

Five Friday Favorites Friday, August 31, 2018



Hello Members of TTT and Owners of Luxury Properties Worldwide, It has now been 2 years since we launched the Member Messaging system on our website, which puts members directly in touch with owners and managers of thousands of the world's finest properties!

If you have not received an email from one of your fellow members using the messaging system, please add Communication@tradetotravel.com to your list of Safe Senders in case members have tried to contact you and their messages may have been filtered as spam by your email provider.

If you haven't used the messaging system yet, I wanted to let you know that when you log into your member account, you will see in the left menu that you can "Search Properties" and "Browse Destinations" (the members section of our website does not yet have the updated look of our new website, please excuse our work in progress). When you are logged in and view the profile of a property you would like to visit, under the property number (near the top of the profile) you will see "Submit Trade Request" which will allow you to send your request directly to the owner or manager.

PLEASE NOTE that messages sent to members will be received in their email.

When you receive an email from a member, you will see a large "Click Here" button
to view the member's inquiry and respond if you would like to accept, decline, or
discuss. Please do NOT click "Reply" on the email because that will cause your
email to be sent to us rather than the owner.

Please do not give or ask for personal contact information (email address or phone number) when using the messaging system. The reason for this is that we like to keep all communications in writing so there can be no confusion regarding inquiries or responses, and so we can monitor communications between members in order to be of assistance whenever possible. Once a trade has been confirmed, we will give you the owner or manager's contact information so you can get in touch with them to get instructions for checking in/out, etc.

When an owner accepts your request, we will send your "Guest Intent" to book the dates and we will let you know the credit value, the exchange fee, and any additional information you may need.

Our exchange fee is only 10% of the rental value for all trades arranged by members using the messaging system, saving you 90% (we call these "self-arranged trades") and the exchange fee is 20% of the rental value for all trades arranged by our staff, saving you 80% (we call these staff-arranged trades"). In other words, using the messaging system to contact owners cuts exchange fees in half.

Serious Inquiries Only: Please only contact a member if you are certain that you will book the requested dates if the owner offers to host you. You may contact several owners at the same time if you will book the property of whichever owner offers to host you first (rather than waiting to see if one of the other owners you contacted might also offer to host).

Please check airfares to make sure acceptable flights are available and coordinate travel plans with everyone in your party before contacting owners in order to not bother members unnecessarily regarding uncertain dates, date changes, etc. Please do NOT purchase airfare until a trade has been confirmed and you have received the Confirmation from our offices.

If you have used the messaging system in the past to request dates from a member and you would like to get back in touch with that owner to request different dates, please let us know and we will clear the old request which will allow you to send a new request.

Please do not bother owners by asking questions whose answers can be found on Google. If you have a question about a property which will affect whether or not you will book the requested dates if the owner offers to host, please let us know and we will be happy to answer the questions before the owner is contacted or we will contact the owner to get the answers for you.

Thank you so much and we wish you a wonderful weekend! Our offices will be closed on Monday to celebrate the Labor Day holiday in the U.S. and we will be back in the office Tuesday at 9am Eastern time.

Today's five fabulous favorites include new properties in England, plus great availabilities in Napa, Nantucket, and New York City. Please let us know if you would like to visit these or other members' properties, or if you have available dates that you would like to trade in your vacation property for stays in the world's most luxurious collection of vacation homes and villas, boutique hotels, resorts, spas, castles, chateaux, penthouses, private islands, boats, yachts and megayachts available for exchange at 90% savings! All the best, Leah











"Give us a week and we'll give you the world!"