

## Thinking of You - Thoughts on Travel

I don't think any of us could have predicted how much the world would change in the last month and a half. This is certainly an unprecedented time. I had an unexpected pretty last-minute opportunity to travel to Peru in early March and came back right before the travel restrictions and shelter in place policies were implemented. Someday soon I will share more about that trip, but it has been a whirlwind here since I stepped off the plane and I've not had time yet to put my thoughts together on it.

We want to let you know that we have been thinking of all of you as you navigate distance teaching while also juggling the responsibilities of your own families when working from home. We understand you and your students are experiencing so much turmoil with the cancellation of so many important events. For some that includes their trip abroad. It has been a challenging time as we've had to cancel or postpone most of our 2020 tours. We are grateful that most of our summer student groups have been able to postpone their tours to 2021, but know it is a very disappointing and difficult time for them and you in many ways.

We are all working from home and hopeful that the current policies will continue to slow down the spread of COVID-19. We will be very glad when we can all work together in our office again. We are optimistic that, though it may take some time, travel will resume fairly soon.

We understand that if you were thinking of traveling with students in 2021 that planning and promoting a tour is not a priority right now. CETA has decided that with the reduction in flight schedules, it is best to price 2021 tours when the airfare for the tour dates is within range (roughly 50 weeks prior to departure) so we can use actual contract prices when pricing 2021 tours. For June 2021 departures, that means that we won't have tour prices finalized until mid-late July 2020. We are hopeful that by then we will have a clearer picture of when international air travel will open up and what the new protocols for it will be. This will enable to you to wait until summer to think about if you would like to offer a tour and if so, we can have things ready to promote your tour in the fall.

We will continue to monitor things and update you as needed. As always please <u>e-mail</u> us if you have any questions or would like to work on an itinerary. In the meantime, stay home, stay safe, stay well and until we can travel again, hold on to the great memories of past travels in the hope of creating new ones soon.

All our best to you,

Kristen, Jean, Ellie, and Melinda CETA Tours Team





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