



Trip Quest Travel Services

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Hello Fellow Travelers,

It's the month of LOVE and how better to experience love than to travel with friends and family! Steve and I saw this picture etched beside the beautiful beach in Turks and Caicos two weeks ago. If you haven't discovered this beautiful island tucked into the Caribbean, I would love to share some travel ideas for family or couple getaways. With a direct flight of just over two hours from Atlanta, this is one place that you should consider no matter the time of year. Little humidity and 70's temperatures make it an ideal spot!



January has been super busy with clients planning their trips for the next year or more. Popular destinations so far have been European river cruises plus Alaskan cruises and Canadian train travel! Of course, we are still working on the plans for our Israel trip in November and have one more information meeting planned for **Tuesday, February 11** at 6:30. If you think you might be interested in hearing more about the trip, let me know.

Hope you will enjoy the tips shown below for exploring an Alaskan adventure this summer or next!

Alaska is HOT

Alaska might be in the U.S., but anyone who's visited know it's a different world...definitely beyond the ordinary, and if planned with each traveler in mind, can be such an adventure! Here are four sample options that I book and people of all ages love:



1. Princess Cruiseline is one of the best of the mainline cruiselines specializing in Alaska for more than 25 years! They have National Park Rangers on board to help you make the most of the time when you are not visiting the ports of Ketchikan, Juneau, and Skagway. The main cruise is the seven day Voyage of the Glaciers. Then I can help you add on a few days in Vancouver before the cruise and a cruisetour into Anchorage, Denali, and Fairbanks for a few days after the cruise.
2. There are several expedition small ships such as Windstar, Lindblad, and American Cruiseline that provide 7-14 days exploring both the large and small ports along the way. Time is also given on some of these small ships to get out into the water in sea kayaks and get up and personal with the glaciers.
3. What if cruising is not your thing? I can plan a wonderful expedition into Alaska with a base in Anchorage and daily excursions to do thing like walking on a glacier, fly fishing, or exploring the many nature preserves filled with flowers on walks and hikes. These small group tours can include the small towns of Talkeetna, the amazing Denali National Park, and even Fairbanks.

Give me a call or drop me an email if you are interested in any of these possibilities!



2016 Group of friends on the Alaska Princess Cruise Tour.



Puppies in the Piazza*

Some of Skagway's newest sled dogs come aboard! Snap a picture with the puppies and meet their dog handlers who will be training them for a life of dog mushing.

Introducing!

Although Trip Quest Travel has several agents who work with us, I am pleased to announce that Liza Dozier will be working closely with me as a new agent with our agency. She has been helping me weekly for the last year in my home office and is ready to take on her own clients. She will specialize in helping clients with Disney vacations, New York City vacations, Caribbean cruises, and all-inclusive trips. I will be referring some of these requests to her and will work alongside her as she builds her business! She is a young, married mom of two who is thrilled to work part time in this interesting field while her children are young and then develop it into a full time business as they get older.



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These South Carolina clients celebrated the new year in Machu Picchu with a marvelous land trip after completing an Amazon cruise with their grown children and grandchildren.



Steve and I enjoyed a quick getaway to Beaches in Turks and Caicos – what a super multi-generational experience! There is a huge water park for the kids with lots of included ocean water sports, wonderful adult meal experiences, and of course the beautiful azure-colored Caribbean Sea...all in a safe and fun experience for kids of ALL ages.

Quick Links for Group Travel

The bucket-list trip for 2021! We have seventeen already booked for March, 2021 on Viking's unique Ocean Voyage itinerary shown below. You can even add on some time before or after to explore Italy in-depth. This will probably sell out before this summer, but right now there is some space still available. We are going to have so much fun

Iconic Adriatic Antiquities



The Holy Land

We have 24 registered for our Israel trip in November of this year, but we have space for twelve more if you'd like to join us. See the trip info below or contact me for more info. An informational meeting is also being planned for February 11th at 6:30. Let me know if you'd like to come to get more information!



Bible Land Exploration Brochure

Fun Fact about Israel:

- Voicemail technology was developed in Israel.
- The Dead Sea is the lowest place on Earth.

- Jerusalem's Mount of Olives is the world's oldest continuously used cemetery.

Email me here!



About Me!

I am Lauren Williams, a partner in Trip Quest Travel Services for the past five years. Moving from three decades in education to becoming a travel consultant has caused me to shift from "The Doctor of Education" to "The Doctor of Travel." My clients are often just like me – they want a rejuvenating vacation that teaches them about the world and the cultures around them. I love beautiful scenery, exploring new places, and learning something new every day! Aside from travel, I stay busy with my husband, Steve, and our four children and twelve grandchildren. Staying active in the church and in our community feeds our soul as well. I love to play tennis, pickle ball, and bridge when I am not helping clients plan that perfect trip! Because our world is so much smaller now, I am happy to work with clients wherever they might live...but by referral only! Hope you enjoy my monthly newsletter – let me know if there is something you'd like to know more about!

