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## Dear JourneyWoman,

I'm writing to you from the turquoise shores of Bacalar, near Belize, on the last week of my time in Mexico. For now. This time 'away' has given me a different perspective, and I feel fortunate to have lived here for the past three months. I'll be sharing some of my observations in our first official issue of JourneyWoman Magazine next week, and how we, as women, can create positive change in 2022.

Thank you to those who completed our pulse survey in mid-December, which showed a lot of optimism, but also revealed that we are feeling uncertain, anxious, and fearful about travel. Even if you don't plan to travel in 2022, I believe you can live the life of your dreams. I find that just thinking about my next adventure can be inspiring and invigorating, don't you agree? I want to help you prepare for whatever you decide, so I'm hosting a session next Thursday, January 13, to gather real, unbiased insights from women who have been travelling recently about the changes they have experienced, with the goal of sharing them with you in our editorial. If you have advice you'd like to share, please sign up on Zoom here.

Thanks to your feedback, we've developed some brand new webinars, courses and community calls. I suggest you visit our **Eventbrite** page and follow us to receive updates as we announce new topics.

Here's a quick preview, with more to come:

• Save the Date: On February 22, we're hosting a special webinar on "Fear of Travel" with Debbie Phillips, the inspiring founder of Women on Fire and a pioneer in the field of executive and life coaching. Look for the official announcement next week.

- January 11 Travel Photography Course: Our popular iPhone Travel Photography course with Lee Horbachewski starts on Tuesday, January 11 at 7 pm ET and runs for three weeks. Please sign up <u>here</u>.
- January Community Calls: Next Friday, January 14, we host this year's first Community Call on "Setting Your Intention for 2022", followed by "Living a Nomadic Life" on Thursday, January 27. Calls will now take place twice monthly, hosted by women in our community, with discussion topics ranging from packing tips to the secrets of age-defying women.
- **February 16 Book Club:** We're reading Joanna Glen's uplifting and inspiring novel, "All My Mothers" which takes place in Cordoba, Spain. Join Wendy and I for a lively discussion and register **here**.
- 2022 Editorial Calendar: We love articles and tips from our readers. If you'd like to suggest ideas, contribute articles, sponsor or advertise in our special features, please read our Editorial Calendar and Guidelines.
- Women's Travel Directory: We believe in supporting women-owned businesses. If you are thinking about a group tour or retreat, please consider a women-friendly business that understands your needs. You can search our Directory here by date, destination, country and activity. Our new Accommodations section will be launching soon, with safe, womenrecommended places for you to stay around the world.

We've come so far together, and I truly believe we are almost there. Keep sharing, listening, and learning. Keep being optimistic and hopeful. Keep actively supporting and empowering others. If you need more inspiration, join our private **Solo Travel Wisdom Facebook group**, or stay connected through our **YouTube**, **Instagram** or **Facebook** channels. And of course, if you know a woman who loves travel, please share this email with her and invite her to subscribe. Let's lift each other up!

Please be well and be safe.

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