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Continuing the Journey with YP journeys

The greatest journeys take you to places you've never been to before, and expand your experiences of the cultures of the world.

Welcome to the YP journeys monthly newsletter. I am Yuri Pross, your guide and the owner of YP journeys. With extensive (and expanding) travel experience, I hope to inform and excite you in contemplation of your future journeys. Read more about me at https://www.ypjourneys.com/about.html

Each month, you will learn about my latest adventures (maybe you would like the experience), travel trends, and exciting new opportunities for your next journey.

Beautiful in Brazil – Buenos Aires to Rio De Janeiro

While we don't usually cruise in two consecutive months, this past January, my husband and I embarked on a South American cruise from Buenos Aires to Rio de Janeiro on the Regent Seven Seas Splendor. We have cruised on RSSC several times in the past; this was our third trip on Splendor. Needless to say, the ship and crew continually impress us! Everything about the ship – the food, drink and dining venues, the service, the comforts – everything is absolutely top-notch and included!!! If you are thinking about giving them a try, let's chat!



While in Buenos Aires, we traveled out to a private ranch in the pampas. This included a wonderful historic tour, some terrific Argentinian food at a sumptuous lunch, and a breathtaking display of gaucho horsemanship! Speaking of food, in Uruguay (from the port of Montevideo) we rode into the pampas for a spectacular tour of the Spinoglio Winery. Guided by their on-site chef, we created some delicious empanadas and had a scrumptious barbeque meal (Uruguayan-style) accompanied by delicious (and generous) wine samplings! On our port call in Paraty, Brazil, we took a 4WD Jeep tour to the Serra da Bocaina rainforest. What spectacular sights: the mountain trails, plants and flowers, picturesque waterfalls with people surfing the cascading waters, and a tasting at the Pedra Branca cachaça distillery (we brought some back with us!!). In Rio de Janeiro, our tour included amazing views of the city from the Corcovado Mountain to the iconic Christ the Redeemer statue (reached via tram), and a cable car trip to Sugarloaf Mountain. This first-time visit to South America for us truly expanded our cultural experiences and qualifies our RSSC "Beautiful in Brazil" cruise as a "Great Journey"!!

With increasing costs of travel, your next trip plans represent an important investment. You should aim to protect that investment with trip insurance and include the costs as an essential aspect of your trip. There are simply too many unknowns that could impact your travel; protect yourself against the financial impacts.

Trip Insurance – Preserving your vacation investment

Taking a trip these days is simply becoming increasingly expensive. Then, the more complex, exotic, exclusive or lengthened a trip becomes, the more expensive it gets. Even the simplest trips involve hundreds of dollars, with the more elaborate trips costing tens of thousands of dollars. Whatever your budget however, once you commit dollars to trip, you are at risk of losing some or all of your money due to factors completely outside of your control. Life happens, and when things happen such as a family member health emergency just prior to travel, a car accident on the way to the airport, delayed or cancelled flights (weather issues, mechanical issues, etc), or lost luggage, those events can easily disrupt your travel plans. What if you or someone in your travel group gets ill or injured while travelling? When disruption events happen in a foreign country, the challenges of addressing the issues while abroad, let alone continuing your trip plans, become further complicated. When you travel, as with any purchase, you are trading your money for something (what you aim to get out of your trip). You usually pay a substantial cost for the trip up front before you ever leave. Can you afford to lose that money if disruptions occur? If you can, then trip insurance may not be for you. In general, buying trip insurance is no different than other insurance purchases one makes to mitigate the impacts of unforeseeable events. Travel advisors are not licensed insurance agents, but can point travelers to various insurers for their planned travel, and obtain quotes for differing levels of coverage for travelers to review and select coverage appropriate to their situation. Life happens, protect your travel investment.

Upcoming Opportunities!!



In addition to our Antarctica 2025 opportunity highlighted in the February issue of "Continuing the Journey", we also have a spectacular group travel opportunity to Tahiti and the Society Islands in September 2025. This luxury expedition cruise will be aboard the M/S Paul Gaugin. Backed by over 25 years' experience specializing in Tahiti, French Polynesia, and the South Pacific exploration, Paul Gauguin Cruises provides exclusive, exciting and unique voyages.

Tahiti is only two hours further than Hawaii by plane from California, yet has only 10% of the tourist traffic as Hawaii. On this amazing trip, you will experience the wonders of the tropics coupled with award-winning service, food, drinks, and accommodations, all delivering a distinctive and memorable luxury vacation.

Details for this amazing trip can be found here or by clicking on the picture to the left. Look for more opportunities in the next issue!



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