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## **Travel influencer Darley Newman to appear at Great Vacations Travel EXPO**

Host of PBS show *Travels with Darley* to share advice for “authentic travel”

COLUMBUS, OH – Darley Newman, inspiring travel influencer and star of PBS’ *Travels with Darley*, will bring her travel expertise to the 2018 Great Vacations Travel EXPO, presented by AAA. At 3 p.m., Friday, Jan. 19 and at noon, Saturday, Jan. 20, Newman will take the AAA Travel Stage, presented by Royal Caribbean to share her tips for truly authentic travel experiences and why it’s important to seek out local guides. Newman will also answer audience questions and be available following her stage appearance for photos and to sign autographs.

A passionate travel guru and lifelong storyteller, Newman’s travels have taken her to far-flung destinations, such as Hong Kong and the French Caribbean. But she also takes her audiences along as she explores close to home, seeking out stateside hidden gems, from Michigan’s Upper Peninsula and the eastern shores of Maryland to Arkansas and Wyoming. Focused on her mission to uncover authentic travel experiences by connecting with the people and culture of the destinations she visits, Newman builds captivating relationships with locals as she travels across the globe and highlights unexpected and off-the-beaten path offerings for her viewers.

A media entrepreneur, five-time Emmy-nominated TV host and producer, travel influencer and author, Newman has channeled her passion for travel and storytelling into a dream career. Through her production company, DCN Creative, she is the creator, producer and host of *Travels with Darley* on PBS and of Emmy Award-winning *Equitrekking*, broadcast on PBS and networks in more than 83 countries. Her original video content is viewed by tens of millions of fans across top digital networks as on AOL and MSN. In addition, Darley has hosted and produced shows for CBS, Scripps Networks Interactive, Encore Starz! and appeared as a travel expert on NBC’s Today Show, NPR and The Weather Channel. Millions more travelers follow Newman on social media and via her travel sites, TravelsWithDarley.com and Equitrekking.com.

The AAA Travel Stage, presented by Royal Caribbean will feature round-the-clock activities, presentations and entertainment, making the EXPO a destination in itself. Favorite travel spots come alive with engaging, helpful and educational interactive experiences. The EXPO also offers different zones highlighting regional destinations, so visitors can quickly and easily find the ideal getaway for their interests, lifestyle and budget. Guests will also have exclusive access to EXPO-only deals, so travelers are encouraged to bring a calendar and a form of payment and be ready to book on the spot.

The 2018 Great Vacations Travel EXPO, presented by AAA, opens Friday, January 19 and runs through Sunday, January 21, at the Greater Columbus Convention Center in Downtown Columbus. Hours are Friday, noon to 7 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tickets are \$8 at the door or at any AAA Ohio Auto Club store. AAA members who show their AAA card receive 50 percent off admission. Children ages 16 and under are admitted at no charge. Additional event details are available at [www.AAAGreatVacations.com](http://www.AAAGreatVacations.com).

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