

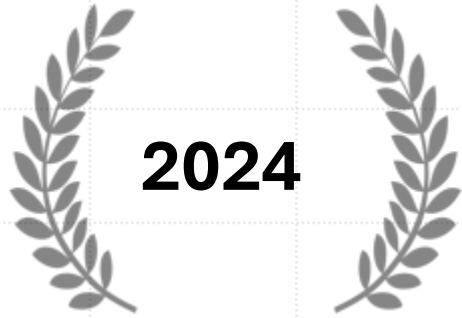
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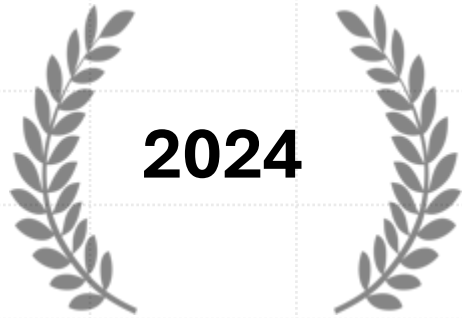
BRONZE Alex Pulaski, “The highs (look up!), the lows (try 25 degrees below), and the highlights of seeing the northern lights in Alaska,” Boston Globe

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Saturday Evening Post

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GOLD Brad Johnson,
“Matsu, Oceanside
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“It’s difficult if not impossible to imagine anyone not wanting to explore this not-exactly-on-Main Street-California dining establishment. The writing is inviting, tempting and perhaps, yes, mouth-watering. The images are excellent appetizers to the main course.”





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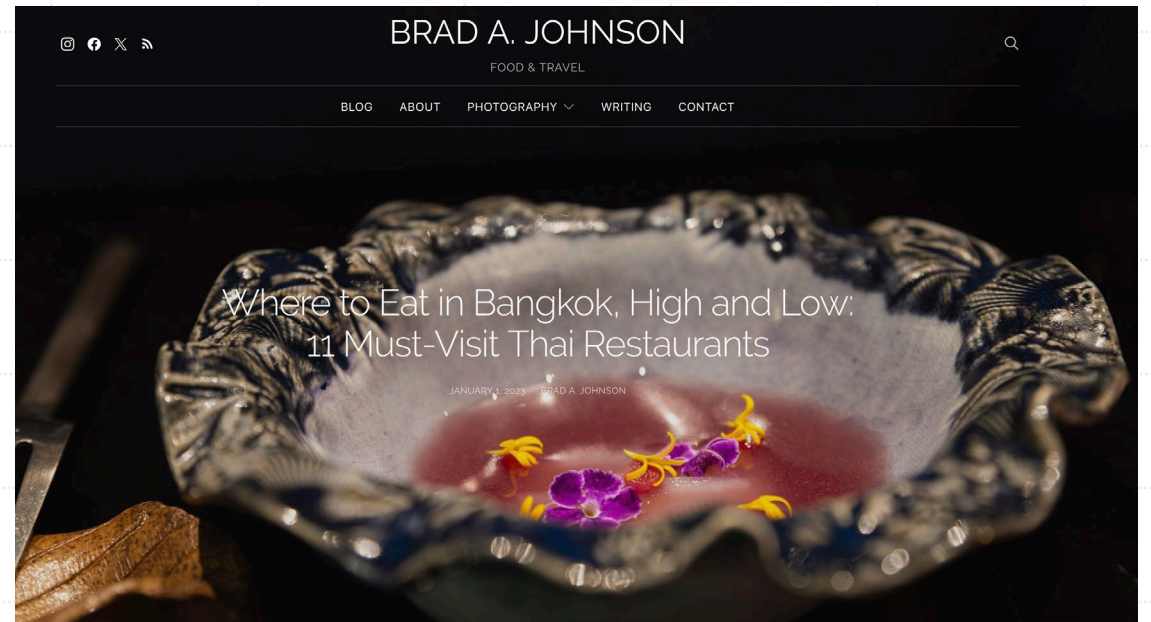
BRONZE Danny and Alice Scott,
selection of golf destination columns,
Northeast Golf

SILVER Diane Covington-Carter,
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Association Conventions and Facilities

SILVER Ruffin Provost, “Sustainable
Meals at Yellowstone,” Wyoming Truth

GOLD Debra Bokur, “Capital Conversations, Dazzle Your Colleagues in Luminous London,” Global Traveler Magazine

“London is one of those opaque cities – what’s behind those historic facades? This fast-paced piece walks you through great options for all types of venues for business meetings. Whether a power breakfast or larger gathering, this is a must-read guide.”



Capital Conversations

Dazzle your colleagues in luminous London. BY DEBRA BOKUR

Eclectic London: (left to right) Tapas at CAVO, one of London's newest restaurants; The Carpenter's Line exhibition at Japan House London; and 3 Henrietta Street

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An enigma of a city that manages to effortlessly combine refinement *and* a sense of exhilaration, London boasts plenty of corners made to order for meet-ups with colleagues or for hosting a private business confab. For a space to impress, book a private room at 3 Henrietta Street in Covent Garden. While the streets may be bustling, the interior of this beautifully restored 1780 townhouse offers a calm sanctuary. More importantly, it's home to a trio of marvelous restaurants by three renowned chefs: Pivot British Bar & Bistro by Chef Mark Greenaway; Hawai'ian street food at El Ta'Koy by Chef Luis Pous; and Lilly's Café by pastry chef Kimberly Lin, the former head pastry chef at Claridge's.

While you can book private meeting spaces, a power breakfast in the ground-floor glass conservatory at Lilly's may leave your clients and colleagues smiling. The décor was inspired by the zodiac and magical ele-

ments including gemstones, reflected in the blue velvet chairs and walls colored a deep shade of carnelian orange. In addition to a creative all-day menu that includes banoffee toast with date caramel, granola and sliced banana, or rice pudding prepared with seasonal fruit compote and Lilly's granola, there are also large-plate choices. Afternoon tea service comes with sweet tooth-satisfying bottomless cakes, served, if you like, with Champagne. During colder months, discuss contract negotiations while sipping mulled wine or cocktails on Lilly's Winter Terrace, where heated seats, plush blankets and melty fondue keep the atmosphere warm.

Show off your London insider knowledge by planning your meeting over lunch and tapas at CAVO, one of the most anticipated new restaurant openings in the city. It's on the fourth floor of the Now Building in the Outernet, adjacent to Tottenham Court Road underground station in the city's West End entertainment district. In addition to service in

the main restaurant, you can be your discussions on the QT? E light-drenched private dining Japan House, located within district, was created as part of a nese Ministry of Foreign Affairs technology and innovation office. This striking space features exhibitions and multiple additional event meetings or gatherings of up to The private Tatami Room, the Gallery, Hall and Library cocktail receptions, product launch Hire Team helps organize the Just down the street from Ja Hotel & Residences offers mee Score some points with your L about the hotel's storied past. It milestone which still stands ne served at the private residence of Grigoryevich Chernyshev, who



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RealFoodTraveler.com

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GOLD Christine Loomis, “How to summit Pikes Peak and 5 other must-do Colorado Springs adventures this summer,” USA Today 10 Best

“There are at least four ways to get to the top, and this guide describes them all, with enough detail to make decisions. You might think its an easy decision, but each one has its appeal and attractions, depending on your fitness and stress levels. If you have leftover energy after getting to the peak, there’s hiking, climbing, rafting, fly fishing, camping and natural history available nearby. The article details each of them, along with tips and advice.”



BRONZE Eric Stoen, “Exploring Antarctica with Disney,”
TravelBabbo.com

Family/ Generational

SILVER Margot Black, “Best Dinosaur Museums in the US,”
SheBuysTravel.com.

GOLD Margot Black,
“Incredibly Fun Things to do
with Kids in Los Angeles,”
SheBuysTravel.com

“This is more than a list, it’s a guide. Each of the 30-plus ideas come with vital information such as whether the parking meters take a credit card, or should you buy an all-day pass or individual tickets. Written from a parent perspective, this article will save readers time and money.”





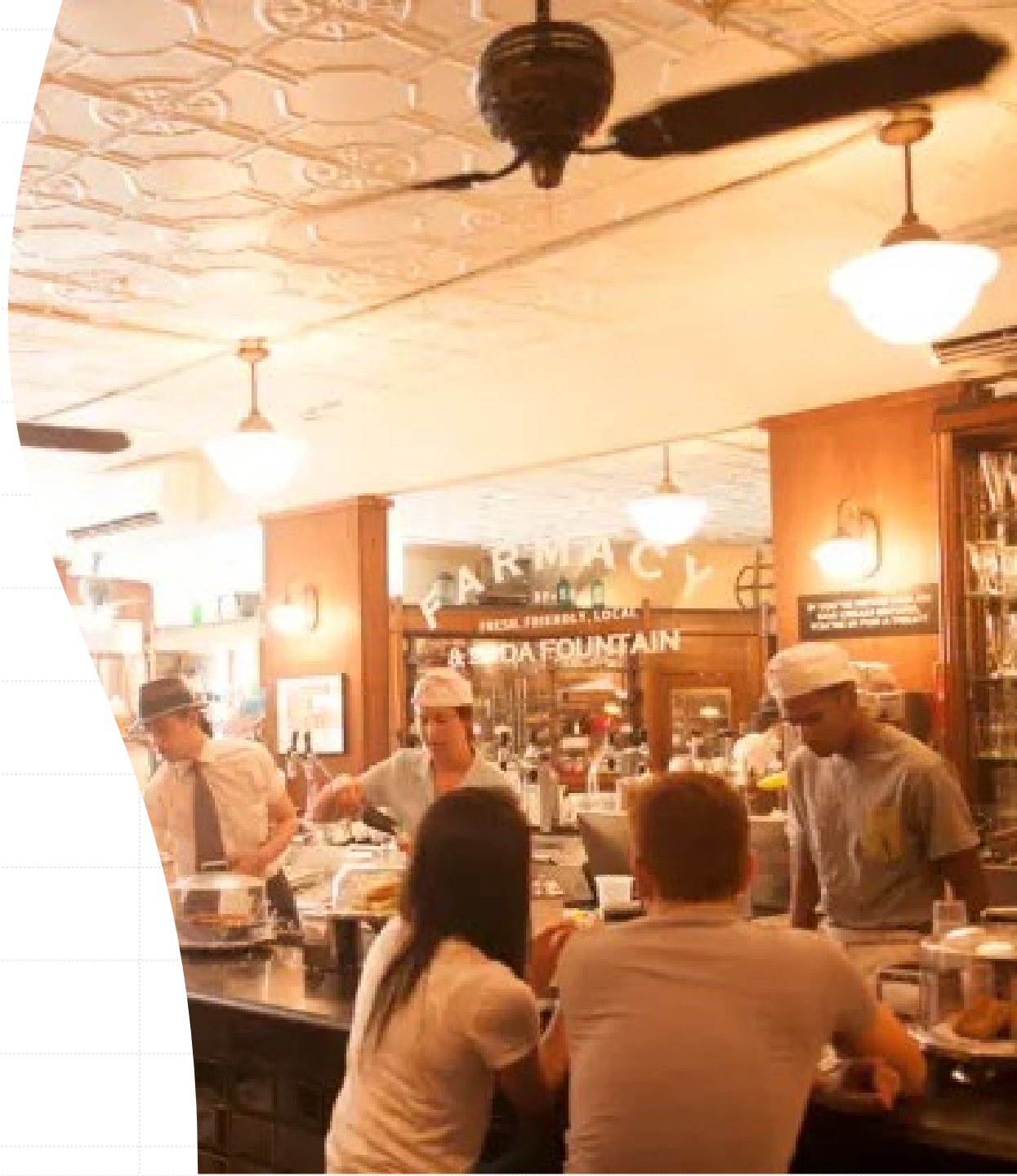
BRONZE Brad Johnson: “One Day in Bangkok, Two Worlds Apart,” OLTRE Review

**Dining,
Food,
Beverage**

SILVER Rebecca L. Rhoades, “Pulling Down Clouds; Picking Cactus Fruit,” GreenLiving.com

GOLD Eric Lucas, “Long Live the Soda Fountain,” Epoch Times

“Well done and fast paced roundup of places in the US to find artisan phosphates at old-time soda fountains. Dripping with nostalgia, this piece delights, even if you aren’t able to visit all the suggested soda counters. Yum!”





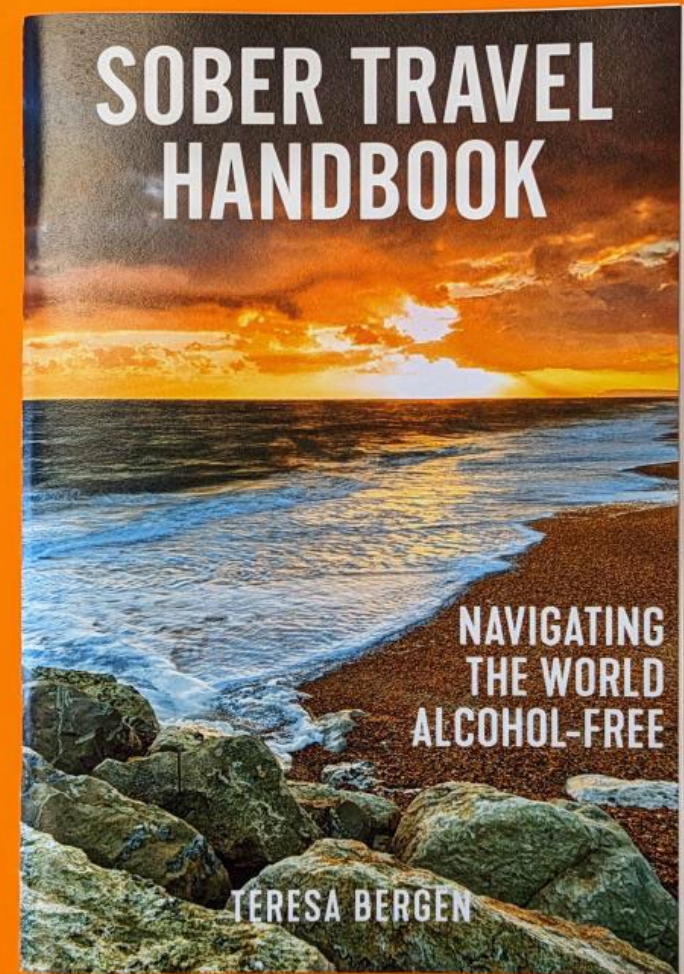
Non- traditional

BRONZE Christine Loomis, “Off the Beaten Path: Explore the Hidden Gems of Western Japan, from Tohoku to Nagano,” USA Today 10 Best

SILVER Juliana Broste, “Planning a Trip to Denver with the Help of AI,” TravelingJules

GOLD Teresa Bergen, “Sober Travel Handbook,” Microcosm Publishing

“Traveling sober adds one or several layers of complexity to trips that often feature alcohol. Non-drinkers generally know how to navigate these challenges, but drinkers tend to be woefully unprepared to recognize and respect those challenges. Written for the non-drinker, the e-book should also be read by those who enjoy alcohol, to make travel enjoyable for all. Tips, hints, wisdom of personal experience, strategies and encouragement can all be found in the comprehensive book.”





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“Indulge Your Inner ‘Royal,’” Wine Dine
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GOLD Brad Johnson, Matsu Oceanside California, OLTRE Review

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