



AQUA EXPEDITIONS NOW AVAILABLE IN PASSPORT ONLINE SYSTEM

New York - July 13, 2018: [Aqua Expeditions](#), one of the world's leading luxury river cruise lines, is pleased to announce this week a partnership with Passport Online, Inc, which reaches thousands of travel agencies and their customers.

A recognized leader in luxury river cruising, Aqua Expeditions offers discerning travelers a chance to explore two of the world's most legendary waterways in five-star, all-inclusive luxury. The 16-suite *Aria Amazon* sails along Peru's Amazon River, the 20-suite *Aqua Mekong* sails along the Mekong River between Vietnam and Cambodia; each ship is intimate, ultra-luxurious, and contemporary in design and offers a program of lectures and guides by on-board naturalists and historians. The *Aqua Mekong* features cuisine by master-chef David Thompson and the *Aria Amazon* by Pedro Schiaffino.

The newly launched partnership between Aqua Expeditions and Passport Online allows the river cruise operator to expand its network and become a part of the dynamic electronic-marketing opportunities afforded to Passport Online's travel agency customers and their consumers. The nearly six million unique customers a month who browse their personal travel professional's website through Passport Online, can now learn more about Aqua Expeditions' immersive, ultra-luxe itineraries directly through the web portal, with each call-to-action directed back to the travel professional.

"We are thrilled to be working with Passport Online, a leader in technology services within the luxury travel space." Said Francesco Galli Zugaro, "We look forward to expanding our network of travel professionals, raising awareness of Aqua Expeditions' unique offerings, and optimizing our online booking capabilities as a result of our partnership."

New this season, Aqua Expeditions is offering exclusive cruises aboard the *Aria Amazon* led by conservationist Jean-Michel Cousteau, son of the famed explorer Jacques Cousteau. In October, guests can join Cousteau for bike and kayak jungle excursions to spot wildlife and hear the legendary conservationist share stories from his many journeys. During evening talks, guests will discover the Amazon from the unique perspective of Cousteau as they learn about preserving wildlife habitats, delicate ecosystems, evolving cultural traditions and economic pressures which threaten the environment.

Jean-Michel Cousteau-Hosted Departures:

Aria Amazon: Seven-night departures from October 5-12, 2018

Aria Amazon: Four-night departures from October 8-12, 2018

Aria Amazon: Three-night departures from October 5-8, 2018

In September and October of this year, Chef Pedro Miguel Schiaffino, consulting chef on the *Aria Amazon*, invites gastronomes to explore the flavors of the Amazon with him. Schiaffino is

the chef and owner of Malabar and ÁmaZ—two of Lima’s most cutting-edge restaurants; both restaurants were chosen among Latin America’s 50 Best Restaurants in 2017. During the Pedro Miguel Schiaffino-hosted departures, guests will experience the Amazon through Chef Schiaffino’s eyes, traveling together to the local markets to learn about locally grown and harvested ingredients that are essential to creating his signature dishes on-board, such as the *Coconut Tapioca with Mango Sorbet* and *Causa with Shrimp Escabeche* and will even have an opportunity to take cooking classes with Chef Pedro Miguel Schiaffino himself.

Chef-Hosted Departures with Pedro Miguel Schiaffino:

Aria Amazon: Four-night departure from September 24-28, 2018

Aria Amazon: Four-night departure from October 29-November 2, 2018

This fall, Aqua Expeditions is also offering departures hosted by founder and CEO Francesco Galli Zugaro. Aboard the *Aqua Mekong* and *Aria Amazon*, guests will travel alongside Zugaro exploring his favorite sights and excursions and will have an opportunity to learn about how the award-winning Aqua Expeditions came to be. Guests can kayak with him on the gentle flows of the Amazon to spot indigenous wildlife, or join him on a biking adventure through the streets along the Mekong.

Founder-Hosted Departures:

Aqua Mekong: Four-night departure from May 4-8, 2018 and August 31-September 4, 2018

Aria Amazon: Four-night departure from April 2-6, 2018 and November 19-23, 2018

For more information on the hosted voyages, please visit: [Aqua Expeditions Hosted Departures](#) or contact the Sales and Reservations team at reservations@aquaexpeditions.com.

ABOUT AQUA EXPEDITIONS

Aqua Expeditions was the first adventure travel company to introduce five-star luxury cruises on the Amazon River in Peru and on the Mekong River in Vietnam and Cambodia. CEO, Francesco Galli Zugaro, founded Aqua Expeditions to cater to discerning, adventure travelers seeking to explore remote and culturally important destinations for luxury voyages on the world’s greatest rivers. Aqua Expeditions’ 16-suite Aria Amazon vessel entered service in 2011, a creation of Peruvian designer, Jordi Puig and featuring floor to ceiling windows, Jacuzzi, gym, sundeck and the haute Peruvian cuisine of Chef Pedro Miguel Schiaffino. In October 2014, Aqua Expeditions expanded to Indochina with the launch of the Aqua Mekong with 20 design suites, sailing the historic Mekong River between Cambodia and Vietnam. For more information about Aqua Expeditions, please visit www.aquaexpeditions.com.

ABOUT PASSPORT ONLINE

Passport Online is the leisure travel industry leader in website, web content, email marketing, and social media solutions. Passport also offers state of the art cruise and tour booking engine solutions for b-to-b and b-to-c needs. A major distribution channel for leisure travel suppliers to connect with the leading consortia, retail agencies, professional home-based agent networks, and their clients, Passport Online enables millions of consumer

shopping sessions on thousands of travel agency websites. For more information, visit www.passportonlineinc.com.