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CW UNVEILS NEW "CW SELECT EXPERIENCES" FOR 2014 ACROSS EUROPE, SOUTHEAST ASIA AND LATIN AMERICA

Private, exclusive, and ready to be tailored to satisfy the personal preferences of multi-generational groups, couples, and solo travelers on the go

Waterbury, VT (December 17, 2013) - CW Select Experiences, a collection of active and cultural adventures expertly curated by travel specialist Tricia Dowhan, capture the essence of a destination with a perfect balance of guided and independent explorations. Launched in spring 2012, CW Select Experiences have now more than doubled with the addition of 17 new experiential adventures for fall across Europe, Latin America, and - a first for the company - Thailand.

CW Select Experiences are perfect for free-spirited travelers who are touring on their own or as couples, families or groups of friends. All adventures include an array of activities carefully designed by CW to reveal a locale's authentic culture, as well as private guides, meals, and accommodations located for convenience to must-experience sites and scenes.

With 17 new adventures for 2014, CW now offers 62 CW Select Experiences across Europe, Central America and Southeast Asia. Here's a sampling of what to look forward to in the year ahead:

COLORFUL HIGHLIGHTS OF THAILAND

• <u>CW Select Experience: Krabi</u> (4 days, 3 nights) - Just a quick hop from Bangkok, Krabi epitomizes beachfront relaxation on the Andaman Sea along the southern coast of Thailand. Settle into the intimate and exclusive beachfront Tubkaak Boutique Resort and enjoy easygoing excursions to islands surrounded by crystalline waters - not least Khao Thapoo of *The Man with the Golden Gun* fame - as well as floating fishing villages, the Tiger Cave Monastery where monks live and worship within a maze of caves, and a hidden hot spring along the "Other Silk Road." Canoe through shaded limestone waterways and enjoy treatments such as the Royal Thai massage in a traditional Thai spa. *Starts at \$998 per person based on double occupancy*.

HISTORY AND CULINARY JOURNEYS IN EUROPE

• CW Select Experience: Paris, France (4 days, 3 nights, or 5 days, 4 nights) - Get an insider perspective on the City of Light with exclusive guided walking and 'behind the scenes' exploration of acclaimed Parisian delights from artisanal shops from the Marais district and historic lle de la Cité to a private residence in the 16th arrondissement. Accommodation in a boutique hotel in the heart of the city puts travelers within easy distance of the Seine, with

myriad treasures on Banks Left and Right to choose from. *Starts at \$2,398 per person based on double occupancy.*

- <u>CW Select Experience: Dublin</u>, Ireland (3 days, 2 nights) Turn a page on Irish culture with a literary pub-crawl that combines the best and deepest-rooted traditions of this UNESCO "City of Literature." Guided walking or kayaking take travelers along the iconic River Liffey and historic sites including Trinity College, the alma mater of Jonathan Swift, Oscar Wilde and Edmund Burke as well as the current home of the *Book of Kells*. A Georgian townhouse hotel provides lovely accommodation within walking distance of shopping and museums, and insider tips lead CW Select Experience travelers to premier pubs and musical venues. *Starts at \$998 per person based on double occupancy*.
- CW Select Experience: La Rioja, Spain (4 days, 3 nights) The La Rioja region of northern Spain combines wine, gastronomy and striking landscapes with guided walks to centuries-old winemaking towns, UNESCO-listed medieval monasteries, and the along the banks of the Ebro River. Explore renowned vineyards, with time to help prune vines or harvest grapes. Expect many stops for wine tasting, with wineries large and small pouring some of the finest wines in the world. Stay in a restored 16th-century boutique hotel in historic Logroño and join a local connoisseur on a stroll to the best-known street of tapas bars in Spain. Starts at \$2,498 per person based on double occupancy.

OFFBEAT ADVENTURES IN LATIN AMERICA:

- <u>CW Select Experience: Galápagos, Ecuador</u> (5 days, 4 nights) Dive into the Galápagos, a fascinating archipelago of volcanic islands off the coast of Ecuador, famed for its exquisite wildlife, geography and marine life that helped define Charles Darwin's work. The journey combines explorations on and around Isabel and Santa Cruz Islands leading to volcanic heights or along teeming shorelines, past relaxed fishing villages, brackish lagoons of mangroves, and vibrant bird life—from Darwin finches and Galápagos flycatchers to pink flamingoes and pintail ducks. Starts at \$2,998 per person based on double occupancy.
- <u>CW Experience: Monteverde, Costa Rica</u> (3 days, 2 nights) The Monteverde Cloud Forest was dubbed the jewel in the crown of cloud forests by National Geographic. On this trip, walk along the Monteverde Skywalk from the forest floor through and above the tree-top canopy, interspersed with dramatic mountain views, and explore Monteverde's Cloud Forest Reserve, home to more than 60 species of migrating birds and enormous trees covered in mosses, orchids and ferns, all of which support an incredible diversity of wildlife. Encounter monkeys, coatimundis, agoutis, and birdlife such as toucanets, chlorophonias, and the sought-after resplendent quetzal, in addition to hummingbirds and raptors. *Starts at \$1,398 per person based on double occupancy*.

For more information or to make reservation for a CW Select Experience, please contact CW at (800) 464-9255, or visit www.cwadventure.com.

About CW (formerly known as Country Walkers)

For 34 years, CW (<u>www.cwadventure.com</u>) has provided active, immersive, and stunning travel experiences on five continents. Based in Waterbury, Vermont, CW's unique itineraries and insider access bring the beating heart of a destination to life with well-crafted itineraries for Guided Adventures, Self-Guided Walking & Biking Adventures, Safaris, Select Experiences, Small Ship, Family

Adventures, and Private vacations. All trips highlight superb cuisine, fine, authentic accommodations, and immersive cultural and natural experiences.

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