



AAAGreatVacations.com

For Immediate Release
January 8, 2010

Contact: Amy Weirick
(614) 848-8380
Amy@WeirickCommunications.com

Travel editor & writer to unveil top insider tips at AAA Great Vacations EXPO

Columbus, OH – Popular travel blogger, freelance writer and travel expert Chris Gray Faust will make two special appearances at the second annual AAA Great Vacations EXPO. Faust will take to the AAA Travel Stage to discuss exotic destinations and cultural experiences on Friday, January 22 at 4 p.m. and Saturday, January 23 at noon. As one of the most traveled women in the country, Faust will share insider tips, knowledge and advice on everything travel-related. EXPO guests can ask Faust their most pressing travel questions during each appearance.

Until very recently, Faust served as travel editor for USA TODAY, where she supervised the largest travel staff in the nation. With nearly 20 years of journalism experience, Faust has worked as a reporter and editor at the *York (Pa.) Daily Record*, *Philadelphia Inquirer* and the *New Orleans Times-Picayune* and has been published in USA TODAY, *The Huffington Post* and other publications. Faust is a graduate of Brown University and the Medill School of Journalism at Northwestern University. She specializes in travel, food and pop culture.

Faust continues to travel around the world, sharing stories on her online blog, "Chris Around the World," found at www.caroundtheworld.com, which National Geographic Traveler columnist and prolific travel writer Chris Elliot called "the travel blog to watch." A member of the Society of American Travel Writers, she currently resides in the Washington D.C. area with her two cats and husband.

Billed as a one-stop shop for everything related to travel, the AAA Great Vacations EXPO offers information, EXPO-only deals and the very best travel values on everything from cruises and European vacations, to affordable escapes that are close to home. With more than 150 exhibits and events, special attraction areas within the EXPO will include The Great Outdoors adventure area built by Metro Parks, AAA Travel Stage, EXPO Casino and more.

The AAA Great Vacations EXPO opens Friday, January 22 and runs through Sunday, January 24, at the Franklin County Veterans Memorial in downtown Columbus. Show hours are Friday 2-8 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. – 8 p.m., and Sunday 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. Tickets are available at the door or at any AAA Ohio Auto Club store for \$8 or \$4 for any AAA member. Children ages 16 and under are admitted at no charge. Additional details and consumer information on the EXPO are available at www.AAAGreatVacations.com.

(30)

***Outstanding color art, video and interviews available. Contact Amy Weirick,
(614) 848-8380 or Amy@WeirickCommunications.com.***