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GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE



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There are Significant Efforts to Become More Sustainable

IITA operators are here to help clients enjoy sustainable experiences

IITA REMAINS FOCUSED on recovery, sustainability and the overall health of inbound travel to the U.S. While recovery has been uneven with some markets rebounding faster than others, we are pleased to hear from international partners that there is a continued and growing interest among travelers worldwide to visit the U.S.

U.S. inbound operators, DMOs and suppliers are working together to strengthen the existing and proven distribution ecosystem of DMO – Supplier – Inbound Operator – International Buyer - Traveler. Having experienced so much disruption in recent years, we know we must solidify our international partnerships to help each other reach the position of growth as we rebuild the once robust U.S. inbound industry.

We are also seeing an increased demand for sustainable travel products, and in response we focused our annual Summit on sustainability. With the theme U.S.A. – United • Sustainable • Action, the Summit featured discussions on what sustainability means in the U.S., how tour operators can offset carbon in their businesses and tours, and how to create meaningful travel experiences for our international guests.

There has been a misperception in some international markets that there isn't much happening in the U.S. in terms of sustainability, but there are significant efforts to be more sustainable throughout the country and within every sector of our travel and tourism industry. IITA inbound operators are here to help our international clients to source sustainable product and incorporate experiences that will allow visitors to learn, discover and enjoy the unique history of the United States, including Native American, indigenous and minorityowned travel products.

Our determination to rebuild a strong and sustainable inbound travel industry also has us working in the Advocacy arena with state and local governments, legislators and other industry associations. We build relationships and raise awareness of inbound travel and its contributions to the nation's economy. As the "boots on the ground," IITA's inbound operators are helping decision makers understand the operational side of the business and consider the unintended consequences of their actions.

We meet regularly with the National Park Service and serve on their concessionaire's working group to voice concerns that may arise for group tours and independent international travelers by providing different scenarios for consideration as they make decisions. Officials from the Commerce and State Departments meet with us periodically to find solutions for issues impacting inbound travel exports, including most recently the visa processing delays in a number of key source markets. And as a newly appointed member of the U.S. Travel and Tourism Advisory Board, I also carry these messages directly to the U.S. Secretary of Commerce Gina Raimondo.

We are working hard to remove barriers for international visitors and, again, IITA's membership structure reflects the success model of collaboration among U.S. destinations, travel suppliers and inbound operators working together to serve our international partners. We remain diligent in our efforts to advance our travel and tourism industry for your clients.

IITA members remain your trusted partners for USA travel.

Safe Travels,

Peter van Berkel Chairman International Inbound Travel Association

Even today, the king of the blues still reigns.

B.B. King took blues music to a global stage with his singular voice, his masterful guitar playing, and his relentless touring schedule. Despite his fame, the King of the Blues never forgot his hometown of Indianola. That's where you'll find the B. B. King Museum and Delta Interpretive Center. Their collections include King's "Lucille" guitars, a replica of his home recording studio, and even his tour bus. Plan your music tour of Mississippi at VisitMississippi.org/MusicMuseums.

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people to see the our brother's keeper. provide rellow, the blues."



B. B. King Museum and Delta Interpretive Center | Indianola, Mississippi

GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE



LISA SIMON Executive Director International Inbound Travel Association



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IITA Offers Steps for Success

New service for operators and travel buyers will help find the right U.S. partners

THE INTERNATIONAL INBOUND Travel

Association launched a new service for international tour operators and travel buyers to find the right U.S. partners, particularly when they need something specific and customized. Some international travel buyers over time have contacted IITA with specific needs for groups and itineraries, and we have sent the information to all our inbound operator members.

This service has become more formalized and even more important since the pandemic when some of the personal relationships were severed due to downsizing on both sides of the travel trade connections. Additionally, some international buyers are looking for new opportunities and trusted U.S. partners to navigate the post-pandemic travel environment.

IITA members are experts on the extensive variety of U.S. travel product and have a vast network of travel suppliers and destination representatives who can put together just about anything the international traveler wants, from accommodations and other travel components to customized tour programs. They bring insider knowledge and established partnerships with not only the country's most well-known cities and iconic attractions, but also the lesser-known destinations and travel experiences that international visitors may not get to on their own.

One benefit, perhaps, from the pandemic is that more travelers – particularly those going on long-haul trips – are more reliant on travel professionals to handle their planning and bookings. They understand that travel professionals have the knowledge and expertise to avoid some of the hiccups and quality issues that may be lingering in Covid's aftermath. We all know there are ongoing issues in every destination – whether it's workforce shortages or abnormally high prices – that continue to affect the travel experience. As these ongoing issues are being addressed, travelers are booking with the travel trade to be sure someone is there for them should challenges arise during their trips.

Similarly, international travel buyers can rely on U.S. inbound operators to be their eyes and ears on the ground to ensure they receive the best services and experiences. Inbound operators are experts in the USA and are staying on top of how travel products are changing or where there might be a quality issue.

IITA is delivering an education and training program, called Inbound Insider Steps to Success, ™ to destinations and suppliers throughout the country to help them understand how to service international travelers and the needs of the travel trade. As the only trade association focused solely on inbound travel, IITA's mission is to help the U.S. deliver the best and widest range of quality travel products.

International travel buyers can contact IITA at headquarters@inboundtravel.org, and we'll connect you with the leading inbound companies packaging and selling U.S. travel product. IITA Inbound Operators are here to help you.

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Add these attractions to your group's itinerary By Nicole Partis

The United States is home to more than 35,000 museums, an impressive number that surpasses the combined total of Starbucks and McDonald's. Here are 12 of the finest in the country that any traveler should add to their bucket list.

Academy Museum of Motion Pictures



Devoted to the preservation and cultural impact of the film industry, the Academy Museum offers four floors of immersive exhibitions and live programming that illuminate the world of cinema. Celebrate the technology, art and the artistry of moviemaking in this one-of-a-kind museum.

BUFFALO BILL CENTER OF THE WEST

Cody, Wyoming

Journeying through Yellowstone as well as the West, the Buffalo Bill Center includes five museums all in one collective space. It has activities, tours with experts and even a live raptor experience which allows guests to fully immerse themselves and hear the thrilling stories of the American West.

The Buffalo Bill Center of the West allows guests to hear thrilling stories of the American West.

Photo courtesy of Buffalo Bill Center of the West

^bhoto courtesy of Colonial Williamsburg



Virginia

Colonial Williamsburg is a one-ofa-kind destination where costumed interpreters bring the World's Largest Living History Museum to life. Meet a Nation Builder like George Washington or Edith Cumbo and admire the craftsmanship of some of the best artisans in the world. Connect with your family over a horse-drawn carriage ride, world-class dining, and a Haunted Williamsburg ghost tour.

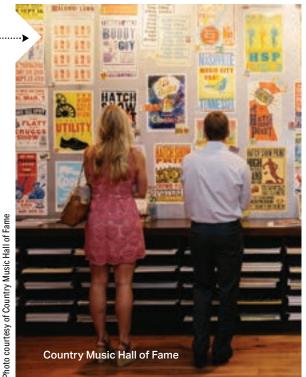


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TRIP-ENHANCING ICONIC MUSEUMS

COUNTRY MUSIC HALL OF FAME MUSEUM

Nashville This Nashville Music Hall is dedicated to keeping American music life alive while having the world's most extensive music collection with instruments, stage wear, records and so much more. In what's known as "the house that holds the music," guests are invited to step inside the stories of the people who shaped America's country music as well as the everchanging and evolving history currently being made.



The National Civil Rights Museum features more than 260 artifacts and interactive media.

Photo courtesy of National Civil Righs Museum



HARLEY-DAVIDSON

Milwaukee

Celebrating over 100 years of motorcycles, freedom and rebellion are at the forefront of what is showcased at this museum along with the life of American design. Located on a 20-acre campus in downtown Milwaukee, the Harley-Davidson Museum features more than 450 motorcycles and artifacts, dating back to the oldest known Harley-Davidson motorcycle, Serial Number One.

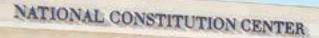
NATIONAL AIR & SPACE MUSEUM Washington, D.C.

The world's largest collection of aviation and space artifacts features stories and research can be found at this one-of-akind museum. Experience a fresh way of thinking about science and the world around you with the museum's eight new galleries, with more to open in 2024. The Harley-Davidson Museum is home to more than 450 motorcycles and artifacts.



NATIONAL CIVIL RIGHTS MUSEUM Memphis

Featuring a combination of historic buildings and museums, the National Civil Rights Museum offers over 260 artifacts with interactive media which stretches over five centuries of history. Showcasing the "greatest civil rights story ever told," this American movement museum revolves around the people who made today as we know it and highlights how it came to be.







View exhibits and artifacts at the 160,000-squarefoot National Constitution Center.

NATIONAL WWII MUSEUM

New Orleans

The official World War II museum of the United States as designated by Congress, this comprises a six-acre campus that includes five soaring pavilions housing immersive exhibits, multi-media experiences and first-person oral histories, taking visitors inside the story of "the war that changed the world."

NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER Philadelphia

The 160,000-square-foot National Constitution Center is the first and only museum dedicated to the U.S. Constitution. Through interactive exhibits, rare artifacts, and live theater, the museum brings the Constitution to life for visitors of all ages. Museumgoers view exhibits and artifacts, take in the 360-degree live theatrical production Freedom Rising and walk among 42 life-size bronze statues of the Founding Fathers.



Photo courtesy of National WWII Museum

Photo courtesy of Harley-Davidson Museum



9/11 MEMORIAL MUSEUM New York

Remembering a monumental day in American history, the 9/11 Museum displays artifacts, imagery, stories and interactive media that document the tragic events of September 11, 2001. Honoring those who were killed in the 2001 and 1993 attacks are at the heart of this museum's mission.





ROCK & ROLL HALL OF FAME

The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum tracks the evolution of this musical and cultural phenomenon through more than 50 exhibits. With unique architecture featuring a double pyramid and tower, the Rock Hall spans generations of rock music featuring the earliest artists to ones emerging today. There are five levels of music history on display in this 150,000-square-foot museum.

USS MIDWAY MUSEUM

San Diego

This historical naval aircraft carrier in downtown San Diego houses an extensive collection of aircraft, many of which were built in Southern California. With more than 30 restored aircraft and nearly 10 acres of exhibits and displays, the Midway brings you the most complete cross-section of carrier aviation in the world. From high up on the bridge down to the main engine room, the Midway takes you on a unique warship journey. **LITA**



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TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME

These outstanding venues should be on any sports fan's bucket list

By Jason Paha

onsidering the United States hasn't yet reached its 250th birthday, it's difficult for our fledgling country to match the historic attractions that reside across the globe. Comparatively speaking, Europe's landscape is dotted with churches that date back more than 900 years, Machu Picchu in Peru was built around 1500 A.D. and the Egyptian pyramids may have been constructed as early as 3200 B.C.

That said, the U.S. is home to a variety of athletic cathedrals

structures. Certainly, the Great Wall of China is impressive, but have you seen a towering home run clear the Green Monster in Boston? And sure, the Taj Mahal in India is breathtaking, but have you experienced a sunset over the San Gabriel Mountains during a Rose Bowl game? Here are 10 must-visit American ballparks, stadiums and arenas

that some sports-loving travelers swear rival the world's greatest

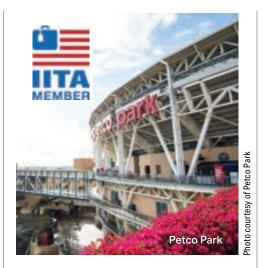
that sports fans of all ages should experience at least once.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

FENWAY PARK (Boston, Massachusetts)

Fenway Park, which opened in 1912, is the oldest ballpark in the major leagues and one of the most legendary venues in sports. Often called "America's Most Beloved Ballpark," Fenway has hosted Red Sox fans for generations. While it features a variety of quirks, Fenway's signature element is the Green Monster, the left field wall that stands more than 37 feet high. Fans can take a tour that leads them through the hallowed grounds of the park and stops at several notable attractions.

PETCO PARK (San Diego, California) Known as "America's #1 Ballpark," Petco Park is located in downtown San Diego, and is the home ballpark of the San Diego Padres. Opened in 2004, Petco Park



combines some of the best sightlines in baseball with stunning views of the San Diego bay and skyline. Its architecture, including the famous Western Metal Supply Co. building which is built into the ballpark,

is dazzling and also features a grassy hill in the outfield for families to gather. Whether you are looking to go behind-the-scenes on a guided tour, enjoy a unique concert venue or special event, Petco Park provides a oneof-a-kind experience. For more information, visit www.padres.com/visitpetcopark.

WRIGLEY FIELD (Chicago, Illinois)

Opened in 1914, Wrigley Field, along with Fenway Park, is considered the jewel of Major League Baseball. Featuring historic ivy-covered walls, a hand-operated centerfield scoreboard and green grass as far as the eye can see, Wrigley is a baseball institution. Visitors can experience Wrigley's charms on a 90-minute tour that takes you to the famous bleachers and takes you into the dugout and the visiting clubhouse.

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CHASE CENTER

(San Francisco, California) A state-of-the-art sports and entertainment arena in San Francisco. Chase Center is home to the 2021-22 NBA champion Golden State Warriors. Opened in 2019, the \$1.4 billion arena has a seating capacity of 18,064 and also sports a 35,000-square-foot public plaza/ recreation area, making it an excellent place to socialize. Chase Center's clean, modern design and impressive technology make it one of the finest venues in the NBA.

TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME



Little Caesars Arena

LITTLE CAESARS ARENA (Detroit, Michigan) This multipurpose arena in midtown Detroit debuted in 2017 and hosts both the Detroit Pistons of the NBA and the Detroit Red Wings of the National Hockey League. The \$862.9 million, 20,332seat (for basketball) arena anchors The District Detroit, a 50-block, mixed-use development connecting downtown and midtown. The building's design connects

the arena with restaurants and stores. making it one of the more fan-friendly arenas in both the NBA and NHL.

MADISON SQUARE GARDEN (New York, New York)

Nicknamed "The World's Most Famous Arena," Madison Square Garden resides in midtown Manhattan in New York City and features one of the most electric atmospheres in sports. Home to the NBA's New York Knicks and the NHL's New York Rangers, the Garden has hosted rock stars, sports legends and cultural icons. Visitors can take a 60-minute guided tour that teaches about the Garden's nearly 150-year history and they can also access exclusive backstage areas of the arena.

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

LAMBEAU FIELD (Green Bay, Wisconsin) The Mecca of the NFL, Lambeau Field has been the home field of the Green Bay Packers since 1957. Over its 65-plus years of existence, 81,441-seat Lambeau Field has been the site of a multitude of historic moments, including the first NFL Championship game in 1961 and the Ice Bowl in 1967. Lambeau Field offers a variety of tours, ranging from two hours to one hour, with each giving exclusive access to this legendary stadium.

MERCEDES-BENZ STADIUM (Atlanta, Georgia) This stadium, which opened in

2017, features an eye-popping exterior, including a retractable roof containing eight movable panels that resemble a camera shutter. The first stadium in the world to achieve LEED Platinum Certification, the 71,000-seat venue is home to the NFL's Atlanta Falcons and Major League Soccer's Atlanta United. The stadium's halo scoreboard is the first of its kind in professional sports, measuring 58 feet tall and 63,000 square feet of 360-degree HD video screen, which gives fans in every seat a view of the action.

NCAA FOOTBALL

ROSE BOWL (Pasadena, California) Home of the UCLA Bruins and the annual Rose Bowl Game, this fabled stadium possesses one of the finest views in all of sports, as the San Gabriel Mountains form a picturesque backdrop when the sun sets. Opened in 1922, the

An incredible sports and entertainment destination in Southern California, 70,240-seat SoFi Stadium is the most expensive stadium in NFL history (\$5.5 billion). At 3.1 million square feet, this striking venue that opened in 2020 is the largest and first indoor-outdoor stadium in the NFL and is home to the Los Angeles Rams and Los Angeles Chargers. SoFi has already hosted a slew of major events, including Super Bowl LVI and the 2023 NCAA football national championship game. Tours feature a behind-the-scenes

SOFI STADIUM

(Los Angeles, California)

experience of SoFi Stadium's most exclusive spaces.

Rose Bowl possesses a mystigue that few, if any, in college football can match as it has hosted a multitude of legendary games over the years. Guests can enjoy a tour of the stadium where they will visit the original 1922 locker room, get an up-close look at the iconic field and delight in the chance to walk through this historic landmark. IITA

Mercedes-Benz Stadium

Photo courtesy of Mercedes-Benz Stadium

Muscle Shoals Sound Studio, Sheffield, AL

IS THE SOUL OF THE SOUTH

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Southern states take pride in their tuneful heritage, offering plenty of live music venues

By Dave Bodle

MUSIC IS THE SOUL OF THE SOUTH



uch of the music we hear today had its roots in the American South. From the mountains of Virginia and North Carolina, to the rich dark soil of Alabama, Mississippi and Arkansas, to cities like Memphis, New Orleans and Nashville, great music genres were born.

Mississippi

It's widely acknowledged that the blues was born on Dockery Plantation near Cleveland, Mississippi. Charlie Patton arrived there in 1900, was influenced by older musicians and soon became the leader of a small group performing in the area. Blues, along with gospel music, had an impact on both country and rock 'n' roll.

Identified by blue markers, almost 215 stops comprise the **Mississippi Blues Trail**. They tell the stories of musicians from churches and clubs, from cities and country outposts. Along the way are 13 museums that focus on the blues.

In addition, Mississippi has produced a number of country music artists and boasts a wide array of performance venues. The Magnolia State's considerable contributions are shared on more than 40 markers on the **Mississippi Country Music Trail**.

Arkansas

What is it about the lower Mississippi River's Delta region that produced so much of America's music? Along the **Arkansas Delta Music Trail: Sounds from the Soil & Soul**, you'll find the answer.

Gospel music flowed from small churches Sunday mornings, and adaptations of those

songs found their way to juke joints along the river. The juke joints are gone, and small country churches have given way to larger places of worship, but the history continues.

From murals, markers and concerts to the **Delta Cultural Center** in Helena, the heritage of the blues is on full display, with more than 45 stops along the trail. Helena's **King Biscuit Blues Festival** takes place in October.

Virginia

The year was 1927, and musicians and singers from the Blue Ridge Highlands and Heart of Appalachia arrived in Bristol. In what is known as the 1927 Bristol Sessions, recordings by the Carter Family, Jimmie Rodgers and Ernest V. Stoneman were made. It was the



B.B. King Museum and Delta Interpretive Center, Indianola, Mississippi

beginning of country music. **The Crooked Road**, **Virginia's Heritage Music Trail** tells the story in 10 counties, 14 towns and three cities.

Birthplace of Country Music Museum in Bristol explores the rich heritage of country music and how it carries on today. Galax is home to the famous **Galax Fiddlers Convention** and the **Rex Theater**, a major music venue. In Floyd, the **Floyd Country Store** hosts the worldrenowned Friday Night Jamboree.

North Carolina

Along the **Blue Ridge Music Trails of North Carolina**, you'll hear the sounds of fiddle, banjo and string bands performing lively renditions of bluegrass and old-time music, two genres of mountain music that have been handed down through generations.

A variety of mountain music traditions nurtured in western North Carolina, including sacred music, lives on today. Learn more and hear the music at the John C. Campbell Folk School in Brasstown, Old Fort Mountain Music in Old Fort, Stecoah Valley Cultural Arts Center in Robbinsville.

Tennessee

From Bristol and Sevierville to Nashville, Memphis and more, **Ken Burns Country Music Pathways**, a PBS documentary, tells the story of country music. Visit the 22 sites where the history was made with a digital passport. Just Google "Ken Burns Country Music Pathway" and receive a text that you can use immediately. Save it to your smartphone's home screen and you're on your way.

From the original 1927 Bristol Sessions, the music moved to recording sessions in Memphis and Nashville, radio stations throughout the state and eventually to the stages of Nashville's Grand Old Opry at Ryman Auditorium. Your passport takes you on a journey of country music history.

Louisiana

The state's musical traditions feature indigenous music, including Cajun, zydeco and jazz. North Louisiana has had numerous influences on rock, gospel and country music. In Shreveport in 1956, the much-quoted phrase "Elvis has left the building" was first heard following Presley's performance on the Louisiana Hayride show at Hirsch Memorial Coliseum.

Southwest Louisiana, Lafayette in particular, is perfect for hearing live zydeco and Cajun music. Restaurants throughout the area offer Cajun specialties and a dance floor. Cajun music and cooking highlight area festivals.

In New Orleans, live jazz, blues and gospel performances happen daily. Check for show times at historic **Preservation Hall**, where traditional New Orleans jazz is at its best.

Alabama

Great music and its traditions are no stranger to Alabama. If you're a country music fan, you'll recognize Hank Williams as a pioneer of the genre. A trail honors him, and there's the **Hank Williams Museum** in Montgomery. Jimmy Buffett grew up in Mobile. Tour a music studio in Muscle Shoals where the likes of Aretha Franklin, Lynyrd Skynyrd, the Rolling Stones and Otis Redding recorded during the 1960s.

Check out the **Sweet Home Alabama Music Trail**, a six-day experience. From cafes, restaurants and delis to saloons, taverns and lounges, there are great options to hear jazz, blues and rock just about every night. Look into music festivals along the way.

Georgia

The Peach State's music is something like a quilt. There's mountain and bluegrass music drifting from the Appalachian and Blue Ridge mountains. In the southwest, you'll find the Albany birthplace of Ray Charles, who took us from jazz to soul to blues to country and just about everything in between.

The Allman Brothers, Little Richard and Otis Redding found their musical path in Macon, where a must stop is the **Allman Brothers Band Museum at the Big House**. Rock 'n' roller Little Richard worked as a busboy at what today is the Tic Toc while playing and practicing in the area.

It's on to Augusta and the "Godfather of Soul," James Brown. There are photo ops at the downtown statue, and the **Augusta Museum of History** theater shows clips from his career.

The university town of Athens seems to have drawn some of the best musical talent and continues to do so. The **Georgia Theatre**, **40-Watt Club, Caledonia Lounge** and others are legendary venues.

South Carolina

Like many states bordered by mountains and the coast, South Carolina has a rich music history. The Marshall Tucker Band, Darius Rucker and Hootie and the Blowfish, along with Maurice Williams and the Zodiacs, Chubby Checker and Dizzy Gillespie, all hail from the Palmetto State. The music is far-ranging, from country and bluegrass to R&B, rock and pop.

South Carolina is where beach music was born. This offshoot of rock 'n' roll and R&B carried dancers smoothly across the floor. The shag became the Official South Carolina State Dance.

Florida

The Sunshine State might not have originated music genres, but it's sure the place to catch live music. From South Florida to Tallahassee, there are more than a dozen communities with multiple venues to catch live music, including Latin, country, rock, oldies, jazz, blues, easy listening, reggae, punk and techno.



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What's New in ALABAMA

There are many great reasons to visit this great state. Here are a few. By Lisa Shames

rom its beautiful beaches and unforgettable outdoor adventures to moving historical sites and signature Southern charm (and all the delicious iconic dishes that go along with it), Alabama is a state that never fails to delight first-time visitors as well as those who return again and again.



Laughing Gull

While there are already plenty of great reasons to visit this southeastern state, we offer a few more below to add to your must-do list. Sweet home, Alabama, indeed.

TAKING FLIGHT: THE YEAR OF ALABAMA BIRDING

Bird watching may not be the first thing that comes to mind when you think of Alabama, but the Alabama Tourism Department thinks it's high time you did. Did you know that more than 430 species of birds call Alabama home? The endangered Red-cockaded Woodpecker and the Bald Eagle are some examples. Or that the state has a 15-years-in-the-making official birding trail (Alabama Birding Trails Project) with eight trails and more than 300 birding sites around the state? To get the word out, they've created a year-long campaign of bird-focused promotions and initiatives.

One area on a bird-watching aficionado's list is Dauphin Island. Located in the Gulf Coast region, this area consistently appears in birdwatching publications as one of the top 10 spots in the U.S. to see migratory birds. In both spring and fall, when the weather cooperates, this 14-mile-long barrier is filled with birds. Neotropical birds that have flown nonstop across the Gulf of Mexico use Dauphin Island as a refueling stop before making their way north to their breeding grounds.

In January, experience Eagle Awareness weekend near Guntersville State Park, located on the far north side of the city of Guntersville in Marshall County. Spot majestic bald eagles as they soar through the skies. Another January bird-focused event is the Festival of Cranes at Wheeler National Wildlife Refuge, which offers intriguing insights with talks, nature walks and kids' activities.



Edmund Pettus Bridge

HISTORY IN THE MAKING: ALABAMA BLACKBELT NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA

Encompassing multiple counties, the Black Belt region of Alabama and the rivers that flow through it represent one of North America's great centers of biological and cultural diversity. In January 2023, President Joe Biden designated the Black Belt as a National Heritage Area, which allows up to \$1 million in federal funding each year to go toward its protection and preservation to help create new funding and tourism opportunities. It is only one of two National Heritage Areas in Alabama.

The Alabama Black Belt area includes several natural landmarks, including Tuskegee National Forest, Talladega National Forest and at least two sites of importance to Native American history (Moundville Archaeological Site and Jere Shine site). It also includes historical sites relevant to African American history in Alabama, including Tuskegee Institute and Tuskegee Airmen National Historic Site. Civil rightsrelevant landmarks are included here as well, such as the Selma to Montgomery National Historic Trail, which includes the Edmund Pettus Bridge, First Baptist churches, and the Brown Chapel A.M.E. Church. A number of museums call the Alabama Black Belt home too: National Voting Rights Museum, The Legacy Museum, Rosa Parks Museum, and the Freedom Rides Museum.

HOUSE RULES: AFRICATOWN HERITAGE HOUSE

Set to open on July 8, the 163rd anniversary of the date America's last slave ship, *The Clotilda*, arrived in Mobile, Africatown Heritage House will focus on the



Heritage House (rendering)

descendants of the survivors who arrived in this country in shackles. It will introduce the world to 110 remarkable men, women and children, from their beginnings in West Africa, to their enslavement, to the development of their Africatown community. Their stories will be shared through a combination of interpretive text panels, documents and artifacts, including some pieces of the sunken ship scientifically verified to be *The Clotilda*.

In February, artists Charles Smith, who works in clay, and Frank Ledbetter, who works in metal, unveiled their collaborative art piece titled "The Memory Keeper." The sculpture features many marine animals that are common to both Alabama and West Africa. The dedication of the sculpture in the Africatown Heritage House Memorial Garden coincided with the announcement of the opening date for *Clotilda: The Exhibition* at the soon-to-open Africatown Heritage House this summer.

RIGHT ON TRACK: AMTRAK SERVICE BETWEEN MOBILE AND NEW ORLEANS

While a specific date has yet to be announced, there seems to be progress in the return of passenger train service to the Gulf Coast in the upcoming year. The plan calls for two trains to run twice a day between Mobile and New Orleans, leaving each city in the morning and returning in the evening. The new Amtrak service will make travel much easier for visitors as they won't have to rent a vehicle.

The last passenger train to run along the Gulf Coast was the Sunset Limited between California and Florida. That service stopped after Hurricane Katrina destroyed the tracks in Mississippi in 2005.

IITA Tour Operators Are Ready to Serve You

IITA is the only professional association devoted exclusively to the advancement and promotion of the U.S. inbound travel industry. The following member tour operators average nearly 25 years in business and represent the elite of the industry. Whenever your clients request a USA holiday, start by contacting an IITA member.



Mather Point, Grand Canyon Photo courtesy of the National Park Service

EST **1955**

AlliedTPro

AlliedTPro offers top-notch customer service, including FIT, VIP concierge/custom FIT, self-drive tours, escorted coach tours, group travel, meetings and incentives, thematic and experiential travel and corporate travel.

WHAT'S TRENDING:

Consumer perception of luxury travel has evolved, as travelers are looking for unique experiences, flexibility and customization, and they are willing to pay more to get it. This aligns well with ATP's strategy as its focus is on travelers requiring a higher level of service and flexibility.

OPERATING IN:

All of the U.S.

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- TRAVEL TYPES: MICE, Leisure, Group, FIT, Custom, Corporate
- COUNTRIES SERVED:

India, Europe, UK, Brazil, Argentina, Chile, Peru, Colombia, Australia, New Zealand, Southeast Asia, South Africa, Canada

LANGUAGES SPOKEN:

> Dutch, English, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Spanish, Portuguese, Hindi, Russian, Hungarian, Turkish, Croatian



EST **1999**

Amadeo Travel Solutions

Winner of the "Export Achievement Award" which is awarded to companies who excel globally, by the U.S. Department of Commerce, Amadeo Travel Solutions offer mini tours for travelers who want to see the top sights in the U.S. without the commitment of a lengthy bus tour. Enjoy visiting one or two destinations without having to pack your bag or check out of your hotel. We offer day trips or multi-day trips never longer than eight days with guaranteed departures year round.

WHAT'S TRENDING:

www.instagram.com/empirevacations

OPERATING IN: All of the U.S.

CONTACT:

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- TRAVEL TYPES: Leisure, Group, FIT, Custom, Corporate, Scheduled, Student
- COUNTRIES SERVED: Europe, Asia, South America
- LANGUAGES SPOKEN:

English, Japanese, Spanish, Chinese, Italian, Hebrew, French, Portuguese, German



America 4 You

America 4 You is a boutique receptive offering FIT hotels, activities, ranches and fly-drives. Focus is given to unique properties and destinations. We strives to provide hands-on service with customizable itineraries and in-depth knowledge of the U.S. including Alaska and Hawaii.

WHAT'S TRENDING:

We are seeing a rise in solo travel and also high-end custom itinerary planning. Consumers are also putting more focus on eco-friendly and sustainable practices, and specifically seeking out destinations and properties that make that a priority.

OPERATING IN:

All of the U.S.

CONTACT:

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- TRAVEL TYPES: Leisure, Group, FIT, Custom
- COUNTRIES SERVED: Europe, Australia, New Zealand
- LANGUAGES SPOKEN: English, German

America

est **2007**

America Travel Factory, LLC

We handle 100% of tourists from Japan to the U.S. mainland. The business ratio is 50% individual tours and 50% group tours. We have a branch office in Sedona, AZ.

OPERATING IN: All of the U.S.

- TRAVEL TYPES: MICE, Leisure, Group, FIT, Custom, Corporate, Student
- COUNTRIES SERVED: Japan
- LANGUAGES SPOKEN: Japanese

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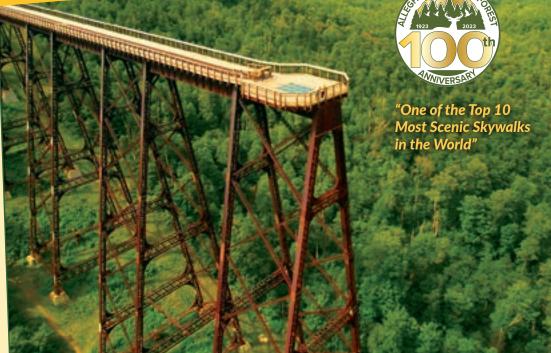
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American Incoming

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WHAT'S TRENDING:

The drop in the Euro has caused many clients to lower their expectations of hotel and restaurant levels. Albeit quality must still be there!

OPERATING IN:

All of the U.S.

CONTACT:

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TRAVEL TYPES: MICE, Leisure, Group, Custom, Corporate, Scheduled

COUNTRIES SERVED:

France, Belgium, Luxembourg, Switzerland

LANGUAGES SPOKEN: French, Spanish, German, Italian, Enalish



EST 1983

American Ring Travel, Inc.

We operate several dozen scheduled/private-label motorcoach tour itineraries throughout the U.S. and Canada. In 2020, ART announced that their tours would be Carbon Neutral. As a "Green Driven" company, we believe we can deliver a high-quality tour experience while protecting our national parks, history and Native American cultures.

WHAT'S TRENDING:

Sustainable Tourism. In 2022, our Carbon Offset contributions helped support reforestation and renewable energy with a measurable impact on reducing Green House Has (GHG) emissions.

OPERATING IN:

All of the U.S.

CONTACT:

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TRAVEL TYPES: Leisure, Group, Scheduled

COUNTRIES **SERVED:**

Germany, Netherlands, United Kingdom, Denmark, Belgium, France, Italy, Switzerland

LANGUAGES **SPOKEN:** German, Dutch,

Danish, French, Italian, English

american ring travel

EST 1977

AmericanTours International, LLC

As North America's leading wholesale travel service provider, ATI offers escorted tours, individual packages, special group services and discounted rates at over 30,000 hotel, attraction and transportation suppliers.

WHAT'S TRENDING:

We cater to traditional leisure travelers and those looking to maximize multi-generational travel, family getaways including unique experiences throughout the U.S. and Canada.

OPERATING IN:

All of the U.S.

CONTACT:

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- TRAVEL TYPES: Leisure, FIT, Scheduled
- COUNTRIES SERVED: **Over 70 international** markets
- LANGUAGES **SPOKEN:**
 - English, German, Chinese, Japanese, French, Italian, Spanish, Portuguese, Dutch, Arabic, Swedish, Danish, Finnish and more



EST 1981

Americascope Tour Services

Americascope is a New York based destination management company and receptive tour operator/wholesaler specializing in incentive, ad hoc, professional and leisure travel group programs through the United States and Canada. We offer personalized service and custom-designed itineraries for groups of 20 or more.

OPERATING IN: All of the U.S.

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- TRAVEL TYPES: MICE, Leisure, Group
- COUNTRIES SERVED:

France, Belgium, Switzerland, Germany, Italy, Great Britain, Martinique, Greece, Turkey

LANGUAGES **SPOKEN:** English, French, Spanish



Arkbeds Global Tour Operator

Arkbeds is a global tour operator based in Orlando, Florida with offices in Vancouver and Iguassu Falls, Brazil. We are specialists for U.S., Middle East and Maldives destinations. We offer an on-line reservation system that allows searches, reservations and payments. We have direct contracts with hotels from the main chains worldwide.

WHAT'S TRENDING:

For 2023, we launched USA Smart Packages for more than 30 destinations in the U.S. Additionally, we launched our own rental car company to serve Orlando and Miami, Ark Rental Car Experience.

OPERATING IN:

All of the U.S.

CONTACT:

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COUNTRIES SERVED:

South America, Central America, Middle East, Europe

LANGUAGES SPOKEN: English, Spanish, Portuguese



EST 1990

Bonotel Exclusive Travel

We offer exclusive deluxe hotels and resorts, upscale boutique properties and unique experiences to tour operators worldwide. We have built a reputation for its variety and standard of product.

WHAT'S TRENDING:

Bonotel offers exclusive and preferred hotel deals at classic luxury hotels, all-inclusive resorts, National Park lodging, glamping, and more. Our parent company has partnered with Sharecare and Forbes Travel Guide to help verify consistency in hotel health and safety standards throughout our portfolio.

OPERATING IN: All of the U.S.

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CONTACT:

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- TRAVEL TYPES: Leisure, FIT, Corporate
- COUNTRIES SERVED: 70+ countries on six

continents

 LANGUAGES SPOKEN:
English, German,
Spanish, Portuguese,
Dutch. Italian



est **2011**

Bindlestiff Tours

An award-winning Las Vegas based "adventure tour" small group provider, Bindlestiff Tours include Southwestern National Parks and protected spaces departing from Las Vegas, Seattle, San Francisco, Salt Lake City and Anchorage. Guests spend time hiking, exploring, photographing, star gazing and more. Guaranteed departures, multi-day and day tours visiting different parks over several days. Tours offer overnight, camping or hotel lodging at national parks. Private and custom new "Glamping" tours.

OPERATING IN:

Great Lakes, Mountain West, New England, North West, Southeast, South West

CONTACT:

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- TRAVEL TYPES: MICE, Leisure, Group, FIT, Custom, Student
- COUNTRIES SERVED: 70+ countries on six continents
- LANGUAGES SPOKEN: French, German, Italian, Japanese, English, Spanish



est **2005**

CONTACT USA

Contact USA has three departments: FIT, Group and MICE. Whether you are traveling for leisure or business, our team can meet your requirements, from flight tickets to your favorite sightseeing excursions. Stay in the best hotels, enjoy unique experiences through activities and tours. Contact USA is a team of 20 professionals working with multiple travel agencies all over the world. We have a network of representatives and sales agents in France, Poland and Germany managing daily demands and ensuring local support.

OPERATING IN:

Great Lakes, Mountain West, New England, North West, Southeast, South West

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- TRAVEL TYPES: Leisure, Group, FIT, Custom, Corporate, Scheduled, Student
- COUNTRIES SERVED: USA, France,

USA, France, Germany, Belgium, Italy, New Zealand

 LANGUAGES SPOKEN:
English, French Spanish, German



Detours of Arizona

DETOURS provides public and private single-day tours as well as custom multi-day tours, all of which focus on unique itineraries as well as bucket list adventures in luxury SUVs and custom mini-coaches for all ages, abilities and interests. Destinations include Antelope Canyon, Sedona, Grand Canyon, Monument Valley, Death Valley, Zion National Park and more.

WHAT'S TRENDING:

Families and small groups are choosing our multiday private handmade itineraries to have a more intimate experience. Guests are seeking the wide open spaces in a small group format.

OPERATING IN:

Mountain West, Northwest Southwest

CONTACT:

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COUNTRIES SERVED:

United States, Mexico, Canada, South America, Europe, Australia, New Zealand, Asia

LANGUAGES SPOKEN:

> English, Spanish, German, Japanese, French, Italian, Portuguese



EST 2010

Discover Destinations LLC

Discover Destinations will work with groups or individuals associated with corporate, student, church, honeymoon, incentive or leisure trips. Services offered include hotel bookings, flight bookings, charter flights, tours and tickets, event management, VIP's, social dinners, shows and entertainment, meetings and incentive trips, luxury and standard transportation, itinerary planning and tailormade tours.

OPERATING IN:

All of the U.S.

CONTACT:

Umang Malbari 3883 Rogers Bridge Rd., Ste. 701 Duluth, GA 30097 umang@discover-destinations.com (404) 333-8686 discover-destinations.com TRAVEL TYPES: Leisure, Group, FIT, Custom, Corporate, Scheduled, Student

- COUNTRIES SERVED: India, UAE, South East Asia, Latin America
- LANGUAGES SPOKEN:
 English, German,
 Spanish, French,
 Arabic



EST 2017

Dream Vacation Builders

Dream Vacation Builders is a receptive tour operator that caters to Latin America only. We offer vacation packages that include hotel accommodations, theme parks, day tours and airport transportation. Our mission is to provide a personal touch to our guests.

WHAT'S TRENDING:

We are looking at an increase in group travel, pre-fixed vacation packages and customers who want to visit more than one destination in a single trip. Customers are looking for this more European style of traveling.

OPERATING IN:

Northwest, Southwest

CONTACT:

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- TRAVEL TYPES: Leisure, Group, FIT
- COUNTRIES SERVED: Mexico, Ecuador, Argentina, Peru, Costa Rica

 LANGUAGES SPOKEN: Spanish, English, Portuguese



est **1959**

dnata Travel Group / Emirates Holidays

We are a family of consumer and business-tobusiness travel brands that sit within the dnata Group, itself backed by the Emirates Group. We work across the long and short haul sectors with expertise in aviation, accommodation, cruising, car hire and every ancillary industry. We're as at home in luxury as we are in lowcost, and in building technologies as we are in bricks and mortar travel agencies.

WHAT'S TRENDING:

Upscale hotels, villas and homes, luxury travel

OPERATING IN: All of the U.S.

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- TRAVEL TYPES: MICE, FIT, Custom
- COUNTRIES SERVED: UK, UAE, Ireland, Brazil, France
- LANGUAGES SPOKEN: English, German, Spanish, French, Arabic

dnata travel group

Easy Time Travel LLC

Easy Time Travel specializes in group business (leisure and incentive) and offers an online booking system for FIT sales where clients can book hotels, rental homes, rent-a-car, transportation and attractions. We also operate golf trip packages.

WHAT'S TRENDING:

For 2020 we developed "The Smart Trips" tour packages where clients can choose and book online one of our 35 different itineraries in the USA and Canada. We upgraded our golf packages in several destinations in the U.S., Canada, Mexico and in the Caribbean.

OPERATING IN:

All of the U.S.

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TRAVEL TYPES: MICE, Leisure, Group, FIT, Custom, Scheduled

COUNTRIES SERVED:

Brazil, Portugal, Spain, Argentina, Chile, Mexico, Colombia

 LANGUAGES SPOKEN: English, Portuguese, Spanish

easytime

est **1974**

Ed-Ventures Inc.

We are a tour operator specializing in custom tours around the world and inbound tours to Minnesota and the lower 48 states. We place an emphasis on quality and an experience that is life-changing and believe in starting every tour with a blank sheet of paper to obtain the objectives of your travel. Performance groups, faith based groups, cuisine and cultural tours, educational tours, and shopping tours are itineraries we can offer. We have operated tours within the U.S. since our inception in the mid 1970s.

OPERATING IN:

Great Lakes, Mountain West, New England, North West, Southeast, South West

CONTACT:

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- TRAVEL TYPES: Leisure
- COUNTRIES SERVED: Europe, Middle East, North America, South America
- LANGUAGES SPOKEN: English, Czech, French, Spanish, German



est **1972**

Five Star Tours

We are a group of travel concierge professionals that aim to provide the best travel experiences in Southern California and beyond with our partner network.

WHAT'S TRENDING:

The tour industry is going to rebound.

OPERATING IN: Mountain West, Northwest Southwest

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- TRAVEL TYPES: FIT, Custom, Corporate
- COUNTRIES SERVED: Latin America, Spain, England, Germany,

Japan

 LANGUAGES SPOKEN: English, Spanish, French



est **2007**

GEN Travel Solutions

We are a receptive tour operator located in Fort Lauderdale, FL offering travel services to the Latin American and Spanish Markets for the last 10 years focused in the Groups and Events segments.

Our services includes accommodations, transportation, meals, tickets, meetings and sports and corporate events.

OPERATING IN: All of the U.S.

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- TRAVEL TYPES: Group, MICE, Custom, Corporate
- COUNTRIES SERVED: Latin America, Spain
- LANGUAGES SPOKEN: English, Spanish



Go West Tours

Go West Tours started out of a passion for the American West and with the vision to share that passion with other people: avid explorers as well as more relaxed vacationers. Our destination expertise includes the U.S. and Canada. We customize products for Leisure and Incentive Groups, as well as individual clientele (FITs). These are sold only through travel professionals.

WHAT'S TRENDING:

National Parks, New York City, Chicago, San Francisco, Miami and Las Vegas, ranches, architectural programs and urban MICE.

OPERATING IN:

All of the U.S.

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TRAVEL TYPES: MICE, Leisure, Group, Custom, Corporate, Scheduled

COUNTRIES SERVED:

Western and Central Europe, Latin America, Australia, New Zealand

LANGUAGES SPOKEN:

English. German. Swedish, Finnish, French



EST 1980

H.I.S. International Tours (NY) Inc.

H.I.S. International Tours was established 42 years ago in Tokyo where it is headquartered. Currently, H.I.S. is in 65 countries, has 374 branches and is in 204 cities. We have 217 companies in the world. The number of employees are 13,990 world-wide and 150 employees in the U.S. Our ever expanding network enables us to get timely information about countries worldwide and make all kinds of arrangements smoothly. We are challenging a lot of things which are doing hotel business in Japan (open at NYC in Oct. 2021), theme park in Japan, Energy Business in Japan, Robot Business.

OPERATING IN:

All of the U.S.

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- COUNTRIES SERVED: Japan
- LANGUAGES SPOKEN: Japanese, English



EST 1993

Kaleidoscope Adventures

Kaleidoscope Adventures is a full-service student tour operator with more than 26 years of inspiring student travel. Our CEO and COO are former educators and we specialize in surprisingly unique educational, performance, sports, class trips and cruise travel to more than 40+ student friendly destinations.

OPERATING IN: All of the U.S.

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- TRAVEL TYPES: Group, Custom, Student
- COUNTRIES SERVED: United States, Australia, United Kingdom, Europe
- LANGUAGES SPOKEN: English, French, German, Spanish, Italian, Russian,

Japanese, Mandarin



EST 1964

JTB USA Inc.

Established in 1964, JTB USA Inc. is the first overseas subsidiary company of JTB Corp. JTB USA has been specializing in travel services for inbound and outbound travel including corporate business travel, MICE, leisure travel and FIT arrangements. With over 50 years of experience, the network of companies has been recognized as a full service Destination Management Company (DMC) and Travel Management Company (TMC) in the regions of the United States, Hawaii, Canada, and Brazil.

OPERATING IN: All of the U.S.

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- TRAVEL TYPES: MICE, Leisure, Group, FIT, Custom, Corporate, Student
- COUNTRIES SERVED: Japan, Asia Pacific countries, South America
- LANGUAGES **SPOKEN:** Japanese



Malu Events, LLC.

Malu Events is a full service events and destination management company specialized in international MICE groups. We offer incentive programs, meetings & events, conventions, product launches, agribusiness tours, immersion/educational programs among others MICE programs. From logistics to technology to production, we are a one stop-shop for everything that is needed for any event. We have offices in the U.S., South America, Central America and Europe.

OPERATING IN:

All of the U.S.

CONTACT:

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- TRAVEL TYPES: MICE, Corporate
- COUNTRIES SERVED: Brazil, Argentina, Chile, Colombia. Portugal, Spain, Italy
- LANGUAGES SPOKEN: Portuguese, Spanish, Italian

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EST 1993

Meeting Point North America

Meeting Point North America is owned by the FTI Group, a portfolio with various brands and subsidiaries worldwide, to include Europe's third-largest tour operator (FTI), Meeting Point International, as well as their own hotels. As part of a global network of DMCs, we are a secure and stable company offering a fullrange of product throughout North America. We are ready to partner with suppliers and DMO's in welcoming back international travellers to ensure a mutually successful 2023!

OPERATING IN:

All of the U.S.

CONTACT:

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- TRAVEL TYPES: MICE, Group, FIT, Corporate
- COUNTRIES SERVED: Germany, France, UK, Latin America
- LANGUAGES SPOKEN:

English, German, Dutch, Spanish, Portuguese, French, Russian, Croatian, Arabic



est **2010**

Misha Tours

Firstworld Travel/Misha Tours is a full-service multilingual travel and tour company. As well as individual travel and tours, we design and conduct escorted tours for any destination in North America.

OPERATING IN:

Northwest

CONTACT:

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- TRAVEL TYPES: MICE, Leisure, Group, FIT
- COUNTRIES SERVED:

Spain, France, Italy, Canada, Mexico, Colombia, Chile, Argentina

 LANGUAGES SPOKEN:
French, Spanish, Italian, Portuguese,

Serbian/Croatian



EST **2020**

OnStage by Aloha of America

OnStage by Aloha of America is a destination management company focused on providing solutions that help people and businesses perform better. We specialize in creating unique experiences for groups interested in professional development programs, youth educational programs, sporting programs, incentive travel and/or branding experiences.

WHAT'S TRENDING:

Corporate groups are exploring more and more virtual events.

OPERATING IN:

All of the U.S.

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- TRAVEL TYPES: MICE, Group, Custom, Corporate, Student
- COUNTRIES SERVED: Brazil, Mexico,

Paraguay, Argentina, Uruguay

 LANGUAGES SPOKEN: English, Spanish, Portuguese



Onward

We are a professional full-service travel logistics company, specializing in group travel and events throughout the USA and Canada. We are a diverse and passionate team, creating exceptional travel experiences. No matter the size or scope, we consider all the details, crafting the right travel solution. We offer guided experiences, pro sports, entertainment and events, college travel, school trips, cruise port operations, and group tour series.

OPERATING IN:

All of the U.S.

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- TRAVEL TYPES: Leisure, Group, Scheduled, Student
- COUNTRIES SERVED: UK, Australia, USA
- LANGUAGES SPOKEN: Leisure, Group, Corporate, Student

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EST 2008

Receptive Tours Group

Receptive Tours Group is a full-service multicity DMC / Receptive Tour Operator that provides a superior level of on-the-ground service in New York City, Washington DC, Niagara Falls, Orlando, Chicago, San Antonio, Los Angeles, Honolulu and more.

We custom create, operate and manage inbound travel experiences for Student, Senior, Leisure and MICE groups of 20+.

OPERATING IN:

Great Lakes, Mountain West, New England, North West, Southeast, South West

CONTACT:

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- TRAVEL TYPES: MICE, Leisure, Group, Custom, Corporate, Student
- LANGUAGES SPOKEN: English, Spanish

est **1967**

OTS Globe - Americas

Our local presence in an expansive network of 19 countries and 65 destinations, in combination with our centralized coordination and distribution approach contribute to fast & hands-on incident handling, further assisting you in your own growth and expansion strategies. Think with global vision and act with local knowhow is our key for success.

OPERATING IN:

All of the U.S.

CONTACT:

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COUNTRIES SERVED:

Germany, Poland, UK, Ireland, Eastern Europe, Spain, Canada, Brazil, Argentina

LANGUAGES SPOKEN:

Portuguese, English, German, Spanish, Italian, French, Polish, Russian, Czech



EST 1979

RMP Travel Inc.

RMP Travel Inc is a full service Destination Management Company / Inbound Operator since 1979. We custom design unique creative programs throughout New York and all of the U.S. comprised of all ground and travel operations for corporate incentive groups, medical/pharma groups, cultural leisure groups and FITs.

OPERATING IN: All of the U.S.

CONTACT:

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COUNTRIES SERVED:

UK, Germany, Austria, Italy. Israel, Netherlands, Greece, Austria, Czech Republic

LANGUAGES SPOKEN:

> English, German, French, tour managers most languages



Rocky Mountain Holiday Tours

RMHT specializes in tailor-made itineraries through the Western United States with a focus on being inside the National Parks. Our handson itineraries include not only lodging, but activities and all-inclusive ranches as well.

WHAT'S TRENDING:

The trends are unique lodging, which includes glamping, B&B's, Conestoga wagons, ranches and boutique hotels. We have also seen more interest in all types of activities, but especially the small-group and private options.

OPERATING IN:

Mountain West, Northwest, Southwest

CONTACT:

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LANGUAGES SPOKEN: English, French



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All of the U.S

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- TRAVEL TYPES: Leisure
- COUNTRIES SERVED: United States. France
- LANGUAGES SPOKEN: English, French



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OPERATING IN:

Mountain West, Northwest, Southwest

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EST 2010

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OPERATING IN:

All of the U.S.

- TRAVEL TYPES: MICE, Leisure, Group, FIT, Custom, Corporate, Student
- COUNTRIES SERVED: Japan
- LANGUAGES SPOKEN: English, Japanese

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EST 1987

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WHAT'S TRENDING:

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OPERATING IN:

All of the U.S.

CONTACT:

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- TRAVEL TYPES: Leisure, FIT, Custom, Corporate
- COUNTRIES SERVED:

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LANGUAGES SPOKEN:

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TourMappers

est **1997**

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WHAT'S TRENDING:

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OPERATING IN: All of the U.S.

CONTACT:

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- COUNTRIES SERVED:

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 LANGUAGES SPOKEN: English, Chinese, Japanese, Indonesian Bahasa, Philippines Tagalog



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OPERATING IN:

All of the U.S.

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TRAVEL TYPES: MICE, Leisure, Group, FIT, Custom, Corporate, Scheduled, Student

- COUNTRIES SERVED: India, Middle East, Sri-Lanka
- LANGUAGES SPOKEN: English, Hindi, Guirati

Tours Limited

EST 1985

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OPERATING IN:

All of the U.S.

CONTACT:

EST 1998

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LANGUAGES SPOKEN:

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OPERATING IN:

All of the U.S.

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- TRAVEL TYPES: MICE, Leisure, Group, Corporate, Scheduled, Student
- COUNTRIES SERVED: Worldwide
- LANGUAGES SPOKEN: English, Spanish



est **2011**

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WHAT'S TRENDING:

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