

# Destinations by Donna

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## Travel Tip for Today

**Proper Travel Identification**—Want to travel but don't have the proper ID and don't know how to get it? Domestic travel (the US) by air requires a valid driver's license or ID card from DMV if you are over 16 years old. Internationally, you will need a passport. Get applications on line at [www.travel.state.gov](http://www.travel.state.gov), at your local post office, or county courthouse. One source for obtaining a certified birth certificate (necessary for passports), is [www.vitalcheck.com](http://www.vitalcheck.com).

## Destination of the Month

Where does a travel agent go on vacation? Sometimes it is exotic like Paris, Rome or Fiji. Often, we use our vacation just like you, to do things and spend time with family and friends. Few things are more important or satisfying than human relationships. If you can, certainly go to an all inclusive resort in Mexico! I can help with that! Maybe you attend an annual event (**Sisters Outdoor Quilt Show in Oregon—second Saturday in July**) or a one time special happening (**40<sup>th</sup> High School Reunion**). If you like to visit casinos, pile a bunch of adult family members into the car and go to a local casino. Then plan to spend time afterwards, over a drink or s'mores at the campfire, to discuss and laugh about your experiences.

## If you can't go there, go here!

**Northwest Carriage Museum**--Explore the world of the 19th century traveler!

314 Alder Street, Raymond, WA 360-942-4150

Open April – Sept

Mon, Tue 11-3, Wed-Sat 10-4, Sun 12-4

Adults: \$3, Children, 6-18 \$1, Families: \$7

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## Great Values!

### Oberammergau & Highlights of Germany --

**Princess Cruises:** 18-day cruise/tour features 2 nights in Bavarian town of Oberammergau, includes tickets to Passion Play performed every 10 years. The tour portion connects with a 10-day Scandinavia/Russia cruise, *Star Princess*. Two dates only --**August 2 and 12, 2010**. From \$5,319 pp, based on double occupancy. Capacity is limited on these special tours.

## The World Through My Eyes

Emotions, difficult to describe, surface when I stand four feet from "Wheatfield With Crows" at the Van Gogh Museum in Amsterdam! I'm not even sure of my feelings, I just know it tugs at my heart and gives me chills! If you enjoy art, seeing the artist's work in person, rather than on the internet or on a postcard is essential! Whether you prefer Van Gogh (a personal favorite of mine), Michelangelo, or Wyeth, make a plan to view it up close.

Not all worthwhile art is found in museums. Street artists (either in foreign countries or the US), are a great way to see what motivates the ordinary person. Yes, it is often rudimentary and perhaps primitive, but then, most of us are in that category. Your heart could be unexpectedly touched, or you might be inspired to try expressing yourself through art! You'll never know if you don't go!

## Looking to the future →

**Come walk with me** in the Komen for the Cure walk/run in Honolulu October 18! I have rooms held at the Miramar, a moderate, centrally located hotel in Waikiki. Other hotels can also be arranged. The package includes the Miramar for 5 nights with breakfast, October 15-20, a ticket to the race/walk, entrance to the Bishop Museum with the newly restored Hawaiian Hall, and insurance. Both cancer survivors, my daughter and I will be there! Contact me for more information!

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