

## August 2020 Issue

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### Dear JourneyWoman,

Where would we be without love? Travel is one of my loves: I enjoy the exhilaration. the heightened sense of awareness, the connection I feel exploring and learning about a new culture or place. A year ago, when Evelyn's family asked me to take over JourneyWoman, I never could have imagined that most travel – and that feeling - would cease. The pandemic has been heartbreaking for so many reasons, but it has also taught me that I can rediscover the joy of travel by shifting my perspective, just as Evelyn did when she took that first step so many years ago.

As I said in my article Why Women Will Save Travel, I believe that we, as women, have an important role as key influencers in travel, so I'm taking bold steps to sustain JourneyWoman into the future. Last week, we hosted a webinar with our new JourneyWoman Advisory Council, a team of trusted experts from our community - including solo travellers, tour operators, destination experts, and health and wellness professionals who want to help you prepare for future travel with honest, unbiased advice.

Soon, we'll be announcing the **JourneyWoman Circle**, a first-of-its kind membership program that will provide you with a range of benefits whether you're travelling or not. The Circle will give you exclusive access to editorial, webinars and events, and personalized advice from our Council. We're also creating a private,

secure Community Directory where we can connect, share and learn from each other (similar to Evelyn's original HerMail.net).

Love comes in many forms, and this issue celebrates that. Reach out to someone you love. Take that first step and see what follows.

Please be safe, be well.



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# Feature: LOVE: We all need more love, right?



Why Women Will Save Travel: Our recent JourneyWoman study finds that women in the highly influential 55-75+ demographic lack trust in the travel sector. As seasoned travellers, we have an important role to play to make the world a better place, as we consider the consequences of the pandemic on decision-making criteria, reputation, and destination choice.

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Solo Travel Memoirs: The Journeys Love Takes Us On: Meet JourneyWoman Advisory Council Dr. Mary Clark, whose father inspired a sense of adventure that has taken her on many journeys around the world. Few would guess that heart would lead to her spending two weeks on the back of a motorcycle touring the US. But that's exactly what happened when she reconnected with Ron – a man she'd dated 27 years earlier. Join Mary on our August 26 JW LIVE Webinar, details below!

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From Solo to Baby in Tow: This month, we share the stories of two resilient solo travellers whose adventures gifted them with the greatest love of their lives – their children. Meet Nancy C. and her son Alex, and Coralie and her daughter Clara.

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**Self-Love and Sleep:** There's no better time than now to show ourselves some love and develop habits that will improve our sleep quality and create better travel experiences in the future. Learn how from Shawna Robins, sleep expert and member of our JW Advisory Council. Shawna is also offering special sessions for JourneyWomen who want to improve their sleep habits. *Join Shawna on our September 1 Webinar, details coming soon!* 

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We're loving that Evelyn's Red Boots will be in Canada's Bata Shoe Museum: The largest shoe museum in the world has accepted Evelyn's iconic red boots into their permanent collection. Now, her boots can inspire women to take the first step for generations to come! Read more and donate to the Evelyn Hannon Legacy Fund to empower women.

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# Travel at Home: Tips, Updates and Inspiration

**Flying in the COVID-era:** Air travel isn't what it used to be. Neither are we as travellers. Read on for a summary of honest



experiences and some confidence-boosting recommendations from seasoned women travellers for airports and airlines.

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Finding Adventure at Home: While the idea of stepping outside the safety of home caused some anxiety, we've been exploring our own backyard on our #TravelAtHome Road Trip. Join us as we try out unique experiences in parks, small towns and forests, including a 1969 Airstream, glamping and camping. We're also testing new travel criteria that will help you travel safely when you are ready.

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**Top 10 Armchair Travel Movies:** As the summer winds down, why not retreat to your living room and throw a movie up that quenches your wanderlust! JW Advisory Council member Doni Belau and her daughter share their top 10 favourites. Let us know your top picks!

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Is the Caribbean an Option for Snowbirds? For those who travel to southern destinations to miss the worst of winter weather, this year presents some special challenges. Where else can we go to escape the snow and sub-zero temperatures? JW Advisory Council member Nancy Drolet shares safety considerations and top picks for long-term stays in the warm waters of the Caribbean. Join Nancy on our September 29 Webinar, details coming soon!

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**Travel Inspiration: Athens:** Travel writer Sally Peabody is back, sharing her insider tips to experience Athens, and eat well, have fun, and experience well-chosen art and world-class architecture, archaeological sites, and culture. And oh yes, music, food and wine too!

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**Travel Inspiration: Bali:** Babes in Bali Tours is gearing up for 2021. Want to explore Bali but don't want to deal with big groups that can't deeply experience the magic, people, and unique culture like a small group can? Then you've got to join renowned Bali expert and JW Advisory Council member Cathy Gotfried as she WOWS you while exploring all her secret places! (Sponsored)

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# **Community News**

### **Strengthening our Community:**

Introducing The JourneyWoman Women's Travel Advisory Council - August 12 Webinar

On August 12, we hosted a webinar with the JourneyWoman Women's Travel Advisory Council. Thank you to everyone who joined us! You can watch **HERE**. This Council will help us elevate our editorial content and provide us with first-hand, honest and unbiased information on destinations, safety and solo travel. Fall webinar schedule coming soon!

### **JourneyWoman Community Circle Calls**

Join us on our small-group weekly calls, where women from around the world connect, listen and support each other every Friday at 10 am EDT. Click **here** to join sessions until September 18. We're open to starting new sessions in the fall in other time zones if there is enough interest. Let us know at **info@journeywoman.com**.

### Book Club + Webinars

We know it has been hard to access all of our events, so we've built a <u>JW Events Calendar</u> on our website. This will allow you to see and register for all events at a glance. We testing options now and welcome your feedback.

JourneyWoman LIVE Webinars: We're planning new webinars now for the Fall. In the meantime, click here to see the full archive of sessions on our website or visit our JourneyWoman YouTube channel.

**August JW LIVE Webinar**: Join JW Editor Amanda Burgess on Wednesday, August 26 for a look behind the scenes of our July and August LOVE issues and live interviews with some of the JourneyWomen featured in our articles. Register **HERE or watch on Facebook**.

**JourneyWoman Book Club:** On August 19, we're heading to Bordeaux, France with Ann Mah's *The Lost Vintage*. Even if you haven't read the book, join us to hear about France from Doni Belau, Founder of women's tour company **Girls Guide to Paris**. Doni bought her first home in France 20 years ago and divides her time between Paris, Bordeaux and New York. Discussion questions and registration **HERE**.

**Book Club Schedule for 2020:** Based on your votes, we've confirmed the books for the rest of 2020. In September, we read *The Kitchen House* and then head to Egypt, Africa and Morocco. Read more here.

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