the cliff top it comprises four distinct buildings, each having its own character and architecture.

The Algarve, Portugal's southernmost province, enjoys a year round temperate climate, natural beauty, gourmet dining complemented by fine wines, beaches and renowned golf courses.

In the vicinity of VILA VITA Parc are places of interest such as the medieval fortresses of Silves and Sagres, the School of Navigation built by Prince Henry the Navigator, where Columbus was educated, as well as Europe's most westerly coastline.

One of the main attractions of the Algarve is its mild Mediterranean climate. More than 300 days of sunshine a year with the summers warm and dry, spring and autumn are temperate and pleasant, the ideal time to explore the many activities the region has to offer, and the winters moderate with little precipitation.

VILA VITA Parc will be delighted to consider hosting Alliance press card holders able to feature the resort.

Visit : [www.vilavitaparc.com](http://www.vilavitaparc.com). Contact : Ros Boycott at [ros@masonrose.com](mailto:ros@masonrose.com).

## **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](http://www.kempinski.com/en/nairobi/hotel-villa-rosa) and [www.magicalkenya.co.uk](http://www.magicalkenya.co.uk). Contact: Hilary Philpott at [hilary.philpott@kempinski.com](mailto: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](http://www.visitdublin.com) and [www.dublinpass.com](http://www.dublinpass.com). Contact : Catherine McCluskey at [Catherine.mccluskey@failteireland.ie](mailto: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](http://www.VisitOrlando.com/media). Contact : Amy Rodenbrock at [amy.rodenbrock@visitorlando.com](mailto:amy.rodenbrock@visitorlando.com)

## VisitCornwall

Cornwall is located in the far west of Great Britain on a peninsula pointing 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](http://www.visitcornwall.com). Contact : Julia Hughes at [julia.hughes@visitcornwall.com](mailto: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](http://www.visitoxfordshire.org/press). Contact : Heather Armitage at [HArmitage@oxford.gov.uk](mailto: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 200<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.visitsoutheastengland.com). Contact : Carol Plunkett at [cplunkett@tourismse.com](mailto:cplunkett@tourismse.com).

## Volcanoes Safaris, Uganda and Rwanda

Volcanoes Safaris specialise in mountain gorilla and chimpanzee safaris to Uganda and Rwanda.

The company is an award winning pioneer in ecotourism, which ensures its safaris respect the culture of local communities, the fragility of the environment and the need to use resources in a sustainable way.

Over the past fifteen years Volcanoes Safaris have been at the forefront of mountain gorilla tourism and is the only safari company to sign the UN Kinshasa Declaration on Great Apes.

Volcanoes Safaris' collection of luxury lodges are located near the gorilla and chimpanzee parks of Uganda and Rwanda,

Volcanoes Safaris' will be delighted to hear from Alliance press card holders able to feature one of its safaris.

Visit : [www.volcanoessafaris.com](http://www.volcanoessafaris.com). Contact : Ros Boycott at [ros@masonrose.com](mailto:ros@masonrose.com).

## Waldorf Astoria Hotels & Resorts

Waldorf Astoria Hotels & Resorts is a portfolio of hotels in 24 landmark destinations, each being a true reflection of their surroundings.

Personal concierges deliver a bespoke service from the moment a guest books through check out.

With a portfolio including 12 world-class golf courses and 23 spas, Waldorf Astoria offers luxuriously accommodation and experiences.

Waldorf Astoria is a global luxury brand of Hilton Worldwide with development plans to add 12 new hotels to the brand.

Waldorf Astoria Hotels & Resorts will be pleased to hear from Alliance press card holders interested in arranging a stay at one of its properties.

Visit : [www.waldorfastoria.com](http://www.waldorfastoria.com). Contact : Emma Powell at [Emma@grifcopr.com](mailto:Emma@grifcopr.com).

## Warrington, UK

Warrington, in Cheshire, and on the banks of the River Mersey has been welcoming visitors since the Roman Empire set up camp at Wilderspool 2000 years ago.

Now, the town is an economic powerhouse with a lively cultural scene. At the heart of the community is Warrington Wolves, who have been one of the top Rugby League teams since 1895.

Warrington is a real trailblazer too, cutting the first commercial canal in Britain 1755-1757 and forming the first Total Abstinence Society in Britain in 1830. It opened the country's first public library 1848 and welcomed the first IKEA in the UK in 1987.

The town prospered in the Middle Ages and received a Royal Charter in 1255AD to hold a market, which has been running for over 750 years! The town was under siege during the Civil War by Cromwell's forces and was home to the largest USAF base in Europe in World War II.

Marketing Cheshire will be delighted to consider press trip requests from Alliance press card holders able to feature the town.

Visit : [www.marketingcheshire.co.uk](http://www.marketingcheshire.co.uk). Contact : Gerald Tattum at [g.tattum@marketingcheshire.co.uk](mailto:g.tattum@marketingcheshire.co.uk).

## 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](http://www.wedgwoodtherestaurant.co.uk). Contact : Su Hesketh at [su@crimsonedge.co.uk](mailto: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](http://www.yorkshire.com/mediacentre). Contact : Graham Poucher at [gpoucher@yorkshire.com](mailto:gpoucher@yorkshire.com)

## The West Somerset Railway, UK

The West Somerset Railway is Britain's longest standard gauge "heritage" railway and runs steam trains on a daily basis from early April to early October.

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](http://www.west-somerset-railway.co.uk). Contact : John Simms at [john.com@wsrail.net](mailto:john.com@wsrail.net)

## **Whistling Arrow, Asia**

Whistling Arrow creates and manages a select number of highly distinctive small group adventures in Asia.

These range from unique pilgrimage treks around sacred peaks in the Tibetan Himalaya to pioneering island - hopping expeditions in Northern Palawan, The Philippines.

Its trips are culturally immersive, original in design and allow clients to explore the wilder, more awe-inspiring corners of the world's most diverse continent.

An example of one of their upcoming trips, is the Yading 'Big Kora' trek) this September that will retrace the footsteps of Joseph Rock, the famous Austrian - American explorer who discovered the 'holy mountains of the outlaws' in 1928.

Whistling Arrow will be delighted to hear from Alliance press card holders able to feature one of the tours.

Visit : [www.whistlingarrow.com](http://www.whistlingarrow.com). Contact : Adrian Bottomley at [adrian@whistlingarrow.com](mailto:adrian@whistlingarrow.com).

## **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](http://www.wildernessscotland.com). Contact: Ben Thorburn at [ben@wildernessscotland.com](mailto: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](http://www.wildjunketmagazine.com). Contact Alberto Molero at [alberto@wildjunket.com](mailto:alberto@wildjunket.com).

## WineCoastCountry, California USA

WineCoastCountry (WCC), the coastal region of San Luis Obispo County located midway between Los Angeles and San Francisco, is where the best of northern and southern California meet.

The San Luis Obispo County Business Improvement District (SLO CBID) was founded in 2009 by a group of the area's leading lodging owners (hotels, motels, bed and breakfasts, and vacation rentals) to promote the WCC region as a visitor destination ideal for road trips, family vacations, wine, adventure, agri-tourism and stewardship opportunities.

Spanning 101 miles of prime Pacific coastline, this spectacular region consists of 10 diverse artisan towns and seaside villages rich in character and history:

Ragged Point/San Simeon  
Cambria  
Cayucos  
unincorporated Morro Bay  
Los Osos/Baywood Park

Avila Beach & Valley  
Edna Valley  
Arroyo Grande Valley  
Oceano, and  
Nipomo.

From lush farmland to the sparkling Pacific Ocean, the area boasts stretches of white sandy beaches and rugged coastline, wineries, the world famous Hearst Castle, bucolic farmland, wildlife, pristine forests, state parks and untouched natural beauty.

A sampling of activities includes horseback riding on the beach, locavore dining, surfing, biking, hiking, world-class golfing, and much more.

Visitors can experience the best of the region along the WCC Discovery Route, a drive that showcases the area's rich offerings.

WineCoastCountry will be delighted to hear from Alliance press card holders who are able to feature this part of California

Visit [www.WineCoastCountry.com](http://www.WineCoastCountry.com). Contact : Susan Hartzler at [shartzler@mentalmarketing.com](mailto:shartzler@mentalmarketing.com).

## Windsor and the Royal Borough, UK

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

- Windsor Castle - the world's largest occupied castle
- Windsor Great Park- 4,800 acres including the Savill Garden
- horse racing at Royal Windsor and Ascot
- LEGOLAND Windsor Resort
- Bray's remarkable Michelin starred status
- Cookham – home of war artist Sir Stanley Spencer
- River Thames for boating, walking and cycling

Events in the Royal Borough include :

- The Royal Windsor Horse Show
- Order of the Garter service
- Windsor Festival
- Cartier Queens Cup Polo, and new for 2014,
- the Red Bull Air Race.

Royal Windsor will be happy to hear from Alliance press card holders looking for visits, itineraries, story ideas, act checking and copyright free images.

Visit : [www.windsor.gov.uk](http://www.windsor.gov.uk). Contact : Jackie Ellis at [jackie@tourism-angles.co.uk](mailto:jackie@tourism-angles.co.uk).



## **Wynyard Hall Hotel, Teesside, UK**

The four-star Wynyard Hall Hotel is located within 150 acres of historical landscaped parkland on the fringes of Durham in the Tees Valley.

Its three AA rosette Wellington Restaurant, offers an ever changing menu of modern British dishes created with the finest local ingredients and beauty and body treatments are available in the tranquil surroundings of the lakeside Spa.

With some of the North's most popular and historic attractions – such as Durham Cathedral - on its doorstep, Wynyard Hall is a base from which to explore the region.

This elegant former stately home has hosted everyone from Charles Dickens to Russell Crowe.

Wynyard Hall will be delighted to consider press trip requests from Alliance press card holders able to feature the hotel.

Visit : [www.wynyardhall.co.uk](http://www.wynyardhall.co.uk). Contact : Emma Walker at [emma@sortedpr.com](mailto:emma@sortedpr.com).

## **[www.cornwallscottages.co.uk](http://www.cornwallscottages.co.uk)**

[www.cornwallscottages.co.uk](http://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](http://www.cornwallscottages.co.uk). Contact: Jess Money at [jess@suebradburypr.com](mailto:jess@suebradburypr.com)

## **Hotel Xenia, London**

Housed in a Victorian building, the Hotel Xenia has 99 individually appointed guest rooms, two bars, private dining room and a new dining concept serving delicious Italian cuisine with a healthy twist.

A destination in its own right, Evoluzione restaurant occupies the bright and elegant conservatory offering regular demonstrations at the dedicated show cooking station.

The Living Wall cocktail bar and Champagne Bar serve an exciting menu of cocktails, and the heated herb garden provides the perfect place to indulge in a cigar from the Living Wall bar's well-stocked humidor.

The hotel is a walk from the city's most famous museums, including the Victoria and Albert, Science Museum and the Natural History Museum, and a short ride from the upmarket shopping of Knightsbridge.

Hotel Xenia will be delighted to consider press visit requests for review by Alliance press card holders.

Visit : [www.hotelxenia.co.uk](http://www.hotelxenia.co.uk). Contact : Jacinta Stevens at [jacinta@rivapr.co.uk](mailto:jacinta@rivapr.co.uk).

## 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 enjoy 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](http://www.travelyukon.com). Contact : Lisa Chamberlain at [Lisa.chamberlain@btinternet.com](mailto:Lisa.chamberlain@btinternet.com).

## Zambian Dawn Safaris

Zambian Dawn Safaris is safari company based in the North Luangwa National Park, Zambia.

This wilderness 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](http://www.zambiandawnsafaris.com). Contact : Honour Way at [info@honourway.com](mailto:info@honourway.com).

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