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Meet the Robb Report Travel Masters: 24 Luxury Pros Who Can Make Your Dream Vacation a Reality

From Gray & Co's Cari Gray to Scott Dunn Private's Jules Maury, these travel masters have connections to open doors around the globe.



Welcome to the fourth annual list of *Robb Report's* Travel Masters.

Travel can be both profound and transformative. Exhilarating and unforgettable. But not always. The difference between a good trip and a great one—perhaps a life-changing one—is so often about tapping the right people to help plan it. It can be hard to know who to trust to create your dream adventure or even a jaunt back to your favorite destination. There are hundreds of travel specialists, after all, most of whom will argue convincingly that they have contacts and connections to open doors around the globe.

Only a handful of operators worldwide, however, have the expertise, clout, and ambition to make the unimaginable real. To celebrate them, and to help you, we have brought them together under this Masters of Luxury banner. There are barely two dozen of them total, nearly all specialists in certain regions or types of journeys.

They come with our endorsement.

You'll also regularly see their expertise in the magazine, asking them to nominate the hotels they consider the greatest places to stay in the world, tapping them for insider scoops, and asking their recommendations for the best travel products (cashmere's the key, it seems). As always, if you're traveling this year, don't leave home without contacting one of them—and make sure to mention *Robb Report* sent you.

20. Andrea Grisdale, IC Bellagio



Headquarters: Lake Como, Italy

Areas of Expertise: La dolce vita

Need to Know: Grisdale's a lake whisperer, from Como to Garda—and no wonder, as she was born and brought up in the U.K.'s own Lake District.

Grisdale worked as a holiday rep around the world before being assigned to handle trips in Italy. She quickly discovered her passion for the country and pivoted to high-end travel-wrangling focused solely on every aspect of la dolce vita. Grisdale's eclectic background makes her the perfect bridge between Italy and international visitors (she doesn't outsource, but handles operations entirely in-house with her 40-strong team). Her expertise spans all 20 of the country's regions, from the Dolomites in the north to Sicily. She can plan energetic, outdoorsy itineraries, like a recent 12-day romp through Umbria and Tuscany, cycling around Assisi and walking the Pilgrim's Way in Val D'Orcia, or steer clients away from Capri and Co to visit charming, thoroughly Italian spots like Lecce and Matera instead (she's a fan of La Fiermontina).

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