

JourneyWoman™

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Dear Goddess,

I'm thrilled to share with you that my brother and his family arrived from Australia yesterday. This Saturday, we're having a celebration of life for our parents, both of whom passed away during the pandemic. Although you can never really 'move on', it will feel good to have closure, as it has been two years since my dad passed away, followed by my mother this past November.

This month, our team is taking some well-deserved time off — Stephanie, our JourneyWoman webmistress, just got married in Spain and is now on her honeymoon; and Melissa, our Travel Directory webmistress, recently moved into a new apartment. I'm so happy for both of them as they shift into new stages in their lives. As for me, I'm happy to be home for a few weeks, after being in Oaxaca in May and Nova Scotia last week for the Travel Media Association of Canada's national conference. My next trip is to Bogota in Colombia in September.

With over 62 million jobs lost in tourism in 2020, there's never been a better time to embrace imperfection than now, as we discussed on our recent webinar on Wabi-Sabi (the art of Japanese imperfection). When we apply a wabi-sabi mindset to travel, it makes all the issues disappear, allowing us to focus on what we love about travel. I'm learning to exercise understanding and patience when I'm on the go, focusing on the positive and remembering that travel — whether at home or abroad — is a privilege. It's going to take some time for the industry to regain its footing.

In this issue, we feature new articles from adventurous women who embrace the unknown through travel, whether it's setting out on their first solo trip or rappelling down a waterfall. Their stories remind me that JourneyWoman isn't 'just' a solo travel publication for women -- we are part of a global movement that is empowering like-minded women to discover our true selves. That's why we support hundreds of women-led businesses in our travel directory, feature women in our editorial, and share real, honest stories about life and travel from women just like you around the globe.

None of this happens without you — we are building and growing JourneyWoman together. As we approach our 28th anniversary in September with 61,000 on our mailing list, I invite you to keep recommending JourneyWoman to other women who love travel, and to share **your** story. Learn more about our editorial guidelines [here](#) or email me with your ideas.

Take care and stay positive,

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Featured Editorial: Discovering New Places



Oaxaca, Mexico: A Safe Place to Wander by Carolyn Ray: In Oaxaca, creativity and community go hand in hand, making it an ideal place for solo women, not to mention delicious food and authentic experiences.

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Travel at Home: A Solo Walk on the Vancouver Island Trail by Tracy Smyth: Taking that first step into the unknown isn't always about going far from home, as Tracy discovered when she hiked Canada's Vancouver Island Trail.

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Adventures in Africa: Abseiling Uganda's Sipi Falls by Maria Kamau: You'll practically hear Maria screaming with joy as she experiences the ultimate rush on a solo trip rapelling Sipi Falls in Eastern Uganda, Africa.

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Following in Goya's Footsteps: A Journey Through Zaragoza Spain by Catherine Driver: Art lover Catherine invites us to discover Zaragoza, Spain, a less-travelled city with incredible historic sights and museums.

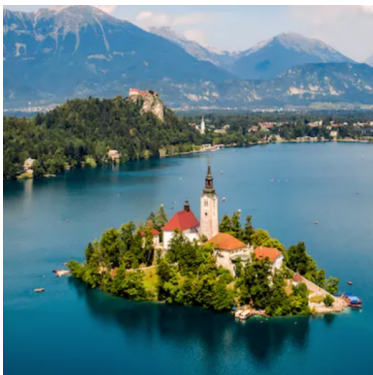
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Exploring Nova Scotia's Less-Travelled Lighthouse Trail by Carolyn Ray: Nova Scotia may be Canada's second-smallest province, but there are many stories to be shared along its southwestern Lighthouse Route.

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Top Travel Tips from June to inspire your next adventure curated by Breanna Schnurr: From Canada to Slovenia, JourneyWoman readers share first-hand travel tips to help you plan your next trip.

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Upcoming Events

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- July 9, 11 am PCT: Dana Point, CA Meetup - Register [here](#).
- July 20, 8 PM ET: "The Paper Palace" by Miranda Cowley-Heller. [Register here](#).
- October 20 -24, Our [Women's Travel Wisdom](#) retreat in California.

Other Partnerships



I'm pleased to share with you that we've recently joined the Travel Unity Alliance as an inaugural founding media member. [Travel Unity](#) is a nonprofit dedicated to diversifying the travel industry that brings together companies, organizations, and individuals to learn together and work toward increasing diversity, equity, and inclusion in the world of travel.

Want to support conservation efforts? JourneyWoman is a media member of **The Adventure Travel Conservation Fund (ATCF)**, which helps protect threatened communities, cultures, and wild places to preserve their cultural and recreational integrity. Founded by businesses in the adventure travel and outdoor industries, the ATCF advocates and support projects that allow sustainable adventure tourism to grow into the future. For the past three years, the ATCF has run a **Travel Conservation Auction** to support its annual grant program, which has [raised over \\$500,000](#) for 33 community projects in 27 adventure destinations around the world. You can bid on **27 auction items in this year's fundraiser**, which ranges from multi-day adventure safaris to accommodations and gear packages. The auction closes next [Friday, July 15.](#)

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