

Flying Solo Travel Club January 2023

...because I'm still working on my website



Happy 2023!

I know that the year is already 2 weeks old, but we all need a break after the insanity of the holidays don't we?

Or perhaps holiday insanity is subjective and my experience only because of a 6 and 8 year old. I can almost see the smiles as you think about your sleep ins and nice reading time and peaceful walks.

Bur truly, I wouldn't change any minute of it.

It was the first time ever that I could provide scientific evidence on the existence of magic reindeer through hoof prints in the snow. That is monumental.

When I reflect back on the year, or really the last 3 of them, it makes me think of all my tupperwear lids or missing socks.....where did they go?

I am not sure if it was the lost time from the pandemic, or that my kids can now read me bed time stories, but time has just flown by. For many of you, I am certain you share that feeling, but for you newer retirees it may have been the opposite.

Nobody surely could have anticipated that their first years free of employment constraints would have played out like this. Honestly, I feel that 2022 was a bit of a trick year. We were hopeful and optimistic on so many levels and gave "resuming to normal" the good ol' college try.

It 'didn't really happen how we had hoped, but really...what ever does?

That darn carrot has been dangling in front of us for so long, and I can assure you, if the airlines can keep their acts together, the WORLD is ready for YOU.

Many tour operators and travel suppliers are resuming in person events with agents, and that means that I will be working to get them in front of you also.

I am excited to help get you excited, and am here always to answer your questions, listen to your ideas and share with you my knowledge.

Lets take a look at a few things, shall we?.....

First things first....where are we meeting next?

I have secured dates and locations listed below, and the registration links take you straight to Event Brite...

January 24th- Dominion Bar and Kitchen registration <u>HERE</u>

January 31st- Cactus Club Langley registration <u>HERE</u>

February 7th- Wild Fig Lounge registration <u>HERE</u>

February 21st- Tap & Barrell South Surrey registration <u>HERE</u>

March 14th- Dominion Bar & Kitchen registration <u>HERE</u>

April 11- Wild Fig Lounge registration <u>HERE</u>

For those of you new to the meetups, it is not a sales night!

It is simply an opportunity for us to connect and share our stories, talk about places we want to go, and meet new friends. If you have any questions, dont hesitate to call me before you register to find out if it is right for you, or if you have something in mind you want to throw out for discussion!



Japan was one of the last countries to ease their COVID regulations, so if it has been on your must-see list, now is the time. Start in Tokyo and get a feel of the world's most populous metropolis. Discover the famous Mt. Fuji, visit Takayama in the mountainous prefecture of Gifu to immerse yourself in the Edo Period.

Experience Shirakawago, this historic Japanese countryside surrounded by high and rugged mountains. Enjoy a stroll through picture-perfect temples, shrines, and gardens. Explore the "Geisha" district and the many wonders of Kyoto.

Land of the Rising Sun Tour 11 days, 10 nights October 15th-25th, 2023 from Tokyo **does not include international air This is a custom guided tour so a guaranteed departure with 20 guests/max 30

- -Meet and greet at the airport by an English-speaking assistant
- -Round trip airport transfers by coach
- -10-night accommodation in a standard twin room, at 3* or 4* hotels including 1 night in a ryokan
- -Admission fees to sites visited as per itinerary
- -English-speaking local guides and a tour escort throughout your stay
- -22 meals: 10 breakfasts, 9 lunches, 3 dinners
- -Kimono wearing and tea ceremony experience in Asakusa
- -Yakatabune dinner river cruise
- -Japanese cooking experience (including lunch)
- -Dotombori river cruise
- -Bullet train ticket from Tokyo to Kanawaza
- -Luggage transfer from Tokyo to Kyoto (1 suitcase / person)





EARLY BOOKING BONUS book by march 31st for \$200 off

For a detailed itinerary or for any questions, just email me directly!

\$7298 solo occupancy \$5799 dbl occ.

Trafalgar

Trafalgar currently has a "big tour sale" with promotions of up to 15%. However, even more attractive for this group are their new womens only tours!

Scenic Scandinavia and its Fjords <u>Highlights of Turkey</u> <u>Wonderful France</u>

These tours would be a great option for those of you who are new to solo travel, and may feel more comfortable with a group of ladies.

An interesting video I found on not just womens only travel, but solo travel in general can be found here <u>HERE</u>. I have said for a while that the nature of travel has changed, solo travellers are out there more than ever before and it is almost impossible to be on your own!

A couple other popular destinations that I would include for discussion for 2023 would be these...

12-Day Highlights of Singapore with Malaysia Solo pricing starting at \$6730



Tastes of Southern Australia

April 11-21, 2023 a guaranteed departure with a supplement of only 20% \$6720 per person & alternate dates available

Northern Italy's Highlights

with Globus- a Small Group Discovery- max 24 guests



.....Many departures still for 2023, but some are filling up fast! Email for solo pricing and availablity

Parmesan and prosciutto. Ferraris and Fiats. Ruins and the Riviera. Some of Italy's greatest indulgences can be found up north. Italy's "Fabulous Five," the pastel-hued cliffside fishing villages along the Mediterranean, start the count of the numerous joys you'll experience on this Undiscovered Tour of Northern Italy

<u>Fascinating Israe</u>l

another small group adventure by Globus

The historical and biblical tales begin in Tel Aviv, the "Mediterranean Manhattan," and take you through to the Dead Sea where you'll effortlessly float at 430 meters below sea level. Discover the fascinating city of Jerusalem and dive into numerous UNESCO World Heritage Sites—including the golden-domed Baha'i Shrine in Haifa and the ancient clifftop fortress of Masada



Spring and Fall are the best times for travel to Israel and only 8 seats are remaining for September but small group tours already scheduled for May 2024!

Last but certainly not least....Join me in Jordan in 2024!



I will be escorting a group with GAdventures so please let me know if you would like details sent directly to you.



As always, these are just ideas to throw out there to give you something to think about. Possibilities are endless, but availability and pricing always changes.

IF you have any specific ideas or want me to share any thoughts with the group, you know where to find me! Looking forward to our meet ups!