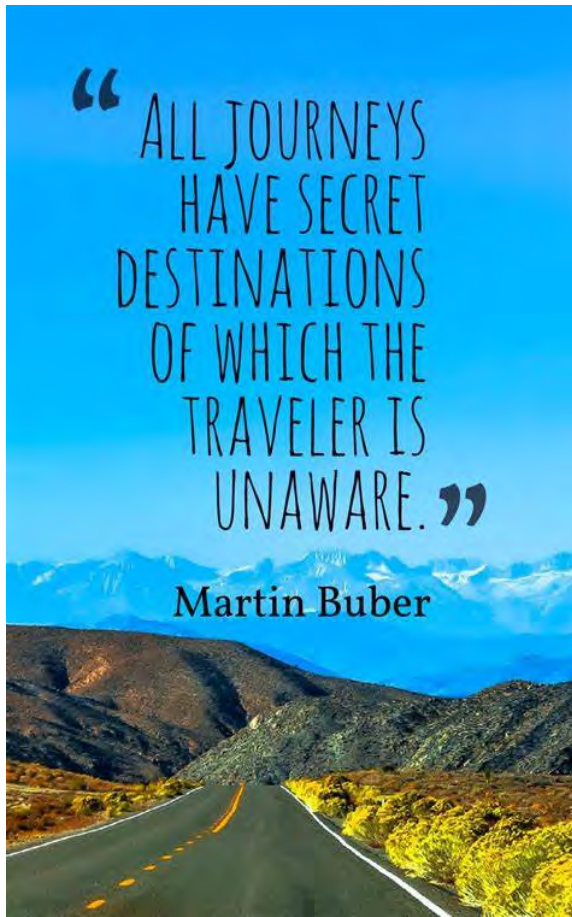


FLYING SOLO TRAVEL CLUB

SEPTEMBER 2022...



THANK YOU!!!!

For all of your patience these last 7 weeks while we have overhauled the email system.

Many of you are aware (and some finding out now since you were not getting my emails) that since the end of June, delivering and receiving emails has been intermittent at the best of times.

Emails I had sent were not getting delivered, or going to SPAM, and I know many that were to come to me were not received. I am sure that caused frustration on your part as it sure did mine!

It does "appear" to be "fixed" so I am happy to be able to connect with you all again! It has been a while I am so excited because OF COURSE there are a few things to share!

It seems like I blinked and the summer began, and now, the leaves are turning, and my countdown to Halloween has nearly begun!!!

FIRST and MOST importantly....

Something *VERY* fantastic is coming Burnaby!

Sunday October 23rd, at the Grand Villa Casino
Travel Best Bets will be hosting our OWN travel Expo!
We are excited to bring in suppliers from all over the
world for presentations, informative seminars, and of
course the chance to win *PRIZES!*

REGISTRATION HERE is FREE

Parking is FREE

I will be there also looking forward to some fabulous
updates from our suppliers so hoping you can make it!

A promotional graphic for the Travel Expo. It features a green background with white and orange text. On the right side, there is a circular inset image of a woman with blonde hair in a ponytail, wearing a black top, holding a camera up to her eye. The text on the left includes the event name, date, time, and a list of benefits. The location and ticket information are on the right.

 Travel Best Bets
Travel Expo
October 23, 2022
10:30 am - 5:00 pm

- CONNECT with airlines, hotels, cruise lines, adventure & tour operators
- MEET travel representatives from all over the globe
- GET ACCESS to exclusive 'show only' deals
- BOOK with travel agents on location
- ATTEND on-stage presentations & smaller specialized seminars
- WIN great travel prizes - but you must REGISTER in advance to qualify

Location: Grand Villa Casino Hotel & Conference Centre, 4331
Dominion, St, Burnaby, BC V5G 1C7
TICKETS ARE FREE AND FREE PARKING

Flying Solo Travel Club.... where are they going?

Many of you did not receive the June newsletter, so I will use this opportunity to do a few things:

- *share* with you a couple trips that I have secured space on for next year
- *inform* you of trips that other solos are booked into already for the coming months & into 2023
- *propose* a few itineraries for some consideration and with your feedback, will arrange for some destination specific meetups
- *introduce you to* a new tour operator with some amazing prices and fabulous tours for 2023 and (yikes, already???) 2024

I also wanted to say *thank you* to all those who came out to the event in Kelowna, and those of you who I will be meeting tomorrow in Victoria!

I truly *appreciate* that so many of you step out of your comfort zone to share your time and meet up with complete strangers....

who are simply friends you have not met !

So, below are a few places people are going, still with space reaming. Reach out if you are interested in hearing a bit more!

November 30th-December 6th
Jordan Escape with Globus

Your off-season guided tour of Jordan begins in the capital city of Amman and concludes at the Dead Sea—one of the lowest spots on Earth. Visit Amman—one of the world's oldest continuously inhabited cities with a history spanning nine millennia—to see the Roman amphitheater and Jerash, a well-preserved Greco-Roman city buried for centuries under desert sands.

\$1680 land only, solo pricing

November 3rd-17th
South American Discovery with
Costsaver

Starting in the 'Cidade Maravilhosa', experience the sheer force of nature at Iguassu Falls before country hopping to Argentina for big steaks, fiery tango and a slice of gaucho living. Ending in Peru, cuddle llamas and walk in the footsteps of the Incas at mighty, magnificent Machu Picchu.

Land only \$5280, solo accommodation

January 19th-28th, 2023
Highlights of Chile & Argentina
with GAdventures

\$3758 land only, solo accommodation.

The solo travellers booked for this tour, are following it up with a Celebrity Antarctic cruise, finished off with a 3 day Iguassu Falls Extension ...quite the adventure to say the least but you are only going to make the trip once so better pack it all in!

May 12-23, 2023
Highlights of Ireland & Scotland
with Cosmos

This is perhaps one of the most unique and in-depth itineraries that will take you from historic Dublin through to the Scottish capital of Edinburgh.

\$3479 including solo accommodation.

The traveller booked for this trip, I met only recently, but she is very friendly, personable, and well...I would travel with her myself!

I met a lovely gentleman in Kelowna 2 weeks ago who wanted me to throw out there the idea of perhaps a golf trip!
We did not go into details, of here or there but he was curious if there were any other golfers out there I could connect him with to throw some ideas out there?
If you think this is you, just let me know!

At my last couple meet ups, I was lucky to secure a presentation by Gina, representing one of Travel Best Bets preferred tour operators, Collette. They offer fabulous tours, with special, unique opportunities on every continent, and their door- to-door service (also included with your airfare) will make you feel like a VIP.



Essence Of Thailand

February 02-27, 2023

- Zip around the buzzing city streets of Bangkok on a tuk tuk.
- Trek by 4x4 vehicle to an elephant sanctuary where you will prepare tasty treats for the endangered residents.
- Explore the canals of Bangkok's old town on a boat trip

Colors of Morocco

November 5-19, 2023

- Visit with a Nomad family and learn about their ancient traditions.
- Experience the desert both by 4x4 and on camelback during your 2-night camp stay.
- Stroll through the cobbled alleyways of ancient markets and medinas



It could be that these tours are of interest, but the dates simply dont work
Thats totally OK.

I can work with you on any date that does, and while the groups space is held for this date,
if it doesnt work for the group THAT can change as well.

I am also super excited to introduce a new supplier we have welcomed onto the Travel Best Bets team.
Many of you had emailed about them in the past, but I admit that the crazy great prices always raised a bit of suspicion. Not only that, but booking with a tour operator that does not have a rep dedicated to our agency just made me a bit nervous.

Yes, I realize it is not MY money you are spending on YOUR trips, but in the end, I have to be diligent and be skeptical of many fly-by-night companies claiming *fabulousity*
(Yes, I made up that word...)

After a webinar on Wednesday, I am looking forward to exploring many trips with.....

EXOTICCA!

In fact, after my ship tour at Canada Place next Thursday, I will be meeting with Matt Stewart, our rep.
First thing on the list is to secure group space for his favorite itinerary.
Portugal in 13 days- Cultural Treasures and Magical Madiera

If Portugal has been on your list, and you are interested, say the word as he will be joining us for dinner!

So, it goes without saying, I hope you get this email!
And I am sorry if you wondered where I had been all summer...
I was still sure busy getting many of you on the road, many of you back home from cancelled
flights, and well.....at the pool and painting a house.
I will say that what I enjoy most about this group is that you are all mature travellers,
who respect that I am not simply a travel agent 24-7.

-I am also a wife, a mother,
-a bathroom tiler,
-an exterior house painter
-and I work at a Thai-French restaurant in Langley

FOOD BY FANTA

Which just so happens to be one of the most beautiful places and where I enjoy talking
about one of my other passions.

FOOD.

They also do happen to do private Thai cooking classes and I would love very much to host
and event and welcome many of you!

If this piques your interest, you know where to find me.

Or, JOIN me for appies and a drink at the Wild Fig on October 4th at 500 pm.

other thoughts?

questions?

feedback or ideas?

Just drop a line and I am happy to hear from you

And of course.... if you have friends or family that are considering a trip or just need someone
to consult regarding travel plans, I always appreciate the referrals.

HAPPY DREAMING!

Janita