**BIO FOR WEBSITE**

**Background**

*The founder of Red Elephant Reps – a representation company for ‘hotels with a story to tell’ - Paul has a pretty fascinating story himself. A bona-fide nomad, he was born in Slovakia, grew up in Germany and now calls the US home. Frequent trips when young cultivated his passion for travel which culminated with becoming one of the founders of ICS Travel Group, a leading DMC in Asia and beyond. He’s incredibly well known and respected within the industry and is a member of exclusive travel networks such as Virtuoso and Signature. Paul’s constantly on the move having visited every country in Asia and a great deal of Europe in the last 25 years. In addition, you’re almost guaranteed to bump into him at the major trade fairs and conventions – however far-flung they may be.*

*His passion for travel started early with regular trips with the family. During his university days he worked for Cathay Pacific and frequently travelled to Asia. Over the past 25 years he’s visited all th*

*founder*

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*In 1997 he moved to the United States and settled in San Francisco. He is part of some of the most exclusive travel networks like Virtuoso and Signature. Paul has been conducting sales efforts for North and South America since then.*

**What I do when not travelling**

*Paul* lives in San Francisco which means he gets to explore the incredible Californian coastline by foot and bike whenever he wants (jealous).

*Exploring the amazing beauty of the coastline of California on foot, bike and in the car.*

**Weirdest/ Funniest travel memory**

In Luang Prabang airport he ‘accidentally’ left his wallet in his checked luggage. The laidback airport staff simply told him to walk over to the luggage cart to retrieve it – dodging landing and departing planes in the process.

Forgot my wallet in checked luggage in luang Prabang and was told to “walk over to the luggage cart on the tarmac surrounded by landing and departing airplanes to retrieve it”.

**Top of my travel bucket list**

* A trip to the remote islands of Rajay Ampat in Indonesia on a boat.
* A weeklong retreat in an ashram in India near Varanasi
* Sail the Southern coast of Myanmar on a sailing boat.

***Any other essential info:***

As he was born in Eastern Europe and grew up in Germany, he still travels to this part of the world regularly. Speaking 4 languages fluently helps to work with many different countries and promote his love for Asia.