



#### **MAY 2022 NEWLETTER**

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#### **MEETING**

MAY 17, 2022 6:00 P.M. (Meeting will begin promptly)

> HOLIDAY INN SUPERDOME 330 LOYOLA AVENUE NEW ORLEANS, LA 70113

**RSVP: TAGNO May Meeting Link** 

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**SUPPLIER:** Explorean Resorts / Fiesta Americana / Live Aqua

#### **PRESENTERS:**

Mauricio Moncado and Don Amstrong – Fiesta Americana & The Explorean Cozumel Beach Lorena Vilchis – Director of Sales Grand Fiesta Americana Coral Francisco Urzua – Sales Manager Live Aqua Cancun Don Armstrong



**Mauricio Moncado** 

Director of Sales Fiesta Americana & The Explorean Cozumel Beach

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#### **TAGNO EMAIL MAILBOXES**

<u>tagno.nola@gmail.com</u> = Correspondence to/from Suppliers <u>tagnomembership@gmail.com</u> = Member Application & Dues <u>tagno.info@gmail.com</u> = Member suggestions, questions, or concerns

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#### JOIN THE FACEBOOK GROUP:

https://www.facebook.com/groups/1677619899183027

TAGNO website: <a href="https://www.tagno.net">https://www.tagno.net</a>

#### **NEWS BREAK:**

You can now attend TAGNO meetings virtually or in person. Virtual attendance has a cost of \$20.

TAGNO is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

**Topic: TAGNO May Meeting** 

Time: May 17, 2022 - 06:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

For Virtual Attendance: Join from PC

Join Zoom Meeting

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84757453364?pwd=NHJENU9yM1lyd2NiZEZwZE9XL0tJdz09TAG NO Meeting

Meeting ID: 847 5745 3364

Passcode: 633518

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Find your local number: https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kdyhuTPC5q

# **TAGNO NEWS**



# "ON THE RUNWAY" TAGNO EXCLUSIVE FAMS

SANDALS FAM ANNOUCEMENT: ALL NEW Sandals Royal Bahamian, June 10 for 3 nights Check with Jana for availability -JGraber@uvi.sandals.com

# **TAGNO Membership Application.**

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## **TAGNO MEETING CALENDAR**

# Plan to Attend: MEETING SUPPLIERS & PRESENTERS

| DATE          | SUPPLIER/ORGANIAZATION                          | PRESENTER        |
|---------------|---|------------------|
| May 17, 2022  | Explorean Resorts/Fiesta Americana<br>Live Aqua | Mauricio Moncado |
| June 21, 2022 | Avanti Destinations                             | Molly Blackburn  |
| July 19, 2022 | Azamara Small Ship Cruising                     | Mitch Platt      |

## **TRAVEL UPDATES**

#### **REAL-ID NEW DEADLINE**

# **Real-ID Deadline**

Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has set a new deadline for travelers 18 years and older to secure a state issued "REAL-ID". Read article for more details.

#### **COVID PROTOCOLS**

Click this link to check for current country protocols

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

Public Health Agency of Canada has eased their border measures travel requirements for vaccinated travelers. Visit: travel.gc.ca.



## **EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES**

#### **Agent Toolbox**

Stay informed about destinations, business practices, agent programs, industry news, changes and tends. Knowledge is the sharpest tool in your "Agent Toolbox"

#### **Online Educational Resources**

Recommend Magazine - http://www.recommend.com

Travel Agent University – <a href="http://www.tauniv.com">http://www.tauniv.com</a>

Travel Agent Academy – <a href="http://www.travelagentacademy.com">http://www.travelagentacademy.com</a>

**The Travel Institute** – http://www.thetravelinstitute.com

*Mail Pound* – http://www.mailpound.com

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

#### **Suppliers**

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

Carnival - <a href="https://www.goccl.com">https://www.goccl.com</a>

- 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

Sandals - https://taportal.sandals.com/landing/

Norwegian - <a href="https://sso.ncl.com">https://sso.ncl.com</a>

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

- LOYALTOYOU ALWAYS <a href="https://loyaltoyoualways.com/">https://loyaltoyoualways.com/</a>
  - \* Marketing, News, Offers, Deployment...

#### **DESTINATIONS**

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

Caribbean - www.onecaribbean.org

Hawaii - www.agents.gohawaii.com

Florida - www.visitflorida.com

## **NEED TO KNOW**

#### This is an excerpt from a recent article from TravelPulse website titled:

#### **Cybercriminals Are Targeting the Travel Industry**

**FEATURES & ADVICE** 

JANEEN CHRISTOFF

MAY 06, 2022

**BEWARE:** Cyber Criminals are targeting the Travel Industry. Listed below are several websites that agents are advised not to visit:

airportprescreen[.]com airportprescreening[.]com

applyfornexuscard[.]com assist-gov[.]com

applyglobaltraveler[.]com easynexusapplication[.]com

fastpassapplication[.]com lowrisktraveler[.]com

immigrationvisaforms[.]com travelauthorizationusa[.]com

The article states another tactic is the sale of fraudulent vaccine cards which are sold on "both dark web forums and marketplaces that advertise COVID-19 vaccination certificates, passports, pre-departure PCR tests, or other documents that allow travelers to bypass security/border security, according to data from Insikt.

#### Practices advised by Janeen Christoff to Protect Your Clients and Agency:

- Book flights and lodging accommodations with reputable suppliers—NOT on social media
- Beware of fictious agency websites. Especially website that have URLs that contain country-specific domains (such as ".eu," ".ru," ".ua."
- Do not reply to unsolicited emails, texts, social media or calls with holiday or other gift offers.
- Communicate directly with the property owner or their agent and ask them questions about the booking, room, location and area of the property.
- Check the terms and conditions before making a purchase, in particular the refund policy and processes.

Christoff, J., 2022. *Cybercriminals Are Targeting the Travel Industry*. [online] TravelPulse. Available at: <a href="https://www.travelpulse.com/news/features/cybercriminals-are-targeting-the-travel-industry.html">https://www.travelpulse.com/news/features/cybercriminals-are-targeting-the-travel-industry.html</a> [Accessed 9 May 2022].