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CHRISTINE DRINAN GALAVANTE FOUNDER AND CEO, EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Travel guru Christine Drinan has visited more than 35 countries, and counting. In 2011 alone, Christine has traveled to 15 countries, over 40 cities and experienced over 35 luxury hotels during her 90+ days on the road. Travel has been her passion ever since she spent a college semester as an exchange student at the Vienna University of Economics and Business. This passion was the driving force behind Christine's launch of Galavante.

In addition to serving as Galavante's CEO, Christine is also its Editor-in-Chief, writing travel reviews as well as overseeing all content from the Contributing Editors.

Before launching Galavante, Christine worked for the Blackstone Group for five years. Her position in the fund-of-funds and corporate finance groups entailed structuring fund investments, doing hedge-fund due diligence, working with clients and spearheading strategic projects, including the launch of Blackstone's first Chinese private equity fund and other international initiatives in Asia, the Middle East and Australia.

Christine's love for travel and her busy work schedule at The Blackstone Group gave her the inspiration to launch Galavante. It was when she started her MBA at Columbia University that she made her business idea a reality. Christine herself was a jet-set professional with limited time off and a high standard for travel accommodations. She wanted to make the most out of long weekends by knowing exactly where to stay and what to do in some of the most beautiful destinations in the world, but she couldn't find an adequate travel site that gave her recommendations for quick high-end travel trips.

When Christine isn't trekking around the world, she can be found in New York City, where she resides with her husband. As an active part of that community, Christine is a Board Member of the New York Junior League and as a passionate New Yorker, a Member of the City Museum of New York. Christine holds an MBA from Columbia School of Business.