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*Peace and Understanding
Through Travel & Hosting*

1526 Members



Conference Updates

The conference program is packed with great speakers, workshops and sessions, but Saturday evening will be a chance to relax around a campfire or in one of the lodge sitting rooms enjoying your favorite BYO beverage • In other news, yurts now include bedding and linens • The [Lodging page](#) now has a members-only link to NYC hosts... [more](#)

STYLE Re-Energizing

by Lee Rowley

US Servas is collaborating with our colleagues from Italy, Spain, Israel and more to reinvigorate our US Servas Youth Language Experience ... [more](#)



Outrageous Photo

Several photos in this issue have been PhotoShopped, but one is truly outrageous. Be the first to tell us what is really nuts, and you will receive a free issue of the next Open Doors. email us at publications@usservas.org.

Glorious Servas Stay in Brittany

by Bill Magargal

On Sunday, Our Servas hosts suggested that we drive to a special cafe near Rennes where Agnes, who plays the soprano sax, had a gig with her eight-piece band. A soprano sax looks like a metal clarinet. We drove for quite a while, wending our way around the countryside. Eventually we came to a long driveway that disappeared back into the woods. We drove down the drive and soon came to a small clearing with a sweet stucco building with a sizable patio-like area adjacent to the door.... [more](#)





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Recipes for Successful Travel

by Deirdre Marlowe

Many of us travel for the sights, many for the people, and all of us, admit it, travel for the tastes of it. It's hard to find a bad bakery in France, nearly impossible to find... [more](#)



Want to Travel Not Sure Where to Go

Unless you're set with a bucket list, have a travel agent, and/or a subscription to the New York Times, you might need to go to the library for this. For more than twenty years the NYT's travel section has regularly published pieces on... [more](#)



What to Read on the Road

We've had articles about what and how to pack. What about what you might consider packing to read – and yes, you can do it all on your phone, but I find it more difficult than it should be to read on my phone, ... [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](#)





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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 Andorra. It is an ideal place to relax, see nature, go hiking, and meet other Servas... [more](#)

Useful Links

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