



Happy New Year!

Yes, I do believe it will be happy! Happiness is a state of mind, not the state of your wallet. I'm going to write about travel as though you were going to go. It's good to have a goal. "If you don't have a dream, how you gonna make your dreams come true?" So says Bloody Mary! Now I'm dating myself for sure!

Travel Tip for Today

Photocopy your passport!

Make three copies of your passport. Put one copy deep in your luggage, leave one with your travel agent, and one with someone you trust at home. If your passport is lost or stolen, the copy will go a long way toward getting a replacement. An additional option would be to scan your passport and email it to yourself. Then even if you lose everything, you can access your email and print a copy.

Destination of the Month

Swirling snow is beautiful, but I long to be in Hawaii! I will choose one island every couple months for this segment. I love them all! I am a Master Destination Specialist for **O'ahu**. If I can't answer your questions, I know people who can! Yes, O'ahu has the big city, but it also has the unique Arizona Memorial, the Manoa Valley Heritage Center, kayaking in Kaneohe Bay, snorkeling at Hanauma Bay, grilled shrimp at a roadside stand in Hale'iwa, thunderous waves on the North Shore in winter, hiking Diamond Head, great golf, church service in Hawaiian. From busy streets to lonely beaches, let me help you discover what you seek!

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Great Deals!

Hawaii in February, \$3625, 7 days Maui, Napili Kai Beach Resort, air car, condo, insurance

Cruise--a group cruise (8-10 cabins) can be used as a fundraiser for a charity or project. It's win/win! Group rate, plus benefit someone else!

Disneyland in June, \$4,500, 7 days, Disneyland Hotel, 6 day pass, transfers, air, insurance

Borneo --starting in July, \$5,200, Pandaw River Cruises--8 nts, incl meals, beverages, excursions, plus air fare

Price for 2 pp is approximate--may vary by date and based upon availability at time of booking.

The World Through My Eyes

It's cool and damp, entering the limestone cave of Font de Gaume near Les Eyzies, in Dordogne, France. We shuffle along, clutching our paper with the English translation of what our French guide is saying. 14,000 years old! It seems impossible, yet there is no doubt what the artist depicted--bison and reindeer are easily identified. We often speak in whispers, perhaps thinking we might disturb the inhabitants. I try to burn the images into my mind as photos are prohibited. It's a personal thing, this wanting to remember what I see. I can always buy the t-shirt in the gift shop!

If you can't go there, go here!

Columbia River Maritime Museum --learn about history, get out of the cold, then go have clam chowder!

1792 Marine Drive
Astoria, Oregon
Right on Hwy 30 near 17th Street
\$8/adults, \$7/seniors

Looking to the Future

Travel Pink, Travel O'ahu, October 2009
Oberammergau, Germany, Passion Play 2010