



We're excited to announce our new Incentive Travel program! In this travel guide you will find information highlighting these exciting destinations. Review the rules and buy-in charts for both gualification methods to help set production goals and qualify for a well-deserved vacation in 2027.

Costa Rica



#### **Travel Dates**

Caribbean Cruise: January - March 2027 Costa Rica: March – April 2027



#### **Campaign Period**

June 1, 2025 – August 31, 2026





#### Qualifying

There are two qualification options:

#### Life/P&C Qualification

Issue a minimum of 12 qualifying Life Company policies totaling \$2,000 of first-year commission credit and a minimum of \$50,000 p&c growth.

p&c growth reduces the buy-in by \$225.

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#### **P&C Only Qualification**

Produce a minimum of \$466,000 p&c growth for the Caribbean cruise or \$317,500 for Costa Rica.

- your buy-in by \$175 for every additional \$5,500 of p&c growth.
- market business.
- reports from Auto-Owners to track your progress.
- Marketing & Sales -> Incentive Travel.



• You may further reduce your buy-in through this qualification method with additional production. Every \$2,000 of Life Company commission credit reduces the buy-in by \$165, and every additional \$5,500 of

• Additional increases to your p&c premium volume with Auto-Owners during the campaign period will lower

• All Auto-Owners lines of business count toward your p&c premium volume (including Atlantic Casualty and Auto-Owners Specialty Insurance Company business) with the exception of flood insurance and residual

• The buy-in charts in this guide are for a qualified traveler and spouse/guest. Your agency will receive monthly

• Find everything you need, including registration, your trip reports and trip information, at aoins.com under



et sail on an unforgettable journey through the sparkling heart of the Caribbean aboard a private Windstar yacht, chartered exclusively for our travelers. This curated, nine-night winter escape in 2027 blends laid-back island charm with sophisticated indulgence, offering a chance to experience the Caribbean as few ever do – on your own luxurious path through paradise.

The itinerary was crafted exclusively for A-O Trips travelers, providing a once-in-a-lifetime experience that cannot be duplicated on any other cruise. Your cruise comes complete with a wide variety of included drinks and dining options, so you can indulge in everything from morning mimosas to sunset cocktails while savoring gourmet meals.

Your adventure begins in San Juan, Puerto Rico, a city that pulses with rhythm, color and colonial grandeur. Your first night will be spent in your roomy cabin aboard the Windstar Pride while docked in San Juan, enabling you to explore the city at your leisure. Stroll the cobblestone streets of Old San Juan, where Spanish forts overlook the sea and pastel-hued buildings house vibrant boutiques and hidden cafés. As the sun sets on the next day, you will set sail into the moonlit Caribbean.

The first port of call is the British Virgin Islands, where Virgin Gorda welcomes you with its iconic Baths giant granite boulders forming natural sea pools that are perfect for a morning swim or a relaxing snorkel. From there, you will indulge in a day at sea, with a chance to unwind aboard the ship with spa treatments, island-inspired cuisine and endless ocean views.

Next, the lush volcanic island of St. Lucia awaits. Anchoring in Soufrière, you'll be dazzled by the twin Pitons rising dramatically from the sea. Opt for a scenic tour, venture through the rainforest or indulge in a tasting experience showcasing Creole flavors. As the sun sets, enjoy a magical sail past the Pitons - one of the most breathtaking vistas in the Caribbean.

In Antigua, you will dock in Falmouth, a haven of historic charm and vachting elegance. Browse artisan shops for handmade treasures or explore the island's 365 beaches. Then it's on to St. Kitts and Nevis, where the capital city of Basseterre offers a fusion of colonial architecture and vibrant markets. Take a heritage tour, ride ATVs through the countryside or discover panoramic views from a scenic railway.

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A final day at sea eases you into the conclusion of this luxurious voyage, giving you time to relax, connect and reflect as the ship makes its way back to San Juan. Whether you're savoring fine cuisine during a cooking demonstration, dancing to live music or indulging in a massage as the sun dips into the sea, every moment is designed for delight.

This exclusive Caribbean cruise is more than a winter escape – it's an immersive journey through vibrant cultures, natural wonders and sun-drenched elegance. Join us in 2027 for a travel experience that's as intimate as it is inspiring.





mmerse yourself in the vibrant heart of Costa Rica with a five-night stay at The Westin Reserva Conchal, an All-Inclusive Golf Resort & Spa. Nestled between lush tropical forests and the pristine shores of Playa Conchal in Guanacaste Province, this eco-friendly retreat offers an unparalleled blend of relaxation, adventure and cultural immersion for families seeking both comfort and excitement.

Your journey begins with a convenient flight into Liberia Airport, followed by a scenic transfer to the resort. Upon arrival, you will be welcomed into spacious, modern suites designed with families in mind. These sophisticated accommodations provide ample room to ensure relaxation and comfort for both parents and children. Each suite features a private outdoor space, inviting you to unwind while soaking in the breathtaking views of the surrounding natural beauty.

The Westin Reserva Conchal provides plenty of activities designed to delight guests of all ages. Lounge by the expansive, lagoon-style pool or build sandcastles on the pristine Playa Conchal. The resort's beachfront location offers endless opportunities for swimming, snorkeling and water sports. Your children can partake in supervised activities that blend fun and learning at the Westin Family Kids Club, allowing them to explore Costa Rican culture and nature while you enjoy some well-deserved relaxation.

Tee off on the resort's championship 18-hole, par-71 golf course designed by Robert Trent Jones II, which offers a challenging experience amidst breathtaking tropical scenery. Travelers looking for a respite from active adventures can indulge in ultimate relaxation at the Heavenly Spa by Westin, where tranguil treatments and soothing therapies rejuvenate both body and mind.

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Dining is an adventure in itself at the resort. You will be able to choose from a diverse array of restaurants catering to a variety of tastes. Savor refreshing seafood dishes, crisp salads and zesty salsas in a relaxed, beachside atmosphere at Manglar Seafood. Enjoy wood-fired pizzas and hearty pasta dishes at Spirula Trattoria near the sands of Conchal Beach, a perfect spot for a casual family lunch under the sun. At Mitra Market, experience international flavors with enticing à la carte and buffet options, including freshly grilled meats and themed nightly buffets in a casual, openair setting. These are just a few of the available dining venues, each of which offers a unique ambiance and menu, ensuring that every meal is a delightful experience for the whole family.

Rich offerings of Guanacaste Province await beyond the grounds of the resort. Experience the thrill of ziplining through the dry tropical forest canopy, horseback riding along scenic trails or ATV excursions on rugged terrain at nearby adventure parks. Visit the nearby Marina Flamingo, a premier destination that is home to luxury yachts, waterfront dining, boutique shopping and vibrant community events. Explore charming nearby towns to immerse yourself in local culture, shop for artisanal crafts and savor authentic Costa Rican cuisine.

Throughout your stay in Costa Rica, you'll be enveloped in the warmth and hospitality that embody the country's "Pura Vida" philosophy. Whether you're seeking adventure, relaxation or quality family time, this luxurious retreat offers an all-encompassing experience that will leave you with cherished memories and a longing to return. We look forward to embarking on a Costa Rican adventure with you in the spring of 2027!











### **General Rules**

The General Rules apply to both the Life/p&c qualification method and p&c only qualification method. Specific rules for Life/p&c qualification and p&c only qualification are found after the General Rules.

#### General Rule 1 – Campaign Period

June 1, 2025 through August 31, 2026

#### **General Rule 2 – Eligible Lines of Business**

All eligible p&c premium growth, including Atlantic Casualty and Auto-Owners Specialty Insurance Company business, will go toward reducing the buy-in cost to travel.

Eligible lines for p&c include all lines of insurance except:

- Flood
- Residual market business
- Atlantic Casualty North Carolina Reinsurance Facility business

#### **General Rule 3 – Credit for Property and Casualty Policies**

Any one policy will be capped at +/-\$20,000. Audits will be capped at +/- \$5,000.

#### **General Rule 4 – Retention Ratio**

Each month, your agency's personal lines retention ratio will be compared to the state average personal lines retention ratio. If your ratio is higher than the state average, you will earn bonus premium to reduce your buy-in amount. In addition, your agency's commercial retention ratio will be compared to the state average commercial retention ratio. If your ratio is higher than the state average you will earn bonus premium similar to personal lines.

#### General Rule 5 – Persons Eligible for Travel

A licensed agent and spouse/guest or a key agency employee and spouse/guest are elgible for travel. Children and grandchildren of agency employees are welcome only on the Costa Rica trips. A key agency employee must be a full-time employee of the agency for a minimum of six months prior to travel to qualify. The agency and all travelers must be active and in good standing with Auto-Owners at the time of the trip. Any agency whose monthly account is not in satisfactory condition at the time of travel will be disqualified.

A change in structure of an agency does not necessarily result in a premium increase/decrease. When such a change takes place, adjustments will be made to achieve equity for all parties.

#### General Rule 6 – No Substitute Arrangements

No substitute arrangements, nor cash payments, can be made in lieu of the accommodations furnished to you by the company. Auto-Owners pays for coach/economy airfare, accommodations, certain meals (*shown in final itinerary*), tips and service charges for all group activities, plus expenses for all events listed in the final itinerary furnished by the company. All other expenses, such as beverages, airline luggage fees, extras ordered at table, in-room mini bars, laundry, telephone calls or items of a personal nature, must be paid by the individual incurring such charges.

#### General Rule 7 – General Intent

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The rules and conditions set forth in this brochure convey the company's general intent. Should any circumstances arise that bring about inequities for travelers and/or the company, the company reserves the right to modify rules for any individual or for the traveling group. Should unsettled international conditions or other factors arise, the company reserves the right to modify or terminate the program but will substitute other destinations or arrangements of equal value. The company reserves the right to modify the rules in order to maintain regulatory compliance.

San Felipe del Morro Castle, Puerto Rico



There are two methods to qualify for an Incentive Travel trip: Life/p&c qualification method or p&c only gualification method. Each registration will gualify under the method that will be most advantageous to the agency.

#### Life/P&C Qualification Rules:

#### Life/P&C Rule 1 – Life and P&C Requirement to Qualify

For each couple or single attendee, two qualifications must be met: a minimum of 12 Life Company policies (life, health and/or annuities) that produce \$2,000 or more of first-year commission credit must be received in our home office on or before August 31, 2026; and put in-force by October 15, 2026, AND a minimum of \$50,000 p&c growth is needed to gualify. Every \$2,000 of Life Company commission credit reduces the buyin by \$165. Every additional \$5,500 of p&c premium growth above the minimum qualification requirement reduces the buy-in of your trip by \$225.

Although every effort is made to accommodate all gualifying travelers, a limited amount of space is available. In order to receive priority reservations, it is highly recommended to meet the minimum Life Company business requirements by March 31, 2026.

#### Life Rule 2 – Life New Business Rules

Campaign credit will be given for first-year commission credit on signed life, health and annuity new business applications received in our home office between June 1, 2025, and August 31, 2026, resulting in an issued, paid-for and in-force policy by October 15, 2026.

Policy count and commission credit on a new business annuity policy will be given with an initial premium payment equal to or exceeding the required policy minimum in force at the time of application. (This minimum does not apply to money received under SEP or SIMPLE plans.)

In all cases, the maximum life, health and annuity commission credit that will be allowed on any one insured person or annuitant is \$2,000 per line of business (life, disability income, annuity). A maximum of one policy count will be allowed for each individual for each line of business of Auto-Owners Life Company. Permanent life insurance (universal life or whole life) and term life insurance (not including Simplified Issue products) with a minimum death benefit of \$100,000 each shall be counted as two different lines of business and earn a policy count for each.

Example: If a term policy with a death benefit over \$100,000 and a whole life policy with a death benefit over \$100,000 were issued for the same individual, the campaign policy count credit would be two. If two term policies were issued for the same individual, the campaign policy count credit would be one.

A term policy issued during a previous campaign and converted to a permanent policy (not including Simplified Issue products) will receive policy count and campaign commission credit as described in Life Rule 4.

#### Life Rule 3 – Premium on Existing Annuities

First-year commission paid on Item 500/501 Annuity premiums received in our home office between June 1, 2025, and August 31, 2026, will earn commission credit.

Example: An \$8,000 annual premium Item 500/501 deferred annuity policy, paid quarterly and issued two months before the campaign began, will earn commission credit on the second, third and fourth quarterly premium payments paid during the campaign period. Annuity premiums must be paid during the campaign period to earn commission credit.

A single premium payment of \$5,000 or more to an existing Item 500/501 Roth or traditional IRA, or \$8,000 or more to any 500/501 non-qualified annuity, SEP or SIMPLE plan, earns a first-year commission credit and a policy count (subject to Life Rule 2, maximum one policy count per annuitant during the campaign).

Deferred annuities of \$25,000 to \$100,000 currently written with the Life Company that are converted to a settlement option during the campaign will earn one policy count and campaign commission credit of \$100 toward this campaign. Settlement options of \$100,000 or more will earn one policy count and campaign commission credit of 1% of the total value at the time of conversion.

#### Life Rule 4 – Life Policy Count Credits

Universal Life Perma Term<sup>®</sup> 2 & 3, and disability income insurance will earn policy count credit calculated at 150%.

Five Year Simplified Issue Term policies will earn policy count credit calculated at 50%.

Single Premium Immediate Annuities of \$100,000 or more will earn policy count credit calculated at 200%.

All other policies will earn policy count at 100%.

#### Life Rule 5 – Policies Must be in Force for Credit

Life and health policies for which commission credit was given that are not in force on October 15, 2026, will be deducted.

#### Life Rule 6 – Advanced Premium Accounts

Money deposited into an advanced premium account will only receive first-year commission and campaign credit when it is transferred to the policy as a payment during the first policy year.

#### Life Rule 7 – Policies Owned by or on **Agency Personnel**

Life and disability income insurance applications received after March 31, 2026, owned by or on the lives of agents and agency employees must have the first two years of premium paid at time of issue to receive campaign credit. For universal life, only one year of premium is required under this rule. This rule does not apply to annuities, Single Pay Whole Life or Ten Pay Whole Life.

#### **P&C Only Qualification Rules:**

#### P&C Only Rule 1 – P&C Growth **Requirement to Qualify**

For each couple or single, a minimum of \$466,000 p&c growth for the Caribbean cruise or \$317,500 for Costa Rica is needed to qualify. Every additional \$5,500 of premium growth above the minimum required to qualify reduces the buy-in of your trip by \$175.

Although every effort is made to accommodate all qualifying travelers, a limited amount of space is available. To receive priority reservations, it is highly recommended that you qualify early in the campaign and use the remainder of the campaign to further reduce buy-in.

#### P&C Only Rule 2 – Policies Must be in Force for Credit

Your agency's p&c growth throughout the campaign will be displayed on the monthly Incentive Travel production reports. Final p&c growth will be displayed on the August 2026 Incentive Travel production report.



### 1

### **Set Goals**

After reviewing the buy-in charts, set your goals high to qualify multiple couples for more than one trip.

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#### Register

Registration will open on September 2, 2025. Pay a reduced deposit until December 31, 2025.

### Watch the Video

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	Increase in Property/ Casualty Premium	Buy-in Amount			
	900,500	FREE			
	884,000	525			
	862,000	1,225			
	840,000	1,925			
	818,000	2,625			
z	796,000	3,325			
CARIBBEAN CRUISE BUY-IN	774,000	4,025			
E BL	752,000	4,725			
UIS	730,000	5,425			
CR	708,000	6,125			
EAN	686,000	6,825			
RIBB	664,000	7,525			
CAR	642,000	8,225			
	620,000	8,925			
	598,000	9,625			
	576,000	10,325			
	554,000	11,025			
	532,000	11,725			
	510,000	12,425			
	488,000	13,125			
	466,000	13,825			
	Increase in Property/ Casualty Premium	Buy-in Amount			
	565,000	FREE			
	554,000	300			
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COSTA RICA TRIP BUY-IN	471,500	2,925			
RIC	449,500	3,625			
STA	427,500	4,325			
CO	405,500	5,025			
	383,500	5,725			
	361,500	6,425			
	339,500	7,125			

P&C Only Qualification Buy-in Charts

Note: Every \$5,500 in p&c growth will reduce the buy-in by \$175.

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#### Life/P&C Qualification Buy-in Charts

	Increase	First-Year Life Company Policies and Commission Credit Per Couple										
	in						1	1				
	Property/ Casualty Premium	12 Policies \$20,000	12 Policies \$18,000	12 Policies \$16,000	12 Policies \$14,000	12 Policies \$12,000	12 Policies \$10,000	12 Policies \$8,000	12 Policies \$6,000	12 Policies \$4,000	12 Policies \$2,000	
CARIBBEAN CRUISE BUY-IN	391,000	FREE	FREE	FREE	FREE	FREE	FREE	FREE	FREE	FREE	FREE	
	380,000	FREE	FREE	FREE	FREE	FREE	FREE	FREE	FREE	110	275	
	363,500	FREE	FREE	FREE	FREE	125	290	455	620	785	950	
	347,000	140	305	470	635	800	965	1,130	1,295	1,460	1,625	
	330,500	815	980	1,145	1,310	1,475	1,640	1,805	1,970	2,135	2,300	
	314,000	1,490	1,655	1,820	1,985	2,150	2,315	2,480	2,645	2,810	2,975	
	297,500	2,165	2,330	2,495	2,660	2,825	2,990	3,155	3,320	3,485	3,650	
	281,000	2,840	3,005	3,170	3,335	3,500	3,665	3,830	3,995	4,160	4,325	
	264,500	3,515	3,680	3,845	4,010	4,175	4,340	4,505	4,670	4,835	5,000	
	248,000	4,190	4,355	4,520	4,685	4,850	5,015	5,180	5,345	5,510	5,675	
	231,500	4,865	5,030	5,195	5,360	5,525	5,690	5,855	6,020	6,185	6,350	
	215,000	5,540	5,705	5,870	6,035	6,200	6,365	6,530	6,695	6,860	7,025	
	198,500	6,215	6,380	6,545	6,710	6,875	7,040	7,205	7,370	7,535	7,700	
	182,000	6,890	7,055	7,220	7,385	7,550	7,715	7,880	8,045	8,210	8,375	
	165,500	7,565	7,730	7,895	8,060	8,225	8,390	8,555	8,720	8,885	9,050	
	149,000	8,240	8,405	8,570	8,735	8,900	9,065	9,230	9,395	9,560	9,725	
	132,500	8,915	9,080	9,245	9,410	9,575	9,740	9,905	10,070	10,235	10,400	
	116,000	9,590	9,755	9,920	10,085	10,250	10,415	10,580	10,745	10,910	11,075	
	99,500	10,265	10,430	10,595	10,760	10,925	11,090	11,255	11,420	11,585	11,750	
	83,000	10,940	11,105	11,270	11,435	11,600	11,765	11,930	12,095	12,260	12,425	
	66,500	11,615	11,780	11,945	12,110	12,275	12,440	12,605	12,770	12,935	13,100	
	50,000	12,290	12,455	12,620	12,785	12,950	13,115	13,280	13,445	13,610	13,775	
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	Property/ Casualty Premium	12 Policies \$20,000	12 Policies \$18,000	12 Policies \$16,000	12 Policies \$14,000	12 Policies \$12,000	12 Policies \$10,000	12 Policies \$8,000	12 Policies \$6,000	12 Policies \$4,000	12 Policies \$2,000	
	242,500	FREE	FREE	FREE	FREE	FREE	FREE	FREE	FREE	FREE	FREE	
	231,500	FREE	FREE	FREE	FREE	FREE	FREE	FREE	20	185	350	
	215,000	FREE	FREE	FREE	35	200	365	530	695	860	1,025	
	198,500	215	380	545	710	875	1,040	1,205	1,370	1,535	1,700	
	182,000	890	1,055	1,220	1,385	1,550	1,715	1,880	2,045	2,210	2,375	
	165,500	1,565	1,730	1,895	2,060	2,225	2,390	2,555	2,720	2,885	3,050	
	149,000	2,240	2,405	2,570	2,735	2,900	3,065	3,230	3,395	3,560	3,725	
	132,500	2,915	3,080	3,245	3,410	3,575	3,740	3,905	4,070	4,235	4,400	
	116,000	3,590	3,755	3,920	4,085	4,250	4,415	4,580	4,745	4,910	5,075	
	99,500	4,265	4,430	4,595	4,760	4,925	5,090	5,255	5,420	5,585	5,750	
	83,000	4,940	5,105	5,270	5,435	5,600	5,765	5,930	6,095	6,260	6,425	

Note: Every \$5,500 in p&c growth will reduce the buy-in by \$225. Every \$2,000 in first-year Life Commission Credit will reduce the buy-in by \$165. Full buy-in charts are available on aotrips.com.

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# FAQs

#### When will I know the travel dates?

We are pleased to offer our travelers several options of group travel dates for each destination. These travel dates will be communicated at a later date and added to aotrips.com.

#### Can children or grandchildren be included in the trip?

Children and grandchildren of qualified travelers are welcome on the Costa Rica trips but not on the Caribbean cruise. The children/grandchildren buy-ins and other arrangements will be communicated at a later date and added to aotrips.com.

#### If I don't have a passport, can I select my travel dates for the Caribbean cruise or Costa Rica trip while I'm waiting to receive my passport?

No, both trips require a valid passport book. Passports must be valid for a minimum of six months past your travel dates for the Caribbean cruise and for the duration of your trip to Costa Rica. Copies of valid passports for all travelers must be submitted with your signed hold harmless agreement before trip dates can be confirmed.

#### My child is in college but works in the agency during the summer. Do they qualify for the trip?

Yes and no. They are welcome to travel with a key agency employee as a guest. They would not qualify as a fulltime agency employee as they would not have worked for a minimum of six months prior to travel time.

### I wish to travel on both trips. Do I need to obtain the minimum qualifications requirement for each trip?

We would love to have you travel on both trips and we appreciate your business! Each trip requires the established minimum qualification requirement for each couple or attendee.

### Can my married daughter and her husband (*who are not affiliated with the agency*) qualify or "buy-in" for the trip?

Your daughter can travel as a child on the family trip to Costa Rica. The only way your daughter's husband can travel is as your companion/guest. He cannot travel as a child/grandchild on a family trip or buy-in. Please see General Rule 5.

#### I am a single person traveling by myself. Are my buy-ins the same?

No. Single person buy-ins will be half of the per couple buy-in amount, plus a "single supplement" to be determined at a later date before travel. It is still necessary to meet the minimum qualification requirement.

#### If I have multiple registrations, can I choose the qualification method for each one?

Each registration is systematically placed under the most effective qualification method. You may have one registration qualify by Life/p&c and others p&c only, but the method cannot be blended for the same registration. This is important to keep in mind if you are planning to bring children to Costa Rica.

#### Will I have to pay taxes on my trip?

We do not schedule any business meetings on these trips, so you can enjoy your vacation! The IRS requires us to report any portion of the value of the trip that is earned for free on your agency's 1099. This amount will be included in the 1099 that the agency receives from Auto-Owners in early 2028.







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Caribbean

## CARIBBEAN CRUISE Costa Rica

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