

Kali Travel & Tours Director Ramesh D. Kalicharran Attends New York Times Travel Show

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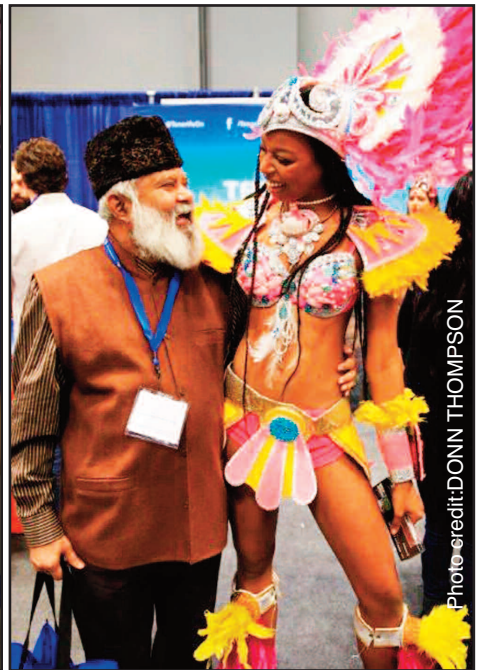
It seems that the only Caribbean Travel Tour Operator that attended the New York Times Travel Show that took place at Jacob Javits Convention Center, New York City, was the famous Kali Travel and Tours of Jamaica, New York. The local Queens-based travel company was represented at that magnificent event by its Director Ramesh D Kalicharran, the man who pioneered Indo-Caribbean travel to India. Indeed Kali Travel and Tours is the only Caribbean Tour Operator that is recognized by the Government of India Tourist Board.

Among the 500 plus exhibition booths that were set up, was The India Tourist Board. India is fast becoming a favored destination by tourists from all over the world. It's fascinating history, architectural splendor, cultural diversity and democratic ideals have enormous appeal to tourists. Kali Travel and Tours has long recognized (over 31 years ago) the importance of India as a prized tourist destination.

These booths at the Javits Center were essentially displaying various travel products, including major cultural attractions that can be found in the 150 countries that participated in the Travel Show. The New York Times Travel Show is reputed to be the largest Travel Show in North America.

The Travel Show lasted for three days; it began on Friday January 23, 2015 and ended on Sunday January 25, 2015. Mr Ramesh D Kalicharran not only represented his company, Kali Travel and Tours, but also his homeland, Guyana. While he attended the event for one day (Sunday January 25, 2015) what he witnessed was spectacular. He watched a hive of activities at the Convention Center with thousands of people moving from booth to booth, and even watching various side shows. "It was an amazing experience. I was able to network with travel operators from Africa, Shri Lanka, the Caribbean, Europe, and other countries."

An entrance fee of \$35.00 was charged per individual, but certified tour operators



Promoters of Tenerife welcome Ramesh D. Kalicharran, Tour Director of Kali Travel & Tours, to their travel booth.

Tenerife (/tə'nɛəri:f/; Spanish: [tene'riʃe]) is the largest and most populous island of the seven Canary Islands; it is also the most populated island of Spain, with a land area of 2,034.38 square kilometres (785 sq mi) and 898,680 inhabitants, 43 percent of the total population of the Canary Islands. Tenerife is also the largest and most populous island of Macaronesia. About five million tourists visit Tenerife each year, the most of any of the Canary Islands.[3] Tenerife hosts one of the world's largest carnivals and the Carnival of Santa Cruz de Tenerife is attempting to become a World Heritage Site.[4] Tenerife is served by two airports, Tenerife North Airport and Tenerife South Airport, and is the tourism and economic centre of the archipelago.

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Fred Murai, CEO of Africa Safariland Tours with Ramesh D. Kalicharran



Ishrat Alam, Information Officer of India Tourism, Government of India, greets Ramesh D. Kalicharran of Kali Travel and Tours, at the travel trade show.

were exempted. Mr Kalicharran, like other Tour Operators, was given a badge

that allowed him unimpeded traffic at the busy Convention Center.

The New York Times said that the purpose of the Travel Show was to develop the tools needed to be relevant and suc-

cessful in today's market....to network with peers and visit over 500+ exhibitorsit offered a comprehensive education program designed for travel professionals.....it featured 18 focus conferences covering the latest products, services, destination information and trends as well as forecasting the future of travel." Mr Kalicharran said that he has become richer for that experience and has also been able to network with so many other tour operators. He expresses his gratitude to the New York Times and to all the participants. "This event has lent greater authenticity to the tourist industry."

Note: New Date for Magical Tour of Europe: 27th of July - 10th of August 2015

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Representative from Antigua & Barbuda Dept. of Tourism with Ramesh D. Kalicharran



A cultural heritage being displayed at the Indonesia Tourist Booth. Kali joins them for a photo.

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