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PRESENTER: Tamika C. Carter
Founder, Group Travel Academy

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Holiday Inn Superdome

330 Loyola Avenue

New Orleans, LA 70113

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Message from Dez:

It is with a heavy heart that I share this message. I have enjoyed serving as your President and still have the vision of TAGNO becoming a hundred-member organization proudly representing the Travel Advisors of New Orleans. However, due to health issues I must step away from the position.

I will still aid Andrea in anyway necessary and continue to be an active TAGNO member,

Sincerely,

Desiree "*Dez*" Turner

So, What Are Major Events



Tamika C. Carter

Tamika C. Carter is the Founder and Executive Director of the Group Travel Academy where she coaches individuals who want to start and/or grow their travel businesses with groups. Tamika is a seasoned expert in group travel planning. In 2003, Tamika began taking groups to the Caribbean, music festivals and sporting events. Now, as the owner and operator of Caribbean Mastermind Retreats, Tamika continues to plan group travel for other business coaches, life coaches, and their clients.



Radiance of the Seas

Sails from New Orleans with 4 & 5 night voyages

4 Nights: 11/3 and 11/17/2022

5 Nights: 11/7, 11/12, 11/21 and 11/26/2022

ASTA Praises Bipartisan Effort to Update Rules on International COVID Testing

TravelPulse author Janeen Christoff published this statement by Eben Peck,

“We commend Congressman Correa and all of his colleagues who signed onto this important letter for recognizing that the CDC’s pre-departure testing rule is the single biggest barrier to the full recovery of the international travel system on which so many of their constituents in the travel industry rely.” (Christoff, 2022)

Read entire article here:

<https://www.travelpulse.com/news/impacting-travel/asta-praises-bipartisan-effort-to-update-rules-on-international-covid-testing.html>

JAMAICA TOURISM BOARD IS COMING ...

SOUTHEAST USA DESTINATION UPDATE & DINNER SEMINARS

MONDAY, APRIL 11

Aloft Jacksonville Tapestry Park
4812 Deer Lake Drive West
JACKSONVILLE, FL 32246
Tel.: (904) 998-4448

TUESDAY, APRIL 19

Renaissance Fort Lauderdale West
1230 S Pine Island Road
PLANTATION, FL 33324
Tel.: (954) 472-2252

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27

Hilton Birmingham at UAB
808 20th Street, S
BIRMINGHAM, AL 35205
Tel.: (205) 933-9000

WEDNESDAY, MAY 11

The Westin Memphis Beale Street
170 Lt. George W. Lee Avenue
MEMPHIS, TN 38103
Tel.: (901) 334-5900

TUESDAY, APRIL 12

Hilton Orlando Altamonte Springs
350 Northlake Boulevard
ALTAMONTE SPRINGS, FL 32701
Tel.: (407) 830-1985

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20

Hilton Miami Airport Blue Lagoon
5101 Blue Lagoon Drive
MIAMI FL 33126
Tel.: (305) 262-1000

THURSDAY, APRIL 28

Courtyard by Marriott
1995 6th Street North
COLUMBUS, MS 39701
Tel.: (662) 245-1540

TUESDAY, MAY 17

Brier Creek Country Club
9400 Club Hill Drive
RALEIGH, NC 27617
Tel.: (919) 206-4600

THURSDAY, MAY 19

Hyatt Regency Atlanta Perimeter
@Villa Christina
4000 Summit Boulevard
ATLANTA, GA 30319
Tel.: (678) 539-1234

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13

The Rusty Pelican
2425 N Rocky Point Drive
TAMPA, FL 33607
Tel.: (813) 281-1943

MONDAY, APRIL 25

Hilton New Orleans Airport
901 Airline Drive
KENNER, LA 70062
Tel.: (504) 469-5000

TUESDAY, MAY 10

The Westin Nashville
807 Clark Place
NASHVILLE, TN 37203
Tel.: (615) 248-2800

WEDNESDAY, MAY 18

The Ballantyne
10000 Ballantyne Commons Pkwy
CHARLOTTE, NC 28277
Tel.: (704) 248-4000

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TRAVEL UPDATES IF YOU ARE VACINATED:

CDC recommends delaying travel until you are able to get fully vaccinated. **If you are traveling with children who cannot get vaccinated at this time, follow recommendations for unvaccinated people and choose the safer travel options described below.**

Check CDC's [Domestic Travel](#) or [International Travel](#) pages for the latest recommendations for vaccinated and unvaccinated travelers.

If unvaccinated,

- Wear a mask over your nose and mouth in public. [Wearing a mask over your nose and mouth is required](#) on planes, buses, trains, and other forms of public transportation traveling into, within, or out of the United States and while indoors at U.S. transportation hubs such as airports and stations. Travelers are not required to wear a mask in outdoor areas of a conveyance (like on open deck areas of a ferry or the uncovered top deck of a bus). CDC recommends that travelers who are not [fully vaccinated](#) continue to wear a mask when traveling.
- Avoid crowds and stay at least 6 feet/2 meters (about 2 arm lengths) from anyone who is not traveling with you.
- Wash hands often or use hand sanitizer (with at least 60%) alcohol.

If you haven't been vaccinated yet, [find a vaccine](#) .

Source: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/travel-risk.html>

Have you been somewhere cool?

If you have travelled solo, or taken a group somewhere lately, please tell us how your trip went. We would love to know the most current information from destinations around the world.

Sharing is Caring!

DESTINATIONS: U.S. Travelers welcomed without a 14-Day Quarantine

**These countries have re-opened to U.S. citizens without a
14-day quarantine:**

**Specific Travel Protocols have been put in place by each country.
Click link for details.**

BAHAMAS

<https://www.bahamas.com/tourism-reopening#exumas>

BELIZE

<https://belizetourismboard.org/belize-covid-19-update-for-travellers/>

BERMUDA

<https://www.gov.bm/coronavirus-travellers>

BARBADOS

<https://www.visitbarbados.org/covid-19-travel-guidelines-2020>

TURKS & CAICOS

<https://travelauthorisation.turksandcaicostourism.com/public/>

For other destinations click this link to check current protocols:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/map-and-travel-notice.html>

EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

Agent Toolbox

Stay informed about destinations, business practices , agent programs, industry news, changes and trends. Knowledge is the sharpest tool in your “*Agent Toolbox*”!

Online Educational Resources

Recommend Magazine – <http://www.recommend.com>

Travel Agent University – <http://www.tauniv.com>

Travel Agent Academy – <http://www.travelagentacademy.com>

The Travel Institute – <http://www.thetravelinstitute.com>

Mail Pound – <http://www.mailpound.com>

JaxFax Travel Marketing Magazine - <http://www.jaxfaxmagazine.com/>

CRUISE LINES

Cruise Lines International - <http://www.cruising.org>

Carnival - <https://www.goccl.com>

- Insider Picks - <https://www.goccl.com/en/Agent-Programs/Insider-Picks>
- #THELIST - <https://www.goccl.com/en/Agent-Programs/Adolfos-List>
- Be The Hero Program - <https://www.goccl.com/en/Agent-Programs/Be-The-Hero>

Holland America - <https://gohal.com>

Norwegian - <https://sso.ncl.com>

Royal Caribbean- <https://secure.cruisingpower.com>

- LOYALTOYOU ALWAYS - <https://loyaltoyoualways.com/>
 - * Marketing, News, Offers, Deployment...

DESTINATIONS

Mexico - <http://www.visitmexicouniversity.com/>

Caribbean - www.onecaribbean.org

Hawaii - www.agents.gohawaii.com

Florida - www.visitflorida.com

*2ND QUARTER**MEETING SUPPLIERS & PRESENTERS*

DATE	SUPPLIER / ORGANIZATION	PRESENTER
April 19, 2022	Group Travel Academy	Tamika C. Carter
May 17, 2022	Explorean Resorts/ Fiesta Americana Live Aqua	Mauricio Moncado
June 21, 2022	Avanti Destinations	Molly Blackmon

The TAGNO Membership

Extends sincere condolences

**To our fellow members who have lost a family member or friend this year.
May the memories of your loved ones bring peace and comfort to your heart.**



“On the Runway”

**TAGNO’s
Christmas Social**

**Holiday Inn Downtown Super-
dome**

December 3rd, 2021

TAGNO Email Mailboxes

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tagnomembership@gmail.com = Member applications & dues

tagno.info@gmail.com = Member suggestions, questions or concerns

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