



**PRESS RELEASE**  
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### **Travel Counsellors rewards top selling agents with trip to Las Vegas**

Travel Counsellors congratulated its top performing “Gold Travel Counsellors” and thanked them for the important part they have played in the company’s success over the past 12 months during its annual Gold Weekend, which took place in Las Vegas on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> – Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> June.

UK Gold Travel Counsellors and agents from the company’s overseas offices in Ireland, the Netherlands, South Africa and Australia, as well as 12 new Gold Travel Counsellors, were treated to a luxuriously long weekend in the entertainment capital of the world. For new Gold Travel Counsellor Katie Chamberlain, who joined the company in June 2008 and achieved Gold status in just over a year, this was her very first Gold event.

Katie comments; “I enjoyed every minute of the conference in Las Vegas from start to finish and it’s so fantastic to be recognised for all your hard work. I feel so proud to have achieved what I have since becoming a Travel Counsellor and be given the level of support that has enabled me to build my business to the success it is today in such a short space of time. There is such a strong feeling of friendship and camaraderie at these events and it has made me more determined to work even harder so that I can maintain my Gold status, and go to next year’s event!”

The annual event was hosted at the exclusive five-star Encore at The Wynne, Las Vegas. Over 70 Gold Travel Counsellors and their partners enjoyed various organised events including Cirque de Soleil’s famous “Viva Elvis” show, off-road tours in head-turning pink jeeps and a once-in-a-lifetime flight over the Grand Canyon. There was also an awards presentation in which Chairman David Speakman recognised Gold Counsellors contribution to the company’s phenomenal success, and presented individual awards to agents for their hard work and dedication.

Managing Director Steve Byrne comments; “At Travel Counsellors we have a proven system of success in which we empower the very best travel professionals to run their own businesses from home and give them all the support and technology they need so that they can focus purely on the service they give to their customers. All of our agents and in particular our Gold Travel Counsellors embrace this system and have proved it is possible to thrive in an industry they love. The weekend recognises and congratulates our Gold Travel Counsellors for their hard work and dedication and is a great opportunity for them to get together and celebrate their success.”

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**EDITOR’S NOTES:** Travel Counsellors Ireland is licensed and bonded with the Commission for Aviation Regulation in Ireland – Travel Agents License No 621. Travel Counsellors Ltd is one of Europe’s largest independent travel companies with turnover at the end of its last financial year (Oct 312009) of £255million (€290million). Founded by chairman David Speakman in 1994 it currently has over 1,100 travel consultants who work from home with the support of over 200 staff at the company’s UK headquarters and overseas offices. The company operates in the UK, Ireland, the Netherlands, South Africa, Australia, the US and Canada. Travel Counsellors Ireland was established in June 2005 and currently has 40 Personal Travel Counsellors in the Republic.

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