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Dear JourneyWoman,

It's hard to believe it's already February... the year is whizzing by already! Like you, I'm counting the days until we can all travel safely again!

Thank you to those who responded to my #TravelReady survey. I'd like to share some of the results from it with you. 33% said you are waiting until 2022 to travel internationally, 30% are planning to travel in the second half of this year and 29% are 'not sure'. While many said they will travel solo (47%), 50% will travel with a partner or friend and 27% will travel with a group tour. When you do travel again, the first trip will be to Europe (37%), followed by the UK and Ireland (13%) and 65% will stay in a small boutique hotel while 37% will use a homestay.

In your feedback, you also asked us to focus more on travel insurance (40%). We know this is an important topic and recently held our first "Travel Essentials" session on January 7; I'm planning more on this soon. You also asked for more information on government/hotel/airline travel requirements (66%). An interesting area to watch here will be vaccine passports, which could eliminate the need for quarantine on arrival and accelerate the return of international tourism. The challenge, as this New York Times article articulates, is creating a document or app that is accepted around the world, protects privacy and is accessible to people regardless of their wealth or access to smartphones.

In this time, we are all learning together. The JourneyWoman community has more travel experience than any other group of women in the world. As we wait to travel, I invite you to share your wisdom and lessons learned with other women. I'm eager to facilitate that through the editorial on our website and virtual events such as our new Solo Travel Wisdom talk show. I

hope you'll join us at our February 14 Love Letters event (see the second story below). If you have expertise in a particular area and would like to host an event, please let me know!

Please, take care and be safe,

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Finding Renewal in New Zealand: How I Overcame My Fear of Travelling Solo Again by Amanda Burgess: After the death of her husband Gabe in 2018, the prospect of going through life solo filled Amanda with dread. She says: "I knew I need to be alone, a state I actively avoided for almost two years." Amanda faced her grief, anger and loneliness in a solo travel adventure in New Zealand and shares her insights about this breathtaking country, its people, and herself.

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A JourneyWoman Valentine: Writing a Love Letter to Your Younger Self by Nadine Lavoie: Valentine's is celebrated worldwide as an occasion for romantic love. This year, we wondered: what if we could expand this celebration of love to incorporate the love of self and share our wisdom about something we are all passionate about –TRAVEL! JourneyWoman Nadine invites you to send us your love letter and join her on February 14 for a fun event celebrating YOU, where we can share our wisdom about life and travel with each other.



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A Woman's Travel Guide to England: The Best Places to Stay, Eat, and Explore from a Former Local by Joy Fox: Need a nosh or a cuppa? JourneyWoman Joy shares her bangin' tips on England's best spots to stay, eat, and explore, including tours, pubs and afternoon team. To help you talk like a local, she's also compiled a handy guide to British slang. Before you cross the pond, you'll want to take a gander at this!

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The Ultimate Travel Movie List: 16+ Films Recommended by JourneyWomen by Carolyn Ray: Need a little travel pick-me-up? Our [JourneyWoman Facebook Group](#) recently shared their favourite travel movies about faraway places. From the hot new British film *The Dig* to the iconic *Out of Africa*, these movies will definitely fuel your wanderlust for Italy, Spain and India (and other places!) in no time! Have other suggestions? Send them in! *(Image: Deadline.com)*

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"The Lady in the Palazzo: At Home in Umbria" Takes us to the Ancient City of Orvieto, Italy by Carolyn Ray: In February, our book club pick takes us to the stunning hilltop city of Orvieto in Italy's Umbria region. Rich with history and a vivid sense of place, Marlene de Blasi's memoir is by turns romantic and sensual, joyous and celebratory, as she searches for the right balance in this city on the hill. Not since Peter Mayle's *A Year in Provence* has a writer so happily succeeded in capturing the essence of a singular place and in creating a feast for readers of all stripes.

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Do you have Solo Travel Wisdom to Share? At JourneyWoman, our ethos is to Seek, Learn and Teach. It's a constant cycle that has helped JourneyWoman inspire women to travel safely and well for almost 30 years. We're always looking for new ways to tap into the collective wisdom of seasoned solo travellers in our global community. Email carolyn@journeywoman.com with your tips and ideas, or join us on our new monthly talk show!

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Upcoming Events + Community Calls

JourneyWoman TravelReady Events: Preparing for Future Travel

All of our events are free. If you'd like to host one please let me know!

EVENTS Calendar [HERE](#). Have feedback to share? Do it [here](#).

- **February 14, 3 pm EST: A JourneyWoman Valentine: Sharing our Love Letters to Our Younger Selves:** Learn more [here](#)
- **February 17, 8 pm EST: Book Club: The Lady in the Palazzo:** We travel to Orvieto, Italy, with special guest Michelle Logue from Adventures in Italy. Read more [HERE](#) or visit our [Book Club Page](#) for other recommended reads
- **February 21, 3 pm EST: Set Your Intention for Future Travel:** Join Amanda to visualize, plan and manifest your travel dreams. February is almost sold out - sign up [HERE](#).
- **February 23: Solo Travel Wisdom:** Amanda's guest TBD. Register [here](#).

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- Jan 26: [Solo Travel Wisdom](#) talk show featuring three adventurous solo travellers
- Jan 27: [JourneyWoman Book Club Tales of a Female Nomad](#)
- Feb 4: [Downsizing for Travel](#) with Downsizing Diva Karen Shinn

Connect with other women on our JW Community Calls: East Coast every Friday at 10 am ET with Carolyn + Amanda, plus our West Coast call with Marillee and Indonesia/Australia with Amit. Learn more [here](#).

All of our events are free, but we've adopted a Pay-What-You-Can Model to donate proceeds to non-profit organizations chosen by our speakers. You can read more

about this [HERE](#).

If you can't attend an event live, watch them afterwards on our website [HERE](#) or our [YouTube channel](#).

We list women-friendly tour companies in our [Women's Travel Directory](#). By joining our Directory, you have access to a global group of tour operators who share ideas and resources in support of safer travel for women. Learn more [HERE](#).

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