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READY TO HOST IN TÜRKİYE!

My name is Tülin Çetin, from Rotary Club of Ankara Tandoğan. I warmly welcome you to Ankara, Türkiye, a city where history, culture, and modern life blend harmoniously.

As the capital of Türkiye, Ankara offers a rich cultural heritage and vibrant daily life. One of its most remarkable landmarks is Anıtkabir, the majestic mausoleum of Mustafa Kemal Atatürk, founder of the Turkish Republic. Visitors can also explore the historic Ankara Citadel area, where traditional houses, artisan shops, and scenic views reflect the spirit of the city. A truly



unique experience awaits at the Museum of Anatolian Civilizations, which presents the rich history of Anatolia from prehistoric times to classical periods. Just outside the city, the ancient Gordion, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, reveals fascinating insights into the Phrygian civilization and the legendary King Midas.

Turkish cuisine is also an essential part of our cultural experience. Guests can enjoy a rich variety of flavors shaped by centuries of tradition, from delicious kebabs and traditional mezes to freshly baked breads and world-famous Turkish desserts such as baklava. Sharing meals is an important part of daily life in Ankara, reflecting our strong sense of hospitality and community.

I would be truly delighted to host you in Ankara and share the warmth of our culture, traditions, and hospitality.

By this opportunity, I would also like to invite you to the Antalya Zone 21B Institute, to be held in Antalya between 3–8 November 2026.

Antalya is renowned for its breathtaking Mediterranean coastline, historic sites, and vibrant atmosphere. Participants will enjoy not only the Institute program but also specially organized In-Institute and Post-Institute sightseeing tours, offering unforgettable experiences of the city's natural beauty and cultural heritage.

You can glance at the tours and register at <https://www.antalya2026.org/>. I hope to see you all in Ankara and Antalya for this memorable experience.

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We are Nancy Janus and Brian Berry, two healthy octogenarians. We live in Bradenton, Florida. Bradenton is just south of Saint Petersburg, and just north of Sarasota.

We have wonderful beaches in this area, one of which has been voted the best beach in the whole country. It's usually the beaches that draw tourists to this region.

However, it is also a very rich area culturally. In Sarasota, we have both a symphony orchestra and an opera. We also have a professional ballet company. Additionally, there are many art galleries, and a very special aquarium.

Saint Petersburg has much of the same and has a particularly impressive art museum. We live in a house on a golf course, although neither one of us happens to play golf.

We share our home with our oldest daughter and her seven-year-old son. Nancy, who is physically disabled, has a wonderful golden retriever service dog. We welcome you to come visit.

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ITHF VIRTUAL TRAVEL COMMITTEE

Become an active volunteer member of this Virtual Travel Committee and help us bring the pleasure of visiting and learning about other countries from the comfort of your home, as well as informing our ITHF members about the opportunities for in-person travel that ITHF provides.

UPCOMING VIRTUAL TOUR PRESENTATIONS

- March 27-28 – Preparing for your in-person Travel with ITHF Tours. Simmy Ahluwalia
- April 25-26 – Cambodia- Gabor Karsai
- May (Date to be determined) – Poland Michal Skup

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Upcoming Tours and Events

- **ITHF Japan Tour, May 11-21, 2026.**
Steve Yoshida is still looking for 2 couples and 2 single females for this tour.
More info at
<https://www.ithf.org/events/ithf-japan-tour>
- **Traveling to the Rotary International Convention in Taipei?**
Register for the ITHF Dinner at United Hotel Taipei, June 12, 2026. More info at
<https://www.ithf.org/events/ithf-dinner-at-united-hotel-taipei>
- **Post Convention Taiwan Cultural Discovery Tour, June 18-22, 2026.**
More info and a link to registration at
<https://www.ithf.org/events/taiwan-cultural-discovery-tour>
- **Uganda Safari Tour, September 26-October 8, 2026**
Details coming soon. Will include gorilla tracking and chimpanzee tracking!
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HELP NEEDED-ITHF CONNECTIONS NEWSLETTER

We are seeking help from the ITHF members on these two items:

1. **ITHF travel experiences:** Please send us stories and photos from your most memorable ITHF hosting/travel experiences. We would like to publish at least one story per month to encourage ITHF members to engage with other members in hosting experiences.
2. **ITHF members "Ready to Host":** If you are interested in hosting other ITHF members, please send a brief description and photos of a unique attraction or experience available in your area/region. We hope to post at least one "Ready to Host" listing for each newsletter issue.

As before, any ITHF member who submits material which is published in one of these categories will receive an additional year of ITHF membership as thanks for their assistance.

Please send your submissions to Andy Ullman, ITHF Membership Chair at andyuco@gmail.com

Thanks in advance for your contribution to the ITHF Connections newsletter!

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