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THREE'S A CHARM

Over the years Wayne and I have met many wonderful couples who enjoy traveling with their best of friends. Two of these couples have just signed up to travel with "Someday Travel" for their third trip! We couldn't think of a better foursome to invite to share their travel experience with you. We ourselves have shared some delightful moments with Joni & Gary Greenfield and Alan & Jeanne Nordstrom as we have traveled to Paris and Tuscany together with their 3rd trip to England in May.

Joni and Gary Greenfield are from Fond du Lac and their very close friends, Jeanne and Alan Nordstrom, are from St. Paul Minnesota. In Joni's words, here is their sharing of what the essence of traveling together is.

"A few years ago, I went to Paris for a week with six high school girlfriends, fell madly in love with the city and determined I would return and bring Gary with me. When he saw the Someday Travel tour to Paris in September 2011, we decided that was our opportunity. We thought it would be fun to have another couple travel with us and I called my cousin Jeanne in St. Paul to ask if she and Alan would like to join us. Their first response was that they had heard such horror stories about tours that they didn't think they would go. About a week later, Jeanne called and said, 'We just had a glass of wine and we are going'.

It was a total leap of faith on their part as they knew nothing about Someday Travel. What they found in Wayne and Valerie were two seasoned and experienced travelers who are flexible and adaptable, warm and friendly with a sense of humor. They are well organized and have concern for the well-being of each individual traveler. They hire professional, local guides who share their knowledge of the culture and the history of the region. And, there is free time allowed in their tours to allow exploring places on your own, or just sit at a sidewalk café and watch the people.

We had such a wonderful time in Paris. So much so that not too long after we returned, Jeanne called to see if we had seen the Someday Travel tour to Tuscany and Rome in September, 2012 and wondered if we were thinking about going. We thought it was a great idea so, once again, the four of us toured with Someday Travel and once again, we had a wonderful time. We got the flavor of the Italian countryside with its charming villages and saw the highlights of Rome. An added bonus was when we were watching the selection of the new Pope, we were seeing places we had been just last fall, which was so exciting!

As we write this we are getting ready to pack for another fantastic trip with Someday Travel as we prepare for a May, 2013 trip to the Cotswold's Region in England and 3 nights in London. We'll see the Stonehenge, Oxford, the Roman Baths plus so much more. Of course we'll see the outstanding sites in London as well including Parliament, Buckingham Palace, Tower of London and much more. We'll more than likely include a river cruise down the River Thames. Now our next big decision is where to go with Valerie & Wayne in 2014...the Danube River Cruise or Greece? For sure, it will be one of the two!"



(a photo of the Greenfield's and Nordstrom's outside the Louvre in Paris)

In closing this article, we greatly appreciate the Greenfield's and Nordstrom's faith in us and the choices they have made in selecting Someday Travel for a third tour, and maybe even a fourth. One thing Wayne & I continue to share is the joy of making "*Someday Travel Dreams Come True*". We are so pleased the Greenfield's and Nordstrom's have joined us in the past and continue to consider us as their source of positive travel experiences in the future.

The Windhover Center for the Arts and *Someday Travel* have joined together in creating one-day travel experiences. Recently 40 travelers enjoyed a day in Chicago for the Opera La Boheme. On May 16 we will be leading another group and will attend the Shakespeare play, King Henry VIII. Go on line to learn more since the registration deadline is April 16. Future one-day trip excursions will be listed at www.somedaytravel.com and www.windhovercenter.org Whether you join us for an extended trip to Europe or Alaska, or for a single day travel adventure in the Midwest, keep in mind that it is our emphasis to take the stress out of your travel fun and hope you allow us to help make your "Someday Travel Dreams" come true!