

# Report: Trade Show Contacts

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**Contact Name** <u>Ivar Hottentot</u> **Address** 5787 Vineland Road

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**Account** Meeting Point North America **Phone** 

Note Title 2023 ITA - San Diego Email ivar.hottentot@meetingpointnorthamerica.com

### Date Regarding

02/23/2023 Met with Ivar at IITA San Diego. Meeting Point North America is a full service receptive tour operator

offering a range of products in USA and Canada including FIT looking for hotels, attractions, fly/drive itineraries, incentive and leisure groups and motorcoach departures. He was at GWS to pitch their You Travel brand. They want to offer a 2 or 3 week sale for different destinations around the US. Mostly city focused, that get a 4/5 on Trip Advisor. Utilizing 3.5 to 4 and 5 star lodging and include unique attractions. I'm not sure we are the best for this product, but says the domestic side had kept them

afloat during COVID, international is coming back.

Contact Name Misha Jovanovic Address Navajo Station

PO Box 19757

**Title** Owner/General Manager San Diego, 92159-0757

United States

Account Misha Tours Phone 619.588.4644

Note Title 2023 IITA - San Diego Email misha@mishatours.com

## Date Regarding

02/23/2023 Met with Misha Jovanovic at IITA 2023 San Diego - Misha works with group leaders exclusively who then

work with senior groups. He puts together custom tours according to what the group leaders request. National Parks are popular and Yellowstone and Glacier NP are the two most popular with his clients. He knows our region, stayed at Grouse Mtn Lodge the year it opened in the early 1980s. No Montana trips planned for now, but appreciated the meet and greet.

**Contact Name** Annie Marie Correa

CEO

Address

Phone

Title

Orlando, FL UNITED STATES

Account Onstage Academy by Aloha of America

Note Title 2023 IITA - San Diego **Email** annie@alohaofamerica.com

Date Regarding

02/23/2023 Met with Annie and Jessica at IITA 2023 San Diego. They bring MICE groups to the US mainly from Latin

America. She said they had some cattle ranchers that would be interested in our area. I will follow up

Address

from the meet and greet.

**Contact Name** Brandon Brandon

741 Atlantic Ave

Title Long Beach, CA 90813 UNITED STATES

Account Onward **Phone** 

**Note Title** 2023 IITA - San Diego **Email** Brandon@onwardgroups.com

Regarding Date

02/23/2023 Met with Brandon at IITA 2023 San Diego. He works with groups and specifically sports groups, college

athletics, UK inbound. He knows Corey Weathers and has ties to Roam Beyond, Will follow up from the

meet and greet.

**Contact Name** Mark Ryan Address 15 Cliff Street, Suite 248

**Title** Regional Director

New York, NY 10038 UNITED STATES

Account OTS Globe **Phone** 929.243.0153

**Note Title** mark.ryan@otsglobe.com 2023 IITA - San Diego Email

Date Regarding

Met with Mark at IITA 2023 San Diego. Very nice quy. Had been to Gardner before. Was honest in telling 02/23/2023

me they do not sell our area, east coast primarily. They are hoping to expand out west next year, but

will work with the larger destinations before MT. No follow up needed.

**Contact Name** Graziella Hoelzel **Address** 2 Bridge Plaza, Unit 1

**Title** Director of International Sales Atlantic Beach, NY 11509

**UNITED STATES** 

Account RMP Travel **Phone** 212.581.8051

**Note Title** 2023 IITA - San Diego Email operations@rmptvl.com

**Date** Regarding 02/23/2023

Met with Graziella at IITA 2023 San Diego. All of their inbound is custom. She wanted information about hotels around Glacier National Park (Pursuit) along with images and video. Didn't have much for our region. I will follow up.

Contact Name Chris Pilley Address PO Box 2063

**Title** Owner Fort Collins, CO 80522

UNITED STATES

AccountRocky Mountain Holiday ToursPhone970.482.5813

Note Title 2023 ITTA - San Diego Email chris@RMHTours.com

### Date Regarding

02/23/2023

Met with Chris at IITA 2023 San Diego. Rocky Mountain Holiday Tours is a service-oriented receptive tour operator based in Colorado. They specialize in the Western United States, especially the national parks, offering a number of services in that region. While FIT (individual/couples/families) lodging is their biggest focus, they also work with ranches, activities of all types, winter resorts, as well as groups. ALL GLACIER COUNTRY PARTNERS THAT WANT TO ATTRACT MORE INTERNATIONAL VISITORS OR WORK IN THE INTERNATIONAL ARENA NEED TO FOLLOW UP WITH Chris@RMHTours.com They are the experts in the Rocky Mountain region.

Contact Name Peio Cuevas Address 1270 Broadway, Suite 1108

**Title** VP Operations New York, NY 10001

UNITED STATES

Account See USA Tours Phone 212.944.0906

Note Title 2023 ITA - San Diego Email peio.cuevas@seeusatours.com

Date Regarding

02/23/2023 Met with Peio at IITA 2023 San Diego. He will be in the region in June. We talked about biking the GTSR

and I will follow up with information about spring in Western Montana.

**Contact Name** Jason Murray **Address** 382 E. 650 S. Circle

**Title** Cedar City, UT 84720

UNITED STATES

Account Southwest Adventure Tours LLC Phone 435.590.5864

Note Title 2023 IITA - San Diego Email jason@southwestadventuretours.com

# Date Regarding

02/23/2023

Met with Jason IITA 2023 San Diego. They specialize in small group business, 15 people or less. Tours are all done in Mercedes Sprinter Vans. They have multiple tours throughout the summer July 9 - August. He says they can access the entrances without vehicle reservations per the park. I will get more information on that at Go West Summit. Good news is that they used to fly into and out of Spokane, but have switched to Missoula. Great receptive tour operator for GC partners.

**Contact Name** 

Robin Sammartino

Address

33 West 46th Street

New York, NY 10036 UNITED STATES

Account **Note Title** 

Title

Teamamerica

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**Phone Email** 

robin@teamamericany.com

#### Date Regarding

02/23/2023

Met with Robin at IITA 2023 San Diego. TeamAmerica is a full service receptive tour operator with offices in NY, Miami, Los Angeles. They offer extensive allotments of rooms online for all major cities in the US, Canada, Caribbean and South America. They have an elite line that specializes in the luxury travel segment especially in the Italian market, GC lodging partners can contact Robin about putting up a static rate allotment of rooms for them to sell, robin@teamamericanv.com

**Contact Name** 

Gloria Lan

**Address** 

800 Wilshire Blvd, Suite 808

Title President Los Angeles, CA 90017

Account Tour America

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UNITED STATES 213.683.1188

**Note Title** 

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**Email** 

gloria lan@touramerica.us.com

#### Date Regarding

02/23/2023

Met with Gloria at IITA 2023 San Diego. They are located in Los Angeles and specialize in inbound from SE Asia, Japan, Hong Kong etc. They are group based and full motor coaches. They also deal some in corporate incentive. She said she has looked into adding Montana to her list of destinations to sell, but right now it is too expensive. No follow up needed.

**Contact Name** 

Julie Katz

**Address** 

132 Boylston St. 4th Floor

Managing Director

Boston, MA 02116

**UNITED STATES** 

Account TourMappers North America

617.236.1236 **Phone** 

**Note Title** 

Title

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**Email** julie@tourmappers.com

#### Date Regarding

02/23/2023

Met with Julie at IITA 2023 San Diego. They are looking for products that have character to the destination. They don't want to compete for large city business so our region is perfect. Boutique, independent and/or resorts are their first choice of products. When those are not available we will consider flagged properties (3+Star) for our FIT Program. UK and Germany are their top markets. Have both groups and FIT depts. Discussed cottages and boutique inns, independent properties.

**Contact Name** Marc Antonne Torqane **Address** 12000 Biscayne Boulevard

Suite 600

**Title** Account manager groups No

North Miami, FL 33181 UNITED STATES

AccountTravalco USA IncPhone305.866.5555

Note Title 2023 IITA - San Diego Email marc@travalco.com

## Date Regarding

02/23/2023 Met with Marc at IITA 2023 San Diego. Travalco chooses to be an exclusive B2B company. They enjoy

partnerships with leading Tour Operators from 56 countries which ensures a healthy business mix and valuable year-around production. They are looking for more options in Whitefish and Kalispell specifically Bed & Breakfast and Ranch stays. December - March is their booking season so time if of the essence for those that would like to sell their rooms. They need to offer a 25% commission. Marc also wants our motorcycle itinerary. I will follow up.

**Contact Name** Robert Miller **Address** 720 Monroe Street, Suite E507

Title Hoboken, NJ 07030

UNITED STATES

AccountTravelAdvocatesPhone201.222.1990

Note Title 2023 IITA - San Diego Email robert@traveladvocates.com

## Date Regarding

02/23/2023 Met with Robert at IITA 2023 San Diego. They are a 3rd party group hotel reseller. As long as the group

is larger than 8 or more rooms. They work with tour operators, meetings, sports groups and are mainly in the larger cities and work with the larger branded hotels. They negotiate rates, meeting space etc. They currently work with Hampton in Whitefish. Wanted to stay apprised of the Charles Hotel in Kalispell. Will follow up with a link to our itineraries for groups of 25 and up. No follow up is needed from GC

partners at this time.

**Contact Name** David Huang **Address** 3525 W. Hacienda

Title President Las Vegas, NV 89118

UNITED STATES

**Account** National Park Express **Phone** 702.948.4190

Note Title 2023 IITA - San Diego Email dhuang@chdestination.com

# Date Regarding

02/23/2023 Met with David at IITA 2023 San Diego. They are a receptive tour operator working with hotels, tours,

attractions and activities. Currently in the SW but looking to expand to other destinations. Their clients have been from ASIA, but since that They have another brand called Travel USA Express which is heavily devoted to the western USA and was taken offline due to COVID. Not in our area. All FIT and direct to

consumer. No follow up needed.

**Contact Name** Karin Omojola Address 6053 West Century Boulevard

L.A. International Airport

Title Los Angeles, CA 90045-0000

UNITED STATES

310 - 590-4243 Account American Tours International, LLC **Phone** 

**Note Title** 2023 IITA - San Diego Email karin omojola@americantours.com

#### Date Regarding

02/23/2023 Met with Karin at IITA 2023 San Diego. I've worked with Nimfa for years, but with the pandemic she had

been furloughed. ATI is the largest Visit USA receptive tour operator. They currently do FIT/ family drive tours in our area. Karin is focused on their Drive America focused on domestic itineraries for travel agents. ATI packages hotel, car, and activities, typically 7-14 day trips. They usually customized to suit clients from the suggested itineraries in their tariff, including the "Best of the West" and "Grand MT". They do a combo of basic hotels and ranches. She would like an invitation to International Roundup. Any

lodging partner of GC that wants to work with a large receptive can reach out to ATI.

**Contact Name** Gisa Kusserow-Hanson **Address** 1020 Jodi Ridge Ct

Title Kissimmee, FL 34747

UNITED STATES

Account AlliedNewWorld **Phone** 

**Note Title** 2023 IITA - San Diego **Email** gisa-hanson@alliednewworld.com

#### Date Regarding

02/23/2023 Met with Gisa at IITA 2023 San Diego. They've combined AlliedTPro and New World as a leading north

american receptive operator. Leading in inbound visitors to the US. They have 5 distinct product lines. Escorted Tours, Group Travel, FIT, VIP and corporate travel. In our area they are focused on hotels, ranches, natural wonders, national parks, cultural destinations, historical sites and adventures. She requested a link to pictures and videos.

**Contact Name** Marita Ross Address PO Box 2214 **Title** Director of Business Development

Fullerton, CA 92837-2214

**UNITED STATES** 

Account America 4 You LLC Phone

**Note Title** 2023 IITA - San Diego Email info@america4you.net

#### Date Regarding

02/23/2023 Met with Marita at IITA 2023 San Diego. They are one of 2 official RMI International Inbound receptive

tour operators and sell soft adventure travel including ranch vacations, National Park adventures, city programs. Native Indian culture, winter vacations and flexible self drive itineraries. They work with over 40 European Operators and Australia, however they specialize in the German Market. They focus on unique properties and destinations. They try to strive to know the region really well. Member partners that are looking to contract with a receptive tour operator to reach the German market can contact

Lena or Marita@america4you.net

Contact Name Dean Fournier Address 3112 Wisteria Lane

President Bloomington, IL 61704

UNITED STATES

AccountAmerican IncomingPhone617.335.4883Note Title2023 IITA - San DiegoEmaildeanfo@aol.com

Date Regarding

Title

02/23/2023 Met with Dean at IITA 2023 San Diego. American Incoming specializes in leisure and business group

travel to the US and Canada. Or as he stated "old people on buses" but mostly the French. They fly into and out of LA. He didn't think he would have anything for us, but knows where to reach out if he needs

any help. No follow up needed.

Contact Name Elliott Calloway Address 3773 Howard Hughes Parkway #390N

Title Las Vegas, NV 89169 UNITED STATES

AccountBonotel Exclusive TravelPhoneNote Title2023 IITA - San DiegoEmail

Date Regarding

02/23/2023 Met with Elliot at IITA 2023 San Diego. Bonotel is both a leading distributor and sales and marketing

partner of both branded and boutique luxury hotel rooms to a diverse network of international tour operators. The company works with a network of more than 2,200 hotel partners and provides distribution to more than 1,500 international tour operators. They have offices in NY/Vegas. UK, Germany and Australia are top markets for them. Luxury property (lodging only) that would like to work

with a international inbound (receptive), contact elliot@bonotel.com

Contact Name Sreenivas Govindappa Address

Title Atlanta, GA

UNITED STATES

Account Discover Destinations Phone

Note Title 2023 IITA - San Diego Email sreenivas@discover-destinations.com

Date Regarding

02/23/2023 Met with Sreenivas at IITA 2023 San Diego. Has never been to Montana, but it's on the bucket list. They

are an inbound operator for mainly India, UK, Middle East and South America. Would like an itinerary for

3/4 days in Montana but with WY/ID too. Will follow up.

**Contact Name** <u>Viviane Jurgensen</u> **Address** 9882 Broadway, Unit 9

Anaheim, CA 92804

UNITED STATES

AccountDream Vacation BuildersPhone714.462.9200

Note Title 2023 IITA - San Diego Email viviane.jurgensen@dvbcalifonia.com

Date Regarding

Title

02/23/2023 Met with Viviane at IITA 2023 San Diego. They are an inbound tour operator for mainly Mexico and focus

on California, NY and larger cities. She did say they do have some requests for National Parks, but I think

it's a long shot to work with them. No follow up needed.

Contact Name Alfonso Hernandez Address 1050 Kettner Blvd

**Title** San Diego, CA 92101

**UNITED STATES** 

AccountFive Star ToursPhoneNote Title2023 IITA - San DiegoEmail

Date Regarding

02/23/2023 Met with Alfonso at ITTA 2023 San Diego. They specialize in international group transportation and tour services for all types of groups and individuals and continue to expand and provide charter bus service in

San Diego, Southern California, and Mexico. With their diverse fleet of charter buses, they can

accommodate any size group and provide accommodations, tour itineraries and attractions for all West Coast destinations. After talking with Alfonso, it wasn't a good match because they are concentrating on

California and not our direction. No follow up is needed.