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Conference Updates

The conference discount ends August 31, so now is the time to register. 53 attendees are already signed up. The Ride-Share and NYC Hosting webpages are now up on the website ... [more](#)

Run for the Board

by Natalie Petersen

There are many benefits to being a Servas member. We rely on volunteers to make it all work. One of the best ways to do this ... [more](#)



Outrageous Photo

No one correctly identified the outrageous photo in the July issue but we did have some good guesses. Member, Mike Johnson was the closest, guessing that it was the wine bottle... [more](#)

Wonderful Travels in Croatia and Copenhagen

by Emily Glazer & Karl Kosok

The journey started out with Karl's chartering a 46-foot boat with 5 buddies who sailed along the coast for 6 days. Then Emily met Karl and we traveled for nine days in Croatia and four days in Copenhagen, Denmark... [more](#)



Yay for Day Hosts!

by

Kristine Martin

Last month my self-supported cycling trip to Denali began and ended in Anchorage. A few weeks prior to my trip, I reached out to Joan Diamond. We decided... [more](#)



How to Grow Servas?

Servas International would like all members to share their thoughts on how to grow – perhaps with special interest groups. To that end Servas International created a survey to get member input... [more](#)



UN Day of Peace

This year the UN International Day of Peace falls the day before the autumnal equinox – one of the two days a year when day and night are equal. What a metaphor! John Lennon's ... [more](#)





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A Walk in the Desert

by Carol Tribble

A lot of people know the Arizona desert can be deadly in the summer but may not know that it can also be deadly in the winter. Because southern Arizona is a desert, with very low humidity, even breathing can dehydrate you. The low humidity and normally cloudless skies mean that there can be up to a more than 50° temperature difference ... [more](#)

Wanderlust Travel

by Tys Sniffen

Many of us travel using the wanderlust method... we head toward the next interesting thing we recently learned about. We want to explore the world, experience different cultures, and make unforgettable memories. This means our planning may only be one week out, or less. We reach out to potential hosts through Servas, hoping to connect with locals who can show us the hidden gems... [more](#)



INTERNATIONAL HAPPENINGS

Spain National Assembly Oct. 12-15

Servas Spain will hold their 2023 national assembly at the Santo Domingo Monastery in Caleruega... [more](#)

Servas Youth Eco Camp Italy, Aug. 20-25

Servas France and Italy invite younger Servas members join them at an Eco-Camp in [Val Maira](#), Italy. ... [more](#)

Servas Peace Meetings Moraira, Spain Sep. 16-23

Servas Spain invites members to an international meeting on peace from different points of view... [more](#)

Asamblea de Servas 2023





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Finnland Peace Gathering Aug. 11-13

Servas members of Finland will gather on an island in the beautiful Maxmo Archipelago, off the west coast of Finland near the city of Vaasa.... [more](#)

Austria 30th Alpe-Adria Oct. 6-8

This is fun-filled weekend in Mühlviertel, located in the upper province of Austria, north of the Danube. Enjoy walks, hikes, tours [more](#)



Servas Pyrenees Trek • Aug. 25- 31

Servas members will meet in the Núria Valley near Andora. It is an ideal place to relax, see nature, go hiking, and meet other Servas... [more](#)

Useful Links

[Update](#) your profile or renew your membership

[View](#) the calendar of upcoming US Servas related events

[Access](#) worldwide Servas Members to plan your travels

[Volunteer](#) to share your talents and time in supporting Servas

[Read](#) contributions from younger members of Servas

[Suggestions](#) for the Newsletter, or for US Servas, are appreciated

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