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Travel Thoughtfully...Experience Joy The Getaway With Joy Insider

Every month brings a new reason to explore.
Let's see where joy is calling us now.

A Note From Your Experience Designer

Hey Fellow Travelers,

October always feels like a gentle turning point—it invites us to slow down and listen for the places calling our name. A moment when the world slows just enough for us to breathe, reflect, and look ahead with intention. As I prepare to depart for our Egypt journey in December, I'm filled with gratitude for this community and for the meaningful experiences we continue to create together.

Lately, I've been thinking about how every journey begins long before we ever step onto a plane. It begins with curiosity. With a conversation. With a destination that captures our imagination. And sometimes, in a quiet moment when something inside us whispers, I think I'm ready for more. That thought has stayed with me as I've been thinking about what I want Getaway With Joy to become—not simply as a travel business, but as a community.

Because I've come to believe that meaningful travel begins with connection. It begins with the conversations we have before we leave, the stories we share, the questions we ask, and the people we meet along the way. And that is the inspiration behind something new I'm introducing this month: The Travel Joy Collective.

The [Travel Joy Collective](#) is a welcoming space for individuals who love meaningful travel, cultural connection, and joyful experiences between journeys. It's a place to gather, dream, ask questions, share travel stories, discover new destinations, and connect with other women who believe there is always more of the world to experience.

We will meet virtually on [the first and third Thursdays of each month from 6:30–7:00 PM PT](#), creating a simple space to pause, connect, and talk about the places and experiences that inspire us. Our second gathering, [Sips, Safaris & Sunsets, is happening October 15](#), and I would love to welcome you.

We will spend a little time talking about Tanzania & Zanzibar, sharing travel inspiration, and getting to know one another. Whether you're considering an upcoming journey or simply love talking about travel, you belong in the conversation. Because travel is not only about where we go. It's about who we share it with, what we discover, and the stories we create along the way. That is the kind of community I want to build through The Travel Joy Collective—and I'm so excited to begin this next chapter with you.

As always, my role as your Experience Designer is to think beyond the itinerary—to consider how you want to feel, what you want to experience, and which moments you'll carry home with you. And sometimes, the first step toward that experience isn't booking a trip. Sometimes, it is simply starting a conversation.

I hope you'll join me.

With Joy and Intention,
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INTRODUCING THE TRAVEL JOY COLLECTIVE

WHERE TRAVEL DREAMS BECOME CONVERSATIONS



I am thrilled to officially announce The Travel Joy Collective, our new Meetup community created for travelers who crave connection, inspiration, and meaningful experiences.

This is the space to:
talk destinations
ask questions
meet fellow travelers
learn what is coming next
and simply enjoy being part of a joyful travel community

Our next gathering, Sips, Safaris & Sunsets, takes place on October 15. We will sip something lovely, talk Tanzania & Zanzibar, travel dreams, beautiful destinations, and the experiences that make us want to pack a bag and go.

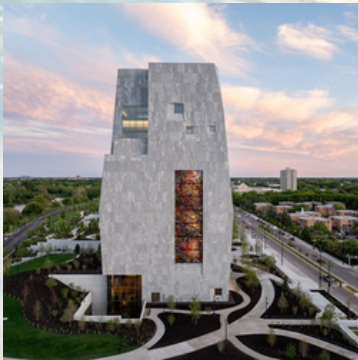
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Come join the conversation at The Travel Joy Collective
The first and third Thursdays for 30 minutes.
Come curious. Come inspired. Come ready to connect.

UPCOMING EXPERIENCES



Juneteenth Heritage Journey ~ Chicago

Only 4 rooms remain

This journey is more than a trip — it's a cultural experience rooted in legacy, resilience, and storytelling. From the Obama Presidential Center to the DuSable Museum and the Chicago Black Heritage Tour, this experience offers depth, meaning, and connection. If you've been waiting for a domestic journey that feels purposeful and unforgettable, this is your moment. Let's talk about Chicago [Juneteenth Heritage Journey - Chicago](#)



Tanzania & Zanzibar

Only 4 spaces remain

Safari wonder meets coastal serenity. This 14-day experience blends the untamed beauty of Tanzania with the turquoise calm of Zanzibar. It's one of the most cinematic journeys I've ever designed — golden horizons, wildlife encounters, cultural connection, and restorative island time. Are you ready to experience Africa? Only four spots remain to explore Tanzania and Zanzibar. Let's talk about Africa [An African Experience](#)



Croatia & Montenegro
September 2027



Christmas in New York
December 2027



Japan
March/April 2028



South Korea
March/April 2028

CLOSING MESSAGE

As I close this edition, I'm thinking about something I've come to believe more deeply with every journey:

We don't always remember every detail of a trip—but we remember how the journey made us feel.

We remember the laughter around the table.

The unexpected conversation.

The view that took our breath away.

The person we met who became part of our story.

The moment we finally realized, I'm really here.

That is what I hope to create through Getaway With Joy.

Not simply trips.

Experiences.

Not simply itineraries.

Memories.

And not simply travelers.

A community of people who believe there is still so much of the world to experience.

I'm especially excited about what's ahead—from the stories and heritage we'll uncover in Chicago to the wildlife, culture and beauty we'll experience in Tanzania and Zanzibar.

And now, with The Travel Joy Collective, I'm looking forward to having even more opportunities to connect with you along the way.

So before you close this newsletter, I want to leave you with one question:

[What journey is calling you?](#)

Maybe you've already answered that question.

And if you have, I hope you'll give yourself permission to say yes.

Until next month, keep choosing joy, connection, and the journeys that become a part of your story.

With Joy,

Karen