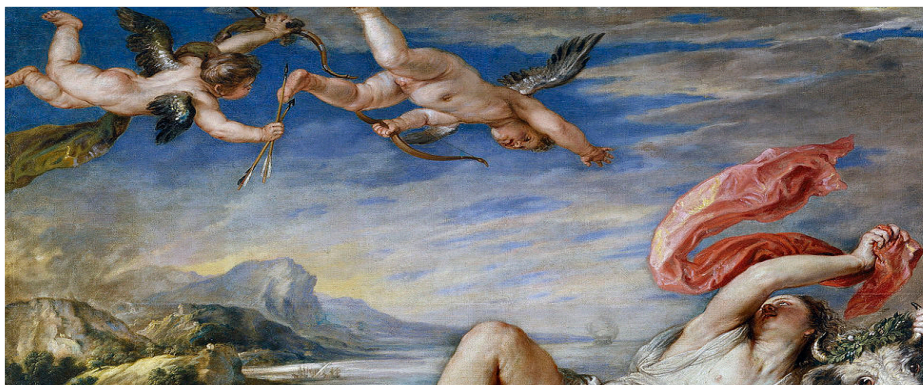




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INTO THE HEART OF EUROPE

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Well, the big news around here is, of course, the so-called “Brexit” - but I’ll talk about that in more detail elsewhere. Right now, we have another major news event to discuss.

Please join me in welcoming Kelsey Barry to our team here in Keene. Kelsey has just graduated from Endicott College, and brings with her a wealth of knowledge about modern marketing techniques (have you looked at our Facebook page recently?) combined with a deep love of travel. A match made in heaven!

So the busy spring is now behind us and we slip into the doldrums of summer - before we get really busy again in the fall. I used to worry about how quiet it was in July and August (just 3 trips going out in each month), until I realised that this happens because we have wise travellers. If you don’t have to, why would you choose the hottest, most crowded and most expensive time of the year to travel?

The irony, of course, is that I do have to travel (for vacation) in August, because I still have a child in high school . . . and because it’s the only time of year when it’s quiet enough in the office for me to get away!

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THE PEOPLE HAVE SPOKEN!

Last week, as you are no doubt aware, Britain held a referendum as to whether to remain a member of the European Union, and, in a very close result, voted to leave. I do not often editorialise in this newsletter - in fact I can’t remember the last time that I did so - but I cannot remain silent in the face of such a disastrous and ill-conceived decision.

I was in England the week before the vote, and it was obvious to me then that the people voting to “leave” were doing so for emotional reasons - like fear of immigrants and some nebulous concept of losing their sovereignty. The practical repercussions of the decision did not enter into the process by which it was made.

When people are disenchanted with their lot in life it is natural (although not exactly helpful) to look around for someone to blame. In this case the populist wrath focused on “those bureaucrats in Brussels forcing us to accept all these immigrants who then steal our jobs and sponge off our welfare system.” When hearing these arguments expressed, I am always confused: if the immigrants are stealing your jobs - i.e. working, paying taxes, etc - how can they also be taking advantage of the welfare system?

The reality, I fear, is slowly sinking in. If Britain does indeed exit the EU, it will have to deal with: the status of over 1 million British citizens living in Europe and even more EU citizens living in Britain, the reissuing of passports to 60 million UK citizens, rewriting almost every single piece of legislation enacted since we joined 43 years ago, securing the border between Northern Ireland (non-EU) and the Republic of Ireland (EU), and the border between England and Scotland when Scotland votes to leave the UK and remain a part of the EU, and renegotiating trade deals with almost every country in the world - the list is endless and is probably the reason why David Cameron has resigned as Prime Minister and why Boris Johnson has realised he doesn’t want the job after all (maybe he’s not so dumb!).

However, my main objection to the whole thing is more philosophical than practical. The last 70 years represent a tiny oasis of peace on a continent that has traditionally fought amongst itself for well over 2000 years, including two disastrous World Wars. Can the EU take credit for this period of peace and stability? Probably not, but it has certainly helped! People who are intricately entwined economically are much less likely to go to war with each other. Meanwhile let’s all take advantage of the strong dollar and travel to Europe!

Happy, Safe, Travels, *Michael*



FALLING IN LOVE

JOANNA LABOUNTY, DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS

I have fallen in love. My head lost high in the clouds, daydreaming.

There is something intoxicating that has my heart a flutter and my sights set directly on the tiny island cast off from the rest of Europe. Its landscape dramatic, where stunningly steep cliffs tumble into the ever pounding waves of the Atlantic. The lemon yellow sun beams down upon the lush laurel forests, gardens a burst with color in a perpetual state of spring.

I have fallen in love with the Portuguese island of Madeira, and yet my feet have never stepped off the plane in Funchal. Well, not yet.

Unrequited love no more! I am currently working with several companies in Madeira to plan my exploration. I will sleep where Churchill rested his head, taste the evil looking Black Scabbardfish, wash it down with local poncha, hike along the Levadas, and soar high above the city in a cable car. I'll adventure all across the island all in the name of great tour planning! Follow along on Facebook as I post my adventures and show you what magic Madeira can offer you too! Or better still, join me on *The Magic of Madeira* (February 24th - March 5th)!

Will 2017 be the year you fall in love with Madeira too?

AUTUMN TOURS TO ENGLAND 2016

As we sit and look out the window, winter has shed its heavy coat and the redbud, azaleas, and creeping flox are in full bloom. And because the color seems to last for so little time over here, why not extend it with a trip to England in the fall? Each of our featured trips below includes a combination of history, art, architecture and gardens in three unique and beautiful parts of the country: *The West Country* with visits to Jane Austen country in Bath, King Arthur's legendary birthplace of Tintagel and Glastonbury the place of the "holy grail"; *Treasure Houses of Northern England* with stays in York and the Lake District and visits to beautiful Harewood House, Newby Hall, Castle Howard and Chatsworth; and *Kent: The Garden of England* with visits to the childhood home and countryside of Anne Boleyn, historic Canterbury, and Battle, named for the Battle of Hastings.



TREASURE HOUSES OF NORTHERN ENGLAND, SEPTEMBER 8TH - 17TH

THE WEST COUNTRY, SEPTEMBER 15TH - 24TH

KENT: THE GARDEN OF ENGLAND, OCTOBER 6TH - 15TH

A THANKSGIVING MYSTERY, NOVEMBER 18TH - 26TH

See the autumn splendor of England and experience myth, legend, natural beauty, romance, gardens, and history with Discover Europe.

OUR FAVORITE HOTELS

THE CASTLE HOTEL

The Castle Hotel is one of the most renowned 4-star hotels in England. Run by three generations of the Chapman family, the hotel's rich history spans over a millennium. Ideally located in the breathtaking and pastoral landscape of England's West Country, there are countless opportunities to explore the beauty of this region just around the next bend.

Experience the rich legacy of The Castle Hotel on one of our upcoming trips to England.



SCHEDULED TRIPS: FALL 2016 - JUNE 2017

Discover Europe also runs tours that are custom-designed for various organizations such as Harvard University, Bryn Mayr, Smith College, Tufts University, Vassar College and many others. Although these "sponsored" tours are not listed below, they are very often available to non-members upon request. Full details can be found on our website.

Discover Europe can also organize private tours. Please contact us for details - we are always happy to talk about the process.

CROATIA

THE DALMATIAN COAST
APRIL 20TH - 29TH 2017

ENGLAND

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THE BEST OF ENGLISH GARDENS
MAY 16TH - 25TH 2017

THE WEST COUNTRY
JUNE 8TH - 17TH 2017

THE FIRST LADIES OF GARDENING
JUNE 14TH - 23RD 2017

FRANCE

GARDENS OF THE DORDOGNE
AUG 31ST -
SEPT 10TH 2016

THE CHATEAU DE CAMON
OCT. 14TH -
22ND 2016

THE GARDENS OF WINE COUNTRY
MAY 4TH - 13TH 2017

NORMANDY, BRITTANY & THE LOIRE
MAY 25TH - JUNE 3RD 2017

GERMANY/AUSTRIA

THE NEW BERLIN
SEPT 29TH - OCT 8TH 2016

A CHRISTMAS RHAPSODY
DECEMBER 2ND - 10TH 2016

THE ROMANTIC ROAD
JUNE 8TH - 17TH 2017

GREECE

A GREEK EASTER
APRIL 14TH -
23RD 2017

HOLLAND

FLORAL FLANDERS
MARCH 27TH -
APRIL 5TH 2017



ICELAND

ICELAND PANORAMA
AUG 28TH - SEPT 4TH 2016

GAME OF THRONES
APRIL 20TH - 25TH 2017

Please note that we are running many other sponsored tours to Iceland in February and March that may well have spaces open to the general public. Please enquire for details.

IRELAND

THE ISLAND OF SAINTS & SCHOLARS
JUNE 15TH - 24TH 2017

ITALY

THE ITALIAN KITCHEN
OCTOBER 6TH - 15TH 2016

THE ISLAND OF SICILY
NOVEMBER 10TH - 18TH 2016

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UNDER THE TUSCAN SUN
MAY 5TH - 12TH 2017

ITALIAN LAKES & GARDENS
JUNE 1ST - 10TH 2017

PORTUGAL

THE MAGIC OF MADEIRA
FEB 24TH - MAR 5TH 2017

LANDSCAPES OF PORTUGAL
APRIL 27TH - MAY 6TH 2017

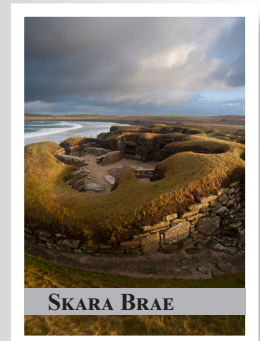
SCOTLAND

ROYAL SCOTLAND
SEPTEMBER 20TH - 30TH 2016

CHRISTMAS IN SCOTLAND
DEC. 21ST - 29TH 2016

THE GARDENS OF SCOTLAND
JUNE 1ST - 10TH 2017

THE WILD ISLANDS OF SCOTLAND
JUNE 24TH - JULY 3RD 2017



SPAIN

AL ANDALUS
OCT 28TH - NOV 5TH 2016

THANKSGIVING IN MALLORCA
NOVEMBER 19TH - 27TH 2016

THE PILGRIM'S WAY
APRIL 6TH - 15TH 2017

ALLURING ANDALUSIA
APRIL 17TH - 25TH 2017

WALES

WALES AND THE WELSH BORDERS
MAY 11TH - 20TH 2017



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because the tours provide the
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and intimacy of small numbers, and
the tender loving care that allows
me to feel safe and comfortable.*

Stephanie R., Yonkers, NY

*Learning more about the world
inspires me to be a better person.*

Carl C., New York, NY

THE WEST COUNTRY SEPTEMBER 15TH - 24TH 2016

You don't normally think of England and picture sandy beaches and palm trees. However, let the beautiful West Country tell you a different tale. This story involves the rich history of a secluded corner of England; smugglers, the lost land of Lyonesse, the birthplace of King Arthur, and wonderful, spectacular coastlines.

The tour will start in London and then travel south west with overnight stays in the towns of Penzance and Taunton. Visits to picturesque coastal villages will bring to life the rich literary heritage of the region; from Daphne du Maurier's

Jamaica Inn to Winston Graham's *Poldark*, and Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's *Hound of the Baskervilles*, Cornwall has inspired story-tellers through the ages.

From Tintagel on the north coast (pictured left) to St. Michael's Mount (on the right), and across the deserted, misty moors in between, this is a land of romance and tales of derring-do.

Call Discover Europe today at 1.866.563.7077 or visit our website for the full itinerary. We warmly welcome you to join us in *The West Country*.

