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ADVENTURE SERIES
ANDREW EVANS
Travel: A Bridge to Enlightenment
3 p.m., Sunday, April 7

Palm Desert, CA – A renowned travel writer, Andrew Evans has completed some 50 assignments for *National Geographic*, reporting live from all seven continents and more than 100 countries. The author, speaker and TV host will share stories from around the world during this season’s final installment in the McCallum Theatre’s Adventure Series, at 3 p.m., Sunday, April 7.

Discovering the broader world brings us joy and wonder, develops our intellect, and increases our empathy for one another. Yet despite this new era of hyper-connective technology, we are becoming a more-divided and less-compassionate species. Authentic travel can be an antidote to hate and ignorance by teaching us to laugh at ourselves, to appreciate the limits of our own worldview, and to respect the knowledge and experience of different cultures and people. With vivid, visual and humorous tales pulled from a lifetime of journeys, Andrew Evans will reveal how travel can truly change our lives—and the world.

Evans—a five-time Lowell Thomas Award winner from the Society of American Travel Writers—is a contributor to *National Geographic*, BBC Travel, NBC, *The Chicago Tribune* and *The Boston Globe*. He is the author of five books, including two best-selling guidebooks (Ukraine and Iceland). His award-winning memoir *The Black Penguin* tells the personal story of a devout Mormon boy who lived the life expected of him while balancing a growing awareness that his own nature as a gay man conflicted with his religion and heritage. He escaped bullying and frustration in the faraway places shown on the glossy pages of *National Geographic*—especially his dream destination, Antarctica. Evans also appears as on-air talent for the National Geographic Channel, hosting *World’s Smartest Cities*, a series focusing on the intersection of tech and geography; and *Hidden Gems*, a travel series that celebrates the lesser-known histories and cultures around the world.

Tickets for this performance are priced at \$50, \$40 and \$20. Tickets are available at www.mccallumtheatre.org or by calling the McCallum Theatre Box Office at (760) 340-2787. The McCallum Theatre, located at 73000 Fred Waring Drive, Palm Desert CA 92260, accepts payment by cash, personal check, VISA, MasterCard, Discover and American Express.

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