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Weekly Newsletter Part 1/2 - January 29, 2019

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## EVENTS THIS WEEK

February TGIF Friday, February 1st at 6:00 p.m.



Join us this Friday, February 1st, from 6:00 to 8:30 pm for our monthly signature event, TGIF at the **Eclipse Bar** - in the **Hyatt Regency San Francisco** (Atrium Lobby Level, 5 Embarcadero Center).

This TGIF promises to be a great way to visit with old friends, make new friends, and unwind at the end of the week.

There is no admission fee and a no-host bar.

MAX TGIFs attract anywhere from 100 to 200 people. With attendees running the gamut in age and interests, it's definitely a diverse group of men. We always go out of our way to make everyone, especially newcomers, feel welcome, so if you've never joined us before, this is the perfect opportunity to be introduced to some new people.

To RSVP on Meetup, please click [here](#). If you prefer to register through MAX's website, please click [here](#).

*For MAX events that feature alcohol, we strongly encourage you to take public transportation, a cab/Uber/Lyft, walk, or have a designated driver.*

MAX India Informational Dinner Saturday, February 2nd at 7:00 p.m.



For those who are interested in the trip to India, an informational dinner will be held at the home of Phil Walker in San Francisco **this Saturday**, February 2, 2019, at 7 p.m. (this dinner was rescheduled from last Saturday.) Photos will be shown of the most recent trips. All questions will be answered.

To RSVP, email Phil at [phil@askphilwalker.com](mailto:phil@askphilwalker.com). He will confirm your place and send details on the dinner, send you the full itinerary for the trip, and send you several videos of the last trip so you can see what you will see, where you will stay, where you will eat, and what you will experience!

For more details on the trip to India, please see below.

Martuni Monday: Jason Brock and Dee Spencer Monday, February 4th at 6:00 p.m.

A promotional poster for Jason Brock &amp; Dee Spencer at Martuni's. The poster features a black background with white and red text. On the left is a photo of Jason Brock, a man with glasses and a beard, smiling. On the right is a photo of Dee Spencer, a woman with curly hair and glasses, smiling. The text reads: "JASON BROCK &amp; DEE SPENCER RETURN TO MARTUNI'S! EVERY MONDAY 6PM-8:30PM". Below this, it says "HAPPY HOUR, LIVE MUSIC, OPEN MIC, PIANO BAR! PLUS, THE BEST COCKTAILS IN TOWN AT MARTUNI'S". At the bottom, it says "LIMITED ENGAGEMENT! THREE WEEKS ONLY - 1/21/18 - 2/4/18 4 VALENCIA STREET (AT MARKET)". On the left side, it says "\$5 ONLINE OR AT DOOR" and "TICKETS: JASONBROCKVOCALS.COM". There is also a small logo for "VENMO/PAYPAL ACCEPTED AT DOOR".

Join the improvisational and lively duo Dee Spencer and MAX member, Jason Brock for a fun evening of music, comedy and the best (and strongest) cocktails in town!

This limited run show at Martuni's ends on Monday, February 4th. The fun starts at 6pm and goes to 8:30pm. For more information click [here](#).

ONLY \$5! TICKETS [HERE](#) (TO ENSURE A SEAT) or pay at the door (CASH/VENMO/PAYPAL ACCEPTED)

Don't forget, you are encouraged to come up and sing a song yourself – and you can just sing-along, too! Stop by after work and bring your friends. See you there!

Martuni's  
4 Valencia Street, San Francisco

## NEW THIS WEEK

**MAX Goes to *Hamilton!*** Thursday, March 21st at 6:15 p.m.



Join MAX for the musical and cultural phenomenon that is *Hamilton!*

*Hamilton* tells the story of America's Founding Father Alexander Hamilton. Featuring a score that blends hip-hop, jazz, blues, rap, R&B, and Broadway, *Hamilton* is the story of American then, as told by America now. In 2016 *Hamilton* received a record-setting 16 Tony nominations, winning 11, as well as receiving a 2016 Grammy Award and the 2016 Pulitzer Prize for Drama. For more information about the SHN production of *Hamilton*, please click [here](#).

The show starts at 7:00 pm. **For attendees from MAX, a VIP reception will be held in the Orpheum Theater Blue Room starting at 6:15 pm.**

**Buy your tickets for the 7:00 pm March 21st performance [here](#).**

Orchestra tickets start at \$246 and mezzanine tickets start at \$214 (no discounts are available for *Hamilton*).

Then register on our website [here](#) to **RSVP for the MAX pre-show VIP reception in the Orpheum Theater Blue Room.**

SHN Orpheum Theatre  
1192 Market St., San Francisco

UPDATE! MAX India: Delhi, Taj Mahal, Jaipur, and Udaipur March 28th-April 13th



**MAX INDIA FOR \$1,644.00! (16 Days)**

**UPDATE! Revised Dates: Mar. 28 - Apr. 13, 2019**

**RT Air: SFO - Delhi: \$578.00**

**Hotels: \$666.00 if you share: \$1,231.00 single occupancy**

**Tour Leader: \$100**

**MAX: \$100 for Members; \$250 for Non-Members**

**DELHI, TAJ MAHAL, JAIPUR, AND UDAIPUR**

**STAY AT WORLD'S #1 HOTEL: +\$302/room  
(normally, \$1,100 USD)**

***A Dream Destination for Gay Men***

**INFORMATIONAL DINNER: SAT, FEB. 2, 7 PM.**

**RSVP PHIL WALKER: [phil@askphilwalker.com](mailto:phil@askphilwalker.com)**

*"The most incredible trip of our lifetimes!" MAX  
India Tour members, 2018*

## **WHY INDIA?**

If you are like many, you think India is expensive to travel to, difficult to travel in, poverty-ridden, barren, and unhealthy. As the MAX 2018 India Travel Group will tell you, you could not be more wrong.

The MAX 2019 India trip is filled with 5-star hotels for \$100 per night, sights such as the Taj Mahal (truly, the most beautiful building in the world), restaurants selected by our Indian Food Blogger, handsome Indian men, tea in a Maharajah's palace, cooking class in an Indian home, your own Tour Guide and drivers, a doctor

travelling with our group, cocktails served poolside by turbaned waiters, and the smells roasting meat and spices as you dine on the roof of the world's number one hotel listening to sitar music while gazing through the night sky at the lake below and illuminated palaces above.

### **WHAT YOU WILL SEE AND EXPERIENCE:**

Join us for the amazingly inexpensive markets of Delhi for fabrics, lacquer boxes, jewelry, fashions; candlelight rooftop dining overlooking the illuminated ruins of a fort; a sunrise breakfast overlooking the Taj Mahal; a moving day decorating, bathing, and riding elephants; a hair-raising rickshaw ride through the streets of Old Delhi; our stay at a 1300's Indian fort restored to a hotel by a gay couple (this is spectacular and known to few Americans); the world's Number 1 Hotel--the Taj Lake Palace; temples; holy men; new gay friends; Delhi's 1 gay club; the sites for Octopussy and Best Exotic Marigold Hotel; twilight lake cruises; the Pink City; the City of Lakes, Sufi music; and meeting gay locals.

### **WHAT OUR LAST GROUP SAID:**

"Spectacular!" "Absolute best trip of my lifetime!"

Of all our experiences in India, one of the most rewarding was meeting the local gay men. I have found that many handsome gay Indians in their 30's love older gay men!

Read more about our experience in MAX Stories below.

### **HOW IT WORKS:**

We let you know what flights and hotels to book. You do the bookings yourself on Expedia, Orbitz, or Hotels.com. Then, we arrange a guide and driver to take us to the sites each day. (This costs \$30 per person per day in addition to the fees above.)

Most of our Tour Hosts are gay. They do all negotiating for us in Hindi, arrange transport for us around the city, show us where the gay spots are, introduce us to friends, and tell us about gay life in India. Our Food Guide, Singh, is a food blogger who knows all the great restaurants of Delhi, Agra, and Jaipur. You will have one of the greatest meals of your life at Spice Route in the Imperial Hotel, dine on incredible northern Indian food at Pinch of Spice, and have cocktails and smoke hooka while listening to Sufi music overlooking Delhi's evening sky. We will arrange all of these for you.

Phil Walker will be your Tour Leader. He visited India twice in 2018. He loves India. It shows, as the 2019 trip incorporates all the special finds he and the group made in 2018. **We even travel with our own doctor who takes care of any medical needs you have.** (On our last trip, no one needed his help. The water in all the hotels is filtered. Everyone's stomach was fine.) You can't beat having your own doctor, the experience, or the price!

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"This will be the trip of a lifetime. I promise." -- Phil Walker

If you would like to see videos of India locations we will visit, email [phil@askphilwalker.com](mailto:phil@askphilwalker.com).

## DEADLINES

**SUNDAY SIGNUP DEADLINE!** My Favorite Place: Pre-Valentine's Day Dinner at Canela Sunday, February 10th at 5:30 p.m.



**DEADLINE THIS SUNDAY, FEB. 3rd, FOR SIGNUPS!**

**New Dinner Series: *My Favorite Place*  
Launches with Feb. 10 PreValentine's Day Dinner at Canela!**

2019 kicks off a *new* MAX monthly dinner series we're calling "My Favorite Place." Each month, a MAX member selects one of their favorite restaurants to introduce to other MAX members ... with the promise of a fun and tasty time!

This month, MAX member Andrew Freeman invites us to a pre-Valentine's Day dinner at gay-owned [Canela](#). Open since 2011, this Spanish bistro and wine bar is now a Castro classic, with a candlelit atmosphere that is perfect for lovers and wannabe lovers. This Pre-Valentine's Day event is for everyone, couples and singles alike!

Chef Mat Schuster has created a special Spanish Family-Style Paella menu for our event:

- Shots of Seasonal Gazpacho
- Mixed Seasonal Salad
- Patatas Bravas with Almond Romesco, Aioli

- Marinated Spanish Olives
- Coca Flatbreads --- Mixed Vegetable or Chorizo
- Chicken with Chorizo and/or Vegetable Paellas
- Mini Churros con Chocolate

The \$50 per person includes all of the above PLUS a complimentary drink of your choice, including sangria, house red or white wine, and draft beer. You will be responsible for paying for any additional drinks you may order. *And here's an idea: join us earlier in the afternoon for our Second Sunday mixer at Finn Town, then come across the street for dinner at Canela!*

Cost: \$50 / MAX dues-paying members; \$65 / non-members.

**RSVP and pay [here](#).**

***Reservations close February 3.***

Canela Bistro and Wine Bar  
2272 Market St, SF

## MAX Cruise: Sailing the Blue Danube August 19th-27th



**DEADLINE THIS THURSDAY for Waived Single Supplement!**

**UPDATE: \$1500 Off Per Couple for MAX SF  
*Plus* Airfare for \$549 Round Trip Per Person**

**\$7900 Per Couple (\$3950 Each) INCLUDING Air and All Taxes!**

***MAX Sign-Ups Have Started, Join the MAX Contingent!***



This summer join MAX and your MAX Host David Petlin on an Avalon Waterways river cruise on the Danube.

You'll cruise up the Danube from Budapest to Linz with a docking overnight in Vienna. Enjoy the opportunity to explore Budapest, attend a Medieval Knights Tournament at a Visegrád castle, take a hike to Count Dracula's prison tower, explore Vienna, sample cheese and beer made by Trappist monks, and much, much more.

Experience the Blue Danube **your** way on Avalon Waterways, while sharing the experience with your fellow MAX travelers and with the new friends you'll meet on this summer voyage. With Avalon Choice® selections of Classic, Discovery, and Active excursions, each day is yours to spend your way. Whether you're an art lover, a foodie, a history buff, or an energetic adventurer, this Active Discovery cruise on the Danube invites you to experience culture and cuisine in creative ways that are perfect for you and great for sharing the experience with friends.

Cruise prices for this 9-day adventure start at \$3950 per person inclusive of taxes and air, based on double occupancy.

***This is the perfect opportunity to sail single*** – we have a limited number of cabins with **no single supplement charge**. Avalon Waterways has graciously extended the offer to waive the single supplement charge for ***bookings made by THIS THURSDAY, January 31st***. *The opportunity to sail single at no additional charge is rarely offered on any other cruise line.*

For dues-paying MAX members, the MAX trip fee is included in the price. For all others, the fee to MAX will be \$100 per person.

\$250 deposit per person is required to book - **final payment is not due until April 30th, 2019** . Contact David Petlin at [David@travelbyflair.com](mailto:David@travelbyflair.com) or 415-890-6331 for more information or to book your cruise!

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-- Paul Munro, Programs and Events Chair, MAX SF

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