

TRAVELER OF THE QUARTER



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Musings from Scotland.

It is day 4 of the 2023 “Scotland Majestic, Mysterious, Magnificent” Women of the Midwest tour; I’m listening to Scottish bagpipe music, basking in the warm sunshine, and smiling at the thought of another cohesive group of women sharing their love of travel and adventure.

It is such fun to learn the myriad of relations: aunt/niece, mother/daughter, ladies that met on another WOM tour, the first time outside of the country, single women, widows, and married women; all traveling together.

On my first trip in 2019 (Italy), I signed up without knowing my roommate, and we became friends while exploring a new country and culture.

Four years later, I met up with another traveler from the Italy group at a Nebraska Volleyball game and was greeted with a big hug. My second trip was to Ireland (traveling solo). However, I knew a couple of ladies from the Italy trip and a water aerobics friend (roomies with someone she met on a Hawaii trip).

Last month in Canada, I traveled solo, but not without knowing friends from my previous two trips. What a fantastic community of traveling women who don’t have to try and find someone with the time or funds to travel.

Traveling together creates a bond that will always be shared; a love for travel and adventure.

The trips are well planned, lovely accommodations (Dunkeld House in Scotland!) with knowledgeable tour guides. I also like the concept of Ambassadors, Country Tour Guide, and local tour experts as it ensures smooth transitions and safety from door to door. Where else can you discover the grave of St. Nicholas?

Warm travel regards,
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