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## **Houston Couple win *The World's Greatest Travelers™* Crown Following 23-Day Around-the-Globe World Travel Championship**

**New York City, USA (7 May 2019)** – Zoe Littlepage, along with her travel partner Rainey Booth, both of Houston, Texas (*aka team Lawyers without Borders*), were crowned *The World's Greatest Travelers™* in Manhattan after winning the 15th edition of the 23-day around-the-world travel championships known as *The Global Scavenger Hunt™*.

"We're thrilled, surprised, absolutely gratified," said Zoe, a consumer trial attorney, after winning the around-the-world competition—for the 6th time since 2008. "We work hard together, depend on the kindness of strangers, and trusted in our travel skills and instincts. It was a challenging 40,000-kilometer adventure against some great competitors from around the world. And in addition to the awesome trophy, we get to do it again next year *FOR FREE!* We can't wait...only 364 days to go!"

Together, Zoe and Rainey, depended on the kindness of strangers in strange lands, while trusting in their formidable combined *travel IQs*, situational awareness and gut instincts to prevail again.



As revealed on The Global Scavenger Hunt event blog, teams touched down in 10 countries on the 2019 event, including: Canada, Vietnam, Myanmar, Thailand, UAE, Jordan, Greece, Morocco, Spain and Portugal, over the three-week event that ran between April 12th - May 4th. The 15th annual world travel championship event took its contestants from the starting gate in Vancouver, Canada to the finish line in New York City—the *long way!* The Teams of two were tested hourly in the competition by overcoming language, cultural and logistical obstacles, along with dealing with team dynamics (we all know what it is like traveling with someone else), the steep international competition and by maintaining physical stamina for the 23-day marathon-like event. Their tasks were to seek out and answer cryptic clues that sent them on to other more challenging *site-doing* and interactive cultural scavenges on their global quest; ferreting out the answers to locations and extraordinary places, and doing remarkable things, all while eating exotic foods and experiencing bizarre local festivals...even ballooning over the Sahara!

"We felt very lucky to win this event against some other great travel teams," said Rainey, also a consumer attorney, "We literally went on a blind date with the world, from riding Vietnamese ferries, camels in Morocco and visiting ancient bazaars in Jordan—it was truly amazing! We are humbled to

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have beaten some very hardy and well-traveled competitors too...including last year's defending champs. We're amazed and happy, but thoroughly exhausted. I think we need a relaxing vacation from our adventure!"

In the spirit of true *Indiana Jones*, Zoe and Rainey were crowned *The World's Greatest Travelers* and presented with twin crystal trophies for winning The Global Scavenger Hunt at the Lotte Palace Hotel in Manhattan on Saturday afternoon after completing over 350 global scavenges.

"I am really proud of Zoe and Rainey. They simply outworked, outhustled, and outlasted everyone from beginning to end. They almost swept the event—except for another team winning an early Southeast Asian leg and a Middle Eastern leg in Abu Dhabi. Like all competitions, physical endurance is the key. It turned out to be a great global competition among some truly worthy travel adventurers," stated William D. Chalmers the Event Director (aka Ringmaster) and author, "The Global Scavenger Hunt is the annual world travel championship. We believe that travel brings people closer together, fosters global understanding and improves compassion for all involved," continued Chalmers, "Going around-the-world on one trip is an exciting prospect and when we add a little Indiana Jones-like scavenger hunt adventure to it, we feel that The Global Scavenger Hunt is a classic travel adventure competition bar none. We threw everything at them this year and the competitors were equal to the task. I'm delighted for Rainey and Zoe, they deserved to win...we hope to see them back to defend their title!"

The Global Scavenger Hunt has garnered a tremendous amount of global attention:

- **Outside** magazine calls it, "...one of the most amazing trips in the world!"
- **NPR's Savvy Traveler** thinks it, "...is just such a great idea!"
- **Time** magazine says, "...would be Indiana Joneses will have a chance to follow in his footsteps...an international event that restores the curiosity and adventure."
- **Peter Greenberg** says, "Unlike the *Amazing Race*, this challenge is more about your ability to connect with cultures than speed and agility."
- **National Geographic.com** says, "...like *Survivor*, the *Amazing Race* and the *Eco-Challenge* all rolled into one except with much more cultural interaction..."

To date, the event has visited 85 countries with travelers from over 60 countries have applied to join the annual adventure over the years making it truly an international global travel competition that combines a treasure hunt with the style of the 19th Century Grand Tours and the jet-setter reality of 21st Century travel.

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