

## TRAVELER OF THE QUARTER



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### Travel Is Habit-Forming!

My dreams of visiting Europe came true with Women of the Midwest's 2022 "Charming Ireland." On my first time outside the US and Canada, I found instant welcome in our small group of travelers. And what a great trip! Survived my first red-eye, navigated new experiences from my first step off the plane, and loved it all - the Book of Kells, Cliffs of Moher, Kylemore Abbey, flying hawks at Ashford Castle! I was hooked!

As soon as I returned stateside, I signed up for "Germany and Austria: Merry Christmas Markets." Vienna, Salzburg, and Munich were like a fairy tale, plus visits to the Spanish Riding School, Mozart's boyhood home, and Oberammergau. And Christmas markets galore! We exclaimed in delight over nativity sets and ornaments, and spiced wine kept us warm. Magical!

You know what happened next - I signed up for "Irresistible Italy," best trip yet. From captivating Rome, to peaceful Tuscany and incredible Venice, delight after delight awaited us, and the food and wine! Roman ruins, walled cities, vineyards, gondolas, the Sistine Chapel - wonders around every corner.

Before my first trip, a friend remarked that joining a group tour was a big step for an introvert. Perhaps, but I've gained dozens of friendships with incredible women! Some are experienced travelers exploring the world in the comfort and safety of a group, and I've learned from them. Others are traveling abroad or solo for the first time, and now I can offer encouragement.

I'm going to Scotland and Portugal this fall and will be joining friends from previous trips. Can't wait to go again!

Joyfully,  
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