



Let's Get Social!

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Dear JourneyWoman,

“Nothing ever seems impossible in spring, you know.” – L.M. Montgomery

It's spring, and I finally feel like I'm emerging from a cocoon, eager to explore the world with fresh eyes! Even though we may not have travelled far from home in the past year, we've connected with each other in many new ways. I've loved seeing new friendships develop among the women in our community on our calls, in our Facebook Group and through our virtual sessions.

Since last March, we have hosted over 30 virtual events, 11 book club meetings, over 70 community calls and more than 20 calls with the women-owned businesses in our Women's Travel Directory. I hope you have enjoyed these activities, and I'm so grateful to all the women who have helped us get through these times, generously sharing their wisdom on topics from cooking to downsizing to self-defense. In some ways, this global crisis has brought out the best in us - and created a new sense of purpose to make our world better. Right now, I feel like anything is possible!

This is the perfect time to shake off the winter blahs, so on **April 22 at 7 pm EDT**, I'd like to invite you to our first **Spring Social**. Together, we can reflect, look ahead and share our dreams for the future. I have lots planned for the rest of the year, and into 2022, that I can't wait to tell you about!

April 22 is also Earth Day, so I've invited two special guests to talk about how we can support animal conservation efforts as we're planning future travel. Our Animal Tourism expert Nora Livingstone, Founder of Animal Experiences International, and biologist Eduardo Altamirano Urbina, from the Latin American Sea Turtles Association (LAST), will talk about the hard work of protecting sea turtles in Costa Rica. Like all of our events, this event is free but you are invited to pay-what-you-can to support LAST's conservation efforts.

You can learn more and sign up for our Spring Social on **April 22 at 7 pm EDT [here](#)**.

I hope to see you next Thursday!

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PS: Don't forget to register for our virtual events in April:

- **Thursday, April 15, 8 pm EDT:** Women's Self-Defense Training (Session #2)
- **Fridays April 16, 23, 30, 10 am EDT:** East Coast Community Call - All are welcome!
- **Sunday, April 17, 3-5 pm EDT:** Travel Vision workshop, a fun, creative session to get inspired about your future travel plans and destinations;
- **Wednesday, April 21, 8 pm EDT:** JW April Book Club: Lands of Lost Borders: Out of Bounds on the Silk Road by Kate Harris (all welcome, even if you haven't read the book!
- **Tuesday, April 27, 8 pm EDT:** Solo Travel Wisdom: Packing Tips with Expert Anne McAlpin, Pack It Up

Our full Events Calendar is [here](#). To check time zones click [here](#).

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