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41°–74° Club of New York, Inc.

The Premier Association for Professional Women in Travel

41°–74° CLUB YEAR 2026–2027

Note from the President

Happy Fall! The long, hot summer is over, and the fall weather is so beautiful and refreshing. The first meeting of the year was a huge success, attended by twenty-eight members, auxiliaries and guests. **Bliss Bonan** of Ponant Explorations Group gave a wonderful presentation of the exciting and exotic destinations and tours they offer. Fushimi Times Square did a great job hosting the meeting. A photo slideshow can be viewed on our website here — many thanks to **Iris Salazar** for taking the pictures and creating the slideshow.

Our next meeting is scheduled for **October 8th at The Westin Times Square**, and the sponsor is our very own **Vaida Balciute**, representing Emirates Airlines. Please RSVP by **October 6th**, as registration will close that evening. We hope to have another great turnout for this meeting.

The dates of all other club meetings for this year are listed on our website here. Please be sure to mark the dates on your calendars and do your best to attend at least two meetings to remain in good standing. Remember, only members in good standing are allowed to vote in our club's elections, as per club by-laws.

We will keep you posted as we plan special social events during the year. Of course, our Annual Holiday Luncheon will be the highlight of our year as usual. This year's luncheon is scheduled for **Friday, December 4th at the Lotte NY Palace**. Invitations were emailed via Paperless Post on **September 15th** to all members and auxiliaries.

The early-bird price for members will remain the same — **$225** if paid by check or Zelle, and **$240** if paid by credit card or wire transfer. All other invitations will go out on **October 16th**, when the price will go to **$250** and **$265** for everyone.

The charity chosen to benefit from this year's luncheon will be **Sanctuary for Families**. They have been receiving toys and pajamas from our club for the past several years, but have never received funds from our events. **Giving Friends** will be receiving the toys and pajamas this year at our luncheon. **North Brooklyn Angels** will benefit from funds raised at our monthly meeting 50/50s.

All the charities chosen are local, grass-roots entities serving various New York communities. The main mission of the 41°–74° Club of New York is philanthropy. Giving back to those less fortunate in our community is what sets our club apart from other travel organizations in New York.

We continue to encourage you to sponsor a new member. Please provide anyone interested in becoming a new member the link to our website, www.4174club.org, to get information and to complete a new member form.

I am honored to be working with all of you to keep 41°–74° Club of New York the Premier Association for Women in Travel!

Warm regards,

Corrine Mutarelli

President 41°–74° Club of New York, Inc.
Club Year 2026–27
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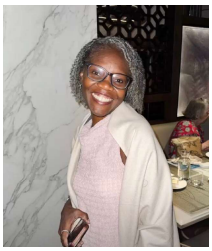
OUR MISSION

Networking & Socializing in Action – Be Part of the Impact!

September Open Meeting at Fushimi Times Square, Manhattan



On Thursday, September 10, 2026, the 41°–74° Club of New York opened its new club year with an Open Meeting at **Fushimi Times Square**. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by the Club's EVP, **Denise Womble**, and **Corrine Mutarelli**, President of the 41°–74° Club of New York, welcomed attendees and opened the evening with remarks before introducing the program and our sponsor of the month, **Bliss Bonan** of **PONANT EXPLORATIONS Group**.

Twenty-eight Club Members, Auxiliary Members and industry peers attended. A roll call gave everyone the opportunity to introduce themselves and share information about their businesses and areas of expertise, followed by Bliss Bonan's informative overview of the PONANT EXPLORATIONS Group.

The Club welcomed its new members, especially those present on the evening: **Marleny Bautista, Laura Fastie and Irene Sino**. Members heard an update on the Club's outreach through ***The Meteor*** and social media, and were encouraged to reach out to the Board with questions, news or content ideas — and to post and tag the 41°–74° Club of New York across all social media platforms to share knowledge and boost the Club's visibility.

April Dawn VanWagner shared details of the Breast Cancer Walk initiative and fundraising, which the Club has now supported for several consecutive years, and called out the breast cancer survivors in the room in honor and joint celebration. **Denise Womble** reviewed the Club's upcoming events, dates and venues for the year ahead, and appreciation was extended to **Corrine and Peter Mutarelli** for their continued support and dedication to the Club's success.

The evening concluded with the **50/50 raffle**, which collected $300. In a generous gesture of support for the Club's charitable efforts, winner **Tim O'Neill** returned his winning half, so the 50/50 Charity of the Year benefits from the full $300. Networking and engagement followed until the meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

We invite all members to continue embracing this mission: show up, engage and be part of the impact!

IN ATTENDANCE

Sponsor: Bliss Bonan · **Members:** Karlene Angus-Smith, Joann Armine, Vaida Balciute, Marleny Bautista, Cynthia Brown, Loretta Carson, Margot Cushing, Lucille DePerro, Heike Estey, Laura Fastie, Michele Fazio-Weis, Florentina Florescu, Roberta Long-Kelleher, Irine Markel, Corrine Mutarelli, Norella Pena, Iris Salazar, Irene Sino, Jackie Stevens, April Dawn VanWagner, Denise Womble · **Auxiliaries:** Peter Mutarelli, Tim O'Neill, Chris Griffin, Peter Lintner · **Guests:** Becky Casey, Cheryl Jones Felton

PARTNER SPOTLIGHT: SEPTEMBER MEETING SPONSOR – PONANT EXPLORATIONS

PONANT EXPLORATIONS & Paul Gauguin Cruises

The **PONANT EXPLORATIONS GROUP** has been committed to **more responsible tourism and purposeful voyages of exploration for 38 years.** Aboard a **fleet of 13 French-flagged small ships**, fitted with the latest environmental technologies, the journey of exploration is always elegant, authentic and inspiring — whether it's an expedition to the polar regions aboard PONANT EXPLORATIONS' luxury icebreaker, ***Le Commandant Charcot***, or an intimate voyage through the treasured waters of French Polynesia with **Paul Gauguin Cruises.**

PONANT EXPLORATIONS

Guest Profile

Leader in luxury expedition, PONANT EXPLORATIONS offers voyages through the seven continents, infused with the vibrant ***art de vivre***, the great art of French fine dining and attentive service, along with curated themed voyages and special sailings in alliance with Smithsonian Journeys and The Explorers Club.

Paul Gauguin Cruises

Guest Profile

French Polynesia's destination expert, Paul Gauguin Cruises offers an artfully authentic experience in Tahiti and the South Pacific. Offering an immersive French Polynesian experience, ***The Gauguin*** is an extension of the islands themselves — an overwater "bungalow" that sails from one fabled destination to the next in seamless comfort.

WHAT'S INCLUDED?

- All gourmet meals onboard ship
- Open bar with Champagne, premium wines, international spirits, beers and more
- Gratuities to shipboard personnel, guides and drivers
- 24-hour room service
- Unlimited Wi-Fi
- Evening entertainment and events
- Port fees and taxes
- Fully stocked minibar
- Private retreats in Bora Bora and Motu Mahana (on most Paul Gauguin Cruises voyages)
- One shore excursion or landing activity in each port of call (only aboard PONANT EXPLORATIONS)
- Parkas to keep and complimentary rubber boot rentals (only on Expeditions)

PARTNER SPOTLIGHT: SEPTEMBER MEETING SPONSOR – PONANT EXPLORATIONS

Travel Advisor Essentials

HOW TO BOOK

Call **888-400-1082** for PONANT EXPLORATIONS and **800-848-6172** for Paul Gauguin Cruises.

To book online, Advisors must be registered at PONANT EXPLORATIONS and Paul Gauguin Cruises. To register, you need your Agency IBS number. For assistance, contact the Sales Team.

TRAVEL ADVISOR RATES

Travel Advisors can receive **50% savings** on PONANT EXPLORATIONS and Paul Gauguin Cruises. PEARLS Certified Advisors receive **60% savings** on Paul Gauguin voyages. Advisors must contact the Sales Team to request reduced TA rates. Confirmations are based on availability, 30–45 days prior to departure.

Deposit: 25% deposit required within 72 hours of booking to confirm a reservation.
Final payment: must be received 90 days prior to voyage departure date.

TRANSFERRING DIRECT BOOKINGS TO TA

- Bookings can only be transferred to a TA within 60 days of the original booking date.
- All transfer requests must be submitted in writing by the guest.
- This guideline applies only to bookings outside of 90 days prior to sailing.

SALES & MARKETING RESOURCES

Travel Advisor Sales Guides
PONANT EXPLORATIONS · Paul Gauguin Cruises

Current Offers
Flyer with current offers

Co-Branded Marketing Pages
www.inspires.to/ponant · www.inspires.to/pgcruises

Social Media Assets
ponant.rallio.com
Already a Rallio user? Add PONANT EXPLORATIONS and Paul Gauguin Cruises under Content and Feed to start sharing right away.

Marketing Resources
PONANT EXPLORATIONS · Paul Gauguin Cruises

Digital Asset Library
My Creative Hub · Paul Gauguin Cruises Digital Asset Library

Digital Brochures
PONANT EXPLORATIONS · Paul Gauguin Cruises

Printed Brochures
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TRAINING & CERTIFICATION: PONANT EXPLORER & PAUL GAUGUIN CRUISES PEARLS

Become a PONANT Explorer and PEARLS certified advisor and receive **up to three US $100 e-gift cards** for your first three bookings for each brand made within six months of certification. For eligible bookings, advisor must fill out the redemption form within 30 days of deposit payment to qualify. Mention code **PONEXP** or **PEARLS** when filling out the form.

Gift Cards are in USD and will likely be Amazon gift cards, but may be substituted with an alternate gift card. Booking must be deposited to be eligible. Not combinable with other gift card offers. Valid for bookings made in USD via the Americas office only. PONANT EXPLORATIONS and Paul Gauguin Cruises are not responsible for lost or stolen gift cards. Offer is not combinable with Interline, reduced rate, or free of charge bookings.

CANCELLATION POLICY

Deposited reservations that are canceled will be subject to the following charges:

Within 15 days of deposit	No fee*
365+ days prior	*Administrative fee per person (250 EUR for PON, 250 USD for PGC); can be applied to a future booking within 12 months of cancellation date
364 to 211 days prior	10% of full fare per person; can be applied to a future booking within 12 months of cancellation
210 to 91 days prior	25% of full fare per person
90 days or less prior	100% of full fare per person

There is no grace period after 90 days. Bookings not paid in full at 90 days (or 30 days with prior policy) are subject to cancellation. Cancellation terms apply to the cruise fare only. Airfare and pre/post hotel stays are subject to fees depending on the cancellation date. Airline tickets are issued 75 days prior to sailing; a cancellation penalty will apply to all airline tickets canceled after issuance.

SAVE THE DATE!

October Open Meeting

WHEN

Thursday, October 8, 2026

5:30 – 7:30 PM

WHERE

The Westin New York at Times Square, Empire Room 45th Floor

106 W 73 St, New York, NY 10023, USA

SPONSOR

Emirates

Representative Vaida Balciute

Spaces are limited — RSVP by October 6th. Reserve your spot here

SAVE THE DATE!

2026–27 Club Meetings & Event Dates

Thursday, November 12, 2026
Open Meeting — Arte Cafe, Sponsored by Sandals & Beaches Resorts — Representative Karlene Angus-Smith

Friday, December 4, 2026
Annual Holiday Luncheon — Lotte NY Palace, 12 noon – 3 pm

Thursday, January 14, 2027
ILA Spa at the Lotte New York Plaza, Sponsored by Aruba Tourism Authority — Representative Natasha Lee Soy

Thursday, February 11, 2027
Open Meeting — Venue TBD, Sponsored by Kensington Tours — Representative Leigh Sassone

Thursday, March 11, 2027
Open Meeting — Tony DiNapoli's, Sponsored by St. Lucia Tourism Authority — Representative Francesca Commisso

April 2027
Special Event — details TBA

Thursday, May 13, 2027
Open Meeting — Fushimi Times Square, Sponsored by Delta Vacations — Representative Lisa Orlando

Thursday, June 10, 2027
Annual General Meeting and Elections — Arte Cafe, Sponsored by Innroads Group — Representatives Mari Garcia & Ciso Moreno

SAVE THE DATE!

2026 Holiday Luncheon — Sponsorship Opportunities

Friday, December 4 | Lotte New York Palace

The 41°–74° Club of New York invites our travel industry partners and friends to support our annual Holiday Luncheon, one of New York's most anticipated holiday gatherings for travel professionals.

The luncheon supports a local 501(c)3 non-profit organization (to be determined in September). We invite our industry partners to join us in this important philanthropic effort through one of the sponsorship opportunities below.

41°–74° Club of New York
2032 Williamsbridge Road
Bronx, NY 10461
Attn: Holiday Luncheon

CO-HOST SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Diamond – $15,000 — includes luncheon for 20 attendees (2 Full Tables), your company's name in the program and a link on our website to your company's site throughout 2027.

Platinum – $4,000 — includes luncheon for 10 attendees (1 Full Table), your company's name on the invitation and in the program as well as the link on our website to your company's site throughout 2027.

Gold – $3,000 — includes luncheon for 5 attendees (1 Half Table), your company listed in the invitation and on the program as well as the link on our website to your company's website throughout 2027.

Silver – $2,000 — includes luncheon for 3 attendees, your company listed in the invitation and on the program as well as the link on our website to your company's website throughout 2027.

Patron – $750 — includes luncheon for one attendee, your company listed in the invitation and on the program as well as the link on our website to your company's website throughout 2027.

Full tables will be available only to Diamond and Platinum Sponsors. Additional tickets will be available for purchase for other sponsorship levels, but we cannot guarantee those guests will be seated at the same table.

*****Space is limited to 200 attendees.**

Support the 41°–74° Club's Philanthropic Mission

To secure your sponsorship, please reach out to Holiday Luncheon Committee at 4174holidayluncheon@gmail.com. Payment can be made by credit card through the Holiday Luncheon page, or by check payable to the address shown at right. We are deeply grateful to all industry partners for their continued support and generosity.

Corrine Mutarelli

President & Holiday Luncheon Chairperson, The 41°–74° Club of New York

"The Premier Association for Professional Women in Travel"

OUR MISSION

Philanthropy, Networking and Professional Development

WOMEN IN TRAVEL WALKING FOR A CAUSE!

The 41°–74° Club of NY Making Strides Against Breast Cancer

The 41°–74° Club of New York — Women in Travel will once again fundraise and walk at this year's Making Strides Against Breast Cancer® Walk on **Sunday, October 18th**!

As travel professionals, community, connection and global care are at the heart of everything we do. This cause is deeply personal to us, as our club has historically supported numerous individuals within our network, who have been affected directly and indirectly by breast cancer.

This year, we have set an exciting goal to raise **$1,000** to fund lifesaving research and advance health equity through the American Cancer Society. Past President **April Dawn VanWagner** will serve as team leader — feel free to reach out to her directly for any questions.

Whether you are a club member, an industry peer, or a friend of the club, we invite you to make an impact with us:

- Join our walking team and experience an uplifting, high-energy day of community in NYC. (Logistics and meeting spots will be shared closer to the date!)
- Support our campaign with a donation to help us cross our $1,000 finish line.

Every dollar and every step counts. Let's unite to help end breast cancer as we know it, for everyone.

EVENT INFORMATION

Making Strides of Central Park
Location TBA
Sunday, October 18, 2025
Rolling Start: 8:00 AM – 10:30 AM
Ends (approx.) noon

HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED

Join the Team to join The 41°–74° Club of NY — Women in Travel; or/and
Make a Donation

The 41º–74º Club of New York is proud to stand with the American Cancer Society and the wider community in the fight against breast cancer! Thank you so much for all your support and I look forward to Making Strides together.

April Dawn VanWagner

Past President, The 41º–74º Club of New York, Inc.

Join Team Super Deo!

Join our fellow 41º–74º Club member and support CaringKind's Alzheimer's Walk & Brain Health Day on **Saturday, October 17th, 2026**, at Central Park's Naumburg Bandshell.

Registration is free and donations help support individuals and families affected by Alzheimer's disease as well as other forms of dementia.

Saturday, October 17, 2026 | 9:30 AM
Central Park – Naumburg Bandshell

Come walk, connect and make a difference! Join Team Super Deo HERE — we hope to see you there!

Ana Schuetz

Member 41º–74º Club of New York, Inc. · Club Year 2026–27

GIVING BACK

Join Our Industry Colleagues from Skål New York in Support of Nepal

Skål International New York has reached out to the 41°–74° Club of New York, as one of our key travel-industry partners, seeking support for the people of Nepal. The massive floods have taken at least 1,400 lives, and more than 6,000 people remain missing.

Skål International New York and many other Skål chapters are asking the travel and tourism industry to provide whatever financial support they can for the people of Nepal during this time of tremendous need. Funds collected will be provided to the Consulate General of Nepal in New York, led by Consul General Dadhiram Bhandari.

Please consider contributing — thank you for supporting this worthy cause.

HOW TO DONATE

Skål International New York is coordinating the donation campaign through its website:

Donate via Skål New York

Donors may choose whether to be recognized publicly. Contributions made through Skål International New York are not tax-deductible.

41°–74° BOOK CLUB CORNER

“The Day the World Came to Town” by Jim DeFede

Review submitted by **Lucille Putzu**

September 11, 2001, is remembered as one of the darkest days in our history — the day terrorists coordinated an attack on the United States. In remembrance, the 41°–74° Book Club chose “The Day the World Came to Town” by Jim DeFede for our September read. It is the heartwarming true story of the people of Gander, Newfoundland, and their goodness and kindness.

It was a day of chaos and uncertainty. The world was changed forever. Airspace was closed, and planes were diverted and forced to land at the nearest airports. As a result, 38 aircraft from destinations around the world were forced to land in Gander, Newfoundland. Gander, a small island town with a population of 10,000, found itself caring for 6,600 to 7,000 displaced people who “Came from Away.”

It is a heartwarming true story of how the people of Gander welcomed them, opened their homes and their hearts, and did everything in between to help them through the horrors of the day. They did it just because it was the right thing to do.

Book club members were unanimous that “The Day the World Came to Town” is worth the read.

Our November book choice is “Becoming Madam Secretary” by Stephanie Dray, the story of Frances Perkins, who challenged and reshaped the political and economic system of the United States. You will find book club information on the 41°–74° website.

Hope you will join us. See you in November!

Regards,

Roberta Long-Kelleher

The 41°–74° Club of New York Vice President

MEMBER NEWS

Happy Birthday, October Members!

Happy Birthday to Dear Members of The 41º–74º Club of New York celebrating birthdays during the month of October!

Karlene Angus-Smith

Lisa Conway

Heike Estey

Rosa Lucas

Iris Salazar

Aracelys Sanchez

Wayne Lee

May your day be filled with joy, laughter and everything you wish for! Warmest wishes for a fantastic year ahead.

The 41°–74° Club of New York

Call for New Members & Auxiliaries

The 41°–74° Club of New York invites qualified travel professionals and industry partners to join our growing community. As the Premier Association for Women in Travel, our strength comes from engaged members who are committed to advancing our industry together. We encourage all members to recommend colleagues and emerging leaders who would benefit from — and contribute to — our mission.

Our three-pillar mission remains at the heart of everything we do:
Philanthropy. Networking. Professional Development.

Together, we can continue to grow, strengthen our impact and build an even more powerful future for women in travel.

For membership information, please contact the Membership Committee led by **Roberta Long-Kelleher**, The 41°–74° Club of New York Vice President.

Stay Connected with the 41°–74° Club of New York!

We encourage all Members to follow us on LinkedIn, Facebook, and Instagram by scanning the QR codes. Joining us on all three platforms ensures you never miss important Club news, upcoming events, industry updates, philanthropic initiatives and member highlights.

Connect with us — engage with us. Grow with us! Every follow, like, comment and share helps strengthen our community and expand the reach of our organization.

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FROM MEMBERS' DIARIES

London: From Shakespeare to Hip-Hop

A Few Things I Learned Exploring London's Arts & Culture Scene

What I loved most about London was how easily you can jump from the very old to the very new, oftentimes in the same day.

You can visit Shakespeare's Globe, then later experience London's underground hip-hop scene. You can spend the morning looking at objects that are hundreds or thousands of years old, have Afternoon Tea, and finish the day with a West End show. For an arts and culture traveler, London gives you a lot to work with!

The V&A Museum was one of my favorite surprises. I was fascinated by the Great Bed of Ware, a centuries-old bed actually mentioned in Shakespeare's ***Twelfth Night***. I also saw an Elizabethan ruff that immediately made me think of those famous portraits of Sir Francis Drake, and even an actual knight's glove! Those little discoveries made history feel much more real.

And then there's the British Museum. It is humoungous. You could spend days there. There's even airport-like security to get inside! Once you do, you're surrounded by foundational artifacts from civilizations all over the world, including the Rosetta Stone. My advisor tip: don't just tell clients to "go to the British Museum." Find out what interests them and help them plan a route. Otherwise, the sheer size can be overwhelming.

A FEW OTHER THINGS I LEARNED ALONG THE WAY:

- **Afternoon Tea is everywhere.** It doesn't have to be a formal... super expensive experience. London has Afternoon Tea at all sorts of price points and levels of formality, so there really is an option for almost every client.
- **London Bridge may not be the photo your client is expecting!** It's actually pretty ordinary looking. Luckily, there are much prettier bridges nearby, including spectacular Tower Bridge, so choose your photo stops carefully.
- **Make time for Princess Diana.** The tribute statue commissioned by her sons is awe-inspiring and worth adding to a Hyde Park visit.
- **And don't be afraid of the Tube!** London's Underground is incredibly efficient and makes it easy to keep moving around such a huge city. It's also excellent for airport transfers. I was especially grateful to JetBlue for offering a red-eye that landed at Heathrow early in the morning. Arriving early gave me practically an entire extra day to explore.
- **Finally, don't underestimate London as a theatre destination.** The West End is essentially London's answer to Broadway and Off-Broadway, with an enormous selection of musicals, plays, revivals and smaller productions. Theatre lovers could easily build an entire trip around what's playing.

My Advice? Mix It Up!

Don't send clients to London just to see "old London."

Give them Shakespeare and underground hip-hop (if they're into it!). Museums and live music. Afternoon Tea and a night out. Historic treasures and contemporary theatre.

That mix of old and new is what made London so much fun for me, and it's exactly what can turn a standard London itinerary into something memorable.

Fellow Travel Advisors, if you're planning your own London getaway or putting one together for a client, please feel free to approach me directly. I'm always happy to share what I learned and help with ideas for creating a London experience that goes beyond the usual tourist checklist.

Astra Williams
Luxury Travel Advisor

FROM MEMBERS' DIARIES

NYC Meal Pack for 9/11 Day

First in Service joined Delta Airlines for a volunteer project that Delta sponsored by participating in NYC Meal Pack for 9/11 Day at the Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum on September 10th. At the end of our shift, we had packed 220,000 bags that would be distributed to the community.

220,000
BAGS PACKED FOR THE COMMUNITY

Suzanne Halama
Director, Support Services and Airline Partnerships
First in Service Travel

FROM MEMBERS' DIARIES

An Educational Trip to Thailand

I just got back from an educational trip to Thailand – my third visit to that country.

This was organized by Tails of Indochina and had 12 participants and one hostess for 7 nights – 2 nights at the fabulous Capella in Bangkok, 2 nights at the wonderful 137 Pillars in Chiang Mai, and 3 nights at Pimalai Resort in Lanna.

We had some great experiences visiting temples and markets, spent an afternoon at a true elephant preserve feeding and washing the big guys, and a special boat trip in the Andaman Islands. The food was outstanding and so varied, and the people made it even better.

I had the best Business Class flights ever on ANA – their seats were very large with walls that you could close around you that became very private and the service was superb.

All in all it was a special experience and I'm happy to share my knowledge with anyone via email.

Loretta Carson | ATC
Luxury Travel Advisor

FROM MEMBERS' DIARIES

Norway with SeaDream Yacht Club

I recently had the opportunity to visit Norway with the SeaDream Yacht Club. There were so many highlights. From experiencing the solar eclipse to hiking up Mount Aksla with the Captain of the ship in Alesund. Sailing into a deep fjord to discover the port of Olden and going up into one of the steepest cable cars in the world, where wing base jumpers and paragliders launch themselves off the top! The awe-inspiring views, steep cliffs plunging into crystal clear water and the lush greenery surrounded us throughout the voyage.

Then there was the yacht experience, personalized service, delicious meals, all making for a luxury upscale experience, and only 83 passengers on board made it feel like your own yacht. Thank you Lucille DePerro, a fellow 41°–74° member, for letting our community have the opportunity to experience the dreamy SeaDream yacht and the beauty of Norway.

Michele Fazio-Weis
President, Caprice Travel

MEMBER UPDATES

Beaches Resorts Winter Splash Sale Now On!

BOOKING WINDOW

Now – October 5, 2026

INSTANT CREDIT TRAVEL WINDOW

Now – December 31, 2028

For more information, visit: Beaches® Resorts: Made Of Caribbean [Official Website] or https://taportal.sandals.com

Karlene Angus-Smith
Associate Director Industry Affairs

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MEMBER UPDATES

Personal Heritage Tours with Kensington

Greetings to all advisors from Leigh at Kensington!

Through Kensington's exclusive partnership with AncestryProGenealogists®, the professional research division of Ancestry®, your dedicated genealogist researches your family history at whatever depth you choose, surfacing the records, places, and stories that belong to your family alone. Your Kensington Destination Expert works alongside them to build a personalized travel experience around exactly what the research reveals.

Personal Heritage Tours with Kensington

Contact for bookings and ideas: agents@kensingtontours.com or leigh.sassone@kensingtontours.com

Leigh Sassone
Director of Sales – Northeast USA

MEMBER UPDATES

What's New at Delta Vacations

What You Need to Know About Delta Vacations PRO

Delta Vacations PRO is coming soon, bringing a more modern, Advisor-focused experience with a streamlined homepage, improved navigation, smarter shopping tools and a more intuitive booking journey. From side-by-side airfare comparisons to faster access to the resources you use most, every update is designed to help you work more efficiently, serve clients with confidence and grow your business.

New and Improved Product Worldwide

Join us for the latest Delta Vacations product updates, featuring newly added 3- to 5-star hotels across Thailand, Japan, Jamaica, Malta, Italy, Greece, the U.K., the U.S. and more. Discover expanded hotel options in sought-after destinations, giving you even more ways to match travelers with the perfect accommodations to create unforgettable vacation experiences.

Now Available: The Europe Toolkit

Located on the Marketing Hub under "Toolkits," discover a buildable collection of educational resources and ready-to-use marketing materials designed to help you confidently sell higher-value, multi-destination journeys across Europe. With unique product in 55 cities across 23 countries, learn about how Europe encompasses all the ease of an all-inclusive destination, with even more to explore.

Lisa Orlando-Franzese
Sr. Business Development Manager
Delta Vacations

DID YOU KNOW?

Industry Intelligence for Travel Advisors

Holiday Airfares Hit a 10-Year High — Book Clients Now

Hopper's 2026 Holiday Travel Index shows round-trip domestic airfare for Thanksgiving averaging **$402, up 31%** (+$95) from last year, while Christmas fares are averaging **$452, up 23%** (+$85) — the highest holiday prices in a decade.

With seats filling and prices still climbing, Hopper recommends that travelers book all holiday flights and hotel accommodations before Halloween.

For travel advisors, this is the moment to reach out to clients who haven't yet locked in their Thanksgiving and Christmas plans, and to set expectations early on pricing and flexibility.

Read the full report: Hopper – 2026 Holiday Travel Index

ASTA Launches a New Tool to Report Unfair Supplier Practices

The American Society of Travel Advisors (ASTA) has launched a new member reporting tool designed to identify and address supplier policies and industry practices that unfairly burden travel advisors.

The tool builds on ASTA's hotel commission initiative, which aims to recover **$100,000 in unpaid hotel commissions** on behalf of advisors by the end of 2026.

Advisors who encounter unfair policies or unpaid commissions are encouraged to use the tool, helping ASTA build the case for fairer treatment across the industry.

Read the full article: Travel Market Report – ASTA Launches New Reporting Tool for Travel Advisor Concerns

What's Selling This Fall: Cruises Lead the Way

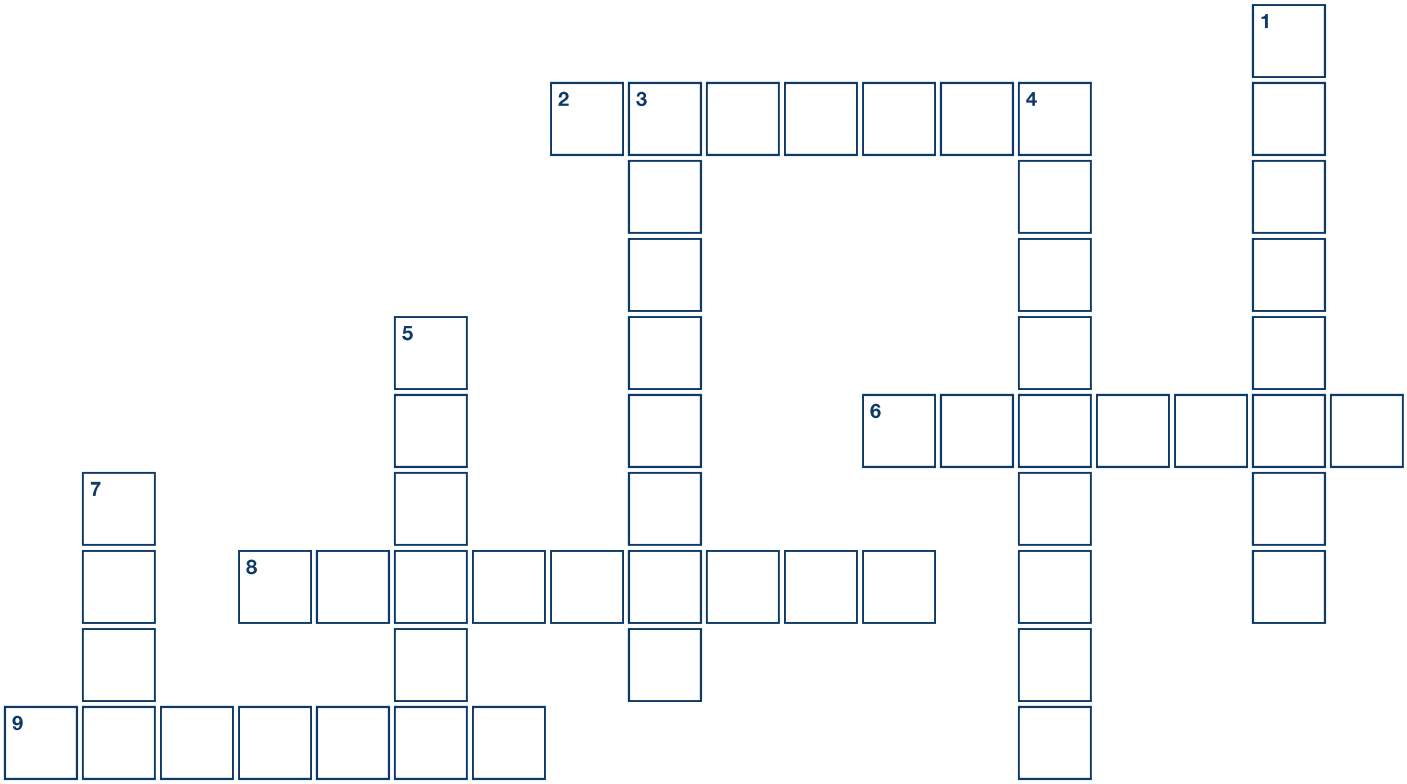
Travel advisors report that high flight prices appear to be diverting bookings away from all-inclusive destinations and toward cruising, as travelers look for value and simpler, all-in pricing this fall.

Read the full article: TravelPulse – Travel Advisors Assess What's Selling This Fall

IN BETWEEN MAPPING TRIPS

Take a Break with Our Crossword Puzzle about… Travel!

A brand-new puzzle for travel professionals — every answer comes from the language of our industry.



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2 Move a client to a better seat or cabin (7)

6 Carrier such as Delta or Emirates (7)

8 Day-by-day plan of a trip (9)

9 Stop between connecting flights (7)

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1 Airport building for departures and arrivals (8)

3 Travel document stamped at the border (8)

4 Shore ___: a guided outing from a cruise port (9)

5 A SeaDream or PONANT voyage, for example (6)

7 Entry permit required by some countries (4)