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# EXPERIENCE THE WORLD

## JTD On the Move... (In more ways than one!)

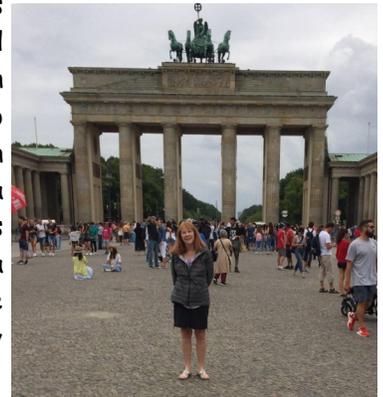
After 20+ years in this location, and over 53 years in business in Lake Oswego, Julie's is MOVING! Not far however, just a block north of our present location! While we don't have a definite move date yet, it will be fairly soon. For those of you who don't already know, the City of Lake Oswego owns our current building and will be moving forward to develop this location into multi-level apartments and retail space. We're excited about the new location, and we are looking forward to showing off our new digs!

JTD staff changes are happening also. This includes adding our new Concierge, Michael Borza. Michael has a pleasant, helpful and outgoing personality that fits right in with our JTD family. He has cruised extensively with friends and family. His hotel concierge background is a perfect fit, and reinforces our mission to help our clients find the best agent for their next adventure.



The Julie's Travel staff has been on the move to some exotic locations this year also. Michelle Cloud spent two weeks in Thailand... so be sure to ask her about bathing an elephant! Melinda Wittman spent time this summer in Scandinavia

and Russia aboard Princess Cruises. And sightsee she did...Melinda racked up more steps on her fitbit in one day than she ever thought possible!



Our Corvallis based agents spent some time traveling this year also. Wence Kvam visited family and friends in her native Norway and also enjoyed a Princess cruise while in Scandinavia. Beth Bonham had the chance to visit Malta, crossing off

another of her "Bucket List" destinations.



Jamie Anderson spent some time in the Riviera Maya researching all-inclusive resorts for potential destination wedding and honeymoon locations, his specialty.

Hollis Davis hasn't ventured too far from home this year other than "shuffling off" to Buffalo last spring, but she hopes to find time to take another trip to Australia in 2019.

Sandi Hanna and her husband John will be escorting a group on friends in January to Vietnam and Cambodia on AMA Waterways. If this destination is on your radar, call Sandi for more information.

Wanderlust is in our blood, so once we are settled in the new office, rest assured our staff will be on the move again before long. Venturing out to new destinations further increases our ability to help plan even more unforgettable trips for our clients.

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## Movin' On Up!

You've traveled...you've cruised the big ships, vacationed in some beautiful resorts, possibly taken an escorted tour, and probably have spent more time in coach class than in the "front of the plane". Now may be the time to move up! We don't mean that price is no object, a budget is a budget whether large or small, but as you plan your future travels, you should consider the overall value for the dollar. It may be time to "move up"!

Move up your cruise experience! Some cruise lines offer more amenities than others which may include: beverages, gratuities, some or all shore excursions, etc. They may be more expensive initially, but after all of your onboard purchases, the final cost might surprise you. Moving up may be a better value overall.

Move up your accommodation style! Higher category rooms in hotels and resorts may cost a bit more, but traditionally also have a better location, view, etc. They also may include more amenities such as free wifi, parking, a club lounge with included daily breakfast or cocktail/hors d'oeuvres hour or even a specialty dinner.

Move up your tour company! Escorted tours are traditionally an excellent value and most include accommodations, transportation and tour escort, but only basic sightseeing and limited meals. Move up to a small group tour or to a more inclusive tour operator and you will not only increase your overall satisfaction, but receive more amenities such as upgraded hotels, more included meals, specialty dining, and one-of-a-kind sightseeing experiences, again giving you more value for your dollar.

While you'll get there at the same time regardless of being in the back of the plane or the front, more airlines are offering affordable options a step up from coach class. Premium Economy, an upgraded coach class seat, comes with a bit higher airfare, it also includes more such as more legroom, priority boarding, further recline, and often cocktails. We also have some amazing unpublished Business Class fares, so ask your agent the next time you are making air arrangements, you may be surprised.

You work hard...maybe it's time to reward yourself with a vacation a step up from your last.

## Australia... Every day's a G'Day!

Australia, the land Down Under, is nothing less than magical. Visiting Australia is life-changing and once you've been there you will long to return to the land of Waltzing Matilda.



Kangaroos, koalas, the Outback, the iconic Sydney Opera House.. just a few of the reasons to visit this amazing country. Julie's Travel Desk specializes in helping our clients experience Australia. Everyone has different travel styles, and whether it be by cruise, escorted tour or self-drive adventure, Julie's can make your visit to Australia exactly what you dream it will be. Is it a long flight? Yes, but you'll get there faster than you think. A couple of meals, a movie to two, a refreshing nap, and before you know it, you're ready to meet your new Australian mates!

Customized itineraries are our specialty and we work hand in hand with the experts at Down Under Answers to provide our clients with a unique and unforgettable Australian vacation. Whether your budget is limited or unlimited, we work hard to assure you an excellent value for your vacation dollar.

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- Round trip transfers

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## Thai for Two, or three or four...

Thailand is a hugely popular destination for both couples as well as groups of family and friends. Traveling to Thailand is still quite affordable and a virtual explosion of unique travel experiences.

Have you ever wanted to bathe an elephant? Or take a Thai cooking class? How about a meditation retreat at a centuries old temple? Wiggle your toes in the sugary sand just steps away from a tropical jungle? You can do all of these and so much more in magical Thailand...and Julie's Travel Desk can take you there.



With the help of our trusted wholesalers, like Asia Answers, we can offer an amazing Thailand adventure customized especially for you and include fabulous once-in-a-lifetime experiences. Just

ask our own Michelle Cloud about her recent Thailand adventures, and her enthusiasm for this special destination will shine through.

## Viking the "Thinking" Persons Cruise

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- No entrance fee for the Spa

Julie's Travel is one of the top selling travel agencies for Viking River and Viking Ocean in the Pacific Northwest. We work with dedicated Viking agents to create the perfectly arranged vacation from the initial booking to the finalization. Our Viking specialists can help with itinerary choices, cabin selection, handling pre and/or post cruise arrangements as well as have an in-depth knowledge of how to customize the Viking airfare to suit our clients' preferences.

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## Insurance = Assurance

Travel is one of the most rewarding experiences in life, and we at Julie's Travel Desk spend our days helping clients plan dream vacations. Part of our job is to help clients understand the booking and cancellation penalties for their specific trip and also offer the option of purchasing travel insurance to cover their monetary investment, and also for the peace of mind of having medical and emergency assistance while travelling.

We want to stress that insurance is optional, but an informed traveler should make the decision whether or not to purchase travel insurance coverage. There are differences in coverage between companies, and whether you purchase insurance through a cruise line, tour operator, our agency, or independently... Do your research.

Here are a few basic tips to consider.

*When should you buy travel insurance?* Often, *when to buy*, is as important as which type of insurance to buy. Putting off your decision could make the difference of whether or not you qualify for the coverage you need.

*How much coverage is needed?* What are the cancellation penalties charged by the airline, hotels, cruise line or tour operator? Do you need to cover the cost of the entire trip or just part of it for the best coverage?

*Do you need coverage for Pre-Existing medical conditions?* If so, make sure your chosen insurance offers this coverage and understand their rules for this type of coverage.

*Are you fit to travel at the time you take out insurance?* An impending surgery or medical procedure may invalidate your coverage, so make sure you read and understand the fine print in the policy.

We are happy to answer basic questions and have our insurance partners provide quotes, but for specific coverage questions we recommend clients call the toll free numbers all insurance companies provide. There is great value in having travel insurance coverage, from recouping non-refundable penalties to emergency assistance when far from home, but be sure to purchase the insurance that best suits your specific needs.

### Pumpkin Soup...an Austrian Fall Treasure

Pumpkins are met with fanfare at Austria's harvest festivals where you will find pumpkin breads, casseroles, cakes, roasted seeds and their pride and joy Pumpkin Seed Oil!

- Approximately 1 lb pumpkin, seeded and diced
- 32 oz. chicken or vegetable stock
- 1 onion, chopped
- 2 garlic cloves
- 1/2 tsp paprika
- 1 bay leaf
- 1 tbsp pumpkin seed oil (olive oil can be used but pumpkin seed oil offers a nuttier flavor)
- 2.5 tbsp butter
- 1 cup heavy cream
- Salt and pepper to taste
- Approximately 5 tbsp roasted pumpkin seeds



Preparation: -

1. In large pan, fry onion and garlic in the butter until fragrant.
2. Add the paprika, bay leaf, stock, pumpkin, salt and pepper. Simmer until the pumpkin is very soft.
3. Remove bay leaf and blend the soup. Add the cream and pumpkin seed oil. Check seasoning for taste.
4. Serve piping hot and sprinkle with pumpkin seeds to garnish. Makes 8 servings. ENJOY!

### Where DID Waldo go?

We may not know where Waldo went, but we do know the top ten international destinations according to the United Nations World Tourism Organization. Global tourist arrivals grew 6.8% in 2017, hitting 1.32 billion travelers. That's 84 million more travelers than the previous year. Here are the "Top Ten" destinations according to the UNWTO!

1. France — 86.9 million
2. Spain — 81.8 million
3. Unites States — 75.9 million
4. China — 60.7 million
5. Italy — 58.3 million
6. Mexico — 39.3 million
7. United Kingdom — 37.7 million
8. Turkey — 37.6 million
9. Germany — 37.5 million
10. Thailand — 35.4 million

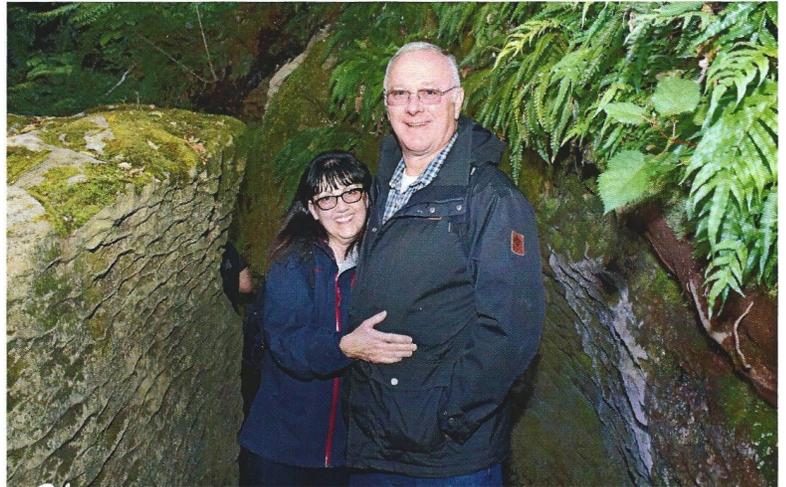


Regarding cruise travel, CLIA, the Cruise Lines International Association announced 25.8 million people cruised in 2017. This number accounts for passengers cruising on worldwide, ocean-going ships and river vessels of CLIA's 54 member and affiliate cruise lines.

## ***JTD's Photo Ops from Around the World!***



Lynn and Harry Kingston “ROCK” during their adventure to Peru with Alexander & Roberts.



Dale and Cathy Rutledge at New Zealand's Te Anau Glowworm caves.



Cheryl Daut and Patricia Keffer's recent Collette China experience included a cruise on Li River with dramatic karst limestone peaks in the background.



Morry and Cindy Jones, April and Jeff Schmidt thoroughly enjoying Machu Picchu before their Silversea South America Cruise.



Dinnertime aboard the Zuiderdam for Annelies and Peter Kloosterman on their Holland America Panama Canal/Caribbean cruise.

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