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For the First Time, Four AdventureSmith Explorations Team Members Are Named Among 2026 Top Travel Specialists by Condé Nast Traveler

Todd Smith has earned the honor for the 13th time, Andrew Browning for the second, Arielle Lightcap and Leslie Camacho join the list for the first time

TRUCKEE, Calif. (March 23, 2026) - Condé Nast Traveler has recognized four of Truckee-based AdventureSmith Explorations' travel specialists as Top Travel Specialists for 2026. This is the largest group of AdventureSmith advisors that have been recognized, and the 13th consecutive year company founder Todd Smith has earned the honor. Andrew Browning was recognized for the second consecutive year, with Arielle Lightcap and Leslie Camacho joining the list for the first time, highlighting the team's deep knowledge and experience as travel advisors.

Best known for offering small-ship expedition travel experiences in the [Galapagos Islands](#), [Antarctica](#), and [Alaska](#), AdventureSmith Explorations' travel specialists are valued by travelers for their deep destination knowledge and expertise in helping to facilitate unparalleled, bucket-list experiences.

"Being recognized by Condé Nast Traveler as a top travel specialist is a tremendous honor, but having three of my long-standing team members also join the list is something that makes me immensely proud," said Smith. "Matching travelers with the perfect trip for them and delivering high-quality experiences that exceed our clients' expectations is what we're focused on. Receiving this type of recognition speaks to the ability of our team to consistently do that."

Since his nomination last year, Browning has also been named Best Individual Expedition Cruise Travel Advisor 2025 by Expedition Cruise Network, returned to the Arctic for his fourth time, and traveled the Northwest Passage. AdventureSmith's longest running employee outside of the company founders, Browning's experience and expertise regularly translate into the ability to coordinate awe-inspiring itineraries for clients in often remote locales.

With a degree in Latin American Studies and years living and working in the travel industry across Ecuador, Bolivia, and Mexico, Camacho brings a global perspective and industry savvy to every trip she plans. She has worked as a tour translator in the Bolivian jungle and holds the AdventureSmith staff record for the farthest south traveled (69° South), having reached the remote Bellingshausen Sea



aboard an Antarctic icebreaker. As she told the editors at Condé Nast Traveler, she “thrive(s) on planning trips that don’t exist online, shaped by local-only knowledge—that’s how (she) opens doors that travelers don’t even know to knock on.”

Appreciated by clients for her meticulously detailed planning, Lightcap, like Camacho, is a 10-year veteran of the AdventureSmith team. She’s been to far-flung destinations like the Arctic twice and has crossed the Arctic Circle. When asked by Condé Nast Traveler’s editors about what it’s like to work with her, Lightcap said, “I double- and triple-check every arrangement so nothing falls through the cracks. Being part of a small, family-owned, experienced team means accountability is personal. I know my clients, I know our partners, and I take responsibility for the outcome from beginning to end. That’s where I add the most value.”

Condé Nast Traveler’s annual list highlights the world’s leading experts and travel companies. The publication’s editors select specialists based on their deep destination knowledge and expertise, first-hand travel experience and ability to craft personalized, exceptional travel experiences.

Pick up a copy of the April 2026 issue of the magazine, on newsstands now, to learn what travel trends Condé Nast Traveler’s Top Travel Specialists are following. Read about the trends AdventureSmith’s top travel specialists are following [here](#).

Find the complete list of 2026 Condé Nast Traveler Top Travel Specialists at www.cntraveler.com/travel-specialists.

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About AdventureSmith Explorations

Founded in 2003, AdventureSmith Explorations is the global leader in small ship, adventure cruise vacations. Pioneering sustainable travel practices, AdventureSmith founder Todd Smith has been recognized among Condé Nast Traveler’s prestigious Top Travel Specialists for 13 consecutive years. The company has also been awarded a Condé Nast Traveler World Savers Award, recognized as one of the "Best Adventure Travel Companies on Earth" by National Geographic Adventure, named among Outside’s Best Places to Work in 2024, and is Sunset Magazine’s “Best Transportation and Tours” 2024 Travel Award winner. Learn more and book an expedition at adventuresmithexplorations.com or by calling 866-575-2875.



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