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BIG ANNOUNCEMENT

I proudly announce the addition of a new travel specialist to my team! My daughter, Kristin Samuels, has been working for me behind the scenes for almost a year. She is a graduate of the University of Illinois, and has been a teacher for the past 7 years. However, with the birth of her 4th child, it makes perfect sense that she change directions to become my partner at Play Your Way Travel. She will be working from her home office, and like myself, is available to you 24/7.

Kristin will be specializing in family vacations, focusing on the unique challenges of families of 5 and greater. Although she has traveled fairly extensively, her plan is to explore and experience resorts and destinations that offer accommodations suitable for larger families.

Her first assignment is Disney World, which she will travel to with her family of 6 in January. She is currently working on her "College of Disney" certification. I look forward to her photos, review and insight which will be shared on Play Your Way Travel's website, Facebook page and newsletter.

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Engagement Season

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This time of year is one of the most popular times of year to get engaged, with about 26% of marriage proposals occurring between November and December. Guys: How about a destination proposal on the beach to "wow" your bride-to-be? I can work out all of the details to make it a proposal to remember!



Amy and Craig got engaged during a Destination Wedding I planned at The Royal Cancun

Honeymoons

An amazing experience within your budget is the goal. Whether it's a luxurious all-inclusive in Mexico or the Caribbean, a tropical hideaway in Hawaii, an adventure in Europe, an exotic South Pacific journey, or lots of places in between, planning your fabulous honeymoon is the "icing on your wedding cake"!

Specializing in both honeymoons and destination weddings, I LOVE coordinating travel that revolves around love and marriage.

Destination Weddings

I am a qualified and knowledgeable Destination Wedding Specialist who is passionate about bringing your wedding day vision to life! I play a critical role in guiding engaged couples through the myriad of options that are offered worldwide. Whether you envision a pristine beach, an intimate vineyard, a hillside villa or a blooming garden, I will work with you to find the perfect location and venue to match your personality and budget!

I am your liaison, your advocate your confidant...a bride's best friend! I work with vendors and wedding coordinators to streamline the entire process, and make sure that everything is according to the wishes of the couple.

A Destination Wedding is not about the couple alone...this is a special vacation for friends and family, too! I discuss travel options with each guest, as well as provides information on all aspects of the package and destination. In many instances, I also accompany the group attending the Destination Wedding, to insure a smooth check-in and memorable experience!



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Moon Palace Review

A great place for families and destination weddings!

Just a quick 10 minute ride from the Cancun airport, and guests are warmly welcomed to **Moon Palace** featuring its endless entertainment, activities, mouthwatering meals with no reservations required, and of course exceptional, friendly service!

Moon Palace is a mega resort, comprised of 4 distinct sections, with a variety of options for families, couples, singles and groups seeking a luxurious vacation in the Mexican Caribbean. Sunrise and Nizuc are geared more towards families, while the Grand and Golf Villas sections appeal more to adults. All sections can be accessed by ALL guests, and can be reached by foot, or the Moon Palace bus system, offering multiple activities, pools and restaurant options.

An array of accommodations include lush garden, golf course and panoramic ocean views, which appeal to almost every budget. I love the fact that no matter if you choose the lowest room category, or the Presidential Suite, you receive FREE internet, FREE calls to the United States from your room and 24-hour room service and a fully stocked mini-bar!

Available exclusively for families traveling with children, the Family Deluxe offers connecting rooms with a king bed for parents in one, and two double beds in the other accommodating up to 6 guests, with a maximum of 4 adults.

Unique amenities for families in the Family Deluxe category include an Xbox 360 and DVD player in the room, Xbox games, Fun in the Sun Bucket, mini slippers and robes for the children, kids special room service menu and family activities guide.

With so many activities, you may never want to leave Moon Palace! A children's water playground, a Flow Rider surf simulator, miniature golf, bikes, tennis, newly enhanced kid's and teen's clubs are just some of the offerings. There's also a Jack Nicklaus Signature Golf Course and world-class spa right on site, as well!

Moon Palace really knows how to make it special for kids and teens! "The Playroom", is complete with various game rooms, board games, a fully-equipped arcade room, a theatre with comfy seating and concessions, two playgrounds and more. The newly enhanced kid's club offers tennis lessons, treasure hunts, pinata-making, kiddie disco, movie night, mini olympics...too many things to list! "Wired" is a state-of-the-art and fully-equipped lounge for teens featuring arcade and console video games, a DJ spinning the latest sounds and snacks, allowing them to mix and mingle with other teens.

Moon Palace is unrivaled in their entertainment! A magic show, Vegas show, Mexican party, Grease sing-a-long, casino night, karaoke, Michael Jackson show, fire show and movie time are just some of the weekly variety of activities on the agenda!

Another exciting addition to Moon Palace is the Dolphin Discovery Dolphinarium program, which takes place in the ocean, directly in front of the resort! I have had many clients of all ages, participate in this experience. Everyone said it is amazing! There are photographers on hand to take pictures that you can purchase in their gift shop, to capture this once in a lifetime moment.

The Resort Credits that Moon Palace extends, can really enhance your vacation! Depending on your length of stay, you will get \$500-\$2000 in credits to use for golf, the Dolphinarium program, spa treatments, room upgrades, romantic dinners, photography packages, upgraded wine...even scuba, and more! You do have to pay 11% tax on whatever portion of your credits you use, but that is a pittance in exchange for the valued added vacation experiences you will receive. I also work directly with the Palace Vacation planners to get your Resort Credits booked before you arrive!

And, if you still are looking for something different to do, Moon Palace offers FREE transportation to Beach Palace, in Cancun, to experience their beach, food and facilities!

Moon Palace is also a fabulous place to have your Destination Wedding! Several indoor and outdoor ceremony and reception locations, including a gazebo or chapel overlooking the turquoise blue Caribbean.

There is truly something for everyone at Moon Palace, which is why I recommend this wonderful resort as often as I can!

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Referrals

I could not be more thankful for all of my clients, especially those who have referred new clients to me! With nearly \$600,000 in sales and over 200 trips booked in 2013, I am overwhelmed and grateful by the success of Play Your Way Travel.

A personal referral is the highest compliment a client can pay me...and I hope to show my appreciation for future referrals with a big "thank you" and a gift certificate for future travel booked with Play Your Way Travel.



Wishing you and yours, a very safe and festive holiday season, with best wishes for a happy and healthy 2014!