



SEE YOU THERE

December 2022

And that's a wrap! The final newsletter of 2022, the holidays have arrived and a new year is fast approaching! Last year this time I was focussing on countries opening up, how/where to get tested... gosh am I glad those days are pretty much gone. The world is open for travel and like my clients, I have been itching to get back to travel. Travel trends are some favorites but with a twist. Clients want 'off the beaten path' and more privacy and exclusivity in general. Airport meet and greet services with fast track VIP, yes please!



I was thrilled to attend the prestigious, invitation only DUCO France conference held in Paris in October. I met with my favorite partners as well as some new ones who play a vital role in my travel business. We all come together with the same goal in mind, wanting to serve you, my clients with the specialized attention to detail that you have come to know and love. As you know, I am not a booking agent. My purpose is to curate indulgent escapes and take them from ordinary, to extraordinary! Attending these kind of events assist me to stay at the top of my game, consistently.



Paris has the reputation for being one of the most romantic, beautiful, most visited cities in the world and it is not hard to see why. There are so many things to explore indoors, outdoors, art, architecture, shopping, food - sweet, savory, casual, formal... endless possibilities. In a very condensed nutshell I am going to highlight a few stand out things.



La Reserve Hotel and Spa blew me away on many levels!

Professionalism, service, decor, food and the overall luxurious, yet understated feeling is exactly what keeps guests coming back for more. As you can tell from the few photos on the left, elegance and Parisian flair blends to perfection. I always felt like I was coming home (but better) as I was warmly welcomed upon arrival.

France + chocolates were a theme throughout my visit and they were delicious! Be sure to try Alain Ducasse.



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The learning curve...

The Duco conference starts off with a welcoming event that was held at the beautiful Petit Palais. This was the first opportunity to get to know the various partners.

More on France

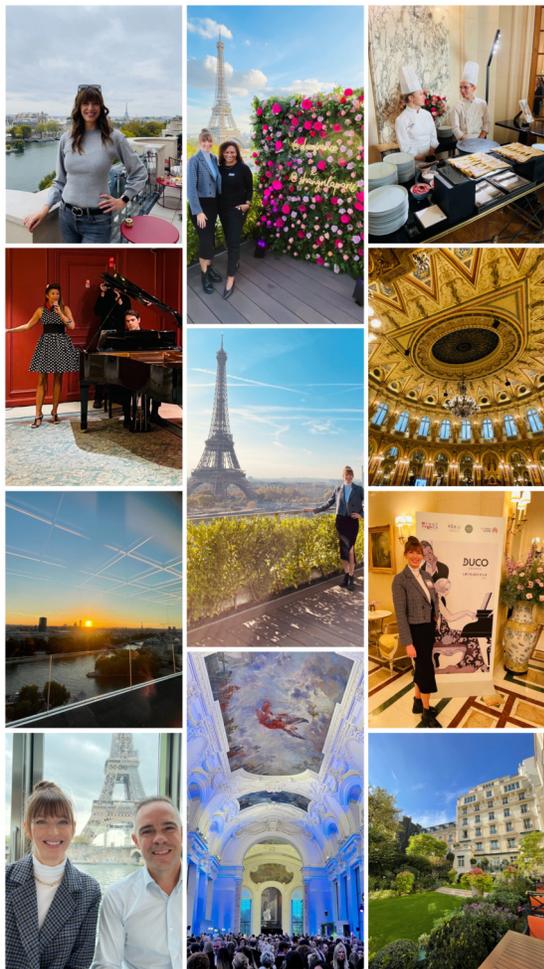


I am hoping everyone agrees that a picture is worth a thousand words for this newsletter :)

With everything being so photogenic I have no shortage of photos. I enjoy traveling so much and have always felt that I wish others could experience some of the things I have, and then some. I believe travel is the only thing you can buy that makes you richer and this is my dream career being able to help create these lasting memories for my clients. Every trip is personal to me.

I happened to be with my family in Paris and I treated us to a day like many of my clients. I arranged for a private excursion to the palace and gardens Versailles.

Met in our hotel lobby by a wonderful guide, bursting with passion for history, making it her career to learn as much as possible to pass along this fascinating and valuable knowledge. From the moment we got into the luxury vehicle, Dina was so fun as we bombarded her with questions about Paris and anything else we could think of. If you have not yet experienced a tour with one of my amazing partners, you may not know this. My trusted partners know pretty much everything there is to know about the area. The secret entrances, the manager on duty to sneak in to an 'off limits' spot, the best/quietest restrooms... everything you could imagine from a luxury experience standpoint.



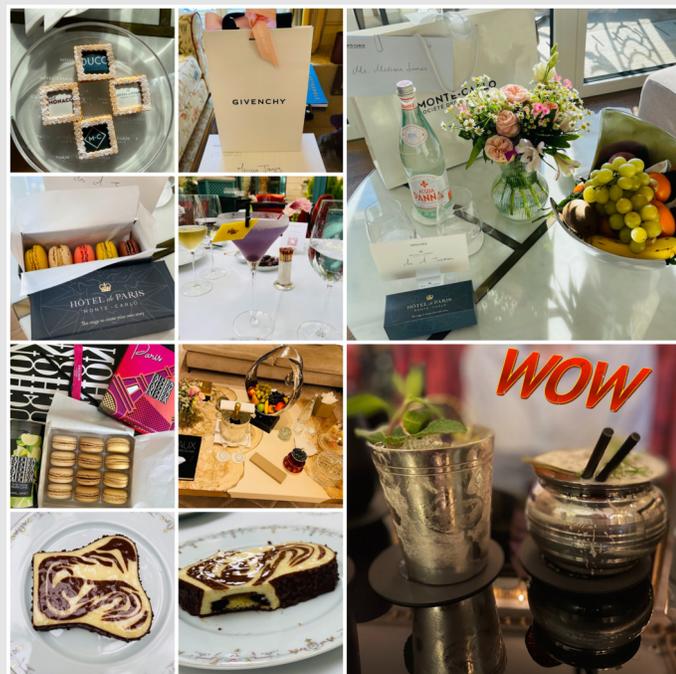
Some photographs from the conference locations. A mix of hotels and landmarks in Paris including the brand new So Paris and the riverboat dining experience. Pretty spectacular indeed.

Pictured on the right are some of the welcome amenities I received as I checked into various hotels. Nice to be on the receiving end this time.

Macarons and tea from Le Fauchon Paris.

If you want to be spoiled, head to The Ritz for a meal. Top quality service paired with delicious food, cocktails, champagne... A classic, stylish setting! Their new pastry shop is to die for as well.

La Reserve cocktails are wow!




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Bonus page especially for



Monaco

For the first time ever I have made an exception to add this 'bonus page.

That is how special the small but mighty country of Monaco is. Monaco is the second smallest country after Vatican City. Monte Carlo is the most well known and it is simply stunning! The city is quite walkable due to its smaller size but taxis and transfers are readily available. There are 3 especially gorgeous hotels I want to spotlight, each offering something unique and special. I was invited to a FAM (familiarization trip) which helps us understand destinations and hotels better as we explore in depth details. Currently, I am able to book a helicopter transfer from Nice to Monaco included in the hotel accommodation costs. Starting your trip off in true VIP style sets the tone for the magic that awaits in this gorgeous and special country!

So many experiences, so little time! Monaco is possibly most well known for the Grand Prix. The whole country celebrates this amazing event centered around racing. There is a brand new automobile museum that has a gorgeous showroom across two floors with some of the first cars ever built, through to soon to be flying cars! It reminded me of a James Bond garage show room. There is an aquarium we visited and one of my highlights was a chocolate making class in the kitchen where all the pastries for the hotels and cafes are made! Dining options galore, a shopping mecca, the gorgeous theatre and most beautiful casino in the world, IMO. The palace looks over Monte Carlo and you can experience changing of the guards daily.

Hotel de Paris

This hotel needs very little introduction. It is simply stunning from top to bottom. Rooms are bright and spacious, dripping in elegance. A gem in Monte Carlo with beautiful views in every direction.



Hotel Hermitage
Prestigious rooms and suites and a collection of luxury apartments, known as the Diamond Suites are absolutely stunning. Spacious with killer views, you will never want to leave. I was fortunate to experience Pavillon, acclaimed chef Yannick Alléno's one-Michelin-starred restaurant. The setting and views of the ocean, yachts, palace and roof tops are bonus add ons. Did I mention their wellness center? 71,000-square-foot!

Hotel Metropole

The architecture and decor is classical, timeless with a touch of modernism. Their pool is a stunning site designed by Karl Lagerfeld. The pool looks like it has diamonds on the bottom!



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