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# NEWSLETTER

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## VENUE CHANGE!

November 19th meeting location  
has been changed to the **SHRINE HALL**,  
1626 Simcoe St. N.

- Bring a mug
- Wear your nametag

## Message From The President

It seems like forever since we have been together, since, unfortunately, we had to cancel our October General Meeting due to the Town of Whitby labour disruption. By now, most have you would have seen our club email that we have relocated our November meeting to the Oshawa & District Shrine Club, as there still is no end in sight to the labour disruption. Any of you who have been members of our club for some time will recognize this Hall as our old stomping grounds so it should not feel too unfamiliar. I'm hoping you will all join us there.

I love this time of year and how comfortable it is outdoors, but only if you are dressed appropriately! My task this week is changing over the closets and wardrobes to cool weather clothing. I am behind in the closet changeover this year as I just returned from a trip to Greece. It was temperate weather before we left and we returned to find ourselves shivering with the cold while waiting for our ride outside at the airport. Mind you, weather tolerance is a matter of perspective. While in Greece, I would start each morning trying to decide between a short-sleeved or

sleeveless blouse, while the locals were wearing pants and puffer jackets! What would they think of our temperatures mid-winter?

While I was away, I missed two Probus Euchre tournaments – our club tournament at Thornton Arms, and an inter-club tournament hosted by the Pickering Probus clubs. By all accounts, both events were well-attended and a resounding success. It is so gratifying to hear about fun and camaraderie sparked by a Probus event, as that's what Probus is all about!

I hear also that the Old Boy's Breakfast Group is quite popular amongst the men in our midst, and that a new Lunch Group is in formation. Please check our Interest Group table at the meeting or our Interest Group page on our website if you want any more information about an Interest Group. Don't forget that you can start a new group too, if you have an interest that you might like to share with other like-minded members.

Well, no more procrastinating – time to tackle the closets. Hope to see you on November 16!

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## Membership

### NEW MEMBERS

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NEAL SIMPSON

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BONNIE LARSON-KNIGHT

JOIN US ALL IN WELCOMING OUR 7  
NEWEST MEMBERS

Our private for members Facebook Group continues to grow. Join to share your own interests and to see what other members are sharing with our group. It's a great way to get to know our members outside of our meetings and events.

### Our Members Care

We've all been there. When someone's family member passes away, we want to be supportive and show understanding while always being mindful of their wishes for privacy.

If you know of a member who has experienced a loss, you may send a message to [durhamcentralprobust@gmail.com](mailto:durhamcentralprobust@gmail.com).

## General Meeting

Here are the 2023 meeting dates.

1. November 16
2. December 7th -  
Holiday Luncheon.

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### STAY IN TOUCH WITH OUR OWN PRIVATE FACEBOOK GROUP

*A great place to share your interests + meet  
and make new friends from our Club.*

Durham Central Facebook Group



Aging gracefully is an art.  
Aging disgracefully is an  
absolute blast!

### More To Remember

The Holy Book has an added treasure.  
The photograph placed there still gazed at, respected.  
Remembered with pleasure each detail inspected.  
Cap on the table and stick in his hand  
The family hero had taken a stand.  
November eleventh, eleven o'clock a pause  
to remember the sacrifice made,  
young men and women consigned to the grave.  
Remembrance events with the pageantry and calm  
contrasting with battle destruction and harm.  
Missiles and drones are used today  
to desecrate, destroy and slay.  
Still rubble, blood and tears,  
anxiety passing through the years.  
Results displacement, families mourning,  
distrust continued; caution, warning.  
Generations have not learned,  
reason and common ground hard earned.  
Essential that we mark the day,  
Rouse, remembering may affect the play.

*L. Patricia Bayley.*





# Special Interest Groups

We experimented with having members register for a new Interest group through Wild Apricot

The response was positive and I will most likely be using this format again

The lunch group will be meeting for the first time on November 9th at The Greek Tycoon restaurant in Whitby.

The group is presently at capacity but I am willing to start a wait list.

I will have more info re the status of spots available after the 9th of this month.

For those members who are looking forward to having some snow: The winter activities will be starting as soon as the snow arrives so watch for that information. If you are not on the list for

skiing/snowboarding please contact Laurie Jones.

The Local Arts Appreciation group has new leadership so please watch for news about activities.

Any questions about any group may be directed to me – [c.frost@sympatico.ca](mailto:c.frost@sympatico.ca).

We are always open to new ideas.

## Arts Appreciation

**Laurie Jones** and I are happy to be sharing the group leader role. We'd especially like to thank **Susan Crase** for her contributions and for initiating this group.

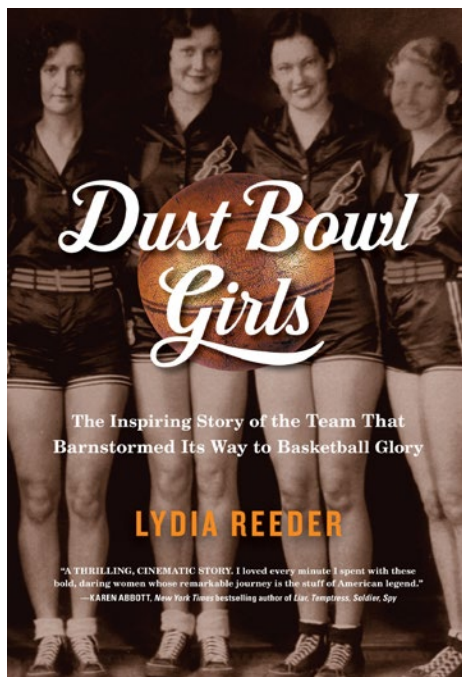
There's an amazing scope to the arts from photography, visuals, films, dance, theatre – you name it, so we've tweaked the name a wee bit so that we aren't limited to local.

That being said, with December being a pretty busy month, we thought we'd stay local with our December Event taking place at the familiar Station Gallery, December 15th, 1:00 PM with coffee talk at the Tim Hortons across from the venue. We can discuss ideas for what we'd like to do for the upcoming year.

Please RSVP to **Laurie** and **MaryAnne** – we'll send out a reminder closer to the event.

You can view the gallery information here, <https://www.stationgallery.ca/exhibitions>.

## ChickLits



Our October novel was “**Warlight**” by Michael Ondaatje. There were mixed reactions to the novel from our group – ranging from “Hated it!” to “Loved, loved, loved this book!”. Obviously, this led to an interesting discussion amongst ourselves. I must begrudgingly admit (I was NOT one who loved this novel), that any novel that sparks such strong reactions and great analytical discussion must be a well-written one.

Our next book is “**Dust Bowl Girls**” by Lydia Reeder. This is a true story about a championship Women's basketball team during the Depression. I'm sure this one will spark some reaction as it is said to capture “a moment in history when female athletes faced intense scrutiny from influential figures in politics, education, and medicine who denounced women's sports as unhealthy and unladylike.” (*Goodreads*)

We will be meeting on November 20 to review the book.

**Patti Mavins**

### Arts Appreciation Group

Our next outing is to the Station Gallery in Whitby

LIFE'S MOODS Exhibit

Friday December 15th, 2023  
1:00 PM

Coffee & Chat to follow  
Tim Hortons

Art is about moods: how people feel, how people respond and how they respond to one another. Our emotional states can change when we express ourselves creatively. This year's theme seeks to explore the emotive dimensions of visual culture

L I F E ' S  
moods



## DC Wanderers

The DC Wanderers enjoyed several walks in October including Harmony Creek, Whitby Waterfront, Cullen Gardens and the Michael Starr Trail. We are out and about for an hour,

weather permitting. The pace is leisurely and the company great! If you are interested in joining us, please contact Pete Jones at [barbandpete@rogers.com](mailto:barbandpete@rogers.com).



## Downhill Skiing And Snowboarding Group

**Get your skis/snowboards ready. Winter is coming!!**

**Description:** Alpine skiing and snowboarding. Please note that this activity is for downhill skiers and snowboarders with some experience.

**Meeting Cadence:** Wednesdays: Brimacombe location 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

**Day Trip per month:** All day, exact times, days and locations TBD

**Where: Home Base:** Brimacombe (30 mins from Oshawa) [brimacombe.ca](http://brimacombe.ca)

**Dates:** January to mid-March

**How:** Skiers are responsible for booking their own lift tickets and their transportation to the slopes. For more information on lift tickets: [brimacombe.ca/lift-tickets](http://brimacombe.ca/lift-tickets).

**Leader - Laurie Jones:** For questions about this group and are interested in joining this group please [contact me](#).





## Euchre Tournament

On October 30th, I and a few others from Durham Central went to East End Pub and Grill in Pickering to join other Durham Probus Clubs for an afternoon of Euchre. The attendance was very good and I would estimate at least 60 to 70 people attended. Everyone enjoyed their time there playing Euchre and meeting new people.



## Fibre Friends

Fibre Friends have enjoyed two great in person meetings this past month. As always...great to have a few laughs and catch up on all things fibre-related.

Our meeting schedule for the remainder of November and December is as follows:

**Wednesday, November 22, 1:30 p.m. – Jane's**

**Thursday, December 14, 10:00 a.m. – Jill's**

**Wednesday, December 27, 1:30 p.m. - TBD**

In person locations will be shared via email.

Happy fibre crafting!



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## Old Boyz Breakfast

On Monday November 6, the Old Boys Breakfast club met for the second time to enjoy breakfast and some light hearted discussion. Unfortunately the breakfast started with a significant challenge ... Denny's was closed as it was being renovated.

Plan B was formulated and a quick call to the Sunset Grill, in the Kelsey's/ Swiss Chalet complex at the Brock/401 interchange, confirmed that they could host the 11 attendees. The attendees

were redirected and a good time was had by all. Included were three members who had recently joined our club.

Due to the success of the two Old Boy Breakfast events, we have decided to move the breakfast event to an interest group. The initial composition of the interest group will be the members who have attended the first two events. Breakfast will continue to be the first Monday of the month. Location and time will be communicated in advance of the events.

We do have limited room to accept additional members. Please email me at [dcprobmemaadm@gmail.com](mailto:dcprobmemaadm@gmail.com) if you would like to join the Old Boys Breakfast interest group. We will fulfill the remaining openings on a first come basis. An overflow list will also be maintained if necessary.

**Paul Dionne**



## Ball Whackers Golf Group

**Sadly, our golf season has ended.**

The weather has changed, and it is now too cold to enjoy playing golf. The courses are beginning to close for the season.

We did play Pickering Glen twice and Columbus in October. That ended the Probus Golf Season.

A few golfers did play on November 3 at Kedron Dells to end the season. It was a cooler day but great to get for the final game in November.

We look forward to getting back on the links again sometime in April 2024.

We golf 18 holes at various golf courses on Fridays starting around 10:00 AM. If anyone is interested in joining us, please contact me.

For more information e-mail Tom at [tlacma99@gmail.com](mailto:tlacma99@gmail.com)





## Mahjong Marvels

Our group members are so keen that we plan to play our usual bi-weekly schedule all through the holiday season.

**Andra Norberg, Mahjong Leader**



*Most of the "Marvellous Mahjongers" at June's Nov. 7, '23*





## Uncorked Wine Group

Doug and Karen Tulk hosted a celebration of fall October 19, 2023

**THEME OF THE NIGHT: "Fall Harvest"**

### "FUN FACT"

*It's been called harvest and Autumn, but how exactly did Fall become a term? People started moving into cities, saying "fall of the leaf" to refer to the year's third harvest. Over time, "fall of the leaf" was shortened to just Fall.*

The first wine served is a rich bodied, 5-Star Italian Red wine which has been described a very compelling wine for the money.

**Luccarelli Negroamaro Puglia IGT,**  
Alcohol/Vol 13% \$10.95

Made in Puglia, Italy, By Luccarelli

**Tasting Notes:** Boasts a Savory, Licorice, Dark Fruit flavour.

**Autumn Food & Drink favorite for Pairing:**

**Harvest Nachos** are served which pair perfectly with the crunchy tortilla chips under a bed of smoked cheddar and Emmenthal cheeses, topped with roasted fall veggies, dried cranberries and herbs.



### "FUN FACTS"

*Superstition says that catching a falling leaf is good luck! The more you catch the better your luck.*

*Each fall, the black-capped chickadee's tiny hippocampus enlarges by 30%, which enables it to remember where it collected seeds in different spots in trees and on the ground.*

**WHO KNEW?**

Next we enjoy a lighter wine boasting a 4.9 star rating

**Kim Crawford Sauvignon Blanc**  
Alcohol/Vol 12.5% \$21.95

Made in Marlborough, New Zealand By Kim Crawford

**Tasting Notes:** intensely flavourful, think passion fruit, gooseberry and pea pods. Vivid and refreshing.

**Autumn Food & Drink favorite for Pairing:**

To lighten the food vibe, a **Roasted Beet Salad with Oranges, Walnuts and Whipped Goat Cheese** is served. This wine also pairs well with steamed clams or mussels with asparagus risotto, or grilled chicken.



## Uncorked Wine Group - cont'd.

### "FUN FACT"

*The time of day you pick is just as important as the time of year!*

*You may know that August, September and October are the best months to harvest but did you know the time of day is just as important? In the dead of night, tractor-mounted lights flick on and field hands load baskets full of grapes in a practice that is increasingly common in California and throughout the world. Harvesting at night saves money (no need to cool grapes before crushing), is easier on the workers and ensures a stable sugar level in the grapes, something that fluctuates when the temperature rises.*

Next a medium bodied 4.5 Star white wine from California is described as a wine that is fruity, crisp, and light. It is a good summer wine, effortless to drink and an outstanding value.

**Woodbridge Pinot Grigio,**  
Alcohol/Vol 12% \$14.95

Made California, USA, Woodbridge By Robert Mondavi

**Tasting Notes:** Floral, minerally, cantaloupe & citrus aromas with a fresh citrusy finish.

**Autumn Food & Drink favorite for Pairing:**

Greek Shrimp & Orzo Salad is served. This dish boasts the freshness of cherry tomatoes and cucumbers along with and abundance of herbs paired with spicy shrimp or chicken, topped with sprinkling of feta.



### "FUN FACT"

*Moldy grapes make some of the best wine!*

*To produce sweet wine, vintners rely on a fungus called noble rot, which shrivels and decays the grapes creating two desirable traits: more sugar and a distinctive taste. Noble rot dries out the grapes making the sugar to water content higher which leads to a sweeter wine. The fungus also has an aromatic compound that gives wine a "honey" or "beeswax" flavor.*

An Ontario wine described as a Cabernet Sauvignon/Merlot/Cabernet Franc which follows the ripasso method perfected in Italy's Veneto region, was served next.

From vintages: **The Foreign Affair The Conspiracy,**  
Alcohol/Vol 12.8% \$19.95

Made by: Niagara Foreign Affair

**Tasting Notes:** this unique wine uses dried grapes to add richness and depth to the notes of fresh and dried prune, floral elements, smoke, dark fruit and licorice. An impressive wine that's perfect for pizza, grilled burgers.

**Autumn Food & Drink favorite for Pairing:**

Stuffed Pasta Shells with Vodka Butternut Squash Sauce is served which sends out cozy vibes with its gooey and golden cheese, the very definition of comfort!





## Uncorked Wine Group - cont'd.

### "FUN FACT"

*Levels of testosterone in both men and women are at their highest in the fall. Scientists speculate the surge may be a result of ancient mating instincts (e.g., the fall "rutting season") or that decreasing daylight somehow triggers it.*

Lastly a dessert wine is served with a luscious true Fall dessert. It's opaque red-purple colour leads to immediately appealing aromas and

### Graham's Late Bottled Vintage Port

Alcohol/Vol 20% \$21.95

Made In Portugal

**Tasting Notes:** There are flavours of plum, milk chocolate, spices and blood orange. On the palate, it is sweet, medium-bodied, rich and lush with rounded tannins and a long ripe and lingering finish.

### Autumn Food & Drink favorite for Pairing:

A decadent Chocolate Cake with Spice Poached Pears is served. Whole Bosc pears are nestled into this intense chocolate cake before baking. Graham's LBV complements the cake's flavours and density.



**AN AFTERNOON WITH LOTS OF FOOD, LAUGHTER AND CONVERSATION.... A GREAT TIME WAS HAD BY ALL!**

**MANY THANKS TO Doug & Karen Tulk**

Our next meeting will be held November 16th, hosted by Tom and Heather Anderson

Please Note: This group currently has 14 members, which is our maximum capacity.

Please contact: [kmtulk@gmail.com](mailto:kmtulk@gmail.com).

## Lunch Group

A good time and delicious food was enjoyed by all at the Greek Tycoon. A thank you Catherine for organizing the lunch group. Next lunch January 11, 2024.





# Social Events

## October

### Euchre Tournament

On Monday October 23rd, 32 members met at the Thornton Arms Pub to compete in our progressive euchre Tournament. Great fun and a tasty buffet we're enjoyed by all.

## November

### Parkwood Tour - World War II and Parkwood

**When:** Friday November 10th at 1 p.m.

**Where:** Parkwood Estate -  
270 Simcoe St. N., Oshawa

**Cost:** \$18

Learn the surprising role that Parkwood played during the War.

**This event is sold out!**

## November

### Jack- A Beanstock Panto

**When:** Tuesday, November 28th at 8 p.m.

**Where:** The Capital Theatre,  
Port Hope

**Cost:** \$44

Magic, murder and mayhem lead the way in this world premiere re-telling of the Jack and the Beanstalk fairytale. This is a musical version of Jack, unlike anything you've seen before.

**This event is sold out!**

Doug Byers will be distributing the tickets at the venue that evening.



## December

### Christmas Luncheon

**When:** Thursday, Dec. 7th at 11:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.

**Where:** Kedron Dells Golf Club 2400 Ritson Rd. N., Oshawa

**Cost:** \$60

**Mark your calendars!**

A traditional plated turkey dinner will be served.

A vegetarian option can also be chosen.

A pay-as-you-go bar will be available.

Debit, Visa, or MasterCard will be accepted. **No cash payment.**

**The Luncheon will take the place of our December General Meeting**

**Registration will close November 20th.**

## December

### Cirque du Soleil - Crystal The Tribute Centre

**When:** Sunday December 10th at 1pm.

**Where:** The Tribute Centre,  
99 Athol St. E., Oshawa

**Cost:** \$76.25 for members and \$80 for guests

Experience a show filled with stunning skating and acrobatics.

**Registration is closed.**

**Pick up your tickets at the November Probud General Meeting.**



Courtesy Cirque du Soleil Website

## January

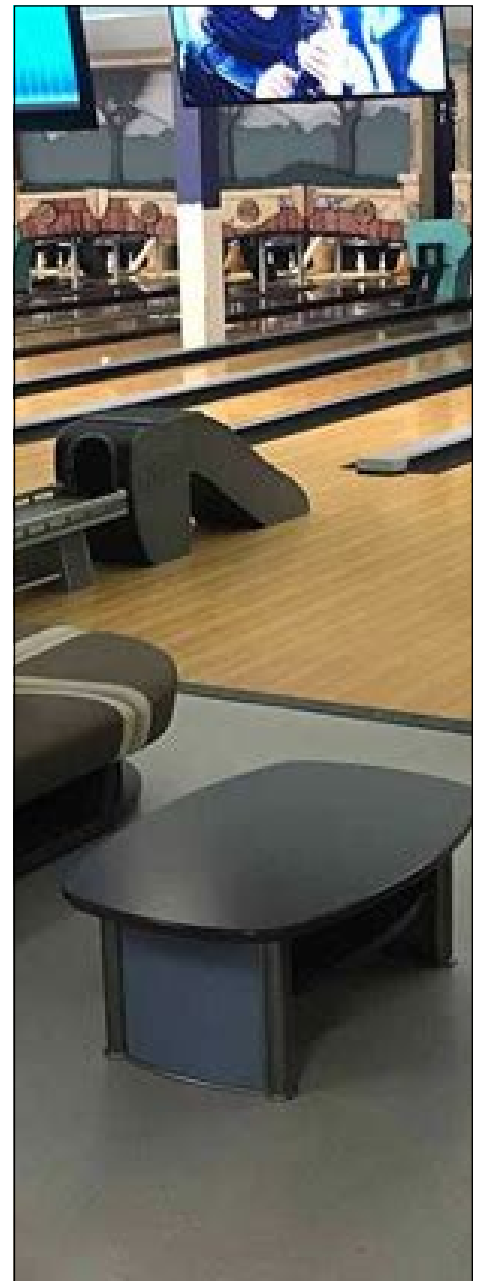
### 5 Pin Bowling at Neb's Fun World

**When:** Thursday, JANUARY 25th at 1:30 a.m.

**Where:** Neb's Fun World -  
1300 Wilson Rd. N., Oshawa

**Cost:** \$17 for 2 games of bowling with the rental of shoes included.

We will meet afterwards at Fionn Mc Cool's in the Costco Plaza, 214 Ritson Rd. for drinks and a meal at the individuals expense.



# Special Event

## 2024 Friends Adventure To Rome & Southern Italy

"Inviting you all to this amazing social event - adventure to Rome, Amalfi Coast, Capri, Southern Italy and Sicily. May / June 2014.

For more details about this great trip, contact [Connie White](#). She will forward the itinerary (which outlines what you will be exploring, cost, etc.).

**YES, you may invite family and friends. The more the merrier!"**

Greetings to you all!

A 2024 trip to Rome and Southern Italy is now in motion!!! This is so exciting and let me tell you why.

If we get at least 40 very interested people, then the trip is a go!!!

Can you invite your family and friends? Yes! As long as they like being with a group of people and love to have fun!!

Check out the itinerary below and then if you are very interested, let me know. I will collect the names of those of you who are interested! The Company, who does trips for clubs, will need to have a minimum of 40 people committed to the trip for them to then proceed to make all the necessary final planning. So, read over the itinerary and then let me know.

My email address is [cwhite211@sympatico.ca](mailto:cwhite211@sympatico.ca). Any questions, you can call or text me at 905-914-3788 or contact the company directly. Ciao!!



Spencer Davis - unsplash



Caleb Miller - unsplash

### TENTATIVE SUGGESTED ITINERARY

(Days And Hotels May Change)

#### Day 1 Wed May 8

Departure Pearson International Airport to Rome Italy (Airline & Flight times TBA)

#### Day 2 Thur May 9

Arrival Fiumicino Airport. On route to hotel, visit Vatican City (St. Peter Basilica, St. Peter Square & Tombs of the Popes). Proceed to hotel and Check-in. (Hotel TBA –Rome Vicinity) **D**

#### Day 3 Fri May 10

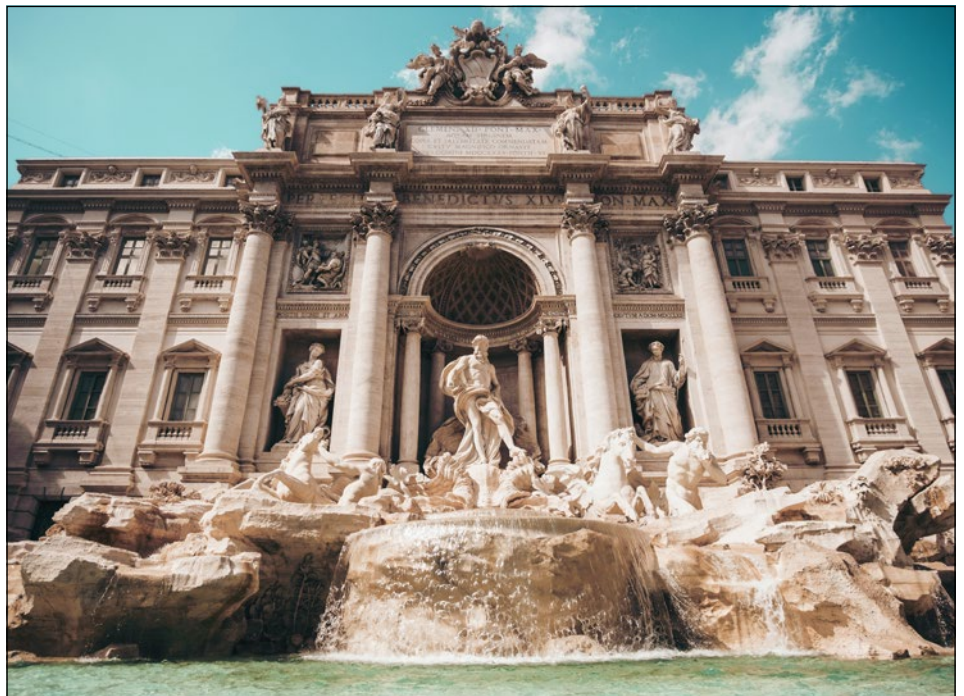
Guided Panoramic & Walking Tour of Imperial and Ancient Rome (e.g. Coliseum; Fori Imperiali, Campidoglio; Pantheon) & Baroque/Renaissance Rome (e.g. Trevi Fountain; Spanish Steps, Pz Navona); and world renown fashion district of Via Condotti.

(Hotel TBA –Rome Vicinity) **B & D**

#### Day 4 Sat May 11

Check-out and proceed to Sorrento and admire a section of the captivating Amalfi Coast. On route, weather permitting, a guided tour of the excavations of Pompeii, a thriving Roman city destroyed by the eruption of the Vesuvius, and a brief stop at Montecassino (Commonwealth War Museum), the resting place of our WW2 heroes.

(Grand Hotel Flora - Sorrento) **B & D**  
[www.grandhotelflora.com](http://www.grandhotelflora.com):  
+39 (081) 878.25.20



Cristina Gottardi - unsplash



**Day 5**  
**Sun May 12**

Today you will enjoy the charming island of Capri with all its beauty and splendor. An optional tour of the island of Capri with stop at Blue Grotto may be arranged (Euro 15.00 extra). Dinner on your own to experience local cuisine in the myriad of trattorias, restaurants around the historical centre of Sorrento.

(Grand Hotel Flora - Sorrento)    **B**  
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## Day 6

### Mon May 13

Check-out. Today you will experience a tour of the Amalfi Coast from Sorrento to Amalfi to admire the enchanting Amalfi Coast with the view of Positano, Praiano, and others and exploring the historical centre of Amalfi; savour the local cuisine, or indulge in the original and true taste of limoncello; proceed for Calabria and on route admire the beauty of the Apennines dotted with medieval villages of Campania, Basilicata and Calabria and their coastlines on the Mediterranean

(Hotel 501 in Vibo Valentia) **B & D**



Eugenio Camporato - unsplash

## Day 8

### Wed May 15

Check-out and proceed for Sicily. On route a brief visit to Reggio Calabria, a thriving metropolis on the very boot of Italy where you will be charmed by the "best km of Europe" with its spectacular view of the strait of Messina and the island of Sicily. A visit to National Museum to admire the Bronzi di Riace is suggested for those who wish to admire such Greek sculptures unique in our history. In the afternoon we then cross by ferry the historical Strait of Messina with captivating views; a leisurely tour of enchanting Taormina, an attractive holiday and shopping resort with a beautiful Greek theatre still used for summer performances lying on the slopes of Mt. Tauro. The views of the Mediterranean and Mt. Etna are spectacular.

(Hotel Orizzonte – Acireale) **B & D**

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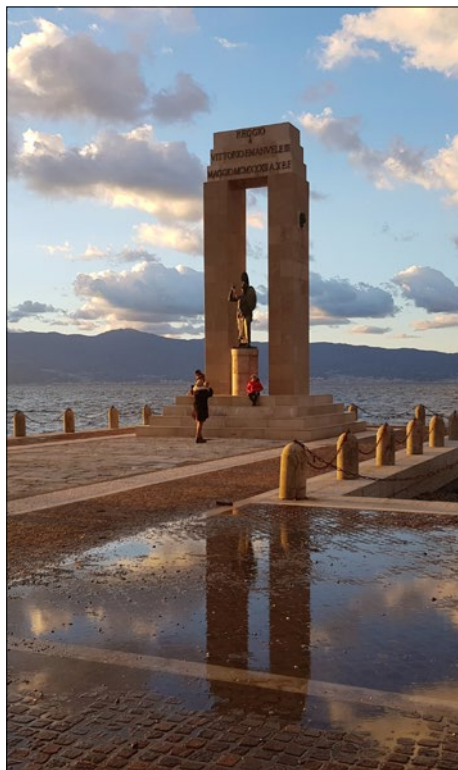
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## Day 7

### Tues May 14

Today you will experience the "Coast of the Gods" with the opportunity to visit Pizzo, a thriving seaside and fishing village where you will sample the world-renowned tartufo; and the enchanting Tropea, the pearl of the Mediterranean.

(Hotel 501 Vibo Valentia) **B & D**



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## Day 9

### Thur May 16

After breakfast, a guided tour of the Baroque city of Noto. A UNESCO world heritage site, Noto is the treasure of Baroque art in Sicily. An earthquake destroyed the city in 1693 and the city was rebuilt even more beautiful than before. The city is absolutely gorgeous with unique architecture throughout. In the afternoon, we will enjoy a guided tour of the island of Ortigia, the historical centre of Siracusa, which dominated the world during Magna Graecia.

(Hotel Orizzonte – Acireale) **B & D**

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Tel. 011-39-(095) 886-006



Kristin Snipe - unsplash

## Day 10

### Fri May 17

Check out after breakfast; a guided visit to "Valle dei Templi" in Agrigento. Sicily has some of the best Greek Temples in the world. While most are restored the "Valley of the Temples" in Agrigento are the only ones that are still originally standing on their own. On route, a tour of "il Feudo dei Principi di Butera", a prestigious Sicilian vineyard where we can appreciate the vigorous vines, underground cantine, and the Slovenian-made barrels as large as 6.000 lbs. Sommeliers will introduce us to the taste of the local cuisine accompanied by local wines (Lunch optional).

(Hotel Della Valle, Agrigento). **B & D**



## Day 11

**Sat May 18**

After breakfast, check-out and proceed for Erice where you will enjoy a leisurely day in the historical medieval town with spectacular view of the Mediterranean Sea and the salt depot of Trapani.

(Hotel Magaggiari Resort – Cinisi - Palermo). **B & D**

[www.hotelmagaggiari.com](http://www.hotelmagaggiari.com)

Tel. 011-39-(091) 866-5351

## Day 12

**Sun May 19**

After Breakfast, visit Palermo, capital city of Sicily. Palermo is a lively city with a fascinating central market and many historic monuments. Guided



Enzo Abramo



bus tour and walking tour of historical centre, including Duomo, Teatro Massimo, Teatro Politeama and the famous market “Capo” or “Ballero”). Free time for lunch, shopping, leisure or tour on your own the Palazzo Normanno and/or Cappella Palatina.

(Hotel Magaggiari Resort – Cinisi - Palermo). **B & D**

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Valentina Locatelli- unsplash

## Day 13

**Mon May 20**

Check out and depart from Palermo to Toronto (Airline and flight times TBA).

*Itinerary subject to change.*



Cristina Gottardi - unsplash



**Cost:** \$ 4,000 - approx. (plus Airline taxes and City Taxes) – will do the best to achieve such cost.

- Cost based on 30 paying tax

**Included:** \* Two meals per day except Day 5 (on their own in Sorrento)

- Admission (Excavation of Pompeii; Valley of the Temples in Agrigento)
- Ferry to and from Capri (Marina).
- Funicular to Capri City Centre
- Ferry to Sicily
- Tour of Amalfi Coast
- Wine Tasting at “Feudo di Butera”
- Check Points in all cities visited as per itinerary
- Parking in all cities visited as per itinerary
- Local guides where required.

**Not Included:** \* Admissions: (Calabria National Museum; Roman Amphitheatre of Taormina) and any other admission unless stipulated in the itinerary.

- City Taxes (to be paid at check out) (total approx. Euro 40)
- Tour of Island of Capri including view of Blue Grotto Area (total approx. Euro 15)
- Lunch at “Conti di Butera Winery” – (total approx. Euro 20) – if availability
- Beverages with meals.



Michele Bitetto - unsplash



Flo P - unsplash



Who's Denilo ? - unsplash



# Our Pictures, Our Lives

The idea for this section is for all of you who wish to do so, to submit a picture or two (or three; or four) with a caption or story that tells us why each photo is important to you; maybe a short story you have written instead of a photo or some artwork you have created. It's all about getting to know each other.

I'm looking forward to getting more images and stories to share here.

You can send images etc. with captions [to this email](#).

Thanks to those who have sent images in!

**Marek**

**MaryAnne Bridge**

Halloween with the Bridge Family



**Ghost At the Door**



**Witch Landing**



**Which Witch is Witch**

**MaryAnne Bridge**



*Ghost Approach*

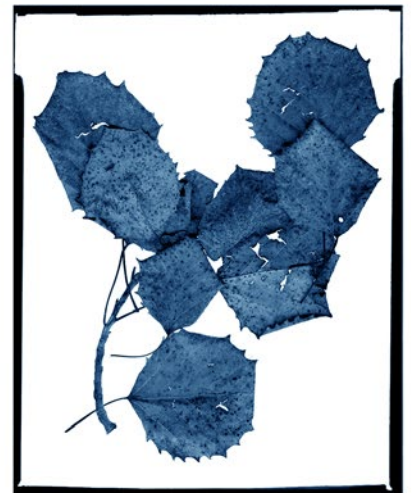


*Pumpkin*

**Marek Warunkiewicz**



*Four Trees, Winter - Cyanotype*

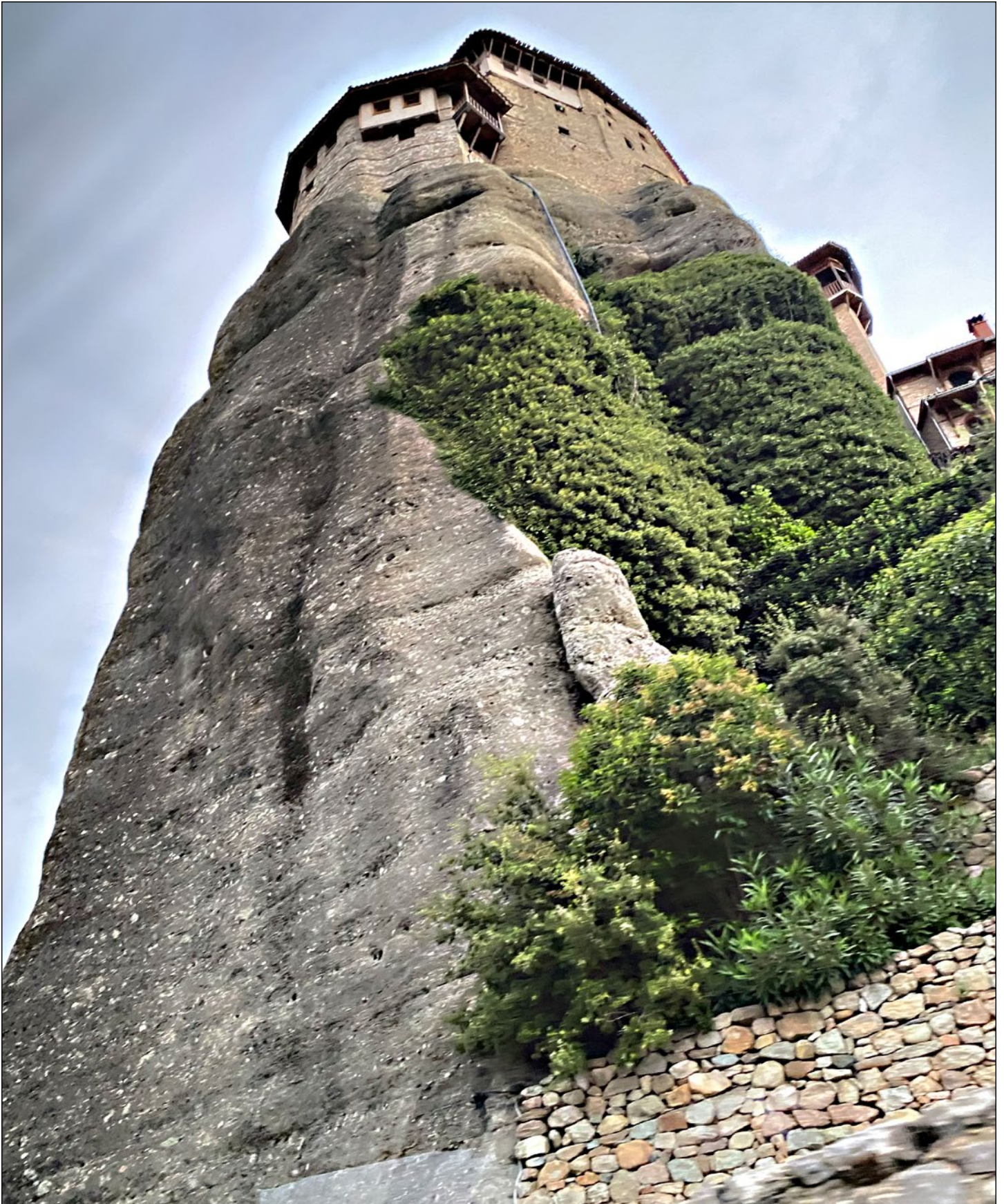


*Cottage Still Life, Triptich - Cyanotype*

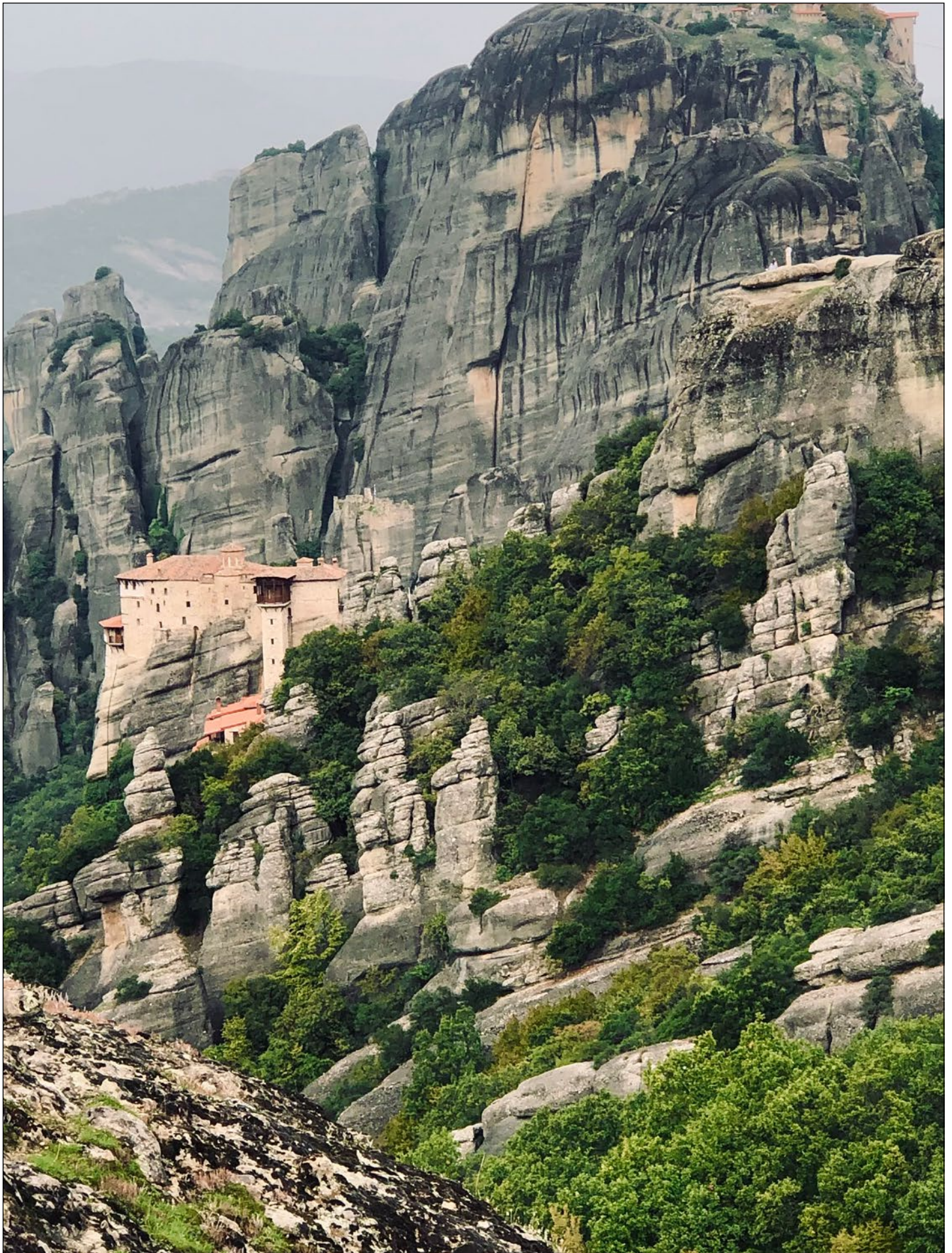


## Patti Mavins

*The following two photographs are of the Meteora monasteries we visited in Thessaly. They were built by monks on the top of these amazing rock formations in order to be closer to God.*











*This is just a typical doorway in Santorini - beautiful white buildings, brightly painted doors and brilliant foliage.*