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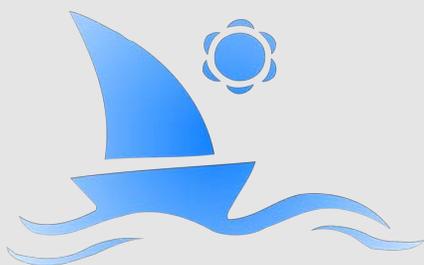
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Ongoing education

I am continuing with ongoing education and courses so that I am able to be in the know with all of the trends, ever changing rules and regulations (thanks covid... rolling eyes), latest hotels and destinations. At the start of the month I attended a seminar featuring the best hotels, villas and resorts across France including tours, excursions, what to see and where to eat. Having been to France several times I have a general idea but this thorough training left me dreaming of returning very soon and thankfully, this is now possible since France is officially open to U.S. residents! Whoooh!

I also attended a separate course on Monaco which is the second smallest country after Vatican City and it is just stunning. It can easily be incorporated when in France, especially when in the French Riviera.

Next up I am doing an intensive on Australia! To be honest, compared to places like Europe, I have limited knowledge on the huge country which is why I specifically chose this intensive so that I am able to sell Australia with first hand contacts.



Cruising

You may have heard that cruising has officially started again. Personally, I would suggest waiting until 2022 for a few kinks to be ironed out but for avid and experienced cruisers, that might be too long to wait. The cruising world is a big one and can be overwhelming when considering options. The wrong ship or cruise line could be the difference between a fabulous fun adventure vs a stuck in the wrong place kinda thing. I know I had a lot of preconceived ideas about cruising but that changed very quickly when I started investigating. NOT all cruise ships are created equal :)

Summer is here and travel is booming again.

Usually hotels will ask if you're celebrating anything special during your stay and I honestly feel like I can say without joking, yes... I survived 2020!

The list of destinations open is fluctuating almost daily.

I was going to include a list of open destinations without any major restrictions on arrival but the list would be redundant after a week so if there is anywhere you are keen to travel let me know and I can gladly help you.

There are so many options of where to go next, even I have a hard time choosing. Some trends for the summer are Hawaii, National Parks, California and the east coast ranging from Florida to Maine. Christmas and holiday reservations are filling up too.

One option for a closer little get away... Malibu.

Beautiful beach destination with lots to see and do and if you haven't heard of Malibu Beach Inn I wanted to share a little bit of information. Malibu Beach Inn's seaside hideaway beckons you with barefoot luxury.



Each of the 47 contemporary guest rooms displays brilliant views of the swimmable beach from the private balcony, positioned directly above, while a soft palette of blue and gray soothes the tired L.A. soul.

The sitting room is particularly inviting, with handcrafted furniture and low-slung, teak chairs that ring the fireplace, encouraging you to wrap up in a woolly throw on chilly nights. Seagrass walls and linen-draped ceilings add a dreamlike quality to the on-site spa suite. The Carbon Beach Club terrace serves both Californian coastal cuisine and celebrity sightings.

Virtuoso travelers receive the following in 2021:

- Upgrade on arrival, subject to availability
- Complimentary La Carte Breakfast for two guests per bedroom daily
- \$100 USD Resort/Hotel credit to be utilized during stay
- Early check-in/late check-out, subject to availability
- Complimentary Wi-Fi



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Since becoming an advisor, my vacations have changed a little:

Site Inspections

As a travel advisor I now perform "site inspections" where I tour the premises of a hotel/resort/villa and get to see a variety of room categories as well as learn about the history and philosophy so that I am able to advise clients on a good fit. No matter how many pictures you see, being there in person and getting a feel of the atmosphere can't be beaten. To be honest, I have asked to tour many, many properties in the past out of curiosity just because I love learning about hotels and seeing what is out there. It is nice to be "official" now though.



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Spotlight on Cabo, Mexico



Our first international trip since lockdown was to Mexico and went off without a hitch.

We flew direct and 2.5hrs later we arrived. No testing requirements are necessary for Mexico, you just need to complete a simple online document declaring you are not sick or have not been exposed to someone with covid recently and that is it. Mask compliance was pretty good on the aircraft and is mostly worn correctly over both the nose and mouth at the airports. We were through customs and immigration in about 40min and our private transfer was ready to whisk us off to paradise as soon as we exited the building.

Masks are required in all taxi/uber/transfers and signs in all resorts encourage masks for guests and social distancing. Staff at all resorts wear masks perfectly as they are so happy to have tourists back! Guests... not so much but there are plenty of options for outdoor dining and social distancing if you choose.



We stayed at the One & Only Palmilla which is the oldest resort in the area with a rich history. Apart from the picture perfect setting, the staff are really the super stars. Most of the staff have worked at Palmilla for generations and take sincere pride in making guests feel welcome and happy.

There is a lot to do on the property, between two pools, several dining options, table tennis, golf a few minutes away, an award winning spa and they are at one of only 2 swimmable beaches in the Cabo area. You will not find yourself bored. The beach is stunning, we walked every day and usually saw no one or one other person. You feel like it is your own private beach, just stunning! They also have a kids club. I could waft on for a while about this outstanding property but I'll just add a few pictures and let them explain. Most resorts offer testing on premises for \$25+ with results in a few hours making getting home very easy.



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