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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,

Welcome back to The Getaway With Joy Insider! If you joined me for our very first edition in April, I'm so glad you're here again—and if you're just finding us, welcome to a space where travel becomes something deeper than a destination.

What a month it has been. I just returned from the Mexican Riviera aboard the Virgin Voyages' Brilliant Lady with a group of ten incredible travelers—and I'm still holding on to the magic of it all.

There's something about being on the open water. The rhythm slows, the conversations deepen, and every sunset feels like it was placed there just for you.

Along Mexico's stunning Pacific coast, a few moments are still lingering with me.

A vibrant beach day at Taboo in Cabo San Lucas, where chic beachside energy, music, and elevated dining set the tone for celebration.

A sun-soaked relaxing day on the golden beaches of Mazatlán—perfect for reconnecting and simply being. And the natural beauty of Majahuitas in Puerto Vallarta—where time seemed to pause in the best way.

As the journey was winding down, we gathered for an elegant evening at The Wake, with panoramic ocean views and a heartfelt celebration of a cherished Soror/friend's 65th birthday.

This was more than a trip. It was a celebration of friendship, milestones and shared joy.

These are the kinds of experiences that remind me why I do this work — it's never just about the itinerary. It's about how a journey makes you feel, it's about the full experience.

As we step into May — with longer days, warmer air, and that unmistakable pull toward something new— I find myself leaning into that quiet invitation to go.

Not someday. Not eventually. But now.

Because the truth is, the right journey doesn't fit into your schedule—it shifts something in you. It creates space to reconnect, to celebrate, to experience life in a way that lingers long after you have returned home.

In this edition, I'm honored to introduce you to one of the most extraordinary journeys I've curated: [Serengeti Sunsets & Zanzibar Shores](#)—a breathtaking blend of untamed beauty and coastal tranquility. Think golden horizons, unforgettable wildlife encounters, and the kind of stillness you can only find where the land meets the sea.





I'm also excited for you to meet a very special traveler who truly embodies what it means to getaway with joy.

If you've been waiting for the right time, consider this your sign.

Let's step in.

With Joy and Intention,
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Founder & Experience Designer



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FEATURED JOURNEY OF THE MONTH

SERENGETI SUNSETS & ZANZIBAR SHORES

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This is the journey where glamour meets grounding— where every day feels expansive, intentional, and takes your breath away.

Imagine waking in a luxury tented camp as the Serengeti stretches endlessly before you. The light is soft and golden. The air is alive with distant calls and quiet movement across the plains.

You head out for an early morning game drive--and within moments, you're witnessing a cheetah moving gracefully through the tall grass. Time slows. Your senses sharpen. It's the kind of experience that stays with you long after the moment has passed. This is not a trip you simply take. It's one you feel.

Over 14 extraordinary days, this curated experience carries you from the vast, untamed beauty of the Serengeti to the turquoise shores of Zanzibar—each destination offering its own rhythm, its own story, its own sense of wonder.

What Awaits You:

- ✓ Luxury lodges and tented camps set beneath expansive African skies
- ✓ Unforgettable game drives through the Serengeti's iconic landscapes
- ✓ Meaningful cultural connections with local communities
- ✓ A seamless transition to Zanzibar's crystal-clear waters and coastal calm
- ✓ Exploration of Stone Town, vibrant spice markets and rich island history
- ✓ Intimate group experiences designed for connection, ease and elevated travel

[Book Your Experience](#)

The Details:

Dates: July 1–14, 2027

Investment: \$5,575 per person (double occupancy) - includes 2 nights in Arusha, 6 nights in Tanzania and 5 nights in Zanzibar; boutique lodges/hotels; hot air balloon ride over the Serengeti; all meals; airport transfers; flight to Zanzibar, gratuities, English speaking guides.

Availability: Only 2 spaces remain

This journey is filling beautifully, and with just a few spaces left, now is the time to decide if this experience is meant for you.

If East Africa has been quietly calling your name, I invite you to answer.

Reply to this email or reach out to schedule a complimentary consultation — I would love to help you step into this experience.

TRAVELER SPOTLIGHT



Dr. Karen Sadewater Wilson &
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Returning Traveler | Group & Personalized Experiences

Some travelers book once. Others become part of the story.

Dr. Karen Sadewater Wilson is the kind of traveler who fully embraces the experience—and then returns to live it new and meaningful ways.

Over the years, Karen has explored the world with Getaway With Joy through both curated group experiences and personalized itineraries designed for her and her husband. Her travels have taken her from a European Winter Getaway through Amsterdam, Paris, and London, to milestone birthday celebrations in Cancun, an Alaska Cruise, a honeymoon escape and a romantic Valentine's getaway in Seattle.

Through each experience, she's continued to say yes to the journey.

In Her Own Words:

"Getaway With Joy makes traveling less stressful. The process is safe and seamless. From the moment I leave home, I know I am taken care of — from transportation, hotel, food, and fun."

"I'm usually the planner in my circle, so being able to truly let go and trust someone else with every detail is incredible. You won't regret it."

What Stays With Her:

For Karen, it's not just the destinations—it's the moments. The connections she built with fellow travelers in Europe. The museums, the laughter, the unexpected adventures. Even her honeymoon in Cancun—where stormy weather created space for slow, meaningful time with her husband—became one of her most cherished memories.

Each experience has brought not only beautiful places, but deeper appreciation for the people, culture, and stories she's encountered along the way.

On the Getaway With Joy Experience:

"It turned the experience to 10/10! I did not have to think or stress about activities — it was already pre-planned with room for flexibility. Every major and minor detail is taken care of."

What's Next for Karen?

Karen is already looking ahead, with future experiences planned for 2027, 2028 and 2029—with dreams of Greece, Scotland, and Ireland calling her name.

"If you are considering using Getaway With Joy--absolutely do it!"

Karen, thank you for trusting us with your most meaningful moments. Here's to many more unforgettable journeys ahead.

CLOSING MESSAGE

Karen's story is still being written-- and with unforgettable journeys on the horizon, the question becomes:
Where will yours take you?

If you're ready to experience travel in a more meaningful, effortless way, I invite you to explore what's ahead. Wherever this season finds you—planning, dreaming, or simply staying open to possibility—I hope something in these pages sparks your next adventure.

Until next month, keep listening for the places that call your name.