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LOOKING BACK 1973 & 1977

In 1973, I was looking for a summer job after a year of teaching. A 3x5 card posted at University of Washington job board caught my eye. Although, this "Jersey Girl" had never been to Alaska, I applied for the *Information Clerk* position at Seatac airport. Two days later I was hired, given a large sack of brochures and a phone number to call if I couldn't find the answer. From my first day at the airport, I was hooked on travel. It was adventurous, happy and interactive. For 3 summers, I answered questions about traveling to Alaska and I became a trivia expert on the 49th state. Then there were budget cuts and some life changes. Baby David happily entered my life, there was still time on my hands and I missed the buzz of the Airport. In February 1977, I completed Travel Central Academy in Bellevue and immediately was hired. With almost 8 years at Action Travel in Renton and recent Travel Career Development Award, I began instructing other about the industry. I continued to teach and work as an agent for over ten years. Since 1999, I've specialized in Group tours and cruises for families, clubs and organizations, modifying set programs to include special moments for them.

In the forty years, I have escorted over 30 groups, visited Alaska 20 times, been on 37 cruises, earned a dozen awards & certificates, and arranged many group experiences. In the past 40 years, the industry has changed so simple trips are "do-it-yourself." Many of my clients have passed away, doing their own thing, or are not traveling anymore. Recent changes in my life have prompted me to reflect. 2017 will complete my full 40 years in the industry. Retirement with a few personal journeys that will be open to my closest clients and friends will start in 2018. If you want one last group tour or cruise arranged with Priceless Sunset Journeys, now is the time to ask. It's been priceless journey for me, Kathleen

LOOKING AHEAD 2015-17

The focus for the next several years will be in two areas, new places and favorite repeats. On my office wall hangs a world map dotted with brightly colored pins. Both Don and I have marked the places we have been. Red pins indicate places on the bucket list. Future new destinations include: Mexico City and nearby Shrine, Southern Italy, Germany, Eastern Canada including Quebec, Adriatic coast with Medjugorje plus WWI - WWII sites for my husband.

Some destinations hold a special place in my heart and will be repeated. Alaska, Israel and Palestine, California, and Washington DC are among those.

In 2015, Don and I are taking a weekend exploring with a few friends, the Pacific Northwest History of our Catholic Church. In the Fall, we will also joining the "Best of Eastern Canada" tour with special additions of St. Anne De Beaupre and St. Kateri Tekakwitha Shrines. There is still room on the bus for you to join us, but act fast. A late booking penalty fee occurs after April 13.

In 2016, we will be taking a river cruise in central Europe with friends. We are still not sure if it will be in the Spring or Fall. I will continue working at the Cruise ship Piers in Seattle in summer and serving the Seattle Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women. The slow voyage will check off bucket list sites.

Besides meeting fellow travelers and local residents, I enjoy the culture and history of different areas. I'd still like to learn more about my Irish, Swiss and German roots. I'd like to taste more local cuisine, beers, and wines. Learning more about the Catholic history of the west coast intrigues me. It's possible a "Footsteps of Fr. Serra" in memory of Brother Max Bianchi will come to fruition. As I sort through notebooks and pictures, I will be posting on Facebook, competing a memory album and embracing the best of the 40 years of my travel career.

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Winter-Spring 2015

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Northwest OR & WA
Saturday & Sunday
April 18 & 19, 2015***

\$269.00 per person shared room,

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Motor Coach transportation,

**1 night at Best Western Rivershore Oregon City
Lunch, Breakfast, 2 Dinners, taxes, touring, & MORE
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Saturday: 8AM Depart Renton/Kent

12N Arrive Mt. Angel Seminary for Lunch

1PM Tour Seminary, Grounds, and Museum

Meet **Seattle Archdiocese Seminarians**

5PM Vespers/Dinner with Seminarians & Borthers

7PM Clackamas Mall Shopping (Close at 9pm)

Sunday: 8AM Check out and Rendezvous for a Surprise Extra

9:30AM Arrive Oldest Catholic Church in Oregon
Introduction to church with **Mass** following

11:30AM Arrive Woodburn Outlets for Shopping
(Lunch on own, coupons supplied)

2PM **Ft. Vancouver & Pierson Airfield**
(site of first Catholic Mission)

4PM Visit to St. James Proto Cathedral

5:30PM Dinner at Playa Azul in Kalama

9PM Arrive back in Renton

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share this experience with
you!"*

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Day 2: Frankfurt (embark)

Arrive at Frankfurt International Airport, where you will be transferred to ship.

Day 3: Frankfurt

Dive into the energy of sophisticated Frankfurt with your guide. In the evening, enjoy Captain's Welcome Reception and Gala Dinner.

Day 4: Cruising the Main River, Wertheim Join your local guide for a walk through the town of Wertheim, where you can look across by a master baker in a private village wine estate.

Day 5: Würzburg The opulent Würzburg Residenz is an extraordinary baroque palace and a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Day 6: Kitzingen (Rothenburg) Revel in one of Germany's oldest and most celebrated Christmas markets, Reiterlesmarkt, You will also want to visit Käthe Wohlfahrt's original Christmas shop and stop in at ad enlightful museum that displays toys that date to the 17th century.

Day 7: Nuremberg On your guided excursion, visit Kaiserburg, the castle that housed every emperor of the Holy Roman Empire. Finish the day shopping at the festive Christkindlesmarkt, the largest and oldest Christmas Market in Germany. In the evening, enjoy a Captain's Farewell Reception and Gala Dinner.

Day 8: Nuremberg (disembark) Disembark the ship and transfer to Airport.

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