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Connect Travel Launches The Connect Thrive Summit

ATLANTA, Feb. 19, 2019—Connect Travel is pleased to announce The Connect Thrive Summit, a global conference focused on community development through LGBTQ travel, sports and entertainment. The Connect Thrive Summit will take place Oct. 3-5, 2019, at the Parc 55 in San Francisco.

“After many conversations with leaders in the LGBTQ travel and sports industry, it became clear there is a huge opportunity to help them connect with the people, products, services and ideas to grow their business and build their communities,” said Will Seccombe, president of Connect Travel. “With that in mind, we have built The Connect Thrive Summit to provide a robust educational program alongside a series of prescheduled, one-one-one connections between attendees.”

CNN’s Anderson Cooper will headline a powerful group of keynote presentations from leaders in LGBTQ business, sports, marketing, entertainment and politics including Olympians Brian Boitano and Brooke Crain.

The prescheduled connections will facilitate conversations among destinations, resorts, hotels, attractions, domestic and international tour operators and travel agents, sports rights holders, media, marketers and brands.

“We firmly believe The Connect Thrive Summit presents an extraordinary opportunity to strengthen our communities by building strong connections between leaders within the LGBTQ travel, sports and entertainment industry.”—**DJ Doran, managing director, Diversitas Media**

To register for The Connect Thrive Summit, please visit The-Thrive-Summit.com. To learn about sponsorship opportunities, contact sponsorships@the-thrive-summit.com.

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