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ICEBREAKER

"Iceland Cometh" [January/February] struck a strong note with me. I recall standing on that same cliff overlooking one of Europe's largest waterfalls many years ago when I was in the Navy and stationed in Iceland. It is just as beautiful in your pictures as it was then. Thanks for the wonderful trip down memory lane!

CONNELL J. TRIMBER, M.D. *Alexandria, VA*

LATIN SPECIALISTS ● ●

My husband and I recently returned from a fabulous trip to Argentina—fabulous because of your suggestion to contact Blue Parallel ["South America Perfected," May/June 2004]. Emmanuel Burgio was all we needed. We are well traveled and enjoy the very best that life can offer. Blue Parallel [www.blueparallel.com] took care of our every need. Our hats are off to Emmanuel and his wonderful staff. We could not have been more pleased.

MIMI & JACK MATTHEWS *Washington, DC*

I cannot thank you enough for featuring Blue Parallel in "South America Perfected." My partner and I spent 12 unforgettable days in Argentina to celebrate my 40th birthday. Throughout our stay Blue Parallel provided us with truly first-class, personalized service. Emmanuel Burgio and his team customized our outdoor excursions to spectacular Tierra del Fuego, where we hiked, canoed, and on one occasion enjoyed a gourmet meal along the shores of pristine Lake Fagnano.

For my birthday dinner at Buenos Aires's sexy-swank Sucre, Blue Parallel came through with a deeply touching gesture: During dessert our host, Carolina Rosso, brought me a cake crowned by 40 eight-inch pencil-thin candles. For visitors to Latin America who desire both adventure and pampering, I can only recommend Blue Parallel.

MICHAEL L. DELACRUZ *Bronxville, NY*

OH, DONNY BOY!

As a former advertising executive, I found the BlackBook piece "The World According to Donny Deutsch" [January/February] engaging. However, in my 30-plus years in the business, I've learned credibility is a valued commodity not often found. So it was with a wry smile that I read how Mr. Deutsch is "never without my Cartier Santos watch." The photo of him—arms crossed, left arm unadorned and right arm partly covered—clearly shows him with something other than a Cartier watch. Maybe it's hidden, worn alongside what looks like an Indian bracelet, but for such a stylish guy I doubt it. So much for admen and credibility.

FRED S. GOLDBERG *Belvedere, CA*

Regrettably, this photograph was taken before I purchased my Cartier Santos. —Donny Deutsch

READERS RECOMMEND

DESIGNERS

» **EUGENIA BONI** Working with precious and semiprecious stones, gold, silver, and glass, Boni is an incredibly gifted and enthusiastic jewelry designer. Her shop, Boni, is at 9 Herodotou in the chic Kolonaki district of Athens (30-210/725-2212). Her unique creations are fabulous and the lady herself is absolutely delightful (she trained as a criminal lawyer before pursuing her great love of design). No trip to Athens would be complete without some time spent with Eugenia Boni.

ELIZABETH SILVERMAN / NEW YORK, NY

» **JULIA KNIGHT** I almost don't want to share my discovery of Julia Knight America bags and leather accessories [www.juliaknight.net] but feel that I must. My husband and I own the Beal House Inn, known for its 252 types of martini, and it was her unique leather-bound martini shaker that first caught my eye. It comes in hot pink, wild Cheyenne Ranch (my favorite), as well as ten other colors, textures, and patterns. You could even pair it with her matching handbags or executive planners.

CATHERINE PAWELEK / LITTLETON, NH

» **DUNCAN QUINN** Whenever I need a great shirt or a bold tie, I head to this man's store at 8 Spring Street (212-226-7030; www.duncanquinn.com) in New York City. The shop is tiny, but the service and quality are impeccable. The British staffers are well-heeled veterans, so take the time to be fitted for some bespoke shirts—they are most definitely worth the price. Duncan Quinn is Savile Row with SoHo edge.

JOSE BANDUJO / NEW YORK, NY