TRAVELER OF THE QUARTER



Ancient Olympia, Greece

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Traveling with Women of the Midwest

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Hello, Women of the Midwest!

My first trip with WMW was hiking the Cotswolds in England. The group of women on our journey was extraordinary, and I soon felt like I was with a group of sorority sisters I had known and loved for a very long time. There was the joy of adventure paired with a real sense of belonging. This area of England is so charming; it is truly a fairy tale. The itinerary was the perfect blend of physical activity and cultural experience. Things went smoothly, and requests were granted graciously for packing in even more activities. The local guide was so kind and accommodating that everyone got way more than expected. We added Stonehenge and a botanical garden.

My next trip was to Greece, and this particular tour is the much-loved pet of Anne Fuldby, who met us personally a few times. The last-night happy hour was a great chance to get to know her better and provide feedback on the trip. Again, we were in a great group of women and made lifelong friends. The extras for me were very unique on this trip. I was able to see an old friend briefly when he met me for a quick ferry stop on Ios on our way to Santorini. A group of enthusiastic women cheered loudly as we hugged and caught up in our allotted 15 minutes.

My free time in Naxos included a quick chance to prove to myself that I could still windsurf...success! YEA!! My roomie never saw anyone get off a bus, into a swimsuit, and down the beach so fast.

Twelve of us indicated interest in attending a concert at the Odeon of Herodes Atticus in Athens, and Women of the Midwest managed to miraculously procure tickets. We wound up on the slope of the Acropolis in an ancient Roman theatre enjoying a death metal band in conjunction with a full symphony orchestra and two female opera singers. It was incredible!

The sights, accommodations, and food were great… but they just provided the background for the magic to happen.

I just signed up for a third trip in November 2027 and am already eagerly awaiting more magic.

Joyfully,
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The Cotswolds are Calling!



The Parthenon, Athens



Walking The Cotswolds



Let's Dance!