

Do you know how special this community is?

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Dear, Carolyn,

As JourneyWomen, we are skilled at embracing the unknown. We adapt, learn and thrive in almost any kind of situation. While we are experiencing a profound disruption to travel by COVID-19, the unexpected consequence is our own renewed spirit of resiliency and the importance of community.

In the past eight months, I have discovered how truly remarkable JourneyWoman is. We are known as one of the world's most influential and trusted women's travel publications, but we are much more than that. We are a community. A community of women with a shared mindset. A community of women that is generous and kind. A community that shows up for each other. Every. Single. Day. It's evident in the time you take to send in articles, participate in online sessions and share your tips and advice - all to help other women. You truly care.

Thank you for all the positive feedback on our new JourneyWoman website and your ideas to constantly evolve it. I am thrilled to see the comments on our articles, the ebook downloads, and the dialogue on our JourneyWoman Travel Group. This tells me that we are talking about things that are important to you. But we're not standing still. Next week, we are launching a survey to ask for your insights to help us create new editorial and services that support and empower you in these uncharted times. #takethefirststep

With gratitude,

Carolyn

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What's Hot: Curiosity

This is a time when we are being called to curiosity. Even though we're not out in the world, exploring, we still need to feed our imagination, enrich our vocabulary, and validate our values. In the short term, that may mean learning new things about our own neighbourhoods, cities and countries. Each step we take is a new one.

- **Using Curiosity as your Compass:** Have you ever been somewhere and have a question bubble up that cannot be contained? We explore the times that asking – or answering – a simple question steeped in curiosity has led you to an amazing person, experience or story on your travels. [Click here.](#)
- **Lessons from Solo Travellers:** Stories and wisdom from JourneyWomen Marti S., Marillee C. and Brenda M. from our panel discussion. [Click here.](#)
- **Uncertain Times, Shifting Values:** COVID-19 has disrupted everyday life the world over. With it, we're seeing shifts in perspective, values and priorities. We asked you what you miss, and what you're doing just fine without. [Click here.](#)
- **Travel Conversation Starters:** We present a smattering of deep, interesting conversation starters that you can take with you on your next travel adventure, featuring our JourneyWoman team. [Click here.](#)

Feature: Accessible Travel

You've asked about mobility and accessible travel. Today, we're sharing two articles written by women in our community, Elizabeth and Kat. If you have a mobility story or tips to share, we'd love to hear them.

- **A New Way to Travel: Touring Scandinavia,** by Elizabeth Jones, diagnosed with relapsing MS in 2002. [Click!](#)
- **7 Things I Learned from Travelling,** by Kat Inokai, a disabled mom who is passionate about sharing her health journey. [Click!](#)

Women's Travel Directory

In March, we made a decision to suspend our very popular Hot Deals out of respect for those affected by the pandemic. We know that you are eager to travel again and we also see signs of hope, so we are restarting the HOT DEALS in our June 15

newsletter with a focus on 2021 tours, and domestic travel and road trips. We're also thrilled to welcome new women-owned businesses Women's Travel Club and Village Vacations & Tours in Umbria & Tuscany to the JourneyWoman community. Check out our directory [here](#) and let us know if you have suggestions for listings!

JourneyWoman Live Sessions

In April, we hosted eight JourneyWoman Live Sessions, in addition to our weekly Community Circle Call on Fridays at 10 am EDT. We have three more sessions planned for May, including Stepping into Bravery (May 19), a Knitting Circle (May 21), and Secrets of Bees (May 26). More information and timing [here](#).

How are we doing? We'd love your ideas about speakers and topics for June. Thanks to writer Shebana Coelho and coach Natalie Stratton for their inspiring sessions, to our amazing panel of OG Travellers: Marti, Brenda and Marillee, and our insightful Travel Expert panelists: Nancy, Rebecca, and Carol, who discussed the impact of COVID-19 on travel. We are also grateful to to our Women's Travel Directory partners, including Melissa Harris at Melissa Harris Art, George and Linda Meyers at Cook in Tuscany, and Linda Higdon at Global Heart Journeys who shared their passion for travel with us this month. You can watch these sessions [here](#).

JourneyWoman Book Club

The first JourneyWoman Book Club Zoom call will be on June 10 at 7 pm EDT. Thanks to Wendy B for co-hosting! We're escaping to Portugal, reading "300 Days of Sun" by Deborah Lawrence. Check our website for more info and register [here](#).

What's Next

JourneyWoman Survey: Please look for a new survey in your inbox next week and share your insights to help us develop relevant editorial content and take an active role to help you travel safely and well in the future.

Things She Loves: What travel-related books, products or services do you recommend to other women in our community? We'd love to feature them on [our website!](#)

JourneyWoman Accessories: Soon, we're announcing a line of ethically-produced accessories to help you travel safely and well, including our iconic luggage tag.

JourneyWoman Women's Travel Group: A very special shoutout to Marion B and Margaret B for moderating the dialogue and sharing their stories. If you haven't joined us please do! [Click here!](#)



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