

For Immediate Release
November 11, 2017



Contact: Amy Weirick
Office: (614) 848-8380
Cell: (614) 296-8513
Amy@WeirickCommunications.com

Travel Channel's Josh Gates to return to Great Vacations Travel EXPO

COLUMBUS, OH – Following an incredibly popular appearance at last year's Great Vacations Travel EXPO, Josh Gates, fearless adventurer and star of the No. 1 Travel Channel hit show **Expedition Unknown**, will return to the EXPO again this January. Gates will appear on the AAA Travel Stage, presented by Royal Caribbean, for two appearances at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 20 and 1 p.m. on Sunday, Jan 21 at the Greater Columbus Convention Center. During his appearances, Gates will share extraordinary tales of his most nail-biting adventures. In addition to having the unique opportunity to see Gates in person, EXPO guests will have the chance to ask him questions and meet him for autographs following each appearance.

As host and executive producer for the highest-rated series on the Travel Channel, Gates takes viewers around the world and far off the map for thrilling investigations into history's most iconic legends. Recently, the Travel Channel announced the return of **Expedition Unknown** for an all-new season, premiering December 27. This season, Gates will dive into the Viking history in Iceland and Denmark, uncover the mystery of Stonehenge, search for the lost tombs of the Mayan Snake Kings, excavate a ship trapped in Australian dunes and discover the true identity of Egyptian queen Nefertiti. His expeditions will even take him back home, as Gates hunts for 12 buried treasure boxes hidden somewhere in the United States.

An avid explorer, Gates has set foot in more than 100 countries, from the remote Himalayan mountains of Bhutan to the icy shores of Antarctica. He conducted the first-ever overnight filming in the infamous tomb of King Tut, scaled "the roof of Africa" on Mt. Kilimanjaro, and recently, interviewed the crew of the International Space Station from NASA's mission control in Houston. With a degree in Archaeology from Tufts University, he's a fellow of The Explorers Club. Gates is also proud to be represented in a display at *Expedition Everest* at Walt Disney's Animal Kingdom in Orlando, Florida. More of Gate's travels are chronicled in his bestselling book, **Memoirs of a Monster Hunter**. Gates lives in Los Angeles and on airport floors around the world.

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.AAGreatVacations.com.

###

EDITORS NOTE: Images, video, special media access and interviews are available. Contact Amy Weirick, O: (614) 848-8380 M: (614) 296-8513 or amy@WeirickCommunications.com.