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The 2019 World Travel Championship Starting from Vancouver US Team set to Defend Their Crown

San Francisco, USA (11 April 2019)– Vancouver, British Columbia, will be the starting point Friday for Teams gathering from around the world to compete in the 15th edition of the around-the-world travel adventure competition—the world travel championship—known as [The Global Scavenger Hunt](#).

The international course has been set, and Team SLO Folks, a husband and wife team from California, are set to defend their 2018 crown and title of "*The World's Greatest Travelers*" against a field of 10 Teams competing in the annual event. They will assemble tomorrow afternoon in Vancouver on Friday, April 12th with passports in hand and ready to go. All the teams are eager to begin their *Blind Date with the World*TM —a blind date because the ten countries they will be visiting while circumnavigating the globe for three weeks, is **Top Secret!**

"Our cultural immersion requires Teams to ask questions and be active participants in unique local cultural activities—we call it *site-doing*—that in getting them engaged in the truly human connections of travel," says William D. Chalmers, author and Event Director (knighted the "World's Greatest Traveler" by National Geographic Traveler in 2002); "It is from those personal interactions and participatory authentic experiences that we all grow as people—and travelers. That's what *The Global Scavenger Hunt* annual event is all about traveling the world, having your *Travel IQ* tested and *trusting strangers in strange lands*. It is indeed the world travel championship."

After conducting an orientation scavenger hunt here in Vancouver on Saturday, the event will then take teams on a three- week thrill-packed around the world adventure. The two-person Teams, limited to using only public modes of transportation in their still secret global destinations, solving clues, answering cryptic questions and uncovering exotic scavenges in this around-the-world competition and global scavenger hunt travel adventure are vying for the 15th edition of *The World's Greatest Travelers* title. Between April 12 and May 4th, Teams will travel from Vancouver, Canada to New York City, USA – *the long way* – and completing scavenges in ten nations. Scavenges *could* include:

- Visiting Tiger Temple along the Myanmar-Thai border;
- Donating their time and energy at a Tibetan refugee camp in Nepal;
- Locating the coliseum *Gladiators* was filmed at in North Africa;
- Singing "*Born to be Wild*" in a *karaoke* bar with three new friends in Osaka;
- Making a mock art critic video about Edvard Munch's *The Scream* in Oslo; or
- Playing Taxi Cab Roulette and eating at their drivers favorite family-style restaurant!

Like *Indiana Jones* (and *Janes*) hot on the path of the Holy Grail, contestants will ride elephants to sacred temples, jostle atop camels around the world wonders, haggle in ancient souks, take part in bizarre festivals, and, in between the escalating daily thrills, catch their fair share of glorious sunsets and memorable local feasts. Everyone will be following the race live on [GlobalScavengerHunt.com](#) website [World Travel Championship Blog](#).

Teams competing in this 15th edition of travel world championship will be helping to raise money toward a \$1 million goal for ongoing humanitarian causes. Previous events [helped fund](#) co-ed elementary schools in Sri Lanka, Sierra Leone, Kenya, Niger, India, Haiti and Ecuador, as well as supported KIVA, Free the Children, among others.

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