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Continuing the Journey with YP journeys

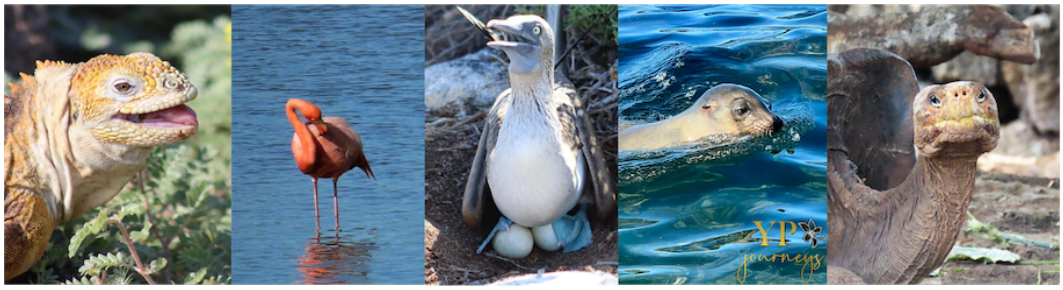
As you contemplate taking a journey to places unknown, allow yourself to be inspired by the words of renowned adventurer, explorer, leader, and author Sir Ernest Shackleton: It is in our nature to explore, to reach out into the unknown. The only true failure would be not to explore at all.

Welcome to the YP journeys monthly newsletter. I am Yuri Pross, your guide to travel, adventure, and lifetime experiences. I am the owner of YP journeys. With extensive (and expanding) travel experience, I hope to inform and excite you as you ponder 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 a similar experience), travel trends, and exciting new opportunities for your next journey.

7-night Galapagos Outer Loop and Machu Picchu

At this time last year, we went on a luxury adventure with my parents. We explored the rich and unique ecosystem of the Galapagos Islands followed by a week exploring the wonders of the ancient Incan civilization of Machu Picchu and the surrounding area. Spectacular vistas, distinctive wildlife and the most gracious hospitality combined for an amazing adventure! To visit the Galapagos, we cruised on Celebrity Flora, a purpose-built luxury expedition ship. While we adventured during the day, we savored spectacular meals and enjoyed top-notch service. Each day was filled with two guided expeditions ashore, including a couple opportunities to snorkel. The wildlife was astounding! The famed tortoises, land and water iguanas (which reminded me of the ancient seafarer characterization of mermaids), penguins, seals, and – of course the blue-footed boobie! I simply cannot list all of the types of animals and plants we experienced.



After those 7 days, we flew to Cuzco, Peru and traveled to Urubamba and the Sacred Valley. This land tour, as a land extension to the Celebrity Galapagos cruise, provided the finest accommodations and meals including 4 nights in a luxury Marriott property. We toured the local town including a highly acclaimed artist's studio, and ancient sacred sites culminating with our train trip up to the entrance to Machu Picchu and our hike through that icon of the Incan empire. Our adventure into the Andes and immersion into inspiring history of the Incan culture took our breath away! As the journey of a lifetime, might this inspire you to heed Shackleton's words and reach out to the unknown?

Have you ever been separated from your bags? Unless you are carrying them with you, you have. Even when they go through the bag check processes, can you be sure you know where your bags are? Tracking devices help you find your bags wherever you go.

Tracking Devices for Your Bags

Unless you carry it with you, whatever you bring when you travel is being transported by someone else. Checking bags on a flight? They get carried by the conveyor belt until they disappear into the bag-check system. You rely on that system to deliver your bags to the right location (where you are) on time. Sometimes that doesn't happen. The unexpected or unforeseeable occurs and you end up separated from your bag when you need it. We have had a few experiences when this occurred and having a tracker on our bags made all the difference for us. Once separated from a bag with no expectation of otherwise recovering it quickly, we were able to identify the exact location and recover the bag without any undue trip interruption!

Have you used a bag tracker? These devices will enable that capability and technology companies continuously advance the technological capabilities of the devices. Different brands deliver different capabilities, so if you are in the market, choose wisely. Ideally, you will likely want to choose a brand that will operate wherever there is network availability, has the range to communicate directly with a network, and requires the least amount of proprietary (brand unique) connections or networks.

Upcoming Opportunities!!



In the first issue of this newsletter, I wrote of our river cruise: AmaWaterways Christmas Markets on the Rhine. That trip created a lot of excitement among my friends. Consequently, I have put together "Girls Trip" for the same cruise for December 2025. On this journey, you will discover an immersive experience with the Christmas traditions of Europe at its most festive time of year and get caught up in the magic of the holidays with visits to some of the world's most timeless Christmas Markets. Starting in Basel and ending in Amsterdam with six port stops in between, you will have opportunities to explore the markets, sample the tastes of food and drink along the Rhine and see some extraordinary sights steeped in the history of western Europe.

Cruising with AmaWaterways, you will enjoy luxurious stateroom accommodations; regionally inspired cuisine made with locally sourced ingredients; unlimited fine wine, beer and soft drinks with lunch and dinner, and so much more!! AmaWaterways is an award-winning river cruise line completely committed to serving you. This trip will be an experience not to be missed!

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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