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THE AMERICAS
Argentina, Chile, Ecuador, and Peru
Emmanuel Burgio, Blue Parallel, Potomac, Maryland
 This region's natural wonders are Burgio's strong suit, and as a former investment banker, he knows from personal experience what appeals to busy professionals: white-glove service with authentic touches. He's also well-versed in Brazil and can organize a bossa nova show at your pousada on a private island (800-256-5307; info@blueparallel.com).

Tom Damon, Southwind Adventures, Littleton, Colorado
 An avid mountaineer, Damon arranges trips that highlight nature, archaeology, and adventure, from Torres del Paine to Machu Picchu—which he likes to approach via the Salkantay route (less crowded than the famous Inca Trail). He also knows Bolivia and Venezuela (800-377-9444; tom@southwindadventures.com; southwindadventures.com).

Pamela Walker, Explorations, Atlanta
 Walker skillfully blends city stays and country sojourns. She has access to private polo fields and vineyard haciendas, and after a few nights at her favorite tango house in Buenos Aires, you'll be dancing like a local (800-451-9630; pam@explorationsatl.com; explorationsatl.com).

Bermuda
Vicky McGlynn, Travelong of Summit, New Jersey
 Having owned a house in Bermuda for 37 years, McGlynn is familiar with all of the island's options, from secluded villas to deep-sea-fishing boats to moped rentals. She favors the off-season, November through March, when prices plunge.

hervet's abound, and the golfing is sublime (908-277-2706; ext. 11; niky@travelongsummit.com).

much more than beaches, she arranges hiking trips into the Blue Mountains and tours of old plantation homes (800-447-2799; murch@islandtravel.com; sterlingvt.com).

New Jersey
 Luxury resorts brist with charm, points out, if the year is about you (islandtravel.com).

Yucatan
 Live resorts, spa spas unless you're a Mexican Republic (marchandtree@highlights.com).

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 It's a bohemian night get any more? (islandtravel.com; sterlingvt.com).

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weekend in Quebec City or a drive through the Rockies. While many people watch the International Musical Fireworks Competition from the base of Montserrat Falls, she's scooped out the premier view from the restaurant at the top (531-835-0584; marytraveler@icomm.com).

Caribbean
Martha Gaughen, Sterling Travel, Atlanta
 Gaughen knows the best villas, resorts, and activities for kids or honeymooners. To show clients that Jamaica is

Pamela Falk, CubaTravel Advisors, New York City
 Despite the tightened embargo, this law professor who has visited Cuba more than 70 times can help you fit into one of the four accepted travel categories or apply for your own license. Under no circumstances, she warns, should you fly in from a third country (212-462-2422; dpl@killed.com).

Falkland Islands
Michelle Shelburne, Lacrosse Tours, Coconut Grove, Florida
 Shelburne's native guides are tops for both natural and cultural history. December is her favorite month of prime time for penguin, elephant seal, and albatross babies; sheep shearing; and rollicking Boxing Day and New Year's celebrations in the capital (800-327-4162; mich@lacrossetours.com; lacrossetours.com).

Mexico
Ada King, Connoisseur's Travel, Chicago
 King covers all aspects (and corners) of the country, from Mayan temples to Mexico City's cuisine. Her shoppier clients know to be in Oaxaca for the city market on Saturday and Tlacotal's Indian market on Sunday (888-672-1140; ada@connoisseurstravel.com; connoisseurstravel.com).

Jewell Ramos, Worldview Travel, Santa Ana, California
 After 30 trips to Mexico, Ramos knows its affordable sights, from colonial cities to ancient pyramids and cosmopolitan beach towns. The remote Cahalá Biosphere Reserve is a treasure, she says, for its jaguars, reptiles, birds, and enormous Mayan citadel (805-895-3547; jr@worldviewtravel.com).

Panama
Meg McGriff North, Brownell Travel, Birmingham, Alabama
 North can arrange overwater bungalows off the northern coast and visits to remote Indian communities. Rather than book an entire cruise ship itinerary just to see the canal, she advises, do a partial or full cruise on a smaller independently owned vessel (205-414-1653; meg@brownelltravel.com; brownelltravel.com).

ASIA
Bali
Diane Embree, Michael's Travel Centre, Westlake Village, California
 Embree, who can combine the best beaches and properties with activities such as visits to traditional medicine men or Hindu priests, notes that travel to Bali is booming again, so don't put off your planning (818-707-0091; diane@michaels-travel.com; balihomestays.com).

Bhutan and Nepal
Brent Olson, Geographic Expeditions, San Francisco
 Olson has visited Bhutan more than 40 times and has been sending clients to Nepal for 20 years. He knows the best rooms at the new Amankora in Paro but also steers

