As I complete this second newsletter for November, I shamefully admit to chuckling as my husband rakes the leaves for about the 10th time this season. Busy it has been! Halloween was a big deal at the Haunted Hubbard House, so it was nice to have dry leaves scattered on our makeshift wooden fence guarding the "cemetery". With a lucky toss of a softball over the city lamp post, we had a ghost swaying under the light giving the street an added feeling of haunt. Nothing made me smile and laugh more than seeing my 2 young girls playing "swords" in the front yard with pretend limbs.

After a weekend of birthday celebrations (Evelyn turns 5 today and celebrates with her dad) and too much time in the kitchen, it is onward and upward!

Below are a few trips I would like to highlight for this edition of my newsletter & lets see where it goes!

ALSO REMEMBER THAT EVERYTHING IN BLUE IS YOUR EMBEDDED LINK!

Next Meetup

Tuesday, November 26th 6:00-7:30 pm

Join me at the Wild Fig Restaurant & Lounge to meet others from the club. Share your travel stories and plan for more! I do not have any special guests planned for this, simply our group but it is essential that you RSVP so I can plan for space.

Executive Plaza Hotel 405 North Road Coquitlam

Something really neat was passed along to me from one of the solo travelers (Thanks Jackie!!!!) and if you are looking at a river cruise for 2020, this will be very exciting. Riviera River Cruises has a number of their itineraries for 2020 that are only for solo travelers. You read correct. No single supplements and a cruise for SOLOS only. Prices are in USD, and while they are not as inclusive as some of the other River Cruise companies particularly around beverages, their fleets are all very new and priced very reasonably in comparison. If you are interested, just let me know and we can start that conversation. They also have additional promotions on for select sailings booked by December 31, 2020.

Riviera Solo River Cruises

Seemingly one of the most popular destinations is Eastern Europe, so I am again bringing forward an itinerary with Trafalgar for 2020 that a few are looking at highlighting Prague, Vienna and Budapest. Those who are is discussions are not set on dates, only keen to avoid the prime of summer. Please contact me for details and to link you in on the conversation!

Prague, Vienna & Budapest.

NOVEMBER TRIP TIP!

An important thing to note, that ANY trip whether it be a cruise, or land tour can all be adjusted! We can add on days before or in the end, and while trips that are packaged together for marketing purposes include a set air schedule, we can always change that. For those of you that sometimes look at trips that are overseas and think you would not want to go so far for only a week or 10 days, I think it is always nice to add a few more on to get rested up in the beginning at the least, so you can be ready set to go for the rest! I feel personally that the more time I spend in a city, the more I find there is to see! Your travel day is always a wash, so another 2 full days I would highly suggest to truly experience your destination.

I spoke with a lovely woman from Vernon who is taking 2 weeks in January to enjoy the Riu Emerald Bay in Mazatlan.

January 14-28 she is booked in her own room, but has stated that she would enjoy some company!

Pricing for a solo traveller would vary depending on your gateway of course, but if you are interested let me know. A link for the Riu property is HERE

The same traveller is also looking at the World Cruise from Singapore to Rome. It is 2 back to back sailings on the Celebrity Constellation, starting March 15th In Singapore. This traveller has enjoyed Singapore in the past so would like to add on a couple days before the cruise. She is happy to share that she speaks many languages so can be fun to travel with!

It seems like it is the season for the World Cruise discussion.

A new (and very much younger) member of the club is interested in the World Cruise advertised for 2021.

This is surely a commitment!

Both her and I realize that there are few people with the resources and time to take this type of trip which is why we are throwing it out there so early. This 97 or 111 day adventure begins in Los Angeles on January 17th, 2021, and ends in either Ft. Lauderdale or LA on April 25th or May 9th respectively. If you would like some more details, please see the link below and email or call.

WORLD CRUISE 2021

I also have a solo female traveller looking for a cabin share for a 20-day Panama Canal cruise with Norwegian Cruiselines from Orlando to Seattle from May 1-21st, 2020.

Panama Canal with Norwegian

It sure is starting to feel like this newsletter reads much like a classified ad, but is this not what it is all about?

If a jaunt over to the Hawaii islands could be on your radar before spring, you are not alone. One of our female solos from Squamish has expressed an interest in a week on Kauai or Maui in February. She is looking to share accommodation in a 2 bedroom condo but is not set with dates or locations...yet!

If you are interested in being connected, let me know.



Alternatively, if you are thinking you would like to go for a bit longer, I have one of our male solo travelers looking to do just that! **10-14 days** is the ideal for him, and is open to when that could take place. I know that since he has never been before and is pretty easy to get along with, the details are negotiable with the right person or people!

We are all spoiled living in Canada with the natural beauty that surrounds us. In all my travels, I still find myself comparing what I see on my trips to what I can witness every day at home.

For a country so busy, I have never experienced such a feeling of serenity as I did when in Japan many years ago. Whether it be the perfection of the temples and the gardens, or the feeling you get from being immersed in a culture so rich with tradition, Japan is a country I feel that changes you.

China Star has a fantastic "Japan Highlights" Luxury Tour that we have packaged with air and transfers for dates in March, April and May. The solo supplement is only \$950 CDN.



My friend Xenia from Trafalgar has sent along a LONG list of trips for 2020-2021 that have a waived solo supplement as well! In addition to that, until July 31, 2020 there is also an additional \$100 off all Trafalgar Trips for 2020.

Italian Holiday

Friday August 14th, 2020

Rome and Tuscan Highlights

Friday July 17th or Friday August 21st, 2020

Wonders of Italy Summer and Winter

Sunday, July 19th, Sunday August 2nd or Sunday November 15th, 2020

Italy Bellissimo

Thursday July 16th or Thursday October 22nd, 2020

Best of Turkey Summer & Winter

Sunday June 7th, August 9th or October 18th, 2020

Sunday January 24th, February 7th or February 28th, 2021

Best of Egypt

Egyptian Voyager

Wednesday June 23rd, December 2nd, 2021,

Wednesday January 6th, 2021

Saturday June 6th, Saturday December 5th, 2020

Saturday, January 9th, 2021

For those of you interested in attending a Travel Talk by Trafalgar, they are taking place all across the province! They are free to attend, and start to take place in the fall. They always provide some nice snacks, and are very informative as they outline what makes them unique and consistently one of the best tour operators. All you need to do is register and you will also be entitled to some additional booking bonuses as well.

Trafalgar Travel talks

Our friend Xenia will be hosting them all so just let her know you came from Janitas Solo Travel Club!