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INTO THE HEART OF EUROPE

THE NEWSLETTER OF DISCOVER EUROPE LTD.

Almost exactly 15 years ago Discover Europe opened its doors for business. That first year was particularly hard - we all remember what happened on September 11th, 2001 and let's just say it probably wasn't the best year to try and start a travel business!

Since then we have all had to learn to live with the threat of random violence in our lives both at home and abroad - my wife, Sarah, was in Paris during the recent attack (see back cover).

Fortunately Discover Europe travellers are intelligent and realize that, whereas caution is an essential factor of informed decision making, fear is just the opposite. Be cautious about travelling, but do not be afraid to travel. I could go on for hours about odds and probabilities and how it's still more dangerous getting in your car every day than it is to travel abroad, but I won't. All I really want to say here is "thank you" for standing up and not allowing fear to dictate your decisions.

I sincerely believe in the power of travel to create understanding between people of different cultures - we should not let them take that away from us. Thank you.

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GARDEN TOURS OF 2016

Perfect timing! Seed and shrub catalogs are waiting in the mailbox for your mittened hand to bring indoors. Cold temperatures have forced the beds around your home to sleep. At this time of year, our minds are eager to leave the slumber of winter and dream of the color, warmth, inspiration and beauty of our gardens.

Upgrade those winter dreams. Include the possibility of a spring or summer tour dedicated to world-class garden design. Choose from five unique opportunities which cover a range of possibilities.

- [ITALIAN LAKES AND GARDENS](#), May 3rd - 10th
- [THE BEST OF ENGLISH GARDENS](#), May 17th - 26th
- [THE PASSIONATE GARDENER](#), May 22nd - 31st
- [WEST COUNTRY GARDENS](#), June 7th - 17th
- [BRITAIN IN BLOOM](#), July 5th - 14th

"We have done England 8 times on our own, but we enjoyed your tour very much. I never felt rushed, loved our Tour Guide and enjoyed being with 14 adults with similar interests. Great not to drive, we will be back. Returned home today, totally refreshed & ready to go back to England ASAP". - Adda Lee H. & Richard S.

Do more than dream. Spend your winter months reveling in the possibilities. Join Discover Europe in the beds and borders of England and Italy in 2016 and experience first-hand the timeless beauty found in a perfect landscape.

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FOR THE LOVE OF KIDS



I am often asked, and usually with a touch of trepidation in the tone, if children and grandchildren are welcome on our small group tours. Yes, of course - children are welcomed with open arms here at Discover Europe. Just ask my kids (pictured left at the Acropolis) - they call Michael Induni “Pappoús” (the Greek word for Grandfather)!

In fact some tours are obviously better for children than others and honestly some children are better at travelling with a group than others. We are happy to help you make the perfect match, and are just a phone call or email away. I had the wonderful opportunity to test this out, as I brought my own children on [THE GLORY OF GREECE](#) this past October. My children are young and the flights were long, but they both did a fantastic job and came home with a new-found passion for all things Greek. Having many ages represented on a tour like this allows for even greater perspective. Seeing Greece through my children’s eyes has been a true delight. Giving the gift of travel to your children or grandchildren is

priceless. What better way to teach them about the great big world around them! Discover Europe is launching one specifically family-centered tour this summer – [THE MAGIC OF MEDIEVAL ENGLAND](#) and we are crafting several new trips for 2017 focused on sharing the wonders of Europe with younger generations. Let me know if I can help you prepare for your family adventures. Happy Travels!

Joanna, DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS

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Have you “liked” Discover Europe lately? We have been busy searching the world for useful information on travel, tips, quotes, articles and photos. Please take a moment today and “like” the Discover Europe page on Facebook.

Reconnect with friends from previous trips. Reach out to friends on current trips. Be inspired. Guess the answer to the new puzzle that we will be launching soon on line.

We have countless opportunities to keep the inspirational world of travel close to your heart, so please take a moment to “like” us and share us with your friends.



We are fostering a growing conversation focused on European travel. Come be part of it. Go to Facebook. Find Discover Europe. Like us today.



“I LOVE SEEING AND FEELING DIFFERENT CULTURES. TRAVELING EXPANDS MY VISION OF THE WORLD BY EXPERIENCING ALL THE DIFFERENCES AND THE SAMENESS.” - MARGERIE WEST



OUR FAVORITE HOTELS



GLENLO ABBEY

[GLENLO ABBEY](#), Galway’s 5 star luxury hotel, is an ideal place for your stay, offering guests unrivalled personal service in the warmth of one of the few 5 star hotels in the area, making it the perfect escape. The wildness of Connemara is right on your doorstep and the vibrancy of Galway City is only minutes away.

Experience the extraordinary luxury of Glenlo Abbey on one of our upcoming Ireland trips.

A NEW PUZZLE:

Question: How can you walk from Europe to North America without getting your feet wet?

The first solution, drawn at random from all the correct entries submitted, will receive a \$200 discount off any trip listed in this newsletter.

AND A SOLUTION: In the last issue we asked: What is: an Italian lunch, surrounded by water and prone to eruptions.

The answer is - Stromboli! The first correct solution to be drawn at random was sent in by Michael D. of Swanzey, New Hampshire and he can deduct \$200 from the cost of any tour listed in this newsletter.

ITINERARIES THROUGH 2016

Discover Europe also runs tours that are custom-designed for various organizations such as Harvard University, Bryn Mayr, Smith College, Tufts University, Vassar College and many others. Although these "sponsored" tours are not listed below, they are very often available to non-members upon request. Full details can be found on our website.

Discover Europe can also organize private tours. Please contact us for details - we are always happy to talk about the process.

AUSTRIA

A CHRISTMAS RHAPSODY
DECEMBER 2ND - 10TH

DALMATIAN COAST

ALONG THE DALMATIAN COAST
APRIL 21ST - MAY 1ST

EASTERN EUROPE

JEWELS OF EASTERN EUROPE
JUNE 2ND - 11TH

ENGLAND

LET'S UNPACK IN THE PEAK DISTRICT
MAY 6TH - 14TH

THE BEST OF ENGLISH GARDENS
MAY 17TH - 26TH

THE PASSIONATE GARDENER
MAY 22ND - 31ST

WEST COUNTRY GARDENS
JUNE 7TH - 17TH

THE CHANNEL ISLANDS
JUNE 9TH - 18TH

A COTSWOLD SPRING
JUNE 16TH - 25TH

THE STATELY HOMES OF ENGLAND
JULY 1ST - 10TH

BRITAIN IN BLOOM
JULY 5TH - 14TH

DISCOVERING EAST ANGLIA
JULY 8TH - 16TH

THE MAGIC OF MEDIEVAL ENGLAND
JULY 29TH - AUGUST 6TH

TREASURE HOUSES OF NORTHERN ENGLAND
SEPTEMBER 8TH - 17TH

THE WEST COUNTRY
SEPTEMBER 15TH - 24TH

UNITARIAN ENGLAND
SEPTEMBER 27TH - OCTOBER 7TH

KENT: THE GARDEN OF ENGLAND
OCTOBER 6TH - 15TH

POLDARK'S CORNWALL
OCT. 15TH - 23TH

A THANKSGIVING MYSTERY
NOV. 18TH - 27TH

FRANCE

PARIS, NORMANDY & THE LOIRE
MAY 26TH - JUNE 4TH

ALONG THE PYRENEES
JUNE 9TH - 18TH

TREASURES OF CATHAR COUNTRY
SEPTEMBER 15TH - 24TH

THE CHATEAU DE CAMON
OCT. 14TH - 22ND

GERMANY THE NEW BERLIN
SEPTEMBER 29TH - OCTOBER 8TH

GREECE A GREEK EASTER
APRIL 29TH - MAY 8TH

AN AEGEAN ODYSSEY
OCTOBER 21ST - 29TH

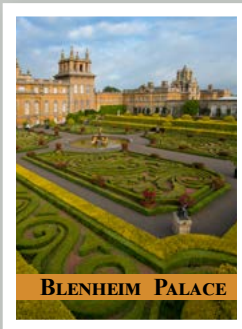
ICELAND THE NORTHERN LIGHTS
MARCH 10TH - 15TH

ICELAND PANORAMA
AUGUST 28TH - SEPTEMBER 4TH

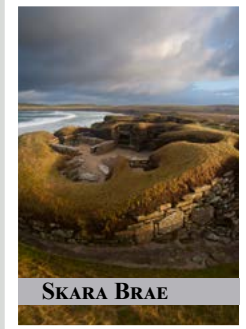
IRELAND THE ISLAND OF SAINTS & SCHOLARS
JUNE 23RD - JULY 2ND



CARCASSONNE



BLenheim PALACE



SKARA BRAE

ITALY

UNDER THE TUSCAN SUN
APRIL 29TH - MAY 6TH

ITALIAN LAKES AND GARDENS
MAY 3RD - 10TH

UMBRIA & LE MARCHE
JUNE 14TH - 23RD

THE ISLAND OF SICILY
NOVEMBER 10TH - 19TH

THE ITALIAN KITCHEN
OCTOBER 6TH - 15TH

PORTUGAL LANDSCAPES OF PORTUGAL
MAY 5TH - 14TH

INTOXICATING MADEIRA
AUGUST 29TH - SEPTEMBER 3RD

SCOTLAND

SKYE & THE HIGHLANDS
JULY 21ST - 31ST

JOURNEY TO THE NORTHERN ISLES
JULY 30TH - AUG. 8TH

CHRISTMAS IN SCOTLAND
DEC. 21ST - 29TH

SPAIN BARCELONA & MALLORCA
APRIL 7TH - 15TH

SPANISH PANORAMA
APRIL 14TH - 23RD

THE PILGRIM'S WAY
JUNE 16TH - 25TH

ALLURING ANDALUSIA
OCTOBER 28TH - NOVEMBER 5TH

THANKSGIVING IN MALLORCA
NOVEMBER 19TH - 27TH

WALES

WALES & THE WELSH BORDERS
APRIL 28TH - MAY 7TH

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We experienced so much more with this small group tour than we have with large coach tours. We will take only small group tours in the future. We received so much more personal attention on this small group tour.

Rockne F., Georgetown, TX

What brought me to Discover Europe and has kept me returning is the small groups and the "themed" itineraries that don't try to cover too much but allow for stays of more than one or two days in one place.

Joan M., Pennsylvania

INTOXICATING MADEIRA

AUGUST 29TH - SEPT 3RD 2016

Experience Madeira as the island comes alive with traditions and celebrations during Wine Festival Week. Immerse yourself in pristine elegance and extraordinary natural beauty. Follow in the footsteps of Sir Winston Churchill and relax in splendor with the North Atlantic Ocean stretching out beneath the cliffs.

Stay in the world renowned Belmond Reid Palace Hotel and take an optional extension to the Azores. Is this your year? Call Discover Europe for a full itinerary and start to live the dream that is Madeira.



THE ANGEL OF PARIS

by Sarah Franklin

Sitting in a café in Paris the night of the attacks, I wouldn't have known anything was going on in a nearby arrondissement. It wasn't until I got back to



the American Hospital. It was a hard week anyway and to end it with this event was almost surreal.

The beauty and history of Paris are everywhere. I walked several times to the Arc de Triomphe, put there by Napoleon for his men to walk beneath after the victory of the Battle of Austerlitz. Its magnificent bas relief was all lit up that night. The "Departure of the Volunteers in 1792" depicts an open-armed angel flying above the soldiers leaving to defend the nation. Her demeanor suggests boldness, lack of fear, as if to say, "no worries, I'll protect these men". The arch is solid, beautifully sculpted, and meaningful. It is a reminder of the strength, stoicism, and depth of the French people. They have suffered other attacks throughout history and have survived all of them as well, and then they have gone on to adorn their city with memorials and remembrances - lest they forget.

my hotel and turned on the TV that my sister and I discovered the mayhem. The shock and sadness we felt was indescribable. We weren't there for vacation we were there to help my brother who was recovering at

With the Angel of Paris watching over them, they will continue to open their markets, sit in their cafes, and live their lives to their fullness in this beautiful city that is so close to their hearts.