

Dear JourneyWoman,

We are all overwhelmed with emotions right now. I've been listening, asking questions, trying to learn, and if I'm honest, trying to overcome my guilt. Guilt that I haven't done enough. Guilt that I don't know all the answers. Guilt that as a white woman, I have the power to do more but haven't. But I have hope - and it's because of you.

For almost 30 years, JourneyWoman has been a voice of equality and empowerment for women – ground in a belief that we CAN change our world for the better. Last week, our team wrote a **Commitment** that sets out tangible actions we will take against racism, violence and injustice. We commit to curiosity, by actively seeking out new perspectives. We commit to discomfort and vulnerability. We commit to learning, teaching and advocacy. These are qualities that we, as JourneyWomen, know well, perhaps better than anyone.

Travel is central to our lives. Not only does travel teach us about ourselves, but it helps us broaden our worldview. As travellers, we learn first-hand about tolerance, compassion, empathy, generosity and gratitude. Travel is transformative; It helps us adapt to change and teaches us to be resourceful and resilient.

To the Black community - we see you. You matter and your lives matter.

To you, our JourneyWoman community - we have a voice - let's use it.

Be safe and be well.

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## What's Hot

JourneyWoman Circle Membership: Later this week, you will receive an email announcing the JourneyWoman Circle, a new community membership program with an annual fee. While our newsletter will remain free, shifting to this model will allow us to expand our editorial and develop new services to help you travel safely and well.

# **Featured Editorial: Curiosity**

This is a time when we are being called to curiosity. Even though we're not out in the world, exploring, we can learn new things about our own neighbourhoods, cities and countries. Each step we take is a new one.

- Solo Travel Memoirs: Joy shares a beautiful story of lost love, gained friendship and Italian romance from the 1950s.
- <u>Travel At Home: Toronto Tips with The Honourable David Crombie:</u>
  Toronto's Former Mayor explains how understanding a city's 'bone structure' can help you discover new places in your hometown.
- <u>Guideposts on our Travels: We're Never Alone:</u> In this feature, we'll explore
  the idea of guideposts; people who become part of our solo journeys with a
  word, a piece of advice, some directions, a recommendation and leave a
  lasting impression on our lives.
- Our Luggage is Grounded! A humorous roundup of the things your backpacks and carry-on bags would say if they could talk.
- Using Curiosity as Your Compass, Part 2: A follow-up from May's feature chronicling the curious questions that lead to amazing travel experiences.

### Survey Update: The Risk and Reward of Travel

Thank you to the 1500+ women who participated in our "Embracing the Unknown"

Survey. Before we share the results, we're hosting three Zoom calls to get your perspective on some important issues. Pre-registration is required. <u>Details here</u>.

### JourneyWoman LIVE: Ethical Travel + Animal Welfare

Join us on Tuesday, June 23 at 6:30 pm EDT for a session on Ethical Travel, which you ranked as your #1 topic of interest. We're joined by two experts: Dr. Carol Kline, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Hospitality and Tourism Management at Appalachian State University in North Carolina and Nora Livingstone, CEO + co-Founder of Animal Experiences International. <u>Details here</u>.

**JourneyWoman LIVE Archives:** Last month, we hosted FOUR JourneyWoman Live sessions, including <u>Stepping into Bravery (May 19)</u>, Travel and Knitting Circle (May 21), the Secrets of Bees (May 26), and <u>Travel at Home: David Crombie's Toronto (June 3)</u>. <u>Click here to see the full archive</u>.

## JourneyWoman Book Club

We held our first JourneyWoman Book Club on June 10, featuring "300 Days of Sun," about Portugal. Thanks to Wendy B for hosting! Our next two books focus on Ireland (July 8) and Spain (July 22). Suggestions welcome for future books.

<u>Women's Travel Tips</u>: Thank you to Regina, Patty, Carolyn, Maggie, Patty, Joy, Donna and others for sharing their at-home travel tips! Keep them coming!

### **Women's Travel Directory**

A warm welcome to our new tour partners: Bold Spirit Travel, Absolutely Southern France and Broad Escapes. Please check our website if you're interested in <a href="advertising">advertising</a> your woman-friendly tour or service.

### **What's Next**

JourneyWoman Community Circle: We're in our third month of connecting every Friday at 10 am EDT in small-group sessions. It's the highlight of our week! Click here to join on June 19. A new series starts on June 24 until July 31. Click here to register.

Call for Editorial: Our July + August issues focus on Love in all of its myriad forms. The solo wellness and healing journeys we take to show ourselves some love. The milestones we celebrate with travel – and our closest people. The times we find love while travelling – romantic, platonic or self. The places and people we fall in love with. Have a love story you'd like to share? Email Editor Amanda (amanda@journeywoman.com).

<u>Things She Loves:</u> What travel-related books, products or services do you recommend to other women in our community? We'd love to feature them!

<u>JourneyWoman Women's Travel Group:</u> A very special shoutout to Marion B and Margaret B for moderating the dialogue and sharing their stories on Facebook. If you haven't joined us please do! We're also on YouTube, Instagram and Twitter!











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