

Speaker Stages

America's Favorite Travel Shows Have the Most Comprehensive Educational Content That You Can't Find Anywhere Else..

You'll be inspired to take your dream vacation. Learn how to be your own travel expert on your next vacation, from top celebrity travel personalities and leading local experts at dozens of travel workshops on 3 theaters located on the show floor.

Check back often as speaker information is being updated daily!

3 Theaters and Over 30+ Sessions

Travel Theater: Hear from the top travel celebrity personalities such as Samantha Brown, Rick Steves, Peter Greenberg and Pauline Frommer as they inspire you to take your dream vacation.

Destination Theater: From where to go and when to go, to what to do and how to get there, destination experts will give you the in depth information you need to travel like a local.

Savvy Traveler Theater: Showcasing travel tips, tricks and actionable advice, you'll learn how to travel like a pro straight from the experts. Topics include packing tips, technology skills, travel safety methods, budget travel hacks, etc.

Speakers and schedule are subject to change without prior notice, please check back often for updates.



Stop by the on-floor bookstore to purchase books from your favorite travel authors here at the show.



Saturday, February 15

Sunday, February 16

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10:15 am – 11:45 am

Travel Theater

European Travel Skills

Rick Steves, *Travel Writer, Host of Rick Steves' Europe and Travel with Rick Steves*

Join travel expert Rick Steves as he shares the latest in smart European travel. In this entertaining, information-packed slideshow lecture, he'll explain how to travel smoothly and affordably by stretching your travel dollar, eating and sleeping well, avoiding crowds, and packing smartly. Freshly back from four months in Europe, Rick reveals exactly how you can enjoy maximum travel thrills for every mile, minute, and euro on your next European adventure.

Autograph Signing Immediately Following



10:00 am – 10:15 am

Destination Theater

Evan Chan, *Representative of CNTO*
Siobhan Aamoth, *Marketing Coordinator, JNTO*
Minah Lee, *Marketing Coordinator, KTO*

Hear from CNTO, about the unique, mysterious, and charming Chinese culture and their customs. Enjoy My Japan! A general overview of Travel to Japan and Imagine Your Korea! While KTO presents all the information you need to know



Do you have a question about the show? Contact us at 800-828-7273





10:15 am – 11:00 am

Savvy Traveler Theater

Creating Great Memories of Your Travels (with Any Camera!)

Ralph Velasco, *Founder and CEO (Chief Experience Officer), PhotoEnrichment Adventures*

In this session professional travel photographer and veteran international tour organizer Ralph Velasco will discuss how to capture a variety of great images and other content of your travels, with any camera, and how to turn them into shareable memories that will last a lifetime.

Through a series of images, he's created around the world he'll share simple but powerful photo tips and inexpensive gear and easy-to-use app suggestions that will help you to more effectively tell the story of your travels...how anyone can do this.

Look for an interesting surprise Ralph will reveal part way through his presentation and then go out and create your next memories with the many tips and suggestions he'll provide. Even if you only travel with a smartphone in your pocket you won't want to miss this session.

Now, let's get out and shoot!



10:30 am – 11:00 am

Destination Theater

Mongolia – Nomadic by Nature

Dr. Amartuvshin (Amara) Dorjsuren, *Associate Professor, National University of Mongolia & Board member, Mongolian Tourism Association*

Zanjan Fromer, *Founder of GERtoGER.org, International Field Specialist and NATGEO GEOTourism Ambassador, GER to GER GEOTourism Mongolia*

Mongolia – Asia's National Park – EASIER than an USA-Canadian road trip to visit Canadian National Parks and well within budget ranges... It's DUE TIME to experience Mongolia's EPIC "hearty portions" of food, culture, nomadic hospitality and GREAT OUTDOOR ADVENTURES!

It's Easy, It's Safe, It's Within Budget! and we are here to assist YOU!



11:15 am – 11:45 am

Destination Theater

Welcome to Wonderful Indonesia

Valerie Joy Wilson, *CEO, Travel Journalist, Host, Photographer, Trusted Travel Girl, LLC*

When you think of Indonesia, chances are that you think of Bali. Although Bali is beautiful, there is so much more to Indonesia beyond Bali. Through story-telling, Travel Expert, Valerie Joy Wilson, of TrustedTravelGirl.com, will share her experiences from her recent trip through Wonderful Indonesia...Beyond Bali!





11:15 am – 12:00 Noon

Savvy Traveler Theater

99 Ways to Cut Your Travel Costs – Without Skimping

Russell Hannon, *Ultra-Economical Travel Expert, Break the Travel Barrier*

Known for wowing TV and radio audiences with untold budget travel tips, Ultra-Economical Travel Expert Russell Hannon from breakthetravelbarrier.com offers 99 ways to quickly and easily find the best and least expensive travel options for you. No matter what your travel type is, or where you want to go, you will leave with dozens of practical tips and tricks you can put to work right away to save.



12:00 Noon – 12:30 pm

Destination Theater

The Hottest Destination You've Never Been To – Ocean Cay MSC Marine Reserve, MSC Cruises New Private Island

Debra Ihrig, *Business Development Manager, MSC Cruises*



12:15 pm – 1:00 pm

Savvy Traveler Theater

The Best Travel & Packing Tips for the Ultimate Vacation

Angel Castellanos, *World Travel Expert, Writer/TV Host AngelsTravelLounge.com*

Make your next trip, the next best trip of your life and "Travel Like a Pro"! Angel Castellanos, The Travel Ambassador, delivers his popular and energetic talk on packing tips & savvy travel skills drawing from his experience as a full-time professional traveler. This highly informative talk is updated every year and "packed" with the most up to date savvy travel tips and inspirational stories from all over the world to help travelers travel smarter, better and cheaper. Angel will deliver the best travel tips on packing smart, safety, de-stressing the airport experience, saving money, sightseeing hacks, traveling with technology and much more! No matter your level of experience, you are bound to come away with practical current travel tips. The packing demonstration included in this talk is one you do not want to miss. Packing in a carry on? After this presentation, packing in any bag will not be a problem! Join us for this insightful and dynamic presentation. Travel smart, well and often! www.AngelsTravelLounge.com



12:30 pm – 1:30 pm

Travel Theater

Travel Smart: Lessons Learned From a Life Lived on the Road

Samantha Brown, *Host, PBS's Samantha Brown's Places to Love*

Autograph Signing Immediately Following



12:45 pm – 1:15 pm
Destination Theater

LGBT Pride in Taipei

Owin Pierson, *Asian-American lifestyle content creator*

Traveling with Taipei Tourism Bureau to the Pride festival to celebrate the first Asian country to legalize same sex marriage. Sharing about my first time in Taiwan and my overall experience touring Taiwan as a gay Asian-American

Taiwan
THE HEART OF ASIA



1:15 pm – 2:00 pm
Savvy Traveler Theater

How to Book the Cheapest Flight Possible

Jared Kamrowski, *Founder, Thrifty Traveler*

This session will save you hundreds of dollars off your next flight. Learn how to leverage several tools to help you save on flights anywhere in the world. We'll also discuss how to find flash sales and mistake fares like an expert travel hacker.



1:30 pm – 2:00 pm
Destination Theater

Insider Tips to the Best of Alaska

Juno Kim, *Tourism Sales Manager, Visit Anchorage*

Local experts from Anchorage, Alaska share their favorite places, hidden gems and insider tips on Anchorage and Alaska that will inspire an unforgettable Alaska vacation. Make this year...ALASKA!



2:00 pm – 3:00 pm
Travel Theater

Great Travel Secrets from the Master Traveler: Everything you need to know to win the travel game...every time.

Peter Greenberg, *Emmy Award-Winning Investigative Reporter and Producer and CBS News Travel Editor*

Autograph Signing Immediately Following



2:15 pm – 2:45 pm
Destination Theater

Join us on a Hike Through Switzerland

Claudio Zemp, *Director Americas, Switzerland Tourism*



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2:15 pm – 3:00 pm
Savvy Traveler Theater

Secrets From a Travel Journalist

Rudy Maxa, *Travel Journalist & Broadcaster*

The travel landscape has changed dramatically in the last several years, and Maxa's anecdotal presentation provides advice on how to navigate the new rules. Plus, recent studies have shown that travel can be beneficial to your physical, mental, and emotional health—Maxa reveals some surprising statistics that will make you want to book a ticket out of town sooner rather than later!

Autograph Signing Immediately Following



3:00 pm – 3:30 pm
Destination Theater

The Islands of The Bahamas: Top 10 Bucket List Experiences

Dupree Smith, *District Manager, Business Development / Sales & Marketing, The Bahamas Tourist Office, Houston*

The session will focus on the top tours, activities, and excursions in the destination.



3:15 pm – 4:00 pm
Savvy Traveler Theater

Spend Less, See More: Strategies for Creating Dream Vacations in ALL Price Ranges

Pauline Frommer, *Editorial Director of the Frommer's Guides and Publisher of Frommers.com*

Accommodations, airfares, tours, car rentals, cruises—the truth is there are no set prices for any of these items. Join nationally syndicated radio talk show host, guidebook publisher, and travel expert Pauline Frommer for a talk that will change the way you book travel. She'll give you the insider tools you need to work the system smartly, whether you're a

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3:30 pm – 4:30 pm

Travel Theater

Best of Europe

Rick Steves, *Travel Writer, Host of Rick Steves' Europe and Travel with Rick Steves*

Travel with Europe's best-selling guidebook writer, Rick Steves, as he shares his favorite corners of Europe. He'll venture from the castles of Wales to Denmark's over-looked isles to Istanbul's back lanes. From mountain villages in the Swiss Alps to beach villages in Portugal's Algarve to Italy's Cinque Terre, Rick will inspire with ways to avoid the crowds while enjoying his top discoveries.

Autograph Signing Immediately Following



3:45 pm – 4:15 pm

Destination Theater

Yosemite: Insider Tips and What's New

Jen Lopez, *Marketing Manager, Visit Tuolumne County*

Julie Hadzega, *Travel Trade and Operations Manager, Yosemite Mariposa County Tourism Bureau*

Brooke Smith, *Director of Public Relations, Visit Yosemite | Madera County*

Liz Grans, *Economic Development Assistant, Mono County*

In this 30-minute presentation, regional insiders will be sharing exciting new ways to access Yosemite National Park, and new attractions in each of Yosemite's four gateway entrances.



4:15 pm – 5:00 pm

Savvy Travel Theater

So You Want to Start A Travel Blog?

A Conversation with LA's Top Travel Influencers

Moderator: Beth Santos, *Founder and CEO, Wanderful*

Panelists: Karisma Shackelford, *GHK Digital Studios and Travelpreneur Life*

Monica Ortega, *Monica Goes*

Naillah Hayward, *There's So Much to See*

Want to start a travel blog but don't know where to begin? Join LA's top travel bloggers as they reveal all about how they



got their start and their best tips for anyone who wants to dive into the world of content creation. The panel will be moderated by Beth Santos, founder of Wanderful and creator of the Women in Travel Summit (WITS), one of the country's top travel blogging events. Plus, one lucky audience member will win a ticket to WITS '20!



4:30 pm – 5:00 pm
Destination Theater

Caucasia, the Oldest Wine Region and the Gems of Majestic Armenia, Off-The-Beaten Path

Mariam Ghazaryan, *CEO & Founder of the Caucasus Tours*

The soaring Caucasus Mountains, dividing Europe from Asia, slash through Armenia, Georgia and Azerbaijan, leaving a wide valley where ancient travelers journeyed between the Black and Caspian Seas along the Silk Route. If you are seeking a genuine and impactful cultural journey under-the-radar, at the crossroads of ancient civilizations, join Mariam Ghazaryan, destination expert, tour guide in Armenia to learn about the Caucasus, its people, religions and why Armenia should be your top choice. The ancient kingdom of Armenia was the first state to adopt Christianity as its state religion and its rugged landscape is dotted by the world's oldest and most beautiful monasteries. Armenia has the oldest winery in the world and its bread is a UNESCO intangible heritage. Everywhere in Armenia there are centuries-old carved stone-crosses with intricate patterns, it has full-bodied wines, organic food, unique medieval architecture, warm and hospitable people.



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