

## Travelling Alone? Not with Someday Travel!

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Over the years we have had single men and women join us on our tours. Some of them may have lost a spouse, or they are eager to travel but their friends are not interested or may be unable to travel with them. One man came along on a number of our trips because his wife did not like to fly but he wanted to travel to Europe and he did, by himself. John always bought informational books at each site we visited so he could share them when he returned. Traveling as a single person can be adventurous and a positive way to travel.

A few of the challenges we have heard include: will I have a good time without knowing anyone, will I get along with my roommate if I have asked to be assigned to one, will people include me and invite me along when there is free time? Will anyone know if I go missing or get lost?



I like to believe Wayne and I thru “Someday Travels” pay particular attention to creating an atmosphere of warmth and welcome. Rather than take my word for it I have invited four of our “single” women travelers to share their stories about traveling on their own with Someday Travels.

Traveling to Italy and France with us has been Susan Ledesma of Fond du Lac. “One of my goals on my list of two dos was to travel once my children were on their own,” shared Susan. “What was positive for me is meeting other travelers even before the trip started at the group information session. For my personal sense of safety I appreciated having a person assigned as my travel buddy throughout the trip. Each time we got on or off the bus Valerie and Wayne counted that everyone in the group had returned. They have an ease with getting groups through check in and check-outs, we zipped through immigration and ticket lines, they are super organized and know what they are doing. What I felt with Someday Travel is the feeling of safety and being accounted for, did I enjoy myself, absolutely!

A longtime friend of ours, Mary Walrath chose to travel with us after her husband Mike passed away. Mary has travelled to Switzerland and Paris with us. “On the Paris trip I was paired with another single woman whom I was able to meet before the trip. We roomed together and we befriended another

single woman. The three Musketeers were born! It does take a certain amount of courage to travel alone, but the great thing about a tour is there are others in the same situation and people are very open to have you join them. On the tour there are optional side trips planned or you can enjoy free time, what I have liked is teaming up with others with common interests. Valerie and Wayne go out of their way to personally connect with everyone on the trip and you really feel part of the group.”

Audrey Linn, also from Fond du Lac joined Someday Travels last April to travel to Italy. As she states “As a younger person I didn’t want to wait to begin making my bucket list come true. I really didn’t want to travel alone and I was looking for experienced guides. Going to Italy was a trip of a lifetime! It was a perfect set up for me, I met many nice people and the experiences I had I will never forget. The food was delicious, before I left for Italy a friend told me to eat



gelato every day and I did, the best flavor was amarena (cherry). I had a mantra “When in Rome do as the Romans do” So I tried all sorts of delicious foods including spaghetti with boar, mussels, anchovies, truffles, pasta with bacon and egg sauce, artichokes, eggplant pest and more, and I was never disappointed. I lugged home a suitcase heavy with food, 6 jars of olives, pesto and bottles of olive oil, it was all worth it!

Lisa Schneekloth hails from Sheboygan; she has taken three trips with us including Greece, France and Italy. “I am a fairly confident, independent young woman, but when I mentioned to my friends I had decided to travel to Europe on my own they were shocked. Questions such as “How can you travel alone, aren’t you scared?” The truth was yes a little but that wasn’t going to stop me, “said Lisa.

“Finally the opportunity arose and I found myself attending an informational session with Someday Travel. What I found was a safe, stress free no worries travel experience. I love traveling and seeing historic and iconic places. Traveling with a group made it all easy. I didn’t have to worry about how I was going to get anywhere; it was all in the itinerary. When we toured the Louvre in Paris we bypassed the main entrance and began the tour right away. Our tour guide was excellent and took us to the highlights saving us time and allowing for a free afternoon to wander on our own.”

“When we were in Greece and we had a coach bus the entire time, our trip began in Athens but included such places as Corinth, Delphi and Olympia, plus a cruise of the islands. I have found traveling in groups is also a great way to meet people. Normally I am shy around people I don’t know, but with Someday Travel we had informational meetings to help get to know the whole group right from the start. After the first day on the bus we had become like a fun family on a vacation together. I was set up with a roommate on my first two trips and was thrilled with both of them. They became my partner in

crime, my companion and sometimes my mother giving a bit of advice when needed. I have had trips of a lifetime and have been able to sit back and relax because of Someday Travel.”

So there you have it, four great travel testimonials, each one of these women came alone but left with friends. For Wayne and I this is what our business is all about, creating a safe, fun, enjoyable, stress free travel experience so your investment of time and financial resources makes it a “trip of a lifetime”.

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