

ANNUAL FOUNDERS LIST



✓ MUSEUMS & ATTRACTIONS

✓ THEATERS / MUSIC VENUES

✓ THE OUTDOORS

✓ FESTIVALS & ANNUAL EVENTS

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✓ FOOD & DRINK

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We started **Check-it-Off Travel** to provide a travel advisory service that allows users to communicate directly with travel experts. Our travels take us across the country frequently for research and marketing, and each of our trips is organized using the same database that we use for our clients' detailed itineraries.

It's not unusual for us to organize a trip more than a year in advance, researching the most scenic routes with minimal air travel. We will never boast the number of airports we see each year but will brag about the number of small towns we visit to leave no stone unturned with our well-crafted approach to travel planning.

The **Annual Founders List** is a direct reflection of our travel planning service, the extensive nature of our database, and our familiarity with the places you will want to visit in the United States. It was very difficult to pare down our selections and we thank everyone who shared their time, kindness, and hospitality.

We look forward to having the pleasure of assisting you with your travel planning in the future. We want to hear about your experiences navigating across this majestic country full of amazing museums and attractions, wonderful food and drink experiences, and hotels that provide an excellent home base during your visit. **Congratulations to our selections— they stuck out among thousands of options from our recent travels.**

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Museums & Attractions



MUSEUMS

The Cloisters
New York, New York

Eiteljorg Museum
Indianapolis, Indiana



STATE ATTRACTIONS

Kansas Statehouse
Topeka, Kansas

Jerome State Historic Park
Jerome, Arizona



LIONS, TIGERS & FISH

Henry Doorly Zoo & Aquarium
Omaha, Nebraska

Bearizona Wildlife Park
Williams, Arizona



FLOWERS & TREES

Missouri Botanical Garden
St. Louis, Missouri

Japanese Tea Garden San Francisco
San Francisco, California



THRILL RIDES & WATER SLIDES

Hersheypark
Hershey, Pennsylvania

Universal Studios Florida
Orlando, Florida



CAVES, CAVERNS & MINE TOURS

Luray Caverns
Luray, Virginia

Grand Canyon Caverns
Peach Springs, Arizona

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The Outdoors



STATE PARKS

Custer State Park
South Dakota

Mount Washington State Park
New Hampshire



NATIONAL PARKS

Redwoods National & State Parks
California

Lassen Volcanic National Park
California



HIKING TRAILS

Yosemite Falls Trail
Yosemite National Park (CA)

Jordan Pond Path
Acadia National Park (ME)



BEACHES

Pawley's Island
South Carolina

Glass Beach
California



SCENIC DRIVES

Million Dollar Highway
San Juan Mountains, Colorado

Wildlife Loop
Custer State Park (SD)



LODGES

The Ahwahnee Hotel
Yosemite National Park (CA)

Skyland
Shenandoah National Park (VA)



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THEATERS & MUSIC VENUES

Black Friars Playhouse
Staunton, Virginia

Al Hirschfeld Theatre
New York, New York



EVENTS & FESTIVALS

First Night Boston 2020
Boston, MA

Gem & Mineral Show
Tucson, Arizona



BREW, DISTILL & FERMENT

Brooklyn Brewery
Brooklyn, New York

Goldeneye Winery
Philo, California



TOURS & EXPERIENCES

Kykuit, the Rockefeller Estate
Sleepy Hollow, New York

The Greenbrier - Bunker Tour
White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia

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Lodging

NAME

LOCATION

The Press Hotel, Autograph Collection
Hotel, City Center

Northeast
Portland, Maine

The Mount Washington Hotel
Resort, Small Town

Northeast
Bretton Woods, New Hampshire

Lotte New York Palace
Hotel, City Center

Northeast
New York, New York

Mirbeau Inn & Spa
Resort, Small Town

Northeast
Skaneateles, New York

Big Cedar Lodge
Resort, Small Town

Midwest
Branson, Missouri

Palmer House a Hilton Hotel
Hotel, City Center

Midwest
Chicago, Illinois

St. Louis Union Station Hotel
Hotel, City Center

Midwest
St. Louis, Missouri

The Edgewater
Hotel, City Center

Midwest
Madison, Wisconsin

The Bohemian Hotel Savannah Riverfront
Hotel, City Center

South
Savannah, Georgia

Fontainebleau Miami Beach
Resort, City Center

South
Miami Beach, Florida

The Omni Grove Park Inn
Resort, City Center

South
Asheville, North Carolina

Keswick Hall
Resort, Small Town

South
Keswick, Virginia

La Fonda on the Plaza
Hotel, City Center

West
Santa Fe, New Mexico

L'Auberge de Sedona
Resort, Small Town

West
Sedona, Arizona

InterContinental Mark Hopkins
Hotel, City Center

West
San Francisco, California

The Mission Inn Hotel & Spa
Hotel, City Center

West
Riverside, California



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Food & Drink

NAME

LOCATION

Palma
Italian

Northeast
New York, New York

Meat & Potatoes
American

Northeast
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Fore Street
Farm-to-Table

Northeast
Portland, Maine

Row 34
Seafood

Northeast
Boston, Massachusetts

Tanta
Peruvian

Midwest
Chicago, Illinois

The Tangled Tumbleweed
Tapas

Midwest
Scottsbluff, Nebraska

Lambert's Café
Casual

Midwest
Ozark, Missouri

Selden Standard
American

Midwest
Detroit, Michigan

Royals Hot Chicken
Casual

South
Louisville, Kentucky

Magnolias
Southern

South
Charleston, South Carolina

Biscuit Head
Breakfast

South
Asheville, North Carolina

Old Ebbitt Grill
American

South
Washington, D.C.

Ludwig's Breakfast
Breakfast

West
Vail, Colorado

Geronimo
Southwestern

West
Santa Fe, New Mexico

SPQR
Italian

West
San Francisco, California

Duke's La Jolla
Seafood

West
La Jolla, California



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Shopping

NAME

LOCATION

International Poster Gallery
Art Gallery

Northeast
Boston, Massachusetts

Fishs Eddy
Home Décor / Housewares

Northeast
New York, New York

Daytrip Society
Gift Shop

Northeast
Kennebunkport, Maine

Farmhouse Pottery
Pottery / Housewares

Northeast
Woodstock, Vermont

Maggie Black
Art Gallery / Gift Shop

Midwest
Galena, Illinois

Jane Wilcoxson Studios
Art Gallery

Midwest
Mineral Point, Wisconsin

A Okay Antiques
Antique Store

Midwest
West Des Moines, Iowa

Prairie Edge Trading Co & Galleries
Art Gallery

Midwest
Rapid City, South Dakota

27 South
Home Décor / Furniture

South
Leesburg, Virginia

New Morning Gallery
Art Gallery

South
Asheville, North Carolina

The Paris Market
Home Décor / Gifts

South
Savannah, Georgia

bibliion books
Bookstore

South
Lewes, Delaware

Panache Gallery
Jewelry Store

West
Mendocino, California

Fred Segal
Apparel / Accessories

West
Malibu, California

Lone Crow Bungalow
Gifts & Accessories

West
Bend, Oregon

Nellie Bly Kaleidoscopes
Toys & Games / Gifts

West
Jerome, Arizona



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Small Towns



ASHLAND, OREGON

Do: Oregon Shakespeare Festival
Stay: Ashland Springs Hotel
Eat: Alchemy



NANTUCKET, MASSACHUSETTS

Do: Nantucket Whaling Museum
Stay: White Elephant Nantucket Island
Eat: TOPPER'S at the Wauwinet



MIDDLEBURG, VIRGINIA

Do: Explore Downtown
Stay: Salamander Resort & Spa
Eat: The Red Fox Inn & Tavern



LAKE GENEVA, WISCONSIN

Do: Black Point Estate
Stay: Maxwell Mansion
Eat: Sopra Bistro



RESEARCH AND MARKETING



Traveled to 30-40 US States every year for research and relationship building.



Visited over 500 amazing small towns, at a minimum making a day trip from a nearby larger city or town.



Explored almost every major road trip route in the United States.



Stayed in over 100 hotels every year. Focus on historic, boutique, and unique hotels and resorts in the United States. Members of over a dozen hotel programs.



Visited hundreds of museums, including art, aviation, children's, local history, military, natural history, science, and transportation museums.



Hiked, biked, kayaked and explored almost 50 National Parks and hundreds of State Parks & Recreation Areas.



Experienced local flavors, must-try restaurants, and fine establishments across the U.S. We start the day at coffee shops and bakeries and end at ice cream parlors.



Shopped at hundreds of independent stores in major cities and small towns. Every trip involves exploring neighborhoods and historic districts looking for unique shopping opportunities.



Attended live sporting events and special events across the country.



Golfed at top resort courses and "Top 100 Courses You Can Play."



Visited a wide range of zoological parks, aquariums and animal sanctuaries of all sizes. Often going behind the scenes on specialty tours during our visits.



Visited botanical gardens, Japanese gardens, and arboretums across the United States.



Booked tours on almost every trip to better appreciate major cities and small towns. Our tour experience is extremely broad from home & garden tours to nature tours and evening ghost walks.



Purchased tickets to special events often planning trips around annual events like state fairs, seasonal / holiday celebrations, theatrical productions and sporting events.