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Tiger's Nest, Kingdom of Bhutan

Back in March 2010, I was invited to the Kingdom of Bhutan by the OIE Delegate. During that time I was working at the Embassy of Canada in Tokyo, so I was relatively "close by" in terms of travel. It was a privilege to be invited to the Kingdom and to have the opportunity to hike to the **Tiger's Nest** – a fabled Buddhist monastery in the Himalayas. I had some good walking shoes on that day, thankfully.

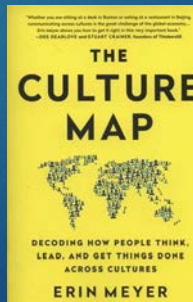
On the same trip, I also made sure to dress in the traditional Kira – which I still have and take out from time to time to see if I remember how to put it on. Nope, have to google the instructions every time!



Mariana Marana Perito Moreno Glacier, Argentina

A photo from a family trip to Argentina in 2003. I was 12 years old at the time! Here we were visiting **Perito Moreno Glacier** (without hiking all over the ice) and I was in awe of the landscape and of the sound that the glacier makes when ice breaks. It remains one of my favorite travel experiences to date.

And.... a reading suggestion:



'The Culture Map' by Erin Meyer. Erin, who lives in Paris and teaches at INSEAD, has developed a framework to define 8 components that comprise the major differences across working cultures around the world. Reading this while working at the OIE is such an interesting experience – I could find an example or anecdote for almost everything I read about.



Caitlin Holley Japanese Alps, Japan

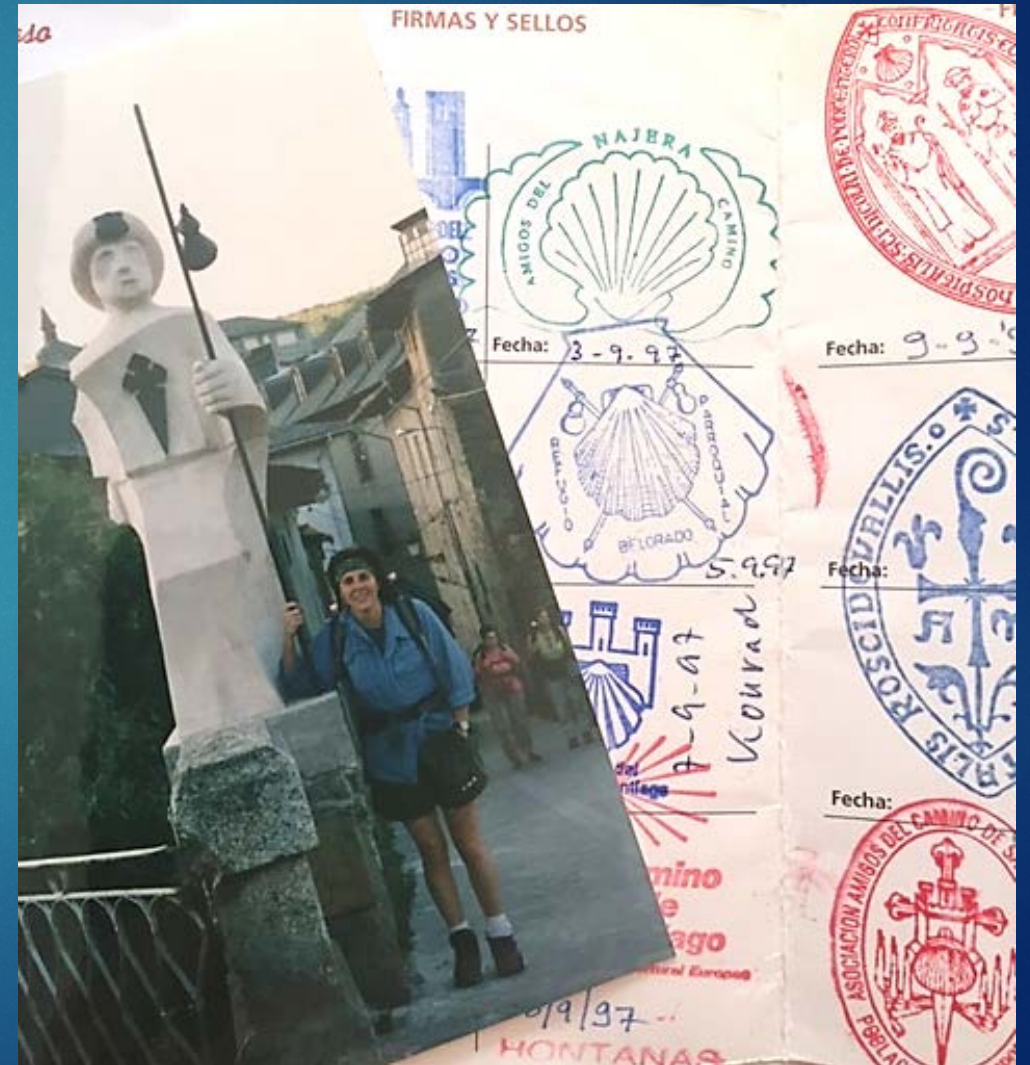
Weekend trips over different seasons to the **Japanese Alps**. One of the great things of living in Tokyo is that the Japanese Alps are an easy day or weekend trip and can be enjoyed all year round.

Whether it is to escape the summer humidity in Tokyo, enjoy the autumn colours or in winter when the famous Japanese powder snow falls in meters overnight and can be enjoyed through till spring.





Tamara Benicasa
San Francisco, California &
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Xyomara Chavez Pacheco

Cambodia

Turkey

Brazil

South Africa



Lucy Hogan

Gallapagos (top)
Nepal, snow monkeys in
Jigokundani, Nagano
Prefecture & Kyoto, Japan
(bottom)





Giving one of the in-patients at the hospital some dental treatment. If any colleagues are struggling to get to the dentist in the lockdown, happy to offer my services, as long as you don't try to bite me like this donkey did.



Taking Felix, the charity's resident donkey and working equid ambassador, out on a trip to one of the local villages to demonstrate the components of tack and a harness and how to correctly fit them without causing injuries to the animal.

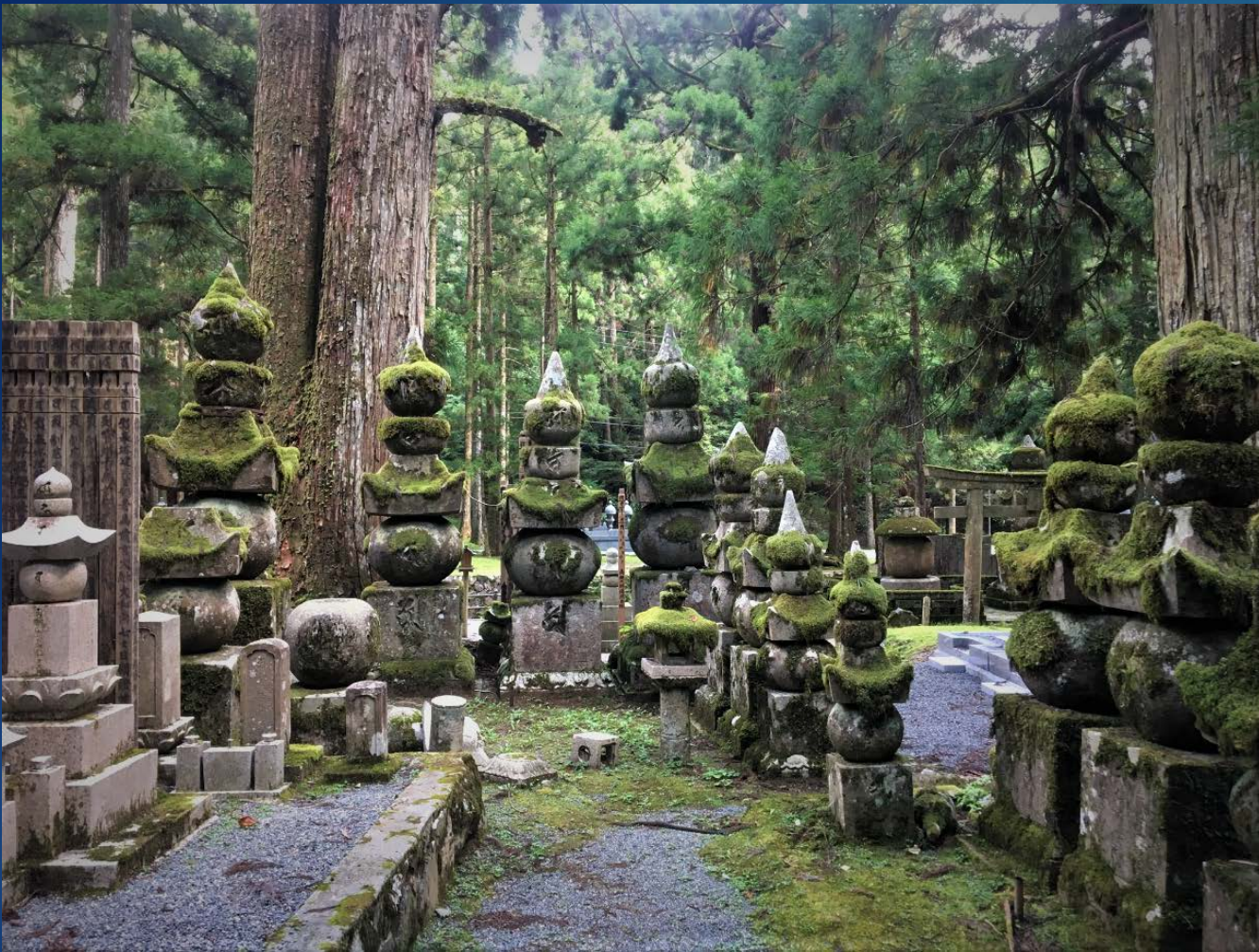


Luxor Temple at night

Dan Donachie Luxor, Egypt

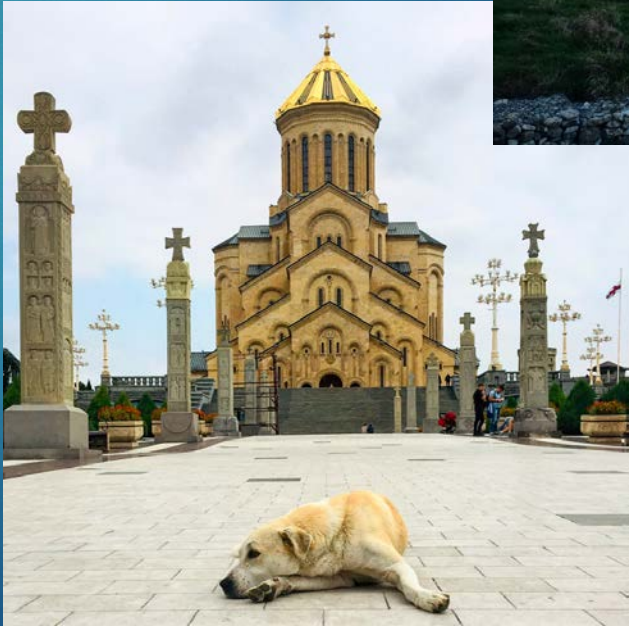
One of my most memorable trips I have taken is when I was a vet student and travelled to Luxor, Egypt to volunteer for a couple of weeks with the charity "Animal Care in Egypt" which provides free veterinary treatment and care to the animals of the poorer communities of Luxor. The work focused mainly with working equids but we did see small animals, goats and the occasional water buffalo. It was truly an inspiring experience being able to learn from the team based out of the charity's hospital and to appreciate the importance of working animals in providing livelihoods to people. For further information on the charity, do check out its website- <https://www.ace-egypt.org.uk/>. If you are interested in archaeology Luxor city is a perfect destination and is frequently referred to the world's "greatest open-air museum" with the large number of ruins present of the Ancient Egyptian capital of "Thebes" including Luxor and Karnak Temples and the Valley of the Kings. I hope to return to Egypt myself in the next year to visit the charity and also tour more of the country.

Nataly Monsalve
Japan and Georgia



Above: As per the Shingon Buddhist school, there are no dead in Okunoin Cemetery, Japan but only waiting spirits.

Right: Holy Trinity Cathedral better known as Sameba Church is located in Tbilisi, Georgia and is one of the tallest Eastern Orthodox cathedrals in the world.



Above: Alaverdi Monastery, an orthodox Monastery with a wine cellar inside. Winemaking started in 1011. Monks produce wine using an ancient Georgian traditional Qvevri wine-making method which is part of the UNESCO Intangible Heritage.



Andrea Lavarello
South Africa

Sailing, tagging sharks and diving
with them 😊!





Marie Bonnerot
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