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Oceania Cruises, the world's leading culinary and destination-focused cruise line was formed in 2002 with a fleet of 3 ships. In June of 2025, the fleet will sail with 8 beautiful intimate ships calling on more than 600 alluring destinations across Europe, Alaska, Asia, Africa, Australia, New Zealand, New England-Canada, Bermuda, the Caribbean, the Panama Canal, Tahiti and the South Pacific.

Their fleet of warm and luxurious ships consists of Regatta, Insignia, Nautica & Sirena, which accommodate 684 guests, Marina & Riviera which accommodate 1250 guests and Vista & Allura which accommodate 1200 guests. On a voyage with Oceania Cruises, each day offers an exciting opportunity to experience the history, culture, art, and cuisine of a wondrous new destination.

On-board life consists of gracious personalized service, country club casual ambiance that is elegant yet relaxed, a multitude of enriching activities that reflect the varied interests of those with an appreciation for the finer things in life, the Canyon Ranch Spa Club featured on board every ship offering massages, facials, other spa treatments plus complimentary fitness classes, wellness lectures and vegan and spa cuisine options in the restaurants. You will enjoy a Monte Carlo-style casino, production shows, headline entertainers, stylish boutiques, a well-stocked library, Internet center and more.

Complimentary unlimited soft drinks, bottled water, cappuccino, espresso, teas, and juices are available throughout their ships. On board Marina, Riviera, Vista, and Allura, you will find The Culinary Center offers a variety of cooking classes which is the first hands-on cooking school at sea.

Their superb gourmet restaurants serve delectable dishes and offer a remarkable array of choice from



Continental cuisine, Asian cuisine, French Cuisine and authentic Italian to American creations at Vista and Allura's new signature restaurant, Ember. Every restaurant on board is complimentary and features open seating so you may dine wherever and whenever suits your taste and schedule; however, reservations are required at their specialty restaurants.

As you sail from one captivating destination to the next, Oceania Cruises' commitment to culinary excellence shines from beginning to end. Their menus are the most

expansive and diverse at sea featuring an incredible spectrum of world flavors as well as an Executive Chefs Food and Wine Pairing available every evening featuring dishes specifically curated for their complimentary and contrasting flavors.

Exuding the perfect blend of small ship luxury and timeless style, their ships become your ultimate sanctuary during your voyage. Luxe residential furnishings, bespoke artwork, and designer accents create a sophisticated and affable ambiance and welcome you back after each adventure ashore. From the Aquamar Spa + Vitality Center and multiple gourmet restaurants to your luxurious accommodations, you'll discover all the comforts of home and more.

With a spectacular menagerie of diverse and exotic destinations, your world is just waiting to be discovered, and there is no better way to explore it than on the elegant ships of Oceania Cruises. Their unique itineraries are specifically designed to showcase the most fascinating destinations across the globe.

The Travel Advisors at Warwick Travel can assist you with your dream destination along with all the benefits of booking an Oceania Cruise.



Greetings from the Editor

Nancy Alligood, CTC

Are You REAL ID Ready?

On May 7, 2025, U.S. travelers must be **REAL ID** compliant to board domestic flights and access certain federal facilities.

If you are traveling internationally, you will still need your passport. If you are traveling domestically, you will only need one valid form of identification – either your **REAL ID** Driver's License or another acceptable alternative such as a passport, not both.

The **REAL ID** can be obtained from your local DMV.



Canadian Rockies Circle Journey

Dee King



Embark on an unforgettable 10-day journey through Western Canada, starting and ending with 1 night in Vancouver. You'll traverse through the majestic Canadian Rockies on two of their most popular routes, Journey through the Clouds and First Passage to the West.

Travel onboard Rocky Mountaineer from the coastal city of Vancouver to Kamloops, located in the heart of British Columbia's interior. Experience dramatic changes in scenery, from the lush green fields of the Fraser Valley, through forests and winding river canyons surrounded by the peaks of the Coast and Cascade Mountains, to the desert-like landscapes of the BC interior.

Your rail journey continues to the mighty Canadian Rockies and the province of Alberta experiencing ever-changing scenery of iconic glaciers and snow-capped peaks of the Canadian Rockies as you travel on to Banff to overnight.

A morning half-day transfer takes you into Yoho National Park to view some of its natural wonders. The tour ends in Lake Louise where you will spend the night.

Continue your journey from Lake Louise to Jasper on a sightseeing tour of Banff and Jasper National Parks via the Icefields Parkway. Bow Lake, the Columbia Icefield, Glacier Skywalk, and Athabasca Falls are among some of the day's highlights. The Columbia Icefield has one of the largest accumulations of ice south of the Arctic Circle and one of the most accessible icefields in North America. Ride on an Ice Explorer to the middle of the Athabasca Glacier to learn about its geological features. You will arrive in Jasper in the late afternoon where you will stay.

Continue your rail adventure from Jasper to Kamloops where you will overnight and from Kamloops back to Vancouver.

The Travel Advisors at Warwick Travel will gladly assist you with a detailed itinerary, dates and prices as you plan this exciting rail adventure to this fascinating destination. Think ahead for your 2025 travel plans!



National Parks of America

Marion Liffick



Your 12-day journey through five of America's most incredible national parks begins in Scottsdale, Arizona.

You will travel to Sedona and venture through beautiful scenery before arriving at one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World, the spectacular Grand Canyon. The next morning, you will head to Lake Powell for dinner and sunset views of the lake.

Your next destination is Springdale, Utah, the gateway to Zion National Park. Climb aboard Zion's open-air tram and wind your way alongside the Virgin River and through the 2,400-foot deep, half-mile wide Zion Canyon. Continue to Salt Lake City where you will visit Bryce Canyon National Park, one of the most spectacular scenic wonders of the world.

Jackson Hole, Wyoming, Grand Teton and Yellowstone National Parks are next on your list where you will explore the park's incredible sights. As you pass through Cody, you will visit Buffalo Bill Center of the West, a tribute to one of the most well-known figures of the Old West.

As you head to your final destination, Rapid City, South Dakota, you will visit Crazy Horse Memorial, a monument dedicated to Native Americans. Later, you will see Mount Rushmore, whose four figures carved in stone represent the first 150 years of American history.

Experience the grandeur of the American West as you explore five fantastic national parks on this exciting journey.

The Travel Advisors at Warwick Travel will gladly assist you with a detailed itinerary, dates and prices as you plan your exciting adventure to this fascinating destination.

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Discover the unparalleled magic of Croatia through a carefully balanced blend of an extravagant land journey and a week-long luxury cruise. From cosmopolitan Zagreb, through the dramatic beauty of the Plitvice Lakes National Park, you will explore hidden gems among the Adriatic islands to a dazzling finale in Dubrovnik.

Your tour begins in Zagreb where you will join your Local Expert on an orientation city tour showcasing the charming atmosphere of the lower town, then travel to the medieval upper town by funicular to see the colorful Church of St. Mark and Lotrščak Tower.

You will tour Pula, Istria and Plitvice Lakes National Park. Continue to the charming seaport city of Split where you will board your cruise ship for a week sailing the Adriatic and visiting various destinations in Croatia. Your final destination will be the beautiful coastal city of Dubrovnik.

Luxury Gold guests can relax right from the start with their exclusive door-to-door private transfer service. Enjoy the finest end to end experience on the world's leading limited edition small group tours. With an average of 18 guests, every journey is filled with unrivalled Passport Moments, the golden threads that create your extraordinary vacation. If passports were stamped with experiences instead of places, they would be imprinted with exceptional moments. Curated exclusively for you!

Call the Travel Advisors at Warwick Travel for a detailed itinerary, dates and prices.



Viking Cruises

Emily Barker



Viking was founded in 1997 with four river vessels and a vision that travel could be more destination-focused and culturally immersive. Today, they have grown into one of the world's leading travel companies with a fleet of nearly 100 small, state-of-the-art ships providing destination-focused journeys on rivers, oceans and lakes around the world. They are designed for experienced travelers with interests in science, history, culture and cuisine.

From their iconic journey on the world's great rivers, including their new Mississippi River itineraries, to their ocean voyages around the globe along with their extraordinary expeditions to the ends of the earth, they offer meaningful travel experiences on all seven continents in all three categories of the cruise industry – river, ocean and expedition cruising.

For detailed itineraries, dates and prices, please call the Travel Advisors at Warwick Travel.



Country Roads of Portugal

Janis Belch, CTC

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Travel through the Best of Portugal's Cities and Countryside on this 11-day guided tour. In Lisbon, a Local Expert will show you the historic downtown and the finest square in the city, Terreiro do Paço.

Cross the River Tagus to The Algarve where you will visit the lovely coastal town of Lagos. Journey to the medieval walled city of Evora where you will enjoy cathedrals, churches, aqueducts and ancient castle walls and explore the highlights of this UNESCO World Heritage Site.

From the hilltop perch of Monsaraz, see across the Spanish plains to Alqueva Lake — and meet a local boat captain, who will regale you with tales of water adventures during a cruise on its calm waters.

In Tomar, see the Templar Castle, and explore its awe-inspiring rotunda with a local expert. Indulge in a farm-to-table dinner in the Douro Valley that will feature locally sourced ingredients and taste a port wine produced onsite.

Stroll Portugal's second city, Porto, a World Heritage town, and relax in your five-star hotel in the city's picturesque historic district. From there, you will continue to the Portuguese capitol, Lisbon.

This trip operates both classic and small group departures. You can also book your own private group with as few as 12 travelers. The Travel Advisors at Warwick Travel can assist you with a detailed itinerary, travel dates and prices.



Venice, Florence & Rome

Sharon Flick

TAUCK  WORLD DISCOVERY

Your tour begins in Venice where you will explore the landmark sites with a local guide that includes views of St. Mark's Basilica and the 14th - century Doge's Palace. Enjoy a gondola ride through the historic canals that have run through the city since the 11th century.

Board a high-speed train bound for Florence where you will tour Piazza Della Signoria, Piazza Della Republica and the Duomo with a visit to Galleria dell'Accademia. Spend a day of wine & olive oil tasting as you enjoy the Tuscan countryside

You will continue on to Rome aboard a high-speed train where you will tour the Eternal City and all its highlights. Visit St. Peter's Square, the Vatican Museum, Sistine Chapel, the Colosseum and the Forum.

Train travel between three great cities and Tauck's exclusive access makes the most of your first or next trip in Italy. Linger in Rome's Sistine Chapel and Uffizi Galleries in Florence without lines, savor a taste of Chianti country with vintners, and indulge in Venetian treasures like the locals do.

This 8-day adventure offers small group departures. For a detailed itinerary and price, contact a Travel Advisor at Warwick Travel.



Cruise News



Homeport Cruising from Norfolk - 2025

CARNIVAL CRUISE LINE

Caribbean – 8 Day Cruise on the Sunshine, Feb 16; Mar 8 & 22; Apr 5 & 19; May 3, 17 & 31; Jun 14 & 28; Jul 12 & 26; Aug 9 & 23; Sep 6 & 20; Oct 4 & 18; Nov 1, 21 & 29; Dec 19, 2025.

Bahamas – 6 Day Cruise on the Sunshine, Feb 24; Mar 2, 16 & 30; Apr 13 & 27; May 11 & 25; Jun 8 & 22; Sep 28; Oct 26; Nov 9 & 15; Dec 7 & 13, 2025.

Bermuda – 6 Day Cruise on the Sunshine, Jul 6 & 20; Aug 3, 17 & 31; Sep 14; Oct 12, 2025.

Plan your “Wedding at Sea” on the Carnival Sunshine in 2025

Call the Travel Advisors at Warwick Travel for rates and a detailed itinerary on all Norfolk Sailings or for more information on a “Wedding at Sea”.

Ocean Cruises – 2025

AZAMARA CRUISES

Golf & British Isles 13-Night Voyage on the Journey, Jul 15, 2025, London to Edinburgh. Visit Liverpool, England, Dublin & Belfast, Ireland; Glasgow, Aberdeen, Dundee & Edinburgh, Scotland.

CELEBRITY CRUISES

Panama Canal & Southern Caribbean 11-Night Cruise on the Beyond, Feb 3, 2025, Ft. Lauderdale to Ft. Lauderdale. Visit Cartagena, Colombia; Colon, Panama; Oranjestad, Aruba; Kralendijk, Bonaire & Willemstad, Curacao.

DISNEY CRUISES

Western Caribbean 5-Night Cruise on the Dream, Jun 21, 2025, Ft. Lauderdale to Ft. Lauderdale. Visit Cozumel, Mexico and Castaway Cay, Disney Private Island.

HOLLAND AMERICA LINE

Alaska Inside Passage 7-Night cruise on the Koningsdam, Apr – Sep 2025, Vancouver to Vancouver. Visit Ketchikan, Juneau, & Skagway, Alaska.

NORWEGIAN CRUISES

Hawaii Inter-Island 7-Night Cruise on the Pride of America, Jan – Dec 2025, Honolulu to Honolulu. Visit Kahului, Maui; Hilo & Kona, Hawaii; Nawiliwili, Kauai.

PRINCESS CRUISES

Ocean to Ocean Panama Canal 16-Night Cruise on the Caribbean Princess, Apr 14, 2025, Port Canaveral to Los Angeles. Visit Cartagena, Panama Canal Full Transit, Fuerte Amador, Costa Rica, Huatulco & Puerto Vallarta.

REGENT CRUISES

Northern Europe 10-Night Cruise on the Seven Seas Navigator, Jun 27, 2025, Copenhagen to Stockholm. Visit Berlin, Ronne, Gdansk, Klaipeda, Tallinn, Kotka & Helsinki.

ROYAL CARIBBEAN INTERNATIONAL

Eastern Caribbean & Perfect Day 7-Night Cruise on the Icon of the Seas, Aug 2, 2025, Miami to Miami. Visit Phillipsburg, St. Maarten; Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas & Perfect Day at CocoCay, Bahamas.

SILVERSEA CRUISES

French Polynesia 11-Night Cruise on the Silver Shadow, Jan 26, 2025, Papeete to Papeete, Tahiti. Visit Fakarava, Tuamotu Archipelago; Atuona-Hiva Oa & Nuku Hiva, Marquesas Islands; Rangiora; Bora Bora; Raiatea, Moorea Islands.

VIKING OCEAN CRUISES

In Search of the Northern Lights 13-Night Cruise, Jan-Mar 2025, London to Bergen. Visit ports in Amsterdam, The Netherlands; Narvik, Tromso, Alta & Bergen, Norway.

WINDSTAR CRUISES

Naturally Costa Rica 7-Night Cruise on the Wind Star, Jan 11 & Feb 15, 2025, Puerto Caldera to Puerto Caldera. Visit Playa Flamingo, Corinto, San Juan del Sur, Playas del Coco, Quepos, & Bahia Herradura.

River Cruises – 2025

AMA WATERWAYS

Best of Holland & Belgium 7-Night River Cruise, Jul 5, 2025, Amsterdam to Amsterdam. Visit Amsterdam, Hellevoetsluis & Dordrecht, Netherlands and Ghent, Brussels & Antwerp, Belgium.

AMERICA CRUISE LINE

Mississippi River Gateway 11-Night Cruise on the American Heritage Paddlewheeler, Jul 8, 2025, New Orleans to St. Louis. Visit Baton Rouge, Natchez, Vicksburg, Memphis, Paducah & Alton.

AVALON WATERWAYS

Fascinating Vietnam, Cambodia & The Mekong River, 13-Night Cruise, Mar 3, 2025, Hochi Minh City to Siem Reap. Visit Ho Chi Minh City, Vinh Long-Culao Gieng, Vietnam and Chau Doc – Long Khanh, Phnom Penh, Wat Hanchey – Kampong Tralach & Siem Reap, Cambodia.

TAUCK RIVER CRUISES

Impressions from the Seine, 7-Night River Cruise on the MS Esprit, May 23, 2025, Paris to Paris. Visit Versailles, Rouen, Duclair, Caudebec-en-Caux, D-Day Beaches, Les Andelys, Vernon & Giverny.

UNIWORLD BOUTIQUE RIVER CRUISES

Enchanting Danube 7-Night River Cruise, Jun 8, 2025, Budapest to Passau. Visit Budapest, Bratislava, Vienna, Durnstein, Melk & Passau.

VIKING RIVER CRUISES

Rhine & Main Explorer 10-Night River Cruise, Apr-Nov 2025, Basel to Nuremberg. Visit Basel, Breisach, Strasbourg, Karlsruhe, Frankfurt, Wurzburg, Bamberg & Nuremberg.

Unless otherwise noted, fares are cruise only, per person rates based on double occupancy; subject to availability and capacity controlled by the cruise line. Amenities apply. Government fees, taxes and airfare are not included unless specifically stated in offer.



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A \$200 Shipboard Credit will apply for any new veranda and higher booking made through Warwick Travel from September 1 - 30, 2024.

Introducing the New Oceania Allura - 2025

Maiden Voyage 7-Night Cruise on the Allura, June 8, 2025, Athens to Istanbul. Visit Santorini, Crete & Rhodes, Greece; Bodrum, Ephesus & Canakkale, Turkey.

Palms to Pantheons 12-Night Cruise on the Allura, June 25, 2025, Barcelona to Athens. Visit Spain, Italy, Tunisia, Malta, Egypt, Israel and Greece.

Sultans & Sunshine 12-Night Cruise on the Allura, July 17, 2025, Istanbul to Rome. Visit Istanbul & Izmir, Turkey; Kavala/Philippi, Kos, Rhodes & Crete, Greece; Valetta, Malta; Taormina & Sorrento, Italy.

Endless Rivas 7-Night Cruise on the Allura, July 29, 2025, Rome to Monte Carlo. Visit Florence/Pisa/Tuscany & Portofino, Italy; Palma de Mallorca & Barcelona, Spain & Saint-Tropez, France.

Cosmopolitan Crossing 14-Night Cruise on the Allura, September 16, 2025, Lisbon to New York. Visit Portugal, Newfoundland, Nova Scotia, Maine, Massachusetts & Rhode Island.

Ode to Canada 14-Night Cruise on the Allura, October 4, 2025, New York to New York. Visit Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Maine, New Brunswick, Quebec & Nova Scotia.

Colorful East Coast 15-Night Cruise on the Allura, October 29, 2025, Montreal to Miami. Visit Quebec, Nova Scotia, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New York & South Carolina.

Curated Caribbean 12-Night Cruise on the Allura, November 16, 2025, Miami to Miami. Visit Aruba, Curacao, Bonaire, Grenada, St. Lucia, St. Barts & British Virgin Islands.

Maya Magnificence 12-Night Cruise on the Allura, November 28, 2025, Miami to Miami. Visit Mexico, Guatemala, Panama, Costa Rica, Honduras & Belize.

Holiday Havens 14-Night Cruise on the Allura, December 21, 2025, Miami to Miami. Visit Aruba, Curacao, Bonaire, Grenada, St. Vincent, Dominica, Antigua & St. Maarten.



Gerry's Adventures

Gerry Siekirski

**2025
JANUARY 12 – FEBRUARY 14
SINGAPORE TO TOKYO**

Join our **ASIA Adventure** sailing on Oceania's Riviera from Singapore to Tokyo on a 33-day voyage! Ports of call are Ko Samui, Thailand; Bangkok overnight; Cambodia; Saigon overnight, Nha Trang, Hue, Hanoi with Ha Long Bay overnight; and on to Hong Kong with 2 nights.

It is possible to disembark in Hong Kong or continue your voyage on to Taiwan, Okinawa, Ishigaki-Japan, Shanghai overnight, Nagasaki-Japan, South Korea & Japan. Japan ports of call: Nagasaki, Hiroshima, Kochi, Kyoto overnight, Nagoya and Tokyo overnight before disembarking.

WOW! This cruise really covers the best of ASIA with many **OVERNIGHTS!**

We currently have 10 "Great Adventurers" on this sailing – hope you will join them. **Free Airfare** is included from major gateways. Our group also has **Complimentary Gratuities** for the 33-day voyage. The sailing is almost sold out! A deposit to hold a cabin is \$1500 per person. Call Gerry for more information about this exciting adventure.

SEPTEMBER

CANADIAN ROCKIES RAIL ADVENTURE

A detailed itinerary will be in our next newsletter.



Agent Spotlight:

Linda Waynick

Linda began her travel career in 1974 in a local travel agency where she worked for 11 years before going to work for Piedmont Airlines and United Express at Newport News/Williamsburg International Airport.

In 1992, Linda joined Warwick Travel Service, eventually becoming Corporate Manager which, after 12 years, took her to a position as an on-site corporate agent for several years. In 2009, her career brought her back to the world of leisure travel. In September 2013, Linda returned "home" to Warwick Travel where she intends to stay. She is member of the Million Dollar Club at Warwick Travel having sold a million dollars or more in sales each year for 8 years in a row (not counting the years 2020 and 2021 due to the pandemic).

Linda spent many years living in Hawaii and loves to talk about the Hawaiian Islands. She and her husband David have traveled often to Las Vegas, and she loves cruising in Europe and the Caribbean. She plans a European river cruise for early 2025. Linda likes sharing her travel experiences with her clients.

Her 2 young adult grandchildren are the highlights of her life! She also likes to visit the Yorktown Farmer's market on Saturday mornings and has several local restaurant favorites for date nights with her husband.

Clients Corner

**Kevin & Cindy Justice
Bernie, MO**

Emily, thank you for all your help in planning our Disney World trip. We had a great time. The room worked out perfectly with the pull-down sleeper. We were in a perfect location to the sky liner, buses, pool and main food building of the resort.

Thanks for the travel and autograph book too. Avery loved getting signatures from her favorite characters. A great time was had by all of us.

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**Dennis & Judy Brown
Williamsburg, VA**

Our land tour of Jordan and Egypt was our fourth land tour, but our first tour with Tauck. At our first group meeting/dinner, we were surprised at the number of people in our group who had taken other Tauck tours, often three to five tours, and how fiercely loyal they were to Tauck. We soon discover why, because the tour of Jordan and Egypt was extremely well laid out with excursions to all the important sites of both countries, and that we had an excellent Tauck guide who knew all the details regarding each site.

Our guide also provided us with maps and literature for many of the sites we visited. We visited monuments that we never envisioned seeing firsthand in our lifetime such as Petra and the Pyramids.

Everything about our tour was first rate with excellent dining and five-star hotels. There was never a hassle as Tauck took care of everything such as all arrangements and tips. Tauck also provided special events such as a camel ride at Petra, and a special after hours visit to several of the tombs of Egyptian kings in the Valley of the Kings.

Our Tauck tour of Jordan and Egypt turned out to be the best tour we have been on. We thank Linda Waynick for arranging this trip for us.

Warwick Travel Service: The travel dream makers

By Anna Dori

We've been a lot of places," says Nancy Alligood, general manager and co-owner of Warwick Travel Service. "We've all traveled. Gerry has probably traveled the most. She and I have traveled around the world."

"A couple of times," adds Gerry Siekirski, fellow co-owner and group specialist.

For 49 years, Warwick Travel Service has offered opportunities for Peninsula residents eager to explore the world. The Williamsburg office was consolidated, allowing all agents to work in the same place. And the business moved into its new space, an office on Jefferson Avenue.

"We were on Warwick Boulevard for more than 30 years," Alligood says, "and this move is like a new chapter and a new beginning for Warwick Travel."

Alligood has worked with Warwick Travel Service for 33 years and Siekirski for 35 years. Other dedicated staff members have worked there for multiple decades, as well.

"We are a full-service agency," Alligood says. "We do airline tickets, cruises, tours and FIT [Free Independent Travel]." FIT involves individualized travel plans and experiences. Warwick Travel offers its clients options for ocean and river cruises, plus specialty expedition cruises. One agent even specializes in cruise ship and destination weddings. Corporate travel is also an aspect of the company's services, as well as providing clients with travel insurance.

"There is no charge for a travel agent," Siekirski says. "We work hand-in-hand with the cruise lines and tour companies, and they are the ones who benefit us."

The rapport the agents build with their clients speaks for itself, as clients trust their agents' expertise. Alligood and Siekirski agree that Europe and the Caribbean tend to be the most popular client destinations.

"A big change I see [since] we first started is riverboats," says Siekirski. "There were only a handful of cruise ships and now there are hundreds of both. There are more people traveling than ever, especially families."

Emily Barker, travel advisor, marketing manager and business development agent, agrees. "People are doing bigger and better vacations. People are looking for something nicer." Barker says many employees have been named Million Dollar Sales agents for multiple years, including Siekirski and Linda Waynick.

Dee King, Warwick Travel's assistant manager, has been with the company since 2009. "We each book all over the world. Some of us specialize in different areas. I like selling Europe, the United States, the Mediterranean," she says. Proud to be from Turkey, she shares: "Because I have a long history from my culture, naturally I am interested in countries with similar history and traditions."

Some of the co-owners' most surprising experiences include missing flights, experiencing cancellations and constantly solving problems.

Alligood thinks back to her most memorable travel experiences: "African safaris were one of my favorites." She also highlights her past trips to Vietnam, Cambodia, Myanmar and eastern and South Africa.

Recalling her 2018 trip to Myanmar, Alligood says, "A group of Warwick Travelers experienced the country



The Warwick Travel team, left to right, front: Dee King, Gerry Siekirski, Nancy Alligood, Sharon Flick; back: Linda Waynick, Marion Liffick, Emily Barker, Susan Adams, Amy Hill. Not pictured: Janis Belch.

ANNA DORI

and its people on a river cruise along the Irrawaddy River. The people were warm, friendly, considerate, always smiling. Buddhism is practiced by more than 90 percent of Myanmar's population. The Buddhist life of peace, loving kindness and wisdom is just as relevant today as in ancient times."

Siekirski's safari in Tanzania included six people "in a Jeep on a dirt path in the bush. All of a sudden, there was a roar, and [we] felt the earth shaking as a herd of elephants appeared in front of us." The group saw "a huge, tusked bull ambling toward us," whose leg "hit the side of the Jeep." A baby elephant at the end trying to keep up, started swinging her trunk, as if to say, "Welcome!"

Siekirski recalls, "I led a group of 20-plus to China after 9/11. We were the first flight to leave the States to go to China." Her favorite memories include visiting Egypt and the Nile River and Turkey. She visited Antarctica in 2023.

While neither Alligood nor Siekierski has encountered any famous people across the globe, "so many interesting people [have shared] their culture with us," Siekierski says. There was the trip to Cyprus by private coach. "I had read about their silversmiths'

skills and lace making art. When we arrived, to our surprise, there was a local band and the mayor to greet us. It was a delightful time in their cobblestone village."

When Alligood isn't traveling or working, she's a big football fan, both college and professional. "Living in Houston in the early 1970s, I was a Houston Oilers fan, plus an Astros baseball fan. Then, moving to New Orleans in the late '70s, I became a Saints fan."

Siekierski enjoys "Playing party or duplicate bridge and golfing and gardening in good weather."

Warwick Travel agents build upon their experiences and lessons learned from around the world. "I can almost relive each adventure through my many columns in *Oyster Pointer*," Alligood says with a smile. ◀

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