

Pam Duncan - 46 And Counting



Pam's Puzzle

How many of us could complete a puzzle like this and double our pleasure by relishing the fact that we had visited almost every one of these landmarks? Not many I'm sure, but one of them is **Pamela Duncan** – world traveller and puzzle aficionado.

Although Pam had not been a traveller she always thought her retirement would be highlighted by travelling with her Mother. After her Mom died in 1998 she so often thought of where they might have gone together. Fortunately, Pam did not lose the travel bug. Now she takes her Mom with her on her many journeys, especially those she knows that her Mother would have loved.

In 2003 Pam took her deferred leave and made her first trip to visit her lifetime friend Linda Bryant, Nurse and Missionary, working in Panama at the Gospel Missionary Clinic Union. What a great beginning to really exploring the world. She had the privilege of living in the compound among the *Guayme* Tribe. She marvelled at how proficient her friend had become in speaking Spanish and appreciated the opportunity that this close proximity gave her to learn about another culture. This was the initial trip that helped to tease her curiosity that would eventually take her to **46 different countries!**



Machu Pachu, Peru

After she returned to work, a friend and colleague, Noni Hayes invited her to travel with the students that she was chaperoning on an EF Tour to England, France, Switzerland & Italy. It was on this trip that Pam first met Jim Myles who would play a large role in her future travels. Pam thought often of her Mom, especially while visiting England, the home of her grandfather. She was particularly awed by the beauty of Switzerland and the History that came alive in every excursion.

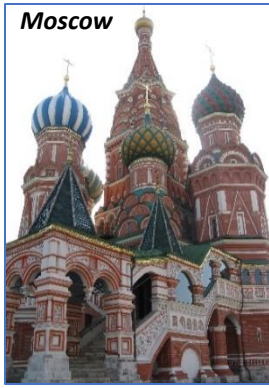
In 2005 she continued to travel as a student of history with EF Tours to Berlin, Prague and the Alps and in 2008 to Italy & Greece. Adding to her growing sense of History were the Brandenburg Gate, the Berlin



Savannah, Georgia

Wall, checkpoint Charlie, a concentration camp (Dachau), the Charles Bridge, the alpine region of Switzerland, the Matterhorn, and moving on to Greece, the many Ancient ruins and the beauty of the islands.

Also in 2008, Pam again met up with her friend Jim Myles on a trip to Williamsburg USA. Jim had started his own company, Travel Miles, and led many excursions thereafter; Pam went on 17 of these with Jim, and 3 others planned by Jim before he passed in 2017. Jim developed quite a following and tailored his trips to the desires of his loyal travellers.



Moscow

In 2010 Pam's friend Noni was retiring and to celebrate Pam joined Noni & Paul Hayes, Joanne Currie, Bonnie Hamilton (fellow teachers) and a number of students from Sugarloaf Senior High School on a trip to Spain & France. While there Spain won the World Cup (apparently in reverence to Noni's spectacular teaching career!)

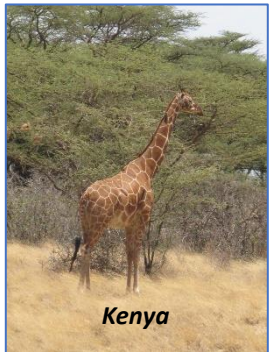
Many trips with Jim ensued – one highlight being Pam's first River Cruise – Russian Waterways when she loved having a home on a boat with exemplary service. Luxury! This would be a method of travel that she would choose many times later.

When asked about most memorable highlights from her many travels, Pam brags about having nothing but sunshine in Scotland, enjoying the charm of Charleston & Savannah, the amazing animals of Kenya & Tanzania & Tasmania and so many new experiences in South America & Antarctica and Peru (Machu Picchu), including being one of the limited number of people privileged to visit the protected area of Galapagos, home of Darwin's famous research. Her love of gardens, most notable Keukenhof, took her to the Netherlands twice and to the Botanical Gardens in New Zealand. Cruising has taken her to Alaska, the Greek Islands, Germany, Austria, Slovakia, Hungary, New Zealand, Australia and the Caribbean.



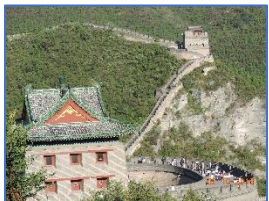
Tasmania

She has been to the Christmas Markets in Hungary, Austria, Germany and Czech Republic and enjoyed the Christmas lights in New York, New York. Pam joined Jim's excursion to the US National Parks in 2014 with GoAhead Tours; visiting Mesa Verde, Zion National Park, Bryce National Park, the Grand Canyon, Teton National Park, Yellowstone National Park and Jackson Hole.



Kenya

In 2016, she travelled with Azamara Cruises from Bali to Japan, going from extremely cold to extremely hot temperatures but missing a bit of Campbellton's winter! Highlights included a visit to Osaka with its many amazing temples and a special evening of entertainment at Fort Santiago, Manila, with lots of food, singing, dancing and fireworks.



She has walked the Great Wall of China, been in the underwater caves in the Philippines, helicoptered over Iguassu Falls (bigger even than Niagara Falls), fed the

Kangaroos, left a postcard in Post Office Bay, Floreana Island, Galapagos, and delivered school supplies to the children in Kenya.

Pam, who is Treasurer for her Church and our Treasurer of Restigouche Branch (NBSRT), always finds the time between trips to take care of all the finances, receipts and statements. Having just finished her last round of statements she will be off to another Caribbean Cruise. Although she seems to be almost out the door, she is still making some calls for a tour to the Country Music States in the US, followed by a trip to Jordan next year. Fortunately the wonderful life of this student of the World goes on and on . . .

