



TR4VEL GIRL: KEEPING YOU IN THE KNOW

News and Musings from the Travel World

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Be bold enough to believe that all of the things you want to see and the places you want to go aren't just a dream, but a plan you're going to see through to the end.



A MESSAGE FROM OUR FOUNDER

Stephanie Ellis, CTIE, VTA, TAE

I am so humbled and blessed by all of you. When I took a leap of faith a couple of years ago to venture out and open my own travel agency I never imagined the support that I would receive from all of you. Never in my wildest dreams could I have imagined that within months of going out on my own we would face a world shut down, never could I have imagined that even through those times we would not only survive, but thrive. I am proud to say that we are strong and growing as an agency! With your help you have allowed me to realize my dreams of owning a successful business, work with two of my children and be there and present for my younger children. During the last two years we have gone from a tiny 200 square foot office to an office that is over 1200 square feet, we now have eight agents working for our company, our very own marketing and public relations department and we are the travel agency for all of the Shine 99 travel contests!

All I can say you all of you is thank you, thank you from the bottom of my heart. You all mean so much to me and your support is so humbling.

Until the next time...Stephanie



A WORLD IN MY BACKYARD

by Ariana Crabtree

In a time when I was unable to travel and feel connected to the world, The Whittaker Inn brought a tiny world to my backyard.

The inn is carefully designed to resemble destinations that the owners, Andrew and Elizabeth, have traveled to or one day dream of visiting.

If you allow yourself to take in each detail, no matter the size, a unique story can be found in each room of the inn.



The inn has thirteen guest rooms and two suites with a variety of sleeping accommodations. Each room is designed with inspiration from countries including Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, England, France, Greece, India, Italy, Japan, Norway, Spain, Tanzania, and the United States. The United States features two separate rooms: New York, and the largest room in the inn, the Indiana suite.

Each room features hand-picked and authentic details from each destination. In the Tuscany room, you will find sconces hanging on either side of the bed encased in glass made in the world-renowned glass blowing city of Moreno, Italy.

Even the smallest details, such as sewn toiletry bags, and hand-knitted soap pouches lovingly created by Elizabeth's mom, can be found on the bathroom vanity in each room.

If you have the chance, be sure to check out The Whittaker Kitchen. Dinners are usually a four-course meal that include an appetizer, salad, entrée, and dessert. Everything from the rolls to mouthwatering desserts are created in the inn's kitchen.

Whether you are looking for a delectable, non-rushed dinner, or a getaway close to home, The Whittaker Inn tries to create a unique experience. Even now as I am traveling again, I love to make time to visit the world in my backyard; no plane ticket is necessary.





UPDATES IN THE WORLD OF CRUISING

The cruising world has been busy making changes to rules and protocols since the CDC has updated their guidelines.

March 1, 2022 is bringing new changes to several cruise lines.

Norwegian, Royal Caribbean, and Carnival cruise lines will no longer require masks for fully vaccinated guests. In addition to this, Royal Caribbean and Carnival will now allow children on board that are too young to receive the vaccine.



At this time Princess, MSC, and Disney Cruise Lines are continuing to require the use of face masks in public areas.

Furthermore, Disney Cruise Line is requiring guests ages five and older to receive the COVID-19 vaccination.

Travel Girl will continue to provide updates as rules and guidelines change in the cruising world.





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