



The Travel Life

MANIFESTO

A DECLARATION OF LIVING FULLY AT EVERY AGE

*A Companion Resource to the Book,
"The Slow Path to Wellness:
How Slow Travel Heals at Every Age"*

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A Declaration of Independence for Travelers 50+

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HOW TO USE THIS MANIFESTO

This is not just a document to read.

It's a declaration to live by.

WHAT IS A MANIFESTO?

A manifesto is a public declaration of intentions, beliefs, and values. It's a commitment—to yourself and to a way of being in the world.

The Travel Life Manifesto challenges everything you've been told about aging, adventure, and what's "appropriate" for travelers 50+.

It's a declaration of independence from:

- Society's expectations of how you should age
- The belief that your best years are behind you
 - The fear that holds you in place
- The narrative that adventure requires youth or wealth

HOW TO USE IT:

- Read it fully (preferably aloud)
- Sign it (commitment matters)
- Keep it visible (fridge, mirror, planner)
- Return to it when doubt creeps in
 - Share it with fellow travelers
 - Live it daily

THIS MANIFESTO IS FOR YOU:

"Twenty years from now, you will be more disappointed
by the things you didn't do than by the things you did.

So throw off the bowlines.
Sail away from the safe harbor.
Catch the trade winds in your sails.

Explore. Dream. Discover.

— Often attributed to Mark Twain
(Though likely not his words, the sentiment remains true)

Turn the page and claim it.

I. I REFUSE TO SETTLE

I refuse to believe my best years are behind me.

Society says: "You've had your turn. Now step aside. Make room. Settle into decline."

I say: "Watch me prove you wrong."

Every person who travels at 60, 70, 80+ is living proof that adventure doesn't end—it just evolves.

I refuse to let age determine my capability.

My body might move differently than it did at 30. So what?

Slow is not less-than. Different is not diminished.

I can still walk cobblestone streets, just at my own pace.

I can still climb ancient ruins, with more rest stops.

I can still explore the world, adapted to my needs.

Capability isn't about matching who I was. It's about maximizing who I am now.

I refuse to die with my life unlived.

Research on the regrets of the dying is clear:

- Nobody wishes they'd traveled less
- Nobody wishes they'd played it safer
- Nobody wishes they'd saved more money to leave behind
- Everyone wishes they'd been braver

I will not be lying on my deathbed thinking: "I wish I'd gone to Portugal. I wish I'd tried. I wish I'd lived."

I refuse this half-life of routines that numb me.

Wake, work, bills, stress, TV, bed, repeat.

This isn't living. It's existing on autopilot while life passes by.

I choose differently.

Travel isn't escape from my life—it's the pause that reminds me I'm alive.

I refuse to let "practical" kill "possible."

"Be practical. Be realistic. Be sensible."

Translation: "Be small. Be scared. Be stuck."

I will be practical about PLANNING (yes, I'll budget and prepare).

But I refuse to be "practical" about DREAMING.

Practical would have kept me in my living room forever.

I refuse to believe I need permission.

Not from my kids (who want me happy more than they wish inheritance).

Not from my friends (whose opinions don't pay my bills or live my life).

Not from society (which benefits from me staying small and consuming).

The only permission I need is my own.

And I give it to myself: GO!

Need support making this real?

Many of our Personalized Travel Planning clients come to us saying: *"I've decided I'm doing this—but I need help figuring out HOW."* We specialize in turning declarations into departure dates. **Schedule your discovery call TODAY: [HELP IS HERE!](#)**

II. I CHOOSE SLOW

I choose depth over breadth.

Ten countries in two weeks? That's not travel. That's a scavenger hunt.

One country in two weeks? Now we're talking. Time to settle. To notice. To belong briefly.

I'm not collecting passport stamps. I'm collecting moments of presence.

I choose presence over productivity.

Society worships speed and efficiency.

"See it all! Maximize! Optimize! Don't waste a minute!"

But slow travel whispers: "Waste time beautifully. Sit at that café for two hours. Walk without a destination. Rest without guilt."

Productivity is for work. Travel is for being.

I choose rhythms over schedules.

No alarms (when possible).

No rushing.

No packed itineraries.

Instead: wake naturally, eat slowly, walk gently, rest when tired.

My body knows what it needs. Travel is listening to it instead of overriding it.

I choose staying over going.

The magic isn't in how many places I see.

It's in what happens when I stay long enough to stop being a tourist:

- Day 3: I find my café
- Day 5: The baker recognizes me
- Day 7: I know my neighborhood
- Day 10: This place feels like it could be home
- Day 14: I don't want to leave

That's what I'm chasing. That feeling of belonging everywhere.

I choose walking over rushing.

10,000 steps a day isn't a fitness goal—it's a travel philosophy.

Walking is how I see the real place:

- The family-run bakery is three blocks from the tourist center
- The grandmother feeding pigeons in the park
- The market where locals actually shop
- The details I'd miss from a tour bus

Walking is healing: for body, for mind, for soul.

I choose simplicity over excess.

One carry-on bag.

One week of clothes, washed weekly.

Fewer choices, less stress, more freedom.

Packing light isn't about deprivation. It's about mobility, both physical and spiritual.

When I carry less, I'm less burdened. Literally and metaphorically.

I choose quality over quantity.

Not: "How many countries can I see?"

But: "How deeply can I experience this one place?"

Not: "How many photos can I take?"

But: "How present can I be?"

Not: "How much can I do?"

But: "How much can I feel?"

Slow is my rebellion against a culture that confuses busy with important.

Want help designing a slow travel rhythm?

Our trip-planning service includes creating a day-by-day rhythm template that balances activity with rest, tailored to your energy and needs. No more exhausting vacation—just restorative travel. **Learn more** [HERE!](#)

III. I TRUST THE PROCESS

I trust that I don't need to know everything before I start.

Every expert was once a beginner who kept going.

I don't need to speak the language fluently (10 phrases will do).

I don't need to plan every detail (30% planned, 70% open).

I don't need to have traveled before (everyone has a first time).

I just need to start. Learning happens in motion, not in preparation.

Getting lost is part of finding.

GPS will fail. I will take wrong turns. I will end up somewhere unexpected.

Good.

- ★ The wrong street often leads to the right café.
- The missed bus often leads to a better conversation.
- The lost moment often leads to finding myself.

Getting lost isn't failure. It's how discovery works.

I'm more capable than I believe.

I've survived: career changes, loss, divorce, raising humans, decades of challenges.

I can survive: asking for directions, ordering mystery food, and finding my way.

Every "I can't" I've overcome in life prepared me for every "I can't" I'll overcome in travel.

I am capable. I just haven't proved it to myself yet. Travel will prove it.

I trust that mistakes are part of the story.

I will:

- Go to the wrong address
- Order something I can't identify
- Misunderstand bus schedules
- Overpay for something
- Get on the wrong train

And I will laugh about it later. These become the BEST stories.

Perfection is boring. Mistakes are human. Humanity is beautiful.

I trust that help is available when I need it.

Humans are kinder than the news suggests.

When I'm lost, someone will help.

When I'm confused, someone will explain.

When I need something, someone will offer.

I've helped confused tourists in my hometown. Others will help me in theirs.

I trust that my intuition is reliable.

If something feels wrong, it probably is. Leave.

If someone feels trustworthy, they probably are. Engage.

If a place feels right, it probably is. Stay.

My gut knows things my brain hasn't figured out yet.

I trust that transformation takes time.

Day 1: "What have I done?"

Day 3: "This is hard."

Day 5: "Oh. This is nice."

Day 7: "I don't want this to end."

Day 10: "I'm different."

The magic doesn't happen immediately. I commit to staying long enough for it to work.

Coming home is part of the journey.

Travel doesn't end at the airport. Integration is where transformation becomes permanent.

I will:

- Journal extensively
- Maintain travel practices
- Plan the next trip
- Build travel into my life rhythm

One trip transforms. A lifetime of travel transcends.

I trust the slow path.

Fast promises results now.

Slow delivers results that last.

I'm not sprinting toward healing.

I'm walking steadily toward wholeness.

And I trust that the walking itself is the medicine.

Worried about logistics?

Trust is easier when you have a solid plan. Our Personalized Travel Planning service handles all the details so you can focus on the experience, not the execution. [Schedule consultation HERE!](#)

IV. I PRIORITIZE MY HEALING

I recognize that travel is medicine, not luxury.

Society says: "Travel is frivolous. Unnecessary. Selfish."

Science says: "Travel reduces inflammation, lowers blood pressure, improves cognitive function, processes grief, builds resilience, and increases longevity."

I choose to believe in science.

Travel isn't indulgent—it's essential. Like sleep. Like water. Like love.

I recognize that I can't pour from an empty cup.

I've spent decades giving to my career, to my family, to my obligations.

Now I'm refilling.

Not because I'm selfish. Because I'm empty.

I can't help anyone if I'm depleted. Self-care isn't selfish—it's sustainable.

I recognize that my body needs what travel provides.

- Movement (daily walking heals what sitting destroys)
- Sunlight (vitamin D, mood, circadian rhythm)
- Fresh air (literally breathe differently in nature)
- Real food (not processed convenience)
- Deep sleep (stress reduction allows rest)
- Novel experiences (neuroplasticity keeps the brain young)

My body NEEDS these things. Travel provides them. Therefore, travel is healthcare.

I recognize that my mind needs what travel provides.

- Break from routine (pattern interruption prevents stagnation)
- Problem distance (perspective on what actually matters)
- Learning (new language, culture, skills—brain food)
- Challenge (growth requires discomfort)
- Beauty (aesthetic experiences feed the soul)

My mind is hungry. Travel feeds it what screens can't provide.

I recognize that my heart needs what travel provides.

- Processing space (grief needs room to breathe)
- Connection (humans need other humans)
- Joy (laughter that isn't forced)
- Wonder (remembering the world is bigger than my problems)
- Purpose (doing something that matters to me)

My heart has been closed. Travel opens it gently.

I recognize that this isn't a vacation—it's a transformation.

Vacation is a temporary escape.

Travel is intentional evolution.

Vacation says: "Get away from life."

Travel says: "Remember how to live."

I'm not escaping myself. I'm finding myself.

I recognize that I deserve this.

Not because I've earned it through suffering.

Not because I've been good enough.

Not because I've checked all the boxes.

Because I'm alive. And alive means worthy of living fully.

I don't need to justify wanting more from life. I'm allowed to want it simply because I want it.

I recognize that age makes this MORE important, not less.

I don't have infinite time left.

Every year I don't travel is a year I don't get back.

The question isn't "Can I afford to travel?"

The question is "Can I afford NOT to?"

I recognize that healing is ongoing.

This trip will heal things.

The next trip will heal other things.

The subsequent trip will support healing.

This isn't one-and-done. This is a lifestyle of ongoing wellness through travel.

I'm building a life where healing isn't an event—it's integrated into my rhythm.

Need a healing-focused itinerary?

Our planning service includes matching destinations to your specific healing intentions—whether physical recovery, emotional processing, creative renewal, or spiritual exploration. **Get personalized guidance [HERE!](#)**

V. I COMMIT TO STARTING

I commit to booking the flight.

Not "someday." Not "when conditions are perfect." Not "when I'm ready."

Now. Even if scared. Especially if scared.

Courage isn't the absence of fear. It's acting despite it.

The transformation begins the moment I click "purchase."

I commit to imperfect action.

I will not wait until:

- I've read every guidebook
- I speak the language fluently
- I have every detail planned
- I feel completely confident
- Conditions are ideal

Perfect doesn't exist. "Good enough" gets me on the plane.

I commit to starting small if needed.

Can't do 3 weeks internationally? Start with 3 days domestically.

Can't do solo? Start with a friend.

Can't do adventurous? Start with gentle.

Any start is better than no start.

Small builds to big. But only if I begin.

I commit to my specific timeline.

My departure date: _____

Not vague "this year." Not "eventually."

A real date. On the calendar. Protected. Non-negotiable.

(Write it above. Make it real.)

I commit to telling people.

Once I tell others, it becomes real. Accountability sets in.

I will tell:

- Someone who will encourage me: _____
- Someone who will hold me accountable: _____
- Someone who will celebrate with me: _____

Shared dreams become realized dreams.

I commit to the 30-day action plan.

For the next 30 days, I commit to:

Week 1:

- Choose destination (done: _____)
- Set budget (done: \$_____)
- Check passport validity

Week 2:

- Book flight (by date: _____)
- Purchase insurance
- Book the first 3 nights

Week 3:

- Medical prep (doctor visit, prescriptions)
- Learn 10 phrases in a language
- Start packing list

Week 4:

- Finalize logistics
- Inform family of plans
- Pack
- GO

I commit to going even when scared.

Fear will show up. Doubt will whisper. Excuses will sound reasonable.

I'm going anyway.

Because on the other side of fear is everything I want:

- Freedom
- Healing
- Adventure
- Growth
- Life actually lived

I commit to documenting this decision.

Today's date: _____

I, _____, commit to taking my first slow travel journey to _____ departing on _____.

I commit to starting even though I'm scared.

I commit to trusting the process.

I commit to choosing life over fear.

Signed: _____

This is my declaration. My commitment. My promise to myself.

Want help with the 30-day plan?

Our Quick-Start Planning Package walks you through every step of the first 30 days so nothing gets forgotten and you stay on track. Perfect for nervous first-timers who need structure and support. **Explore our Quick-Start Package** [HERE!](#)

VI. I BUILD THIS INTO MY LIFE

I refuse to make this a one-time thing.

One transformative trip is beautiful.

A life built around ongoing travel is transcendent.

I'm not checking travel off a list. I'm weaving it into the fabric of my existence.

I commit to a sustainable travel rhythm.

My travel rhythm will be:

- Quarterly (4 trips per year, 3-5 days each)
- Semi-annual (2 trips per year, 1-2 weeks each)
- Annual + quarterly (1 long trip + 4 short trips)
- Seasonal migration (6 months home, 6 months abroad)
- Other: _____

I choose: _____ (circle one above)

This rhythm is realistic for my life and sustainable over the long term.

I commit to funding travel consistently.

I will allocate _____% of my income to travel.

I will automatically transfer \$_____ per month to my travel fund.

I will treat travel as a non-negotiable expense, like housing or healthcare.

Because it IS healthcare.

I commit to maintaining travel practices at home.

The habits I'll maintain between trips:

1. Daily morning walks (movement medicine)
2. _____
3. _____

The mindsets I'll protect:

1. Slowness over productivity
2. _____
3. _____

Travel isn't just the trips—it's the life I live between them.

I commit to planning the next journey before the current one ends.

Before I return from each trip, I will:

- Book my next departure date
- Choose the next destination
- Set aside the first deposit

Having the next trip booked sustains transformation between journeys.

Anticipation is its own form of healing.

I commit to community.

I will connect with:

- Other slow travelers (online groups, local meetups)
- Destination-specific communities (before I go)
- Fellow travelers I meet along the way
- People at home who support this lifestyle

Travel community makes the lifestyle sustainable.

I commit to evolution, not rigidity.

My 60s travel will look different than my 70s.

My 70s travel will look different than my 80s.

That's not decline—that's adaptation.

I will adjust:

- Destinations (easier accessibility as needed)
- Pace (slower, more rest days)
- Accommodation (elevator access, ground floor)
- Activities (gentler hiking, more sitting and observing)

But I won't stop. I'll evolve.

I commit to saying "I'm a traveler."

Not "I took a trip."

Not "I went to Portugal once."

But: "I'm a traveler. I integrate travel into my life. This is who I am."

Identity shift creates behavior shift.

When I'm a traveler, travel isn't optional—it's essential.

I commit to inspiring others.

By living this way, I permit others.

My courage becomes their courage.

My stories become their inspiration.

My transformation becomes their possibility.

I don't have to preach. I just have to go—and let my life speak.

I commit to making this my legacy.

When I'm 90, looking back, I want to remember:

Not the TV shows I watched.

Not the money I saved.

Not the comfortable routine I maintained.

But: the places I saw, the people I met, the person I became through going.

This is the legacy I'm building: a life fully lived, at every age.

Ready to make travel a lifestyle?

Our Annual Travel Planning service helps you build sustainable travel rhythms into your life—not just one trip, but a year-long (and beyond) strategy for ongoing transformation. Build your travel life: [Personalized Travel Planning](#)

VII. WHEN I FORGET (AND I WILL)

Life has gravity. Home pulls. Routine hypnotizes.

I will slip. I'll get busy. I'll postpone. I'll make excuses.

When that happens—when I forget why I'm doing this—I return to these reminders:

When I'm scared:

"Courage isn't the absence of fear. It's going anyway. Every person who travels felt this fear. They went. They're fine. I will be too."

When I think I'm too old:

"Anna is 86 and still traveling. Margaret started at 68. Susan transformed at 72. Age is not the barrier—belief is."

When money feels tight:

"I've spent more on things I never use. This money buys transformation. Which investment matters more?"

When I feel selfish:

"Self-care enables care for others. Empty cups pour nothing. This isn't selfish—it's sustainable."

When I doubt I'm capable:

"I've survived harder things than navigating a foreign country. I am more capable than I believe. Travel will prove it."

When routine feels comfortable:

"Comfortable is how life passes by unlived. Discomfort is where growth happens. I choose growth."

When family questions me:

"They mean well, but they're not living my life. I need this. Their understanding isn't required—though it would be nice."

When I compare to others:

"Their journey isn't mine. My pace is perfect for me. Comparison steals joy. I choose my own path."

When exhaustion tempts me to quit:

"Day 1 is always hardest. Day 3 shifts. Day 5 transforms. I commit to staying long enough for magic."

When I wonder if it's worth it:

"Research is clear: travel extends life, improves health, processes grief, builds resilience, and creates joy. It's worth it."

Feeling stuck?

Sometimes we need external support to overcome internal resistance. Our coaching and accountability services help you stay committed when life pulls you back into old patterns. **Get support at Traveling Savvy Seniors**

VIII. MY DECLARATION TO THE WORLD

To society, which tells me to settle:

I refuse. Watch me.

To my body, which I've neglected:

I'm sorry. We're going on an adventure. You'll love it.

To my fear, which keeps me small:

I hear you. I'm going anyway. Come along if you want.

To my regrets, which haunt me:

I'm done accumulating you. From now on, I risk and live.

To my family, who worries:

I love you. I need this. Please support me—or at least don't stop me.

To my future self, looking back:

You're welcome. I chose brave. You're living the proof.

To others who dream but hesitate:

I'm going first. Watch me. When you see it's possible, you'll find your courage. I'm clearing the path.

To the part of me that wants this:

I'm listening. Finally, we're doing it. Pack your metaphorical bags—we're going.

To the universe, which offers adventures:

Yes. I'm saying yes. I'm available for transformation. Show me what's possible.

To myself, who's reading this:

You're not crazy. You're awake.

You're not selfish. You're choosing life.

You're not too old. You're exactly the right age.

You're not unprepared. You'll learn as you go.

You're not alone. Thousands are doing this.

You're ready. You've always been ready.

Now go!

IX. THIS IS MY MANIFESTO

I, _____, hereby declare my commitment to living The Travel Life. I refuse to be limited by age, fear, or society's expectations. I claim my right to adventure, exploration, and freedom—on my own terms, at my own pace, within my own budget. I acknowledge that this life requires courage, but I am brave enough to live it. My best years are not behind me. They are here. Now. Waiting.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Location: _____

(Where you are when you sign this)

WITNESS (Optional - have a friend sign):

Witnessed by: _____ Date: _____

You didn't just read this. You committed to it. Now go live it.

— Mary R. Johnson

Founder, Traveling Savvy Seniors

Currently living the manifesto in Da Lat, Vietnam

Share this manifesto:

If this resonated, share it. Post it. Send it to someone who needs permission.

- Post your signed manifesto on social media
- Tag: [@travelingsavvyseniors](https://www.instagram.com/travelingsavvyseniors)

- #TravelLifeManifesto #SlowPathManifesto #TravelLifeMovement #NeverTooLate
- Email it to friends who need permission to live boldly
- Start a manifesto group (hold each other accountable)

Let's build a community of people choosing life over fear, travel over stagnation, presence over productivity.

Your transformation inspires others' transformation.

Go first. Show them it's possible!

RESOURCES TO SUPPORT YOUR MANIFESTO

You've declared your commitment. Now let's make it real.

[Travel Companion Agreement Templates](#)

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Daily inspiration, real travel stories, practical tips

YouTube: Traveling Savvy Seniors

Destination guides, packing tutorials, travel mindset talks

Blog: travelingsavvyseniors.com

In-depth articles on slow travel, destination guides, and transformation stories

PLANNING SUPPORT:

Living this manifesto requires more than inspiration—it requires a plan.

Our [Personalized Travel Planning](#) services help you:

- ✓ Turn declaration into departure date
- ✓ Choose destinations that serve your healing intention
- ✓ Design realistic budgets that work
- ✓ Create detailed itineraries with slow travel rhythms
- ✓ Prepare for health and accessibility needs
- ✓ Build sustainable travel into your annual rhythm
- ✓ Stay accountable to your commitment

Service Levels:

Starter Package (\$497)

- Destination consultation
- Basic itinerary and accommodation research
- Budget planning
- Perfect for first-timers

Complete Package (\$897)

- Everything in Starter, plus:
- Detailed daily rhythm design
- Pre-departure consultation
- First-week email support
- Integration planning

Premium Package (\$1,497)

- Everything in Complete, plus:
- Post-trip integration program (90 days)
- Planning for next 2 trips
- Annual travel rhythm development
- Ongoing support and accountability

Schedule your discovery call TODAY:

- Discuss your travel goals
 - Get clarity on next steps
 - See if we're a good fit
 - Leave with actionable advice (even if we don't work together)
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EMAIL US:

Email: contact@theslowpathtowellness.com

Questions? Concerns? Want to share your manifesto moment?

We read and respond to every email personally.

TESTIMONIALS FROM MANIFESTO SIGNERS:

"I printed this manifesto, signed it, and put it on my fridge. Two months later, I was in Portugal. It worked like a spell—or maybe it just gave me the permission I'd been denying myself."

— Linda M., 68, California

"I read this manifesto crying. Not sad tears—recognition tears. Someone finally understood. Three weeks later, I booked my first solo trip. I'm 64 and terrified and doing it anyway."

— Patricia R., 64, Texas

"This manifesto is my permission slip. I printed five copies: one for my fridge, one for my journal, one for my daughter (who worries), one for my travel bag, one for my best friend (who's joining me)."

— Robert S., 71, Florida

"I've been 'someday-ing' travel for 10 years. This manifesto made me pick a date—an actual date, on the calendar, a plane ticket booked. Someday is December 15th. I'm going to Mexico."

— Jennifer K., 58, New York

YOUR NEXT STEP

You've read the manifesto.

You've signed it.

Now what?

Option 1: DIY Your Journey

READ THE FULL BOOK: [The Slow Path to Wellness: How Slow Travel Heals at Every Age](#), by Mary R. Johnson - Available in paperback & ebook

PLAN YOUR FIRST (OR NEXT) TRIP

- Download the [Slow Travel Starter Kit](#)
- Complete the [Planning Workbook](#)
- Use the [Budget Planning Templates](#)
- Join Facebook senior travel communities
- Start planning on your own

Print this manifesto and put it somewhere you'll see daily:

- Bathroom mirror Refrigerator Inside your planner Framed on your wall Phone wallpaper *(take a photo of your signed copy)*

Visibility = Accountability

Option 2: Get Expert Support

Work with us to turn the manifesto into reality:

[Schedule your discovery call](#) and stay accountable to your commitment

Personalized Travel Planning Includes:

- ✓ Destination matching consultation
- ✓ Custom itinerary design

- ✓ Budget optimization
 - ✓ Pre-departure support
 - ✓ First-week email support
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Either way—the important thing is to START.

A manifesto without action is just words on paper. Action without a manifesto is wandering without purpose. You have the manifesto. Now take the action. Your travel life begins today.

— Mary

The slow path to wellness is waiting.

Your signed manifesto is your first step.

Your booked flight is your second.

Everything else unfolds from there.

Will you start?

FINAL WORDS

You've read 3,500+ words about choosing differently.

Now close this document.

Open your calendar.

Pick a date.

Book a flight.

That's how manifestos become movements.

That's how declarations become destinations.

That's how readers become travelers.

We believe in you.
We're here if you need us.
Now go!
Your slow path begins now

Signed in solidarity,

Mary & The Traveling Savvy Seniors Team

Written in Da Lat, Vietnam and Chiang Mai, Thailand
For everyone ready to choose life over fear

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Mary R. Johnson is the founder of Traveling Savvy Seniors, where she helps adults 50+ explore affordable, life-enhancing travel and long-stay living around the world. In her mid-60s, she made the bold decision to step away from a comfortable routine, sell nearly everything she owned, and begin a new chapter abroad – proving that meaningful adventure doesn't have an expiration date.

Now based in Vietnam after extended stays across Southeast Asia, Mary shares practical, experience-based guidance for travelers who want more than rushed vacations. She understands the real concerns mature travelers face – health, safety, finances, comfort, and loneliness – because she navigated them herself. From finding arthritis-friendly climates and restorative thermal springs to accessing quality healthcare on a modest budget, her approach focuses on realistic solutions rather than glossy travel fantasies.

Through her writing and work with Traveling Savvy Seniors, Mary encourages readers to move beyond “someday” thinking and discover what's truly possible in this stage of life. She doesn't just write about slow travel – she lives it every day, and her mission is to help others do the same with confidence, clarity, and peace of mind.

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