

GRAND CIRCLE CORPORATION

A Family of Travel Companies

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Company History



1958

Ethel Andrus, a former school principal in Los Angeles, forms the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) and Grand Circle Travel



1978

High school teacher Judy Wineland establishes Overseas Adventure Travel (O.A.T.)—the first U.S. tour operator to offer tented safaris in Tanzania's unspoiled wilderness



1981 **ALNOBA**
LEWIS FAMILY FOUNDATION
DARING LEADERS TO CHANGE THE WORLD

Alnoba Lewis Family Foundation is created



1992

Grand Circle Foundation is established.

Since its inception, donations totaling \$250 million have funded more than 500 projects in 50 countries



2001

Grand Circle launches Vacation Ambassador Referral Program, the most generous rewards package in the travel industry

2021

Travel resumes in July following global pandemic, which grounded all travel beginning in March of 2020

2021

Brian FitzGerald appointed CEO of Grand Circle following Alan Lewis's passing



2022

The Alan E. Lewis Fund is established as part of Grand Circle Foundation to honor his legacy

1950

1960

1970

1980

1990

2000

2010

2020

1985

Alan and Harriet Lewis purchase Grand Circle and move its offices to Boston



1993

Grand Circle purchases O.A.T., which becomes the first U.S. travel company to create, operate, and sell adventures to Americans aged 50 and over

2003

Following the 9/11 terrorist attacks of 2001, Grand Circle emerges stronger than ever and revolutionizes travel industry insurance with no risk booking

2023

Grand Circle celebrates 65 years of changing lives through travel
O.A.T. celebrates 45 years of adventure and discovery on the road less traveled



Today

Today, Grand Circle and O.A.T. offer more than 120 trips across 100+ countries.

Who we are



THE GRAND CIRCLE FAMILY OF TRAVEL BRANDS

Grand Circle Corporation (GCC)—comprised of a family of travel companies—takes American travelers over 50 on carefully curated and expertly guided trips in more than 100 countries around the world. These immersive itineraries focus on local interactions and cultural experiences, while still providing travelers the flexibility to customize their journeys with optional trip extensions, flight options, arriving early, and more.

OUR HISTORY

Grand Circle Travel was originally founded by a retired principal, Ethel Andrus, in 1958 to serve members of the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP). In 1978, Judi Wineland, also an educator, founded Overseas Adventure Travel (O.A.T.) to fulfill an unmet need for affordable, authentic group travel experiences. Alan E. Lewis, founder of Grand Circle Corporation, and his wife, Harriet, acquired Grand Circle Travel in 1985 and O.A.T. in 1993, and established Grand Circle Cruise Line in 1998, with the same goal in mind—to foster life-long learning and a spirit of discovery at an unmatched value.

Since then, it has been our mission to provide life-changing guided travel experiences around the world—connecting travelers with locals who live in the areas we explore. Simply put, **we change lives through travel.**

OVERSEAS ADVENTURE TRAVEL (O.A.T.)

O.A.T. offers **94 unique small group adventures** worldwide by land and small ship. With a maximum of 16 travelers by land and 25 by small ship, we take travelers off the beaten path—beyond the traditional highlights—and provide a local O.A.T. Trip Experience Leader every step of the way for the most authentic discoveries. Travelers are immersed in local cultures from beginning to end—from helping to prepare traditional meals and discussing everyday controversies with local experts, to experiencing local modes of transportation and staying in authentic lodgings. On our Small Ship Adventures, travelers cruise aboard one of 15 privately owned or privately chartered ships, 13- to 210-passenger vessels accessing smaller ports that most other American companies miss to discover everyday life away from the tourist crowd.

OUR PRIVATELY OWNED SMALL SHIP FLEET

Carrying just 50 to 98 passengers, our award-winning small ships can access little-known ports for the most authentic discoveries. What's more, we manage all aspects of every voyage for a more personalized experience.

- **M/V *Arethusa***—our 50-passenger small ship cruising the Mediterranean
- **M/V *Athena***—our 50-passenger small ship cruising the Mediterranean
- **M/V *Artemis***—our 50-passenger small ship cruising the Mediterranean
- **M/V *Clio***—our 89-passenger small ship cruising Northern Europe, Iberia, the Mediterranean
- **M/V *Corinthian***—our 98-passenger small ship cruising Europe, North Africa, West Africa

Who we are

GRAND CIRCLE CRUISE LINE

With **12 unique itineraries**, our River Cruises are the most discovery- and value-rich way to traverse Europe's waterways—with maximized cultural interaction and the lowest per-diems available in the travel industry. Travelers explore aboard one of 5 privately owned ships in up to four groups with a maximum of 42 travelers, each with a local Program Director fostering unforgettable discoveries and camaraderie every step of the way. It's unique benefits like these that have earned us the title of “**Best River Cruise Line for Enrichment**” from the editors of *Cruise Critic* and among the “**World's Best River Cruise Lines**” in *Condé Nast Traveler's* Readers' Choice Awards for more than ten years.

OUR PRIVATELY OWNED RIVER CRUISE FLEET

Aboard our 86- to 162-passenger vessels, our travelers visit iconic capitals and small towns, while unpacking just once while onboard. Like our small ship fleet, we manage all aspects of every voyage for a more personalized experience. Plus, each group of travelers will be in the company of up to 4 Program Directors and a highly trained English-speaking crew.

- **M/S River Chanson**—our 86-passenger river ship cruising the Rhône river
- **M/S Bizet**—our 120-passenger river ship cruising the Seine river
- **M/S River Harmony**—our 140-passenger river ship cruising the Rhine & Mosel rivers
- **M/S River Aria**—our 162-passenger river ship cruising the Rhine & Danube rivers
- **M/S River Adagio**—our 162-passenger river ship cruising the Rhine & Danube rivers

GRAND CIRCLE TRAVEL

Grand Circle Travel makes the world accessible to active American travelers with 14 itineraries designed to deliver unmatched discoveries, leisurely pacing, more travel choices, and comprehensive value. Our journeys take travelers beyond the major sites—although we visit those too, of course—and into the heart of their destination. In a group of 45 travelers maximum on average, our travelers break bread with local families, and go behind the scenes to see how they truly live and work. A local Program Director will guide our travelers every step of the way, bringing the trip to life as only an insider could.



Our leadership team

Brian FitzGerald, Chief Executive Officer



With over 15 years at GCC, including four years as CEO, Brian FitzGerald has been instrumental in shaping the company's strategic direction, operational excellence, and long-term growth. His leadership has

driven key initiatives in customer acquisition, digital transformation, and financial optimization. Prior to his role as CEO, Brian held leadership positions across operations, finance, and marketing at GCC, as well as at State Street Corporation. Passionate about creating meaningful travel experiences, he remains committed to Grand Circle's mission of fostering international adventure and cultural discovery.

Christopher Zigmont, Chief Financial Officer



Responsible for all accounting and financial operations, Chris Zigmont has over 19 years of experience with Grand Circle. Prior to joining GCC, Chris had a prolific financial career spending 6 years as the Chief

Financial Officer of publicly traded View Tech, Inc. and its successor companies, Wire One Technologies, Inc. and Glowpoint, Inc. He was also the Director of Finance at BankBoston Corporation, and began his career at KPMG Peat Marwick, ascending to Senior Audit Manager.

Anthony LaBrecque, Chief Operating Officer



Overseeing both the company's operational and revenue-generating strategies, Anthony LaBrecque ensures sustainable growth and excellence across all facets of the business. He leads initiatives that

drive efficiency, enhance the customer experience, and optimize sales performance, working closely with teams across the entire organization. Anthony began his career in corporate finance before taking on leadership roles in analytics, marketing, call center management, and new customer acquisition. With over a decade at Grand Circle, he has played a pivotal role in shaping the company's commercial and operational direction.

Susan Harvey, President of Worldwide Operations & Contracting



A seasoned professional in the travel industry, Susan Harvey oversees the company's Worldwide Operations & Contracting organization across 35 regional offices. With over 40 years of experience in the field, including

34 years with Grand Circle, Susan plays a key role in ensuring the company exceeds traveler's expectations. Her leadership emphasizes delivering exceptional quality and value, reinforcing GCC's commitment to providing outstanding travel experiences. Throughout her tenure at GCC, Susan has taken on various leadership roles, including managing the Traveler Relations Center and Air Operations department. These positions equipped her with a deep understanding of customer service, enabling her to enhance the traveler experience at every stage, from booking to the return home.

Kenya & Tanzania Safari: Masai Mara to the Serengeti

"Leopards, hippos, cheetahs, LIONS ... the way people pulled together in the Kibera Slum ... the darling schoolchildren What an incredible life lesson and journey."

Bonita Alvarez, 3-time traveler from Las Vegas, NV

Our leadership team

Kacie Garganta, Executive Vice President of Digital Customer Experience



Kacie Garganta leads GCC's digital strategy, customer communications, and branding—owning the traveler journey across every channel, from the first spark of inspiration through planning, preparation, and renewal.

She brings our mission to life by designing thoughtful, engaging touchpoints that foster deeper connections between travelers, the world, and GCC. With over 15 years of experience in e-commerce, customer engagement, and digital transformation—including leadership roles at Wayfair and Chewy—Kacie blends storytelling and innovation to shape a seamless and meaningful traveler experience.

Tom House, Chief Technology Officer



The most recent addition to the GCC executive team, Tom House possesses a unique mixture of deep technology background and the ability to break down complex architectural concepts into

digestible business terms. Tom leads organizations to adopt a product management mindset that establishes clear and measurable technology roadmaps, ensuring that GCC optimizes its tech resource utilization. Tom is responsible for all large-scale technology projects for GCC and consistently leverages his 30+ years of senior e-commerce and technology roles at leading business-to-consumer and business-to-business companies such as Noble, Rue Gilt Groupe, Emerson Ecologics, Vista, and Staples.

Mike Kaufman, Chief People Officer



Mike Kaufman leads Grand Circle Corporation's global People & Culture strategy, bringing over 15 years of executive experience in talent acquisition, organizational development, and employee

engagement. A former corporate lawyer turned HR leader, Mike has held senior roles at EF Education First, where he oversaw People & Talent teams supporting thousands of employees worldwide. He has led large-scale transformations across talent strategy, DE&I, learning and development, and performance management—driving record-setting growth and culture-shaping initiatives. At GCC, Mike partners closely with senior leadership to foster a purpose-driven, high-performing workplace that aligns with the company's mission to change people's lives through travel.



Heart of India

"O.A.T. lived up to its middle name—Adventure. The trip immerses you in a kaleidoscope of bold sights, sounds, tastes, and smells—perfect for the traveler who thinks they've seen it all."

Dr. Roberto Desdin, 7-time traveler from Hialeah, FL

Our founders

Harriet Lewis, Founder & Chair



An educator, philanthropist, and world traveler, Harriet Lewis is passionate about social change, especially in her hometown of Boston and in the countries Grand Circle visits. Harriet taught children with severe emotional disabilities in Washington, DC, then returned to Boston, where she continued to teach troubled children. From these experiences, she developed her strong belief that our best hope for real, lasting, and deep community transformation rests with our young people. She founded the Next Generation Leaders program to provide rising college freshmen with work opportunities at Grand Circle Corporation and Kensington Investment Company, service experiences, and an international travel program to advance their leadership and improve success in life and college. Harriet is also unwavering in her commitment to working in partnership with the community and ensures that the Alnoba Lewis Family Foundation “ask and listen” to the young people, their families, and leaders who live in the neighborhoods and global villages where we work.

Charlotte Lewis, Vice Chair



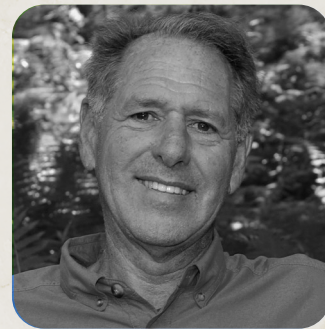
Serving as not only the Vice Chair of GCC but also the Chief Operating Officer of Kensington Investment Company, Charlotte Lewis is responsible for the non-real estate investment portfolio, and the development of 45 Townsend Street in Roxbury. She also guides the family’s philanthropic endeavors as Vice Chair of the Alnoba Lewis Family Foundation, building on the vision her parents, Alan and Harriet Lewis, had to help change people’s lives through international adventure travel. Born and raised in Boston, Charlotte is a philanthropic leader, and is passionate about changing the lives of young people in Dorchester, Roxbury, and Mattapan through leadership coaching and experiential learning programs.

Edward Lewis, Vice Chair



Based in Park City, Utah, Ed Lewis serves as both Vice Chairman at GCC and the Chief Executive Officer of Kensington Investment Company, representing the second generation of Lewis family leadership. Ed also serves as Vice Chairman to the family’s charitable entity, the Alnoba Lewis Family Foundation. Prior to becoming Vice Chairman and CEO, Ed served in a variety of roles within GCC and KIC, where he learned the business from the ground up. Building on his father, Alan E. Lewis’s, legacy, Ed has set a bold 2030 vision for both GCC and KIC to be an industry leader in all aspects of the family’s businesses.

In Memory of Grand Circle Corporation Founder



Alan E. Lewis

July 17, 1948 – November 2, 2022

Alan E. Lewis was more than the founder of Grand Circle Corporation—he was the force behind its purpose. Alongside his wife and partner, Harriet Lewis, Alan built a company rooted in cultural connection, local leadership, and life-changing experiences. His vision to champion the curiosity of older Americans continues to guide us today.

Alan’s entrepreneurial drive, generosity of spirit, and belief in giving back shaped our values and legacy. He is survived by Harriet and their two children, Charlotte and Edward, who carry forward the work and mission he so deeply believed in.

“The bigger the difficulty, the greater the opportunity.”

What sets us apart

O.A.T.'S SMALL GROUP & SMALL SHIP ADVANTAGE

Our small group size of no more than 16 travelers by land and 25 by ship allows us to take travelers off the beaten path where big tour groups can't go. Travelers stay in intimate lodgings, travel like locals do, and slip seamlessly into local life. When traveling by small ship, our fleet can navigate narrow passageways and access ports larger vessels can't reach—taking travelers even closer to the heart of their destination.

GRAND CIRCLE'S UNSURPASSED VALUE

Travelers always receive an unforgettable experience at an unbeatable value with Grand Circle Cruise Line and Grand Circle Travel. Our prices include a series of guided tours and **Exclusive Discovery Series** events to connect travelers with local culture, as well as all accommodations; most meals; and gratuities for local guides and motorcoach drivers.

Who are our travelers?

- 1 Americans over 50 with 40-50 years of foreign travel experience
- 2 Solo women account for 50% of our travelers annually
- 3 Seek unique, cultural experiences, not touristy sightseeing
- 4 Desire a robust itinerary at a good value
- 5 Want a tailored experience with customization options, not a cookie-cutter trip



CULTURAL CONNECTIONS

All our itineraries are designed to bring local culture to life—from sharing meals with families to spending ***A Day in the Life*** of everyday people, to discussing modern-day **Controversial Topics** with local experts and visiting Grand Circle Foundation sites such as schools, women's co-ops, and more.

CUSTOMIZATION OPTIONS

Our comprehensive itineraries designed for active Americans over 50 are just the beginning. Travelers have the freedom to make their trip their own. In fact, more than 85% of our travelers tailor their journeys by adding trip extensions, customizing their flights, arriving early, combining trips, and stopping over in an iconic destination.

LOCAL TRIP LEADERS & LOCAL SUPPORT

Our Trip Experience Leaders and Program Directors are residents of the region our travelers visit, offering firsthand insights and support throughout their journey. Plus, with more than 2,000 regional associates and 35 offices worldwide, our travelers know our team is always available, 24/7. Our regional teams also support in crafting our unique itineraries, and form local relationships to bring cultures to life.

Northern Italy: The Alps, Dolomites & Lombardy

"The Bernina train ride was outstanding—perfect weather and the scenery was incredibly gorgeous. Our last visit to the apple farm was very nice—the family was lovely and Nonna's polenta was outstanding"

Bevin Cetta, 3-time traveler from Charlottesville, VA

What sets us apart

THE LEADER IN SOLO TRAVEL

SOLO TRAVEL BY THE NUMBERS

50% of our travelers are solo women

25,000 single spaces are being offered in 2026 across our trips

92% of our 25,000 single spaces have FREE Single Supplements; the remaining 8% have the lowest Single Supplements in the industry

\$5,000 per person in savings on average for solo travelers compared to other travel companies—because we offer the lowest Single Supplements in the industry



AN AWARD-WINNING SOLO TRAVEL EXPERIENCE

Safe and secure

With our regional offices around the world and a local Trip Experience Leader or Program Director with you every step of the way, someone is always available 24/7 should anything arise during your adventure.

Free or low-cost Single Supplements

As the leader in solo travel, 92% of our single spaces are available with a FREE Single Supplement—including all land trips and trip extensions. The remaining 8% have the lowest Single Supplements in the industry.

Travel among friends

Our small group size makes it easier for solo travelers to bond with other members of the group, so whether you're traveling independently or with a friend, mother, sister, or daughter, you're sure to enjoy easy camaraderie within your fellow travelers throughout your journey.

Exclusive women's departures

We're offering 9 exclusive women's departures of popular O.A.T. adventures in 2026, an opportunity to explore the world with some like-minded intrepid women travelers.

Free roommate matching program

If single space is sold out on your preferred departure, we'll help you find a same-gender roommate with our FREE Roommate Matching Program.

Untamed Iceland

"I feel comfortable traveling on my own with O.A.T. because I'm traveling alongside other people who love adventure and are open minded."

Carolyn Exposito, 5-time traveler from Miami, FL



The Grand Circle Foundation

Changing people's lives—one village, one school, one person at a time

THE FOUNDATION

Grand Circle Foundation, in partnership with the Alnoba Lewis Family Foundation, has a long history of giving back: to the places we travel, to the people who live there, and to the city of Boston and communities around the world where we live and work. Together, we have pledged or donated more than \$250 million throughout the world in locations including Africa, Asia, South Pacific, Europe, and the Americas. Many of the projects the Foundation supports are, quite literally, in the path of our travelers, while many more are much closer to home.

HISTORY

In 1992, Alan and Harriet Lewis established Grand Circle Foundation, an entity of the Alnoba Lewis Family Foundation, as a way to give back to the world we travel. With our travelers' help, we have supported thousands of projects all over the world. Since its inception, our Foundation—together with the Alnoba Lewis Family Foundation—has pledged or donated \$250 million for thousands of projects in over 70 countries, as well as closer to home in Boston and New Hampshire.

THE MISSION

We believe when people follow their dreams and passions, they become courageous leaders who can transform our communities and enrich the world. From increasing the college graduation rate in Boston's toughest neighborhoods, to building a school in Tanzania, to establishing a leadership center in rural New Hampshire, our work helps people build strong communities.



HOW WE HELP

Water, Sanitation, Hygiene (WASH)

Ensuring all schools and communities we visit have an adequate supply of clean water and toilets that meet or exceed local standards

Education

Joining together with school leaders and parent committees to enhance educational resources—ranging from books and chalk to scholarships and classroom construction

Community Development

Establishing the means for women and village leaders to create sustainable changes in their communities to become economically self-sufficient

Renewable Energy

Working to provide solar powered electricity in schools and communities and individual solar lights for students

Indigenous Causes

Partnering with Indigenous groups to preserve and revive traditional culture and knowledge, and to protect their lands through renewable energy and sustainable resources

Conservation

Collaborating with strong leaders of conservation organizations to conserve land, preserve natural resources, and advocate for stewardship of the environment

Historic Preservation

Supporting the preservation, conservation, and protection of monuments, buildings, and artifacts of historical significance

Relief

Providing support to communities impacted by natural disasters

Noteworthy stories

NEW ITINERARIES AND DESTINATIONS

We are consistently designing new and exciting itineraries for our travelers. Here are some of our newest itineraries:

O.A.T. LAND ADVENTURES



Peru's Nazca Lines & Amazon Rain Forest 12 DAYS

Peru: Lima, Paracas, Iquitos, Amazon Rain Forest Lodges

Finland's Winter Wilderness: Northern Lights & Lapland Discoveries 8 DAYS

Finland: Helsinki, Ivalo, Rovaniemi

South Africa & Namibia: Cape Town's Winelands to the Skeleton Coast 18 DAYS

Zimbabwe: Victoria Falls | Zambia: Mosi-oa-Tunya National Park |

South Africa: Kruger National Park, Stellenbosch, Cape Town

Eastern Balkan Experience: Bulgaria & Romania 18 DAYS

Bulgaria: Sofia, Plovdiv, Veliko Tarnovo | Romania: Bucharest, Sibiu, Brasov

O.A.T. SMALL SHIP ADVENTURES



Italy's Coastal Charms: Naples, Ischia Island & the Amalfi Coast 18 DAYS

Italy: Naples, Ischia Island, Amalfi Coast

Jewels of the Sicilian Coast: Palermo, Siracusa & Mount Etna 16 DAYS

Malta: Valletta | Sicily: Acireale, Agrigento, Palermo

GRAND CIRCLE CRUISE LINE



The Douro River: Lisbon to Porto 11 DAYS

Portugal: Lisbon, Aveiro, Guimarães, Regua, Barca d'Alva, Porto |

Spain: Salamanca

TRIP EXPERIENCE LEADERS, PROGRAM DIRECTORS, AND REGIONAL OFFICES

Our Trip Experience Leaders and Program Directors are not just guides, they're teachers and friends who love sharing the culture of their homelands, and know how to bring a destination to life. And our small group size gives our travelers more "one-on-one" time with their Trip Experience Leaders and Program Directors for a more enriching experience.

We also have more than 2,000 associates in 35 regional offices around the world who are available 24/7 to help our travelers at a moment's notice. While providing travelers with a sense of security and comfort, our regional associates also use their expert local knowledge to create unique itineraries and forge strong local partnerships with the community.

NEW IMMERSIONS ITINERARIES

IMMERSIONS

In 2025, we launched a NEW collection of adventures called Immersions—

shorter, 8- to 12-day versions of some of our most popular adventures to places like Egypt, Vietnam, the Galápagos, and more. These itineraries cover a lot of ground, ensuring travelers experience a destination's iconic sites while enjoying the immersive cultural activities that are hallmarks of every O.A.T. adventure.

Noteworthy stories

MOST POPULAR ITINERARIES

We're proud to offer a wealth of itineraries across our family of travel brands that are consistently ranked among our travelers' favorites.

O.A.T. LAND ADVENTURES



Peru's Nazca Lines & Amazon Rain Forest 12 DAYS

Peru: Lima, Paracas, Iquitos, Amazon Rain Forest Lodges

Ultimate Africa: Botswana, Zambia &

Zimbabwe Safari 17 DAYS

Zimbabwe: Hwange, Victoria Falls | Zambia: Kafue or Mosi-oa-Tunya | Botswana: Chobe, Okavango Delta

Japan's Cultural Treasures 15 DAYS

Japan: Tokyo, Hakone, Kanazawa, Kyoto

Ancient Kingdoms: Thailand, Laos, Cambodia &

Vietnam 20 DAYS

Thailand: Bangkok | Laos: Luang Prabang, Mekong River Cruise, Vientiane | Cambodia: Phnom Penh, Angkor Wat | Vietnam: Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon)

O.A.T. SMALL SHIP ADVENTURES



Hidden Gems of the Dalmatian Coast & Greece 17 DAYS

Croatia: Zadar, Zagreb, Plitvice Lakes, Split, Dubrovnik | Montenegro: Kotor | Albania: Saranda, Butrint | Greece: Corfu, Delphi, Athens

The Aegean Islands, Athens & Istanbul 17 DAYS

Greece: Athens, Delphi, Meteora | Greek Islands: Syros, Mykonos, Paros, Santorini, Patmos, Kalymnos | Turkey: Ephesus, Istanbul

GRAND CIRCLE CRUISE LINE



Romantic Blue Danube: Budapest to Prague 15 DAYS

Hungary: Budapest | Slovakia: Bratislava | Austria: Vienna, Krems, Linz | Czech Republic: Cesky Krumlov, Prague

The Great Rivers of Europe 16 DAYS

The Netherlands: Amsterdam | Germany: Cologne, Koblenz, Rudesheim, Heidelberg, Wertheim, Wurzburg, Bamberg, Nuremberg, Regensburg, Passau | Austria: Melk, Vienna

Eastern Europe to the Black Sea 14 DAYS

Hungary: Budapest | Croatia: Vukovar | Serbia: Novi Sad, Belgrade | Bulgaria: Vidin, Ruse | Romania: Constanta, Bucharest

GRAND CIRCLE TRAVEL



Spain & Portugal in Depth 15 DAYS

Spain: Madrid, Granada, Torremolinos, Seville | Portugal: Lisbon

England, Scotland & Wales 16 DAYS

England: London, Bath, York, Lake District | Wales: Snowdonia | Scotland: Edinburgh

Impressions of Italy: The Amalfi Coast &

Tuscany 16 DAYS

Italy: Sorrento, Montecatini

Noteworthy stories

SPECIAL DEPARTURES

We offer a variety of special itineraries designed to suit travelers' specific interests. Departure dates and space on these trips are limited, so travelers enjoy experiences that are truly exclusive. We offer Culinary Cruises, Women's Departures, Festival Departures, Holiday Sailings, our President's Cruise, and special Themed Departures focused on music, wine and more.

THE LEADER IN SOLO TRAVEL

During our tenure as a company, we've seen the explosive growth of Solo Travel. We like to tell our travelers "Even when you're traveling solo, we're with you every step." That's not just a catchy slogan—with our attentive Trip Experience Leaders, worldwide offices, and free roommate matching program, solo travelers enjoy an unbeatable experience. Plus, we offer the lowest Single Supplements in the industry—compared to other travel companies, solo travelers save up to \$5,000 when they choose us as a travel partner. It's no surprise that more than 175,000 solo travelers have explored with us since 2015. And, if single spaces are sold out, there are other ways to join us solo, such as our Roommate Matching Program.

TRENDS FOR AMERICAN TRAVELERS OVER 50

We tailor our itineraries specifically for seasoned, culturally curious American travelers over 50. Recent studies indicate that over 70% of this demographic are planning trips this year, reflecting a significant increase from previous years. This demographic is gravitating towards immersive experiences, with a notable interest in cultural experiences, educational tours, and small-group travel with a focus on local life. Destinations such as Italy, Japan, and Egypt are particularly popular. These travelers value comfort, safety, and enriching experiences, often seeking personalized itineraries that cater to their specific interests.



LARGEST DONATION EVER: \$500,000

In 2025, Grand Circle Foundation received its largest single donation ever from 13-time solo traveler, Jeannette Goldstein. Following her passing, her estate donated \$500,000, along with directions for allocating the funds, which we are proud to adhere to:

1. Leadership and community development for women and girls
2. Educational opportunities
3. Wildlife conservation in Africa and around the world
4. Clean water and hygiene globally



Ancient Kingdoms: Thailand, Laos, Cambodia & Vietnam

"Having the opportunity to interact with locals and visit small villages was definitely my favorite part. It's clear O.A.T. organizes once-in-a-lifetime experiences that I couldn't do if I was traveling by myself."

Rebecca Yee, 2-time traveler from Oceanside, CA

Awards

OVERSEAS ADVENTURE TRAVEL

Travel + Leisure's "World's Best" Awards



- #2 "World's Best" Intimate-ship Ocean Cruise Line in 2024
- #4 "World's Best" Intimate-ship Ocean Cruise Line in 2023

Condé Nast Traveler "Reader's Choice Awards"



- #2 Small Ships Category in 2024
- Best Tour Operators in 2021

USA Today 10Best "Readers' Choice Awards"



- Best Tour Operators in 2021

Solo Traveler "Solo Travel Awards"



- "Best Tours", 2017 & 2018

GRAND CIRCLE CRUISE LINE

USA Today's 10Best "Readers' Choice Awards"



- #2 Best Cruise Line for Solo Travelers in 2025
- #3 Best River Cruise Line in 2025
- #1 Best Cruise Line for Solo Travelers in 2024
- #4 Best River Cruise Line in 2024
- #4 Best River Cruise Line in 2023

Travel + Leisure "World's Best" Awards



- Top "World's Best" River Cruise Lines 2022-2024
- Top "World's Best" River Cruise Lines 2018-2019
- Top "World's Best" River Cruise Lines 2012-2016

Condé Nast Traveler "Readers' Choice Awards"



- #2 in Small Ships and #10 in River Cruises in 2024
- #6 River Cruises in 2023
- #5 River Cruises in 2022
- #4 River Cruises in 2021
- #5 River Cruises in 2019
- #1 River Cruises from 2012-2016
- Honored Since 2010

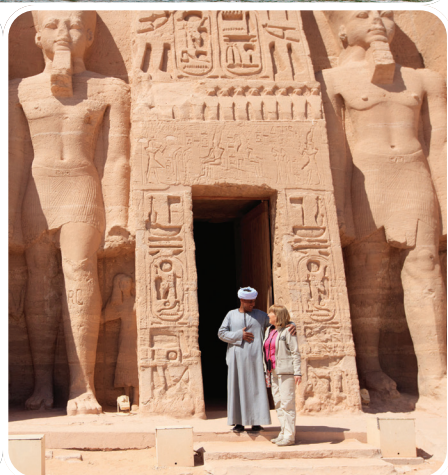
Condé Nast Traveler "Gold List" cruise line



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