



SEE YOU THERE

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Wine Region...

Myself and some colleagues were invited as one of the first travel advisors to see the brand new, almost completed Four Seasons Napa Valley Resort and Residences. Country, farm-chic would be a fair description. The resort itself is spacious and tranquil with a beautiful spa, gorgeous restaurant, wine tasting area and pools. The rooms are modern and very luxurious with stunning views no matter the room category or location. You will definitely feel pampered during your stay, that is for sure. A wonderful addition to Calistoga which has a quaint and sweet downtown with excellent restaurants. The resort is set to open end of summer/fall which will also be harvest season!



Carneros Resort & Spa

I saw several properties during my visit but wanted to share Carneros which offers something quite unique with free standing, recently renovated cottages. You get your own little yard with fire pit and some cottages have a splash pool as well. Perfect for social distancing and your dog! 3 restaurants to choose from, kids pools, adult pool, lawns with games... perfect for families!



Did you know travel advisors have access to book reputable villas, apartments and homes across the globe?

Depending on the type of trip my clients are planning, I take everything into consideration in order to match them appropriately.

Location - what do they want to be near? Remote and romantic or in the heart of the action. Will they need parking or public transport are all very important pieces of the puzzle.

Dining - do they need assistance choosing restaurants or would they like a kitchenette or fully equipped chefs kitchen? What about a chef to prepare some meals with an interactive experience?

Size - depending on the type of vacation, you might not need a large spacious room which costs more. Perhaps something more modest is appropriate for this trip. Maybe you're traveling with friends or your extended family and a villa is the right choice with everyone having their own space to roam. Hello 3 bedroom, 3 bathroom villa right at Lake Como like some of the pictures in this article.



Laundry - maybe you're staying for a month or longer and need the essentials like at home. I've got you covered!



These are just a few things worth some thought before you choose your next hotel, apartment, home rental or villa. Something you can trust is that the suppliers and/or owners that a travel advisor would work with, is always going to be vetted and have a certain standard they need to consistently meet or they would be removed as an option. No nasty last minute cancellations or surprises where you're scrambling to find an alternative.



Pssst...
Golden Gate bridge FYI

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Continued education:

Virtuoso Travel Week is taking place in August

Virtuoso Travel Week is the ultimate annual global travel community event. Exclusive to the Virtuoso network, it features personal networking appointments, extensive professional development opportunities, Community Globetrotting, and a celebration of Virtuoso, the world's top luxury travel network. This year, Virtuoso Travel Week will be a hybrid event – that means one event with a choice of two experiences – an in-person experience or a virtual experience.

I have mentioned in previous newsletters that an advisor's education never ends like most industries. It is imperative to stay on top form and be in the know as the industry is ever evolving and with things like COVID-19 to consider, it is even more important.

After travel week I will have made fresh connections with all of the top industry providers across the world from Australia, South Africa, Europe and everything in between.



Hawaii Certification

Since I am already selling a lot of Hawaii, I am completing a series of courses towards my specialization. The curriculum provides a rich and extensive understanding of the destination as a whole and the six individual islands that make Hawaii one of the most diverse and exciting places on the globe.



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Spotlight on... Canada which is finally opening to US citizens!!!



Vaccinated travelers are a yes!

Canada will allow fully-vaccinated Americans to enter the country starting Aug. 9. After more than a year of closures, Canada finally has a plan to reopen it's borders.

Fully vaccinated U.S. citizens/residents will once again be able to enter Canada for non-essential travel without quarantines starting on Aug. 9, the Canadian federal government has announced.

Starting then, U.S. citizens/residents who are fully vaccinated will be able to avoid quarantines and will not be required to be tested upon arrival, unless randomly selected for testing at a crossing.

Those who are not fully vaccinated will still be subjected to those quarantine rules and on-arrival testing. While things are moving forward for vaccinated travelers, Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau told reporters earlier in July that there are no plans to allow foreign tourists who are not vaccinated against COVID-19 to enter the country.

U.S. citizens/residents who are fully vaccinated will be able to enter Canada almost a full month before other international travelers. Those inbound travelers will get the go-ahead on Sept. 7.



Canada also announced that its hotel quarantine system, which required air travelers to spend three days in a government-approved hotel, will also end on Aug. 9.

For unvaccinated children under 12 years old, as long as they are accompanied by a fully vaccinated parent or guardian, they will also not be required to quarantine upon arrival, though they will still need to undergo testing on day one and day eight after arriving in Canada.

Canada Cruising ban will lift as well later this year.

Canada's Minister of Transport, the Honorable Omar Alghabra, announced that the government would lift its cruise ship ban as of Nov. 1, 2021, months earlier than previously planned. The decision was made with an improving COVID-19 outlook in Canada.



Canada by rail

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No matter what your vacationing style is, I can help you plan the perfect Canadian vacation.



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