

Shana Tova to my wonderful travel family who celebrate this New Year.

As I write this, I've just finished a conference webinar on *Peace Through Tourism*, and it struck me how closely the spirit of travel aligns with the spirit of the New Year.

Travel gives us the opportunity to find inner peace. We step away from our routines, chores, deadlines, and daily responsibilities. We slow down, become present, and give ourselves the gift of discovery, reflection, and joy.

But travel also has the power to create peace beyond ourselves. Every time we cross a border, we have the chance to leave behind assumptions and embrace understanding. We support communities and economies around the world, and with every conversation, shared meal, and new friendship, we help break down stereotypes and build connections. In many ways, each traveler becomes an ambassador for peace.

The more we travel, the more we learn that people everywhere share many of the same hopes, values, and dreams. Those discoveries make our world feel a little smaller, a little kinder, and a little more connected.

As we welcome the New Year, may it bring each of you good health, happiness, meaningful adventures, and moments of peace. May your journeys, both near and far, continue to open your hearts, broaden your perspectives, and remind you of the remarkable connections that unite us all.

Wishing you and your loved ones a sweet, healthy, adventurous, and peaceful New Year.

Shana Tova!



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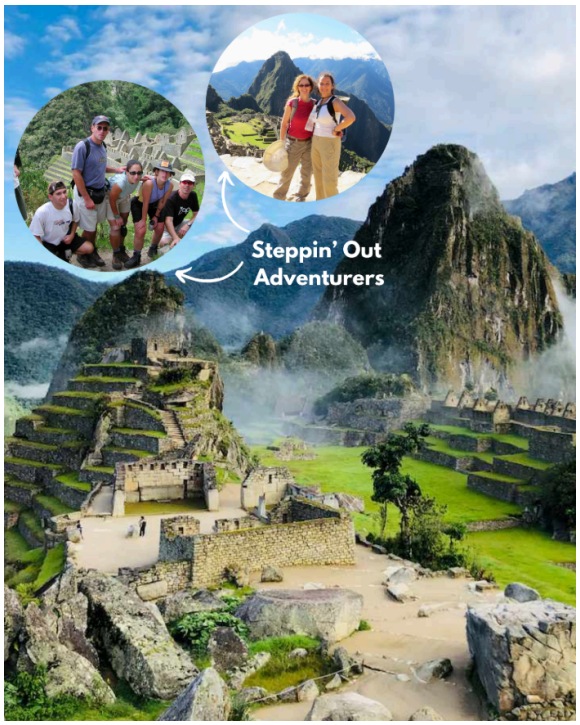
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