



U.S. Travel Industry Recognizes Top International Tour Operators and Buyers

ANAHEIM, CA (June 2, 2019)—The U.S. Travel Association and Brand USA on Saturday honored representatives from the world’s highest-volume tour operators and buyers of U.S. travel at its annual [Chairman’s Circle Honors](#) awards.

Held at The Resort at Pelican Hill in Newport Beach, CA, during the association’s 51st annual [IPW](#), this exclusive awards event—co-hosted by [Brand USA](#)—honored international travel buyers for outstanding efforts to bring the world to America.

The event was emceed by Emmy Award-winning “Places to Love” host Samantha Brown. It featured entertainment from rock duo OttoPilot, singer David Aldo and Adam “Aejaye” Jackson and the FullSpectrum Band.

The U.S. Travel Association’s Chairman’s Circle-level members, including top U.S. travel businesses and destinations, nominated the honorees.

“IPW is all about bringing the world to America and showcasing the vast diversity and very best that our country has to offer,” said U.S. Travel Association President and CEO Roger Dow. “With so many great destinations around the world, the Chairman’s Circle honorees do tremendous work to ensure that international travelers choose America, and they have my profound thanks for all that they do to strengthen and grow the U.S. travel industry.”

“We, at Brand USA, have the privilege of promoting to the world the unique aspects of the United States and all of the destinations and attractions available to experience from rural to urban areas,” said Brand USA President and CEO Christopher L. Thompson. “Each of tonight’s honorees helps to showcase the USA as a top travel destination, and their partnership and everyday work is a key part of Brand USA’s success.”

The 2019 Chairman’s Circle Honors awards recognized 90 individual travel buyers from 58 organizations, along with leaders from some of America’s top travel companies and destinations.

View the [2019 Chairman’s Circle honorees](#).

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