

# TRAVEL+ LEISURE

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Painting classes in an Italian artist's studio, a sail down the Brazilian coast on a private yacht, or an African safari led by a documentary filmmaker: a top travel advisor can help you turn your next vacation into the experience of a lifetime. In T+L's 13th annual A-List, we showcase the best specialists in the business—those who can book you into sold-out hotels, introduce you to the most keyed-in local guides, and much more.

## THE

## LIST

## Our 133 Top Travel Specialists

Edited by Amy Farley and Brooke Porter Katz. Reported by Stirling Kelso

### Super-Agents

These are the travel-industry all-stars, with the knowledge and connections to make any dream trip a reality.

#### Valerie Ann Wilson

Wilson is an industry influencer with 16 offices around the U.S. and more than 30 years of experience. She's chairman emeritus of Virtuoso's advisory board and a valued advisor for half a dozen luxury hotels and travel brands. She's also written two travel books and is on the road for more than a third of every year. Wilson and the staff

of her top-notch agency (now also under the leadership of her daughters, T+L A-Listers Jennifer Wilson-Buttigieg and Kimberly Wilson Wetty) are well traveled and highly organized. But they still enjoy the collaborative nature of trip planning with clients. "Part of the fun is hearing their ideas and vicariously traveling through each customer," Wilson says.

*Trend watch* The growth of multigenerational travel is staggering—and Wilson is part of the movement herself. This year, she is taking Seabourn's Baltic cruise with her children and grandchildren, where they'll trace her own mother's Swedish roots. *Valerie Wilson Travel, New York City; 212/532-3400; valeriew@vwti.com.*

### Special Interest

#### BUSINESS TRAVEL

#### Jennifer Wilson-Buttigieg

Years as agent 23. Other specialty Family travel. *Valerie Wilson Travel, New York City; 212/592-1210; jenniferwb@vwti.com.*

### Family Travel

#### Kimberly Wilson Wetty

Years as agent 19. Other specialty Cruises. *Valerie Wilson Travel, New York City; 212/592-1218; kimberlyww@vwti.com.*



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