# BIG STORY LIVING JOURNEY



### From Amy...

It's my pleasure to announce that registration is open for the next Big Story Living Curated Journey to Europe! With two wildly successful group

journeys under our belts, it continues to be a thrill to set the table for women to explore the world in affordable ways while experiencing the freedom to move and wander at a slower, more curious pace.





Making world travel affordable while inspiring wonder and faith as partners in the journey...

Travel With Us! Amy Colón, Big Story Living

Learn to travel for "almost free" in a 7-month learning cohort that doubles as our November travel team.

Put all you learn to the test as we journey together and gain confidence to travel again and again.

Travel with one eye on the world and the other eye on your faith.

#### Join Us!



Amy's patience in explaining airline miles, credit card rewards, and how they can all work together is unmatched. She helped me understand and maximize my rewards in a way I thought was impossible.

Alex, BSL Journey 2023



It was one of the most enriching and profound experiences of my life and I cannot recommend enough learning from and traveling with Amy at Big Story Living!

Sarah Southern - BSL Journey 2023

Big Story Living Journeys pack in a lot of goodness. From traveling the world for "almost free," learning the ins and outs of creating European itineraries, using local transportation, saving big travel bucks, and taking each day as it comes...you get it ALL when you sign up for a Curated Journey.

This particular experience happens in small groups of 10 women who spend seven months learning, planning itineraries, gaining budget travel skills, and getting to know each other via Zoom. Then, the entire experience culminates when we put all of our skills to the test by traveling together from the US to multiple bucket list cites throughout Europe.

Traveling with one eye on the world and the other eye on Jesus continues to be the heartbeat of Big Story Living. Our journeys are less about guiding you specifically towards faith teachings and theology (actually, there's none of that) and more about providing intentional space and freedom for the Spirit within to inspire and guide you towards exactly what you need to know, see, do and hear each day. Together, we simply slow the pace, turn down the noise, and listen for those inner prompts to turn left or right in every city.

We believe that by practicing being present to the Presence and to ourselves, a typical getaway can be transformed into a bucket list adventure AND a safe and sacred, personal spiritual journey.

When you travel with Big Story Living, every gift offered is fully yours to receive or say, "no thank you."

The variety of our travelers range from women who never dreamed they could explore the world in this way and simply long to have one amazing journey, to others who dive deep into the frequent flyer and travel points game and become lifelong travelers. Conversely, some women come to the journey who need a refresh in their faith and space to re-center. Others come as skeptics, deconstructing and doubting faith all together. Wherever you are, this journey is for you.

The faith elements of this journey will come as Amy sets the table for you to experience wide-open space, as well as through a daily guide sent to you via text as we travel. Included will be prompts and practices you can choose to engage with to enhance your journey.



### Who should join?

- European travel dreamers
- Women who need space to be inspired and come alive again
- Faith sojourners
- Women of all ages Women who long for an ongoing travel lifestyle
  - Women who long to be brave, but just need a little push
  - Budget travelers





When will we depart? The best fall deals happen in November. We will decide specifics together, but most likely, departure will be within the approximate time frame of November 6 - 18. Exact dates should be confirmed as a group by April 2024.

#### **Past Itineraries**

<u>March 2023</u> Munich, Salzburg, Vienna, Prague, Budapest, London

November 2023 Zagreb, Ljubljana, Venice, Florence, London



# **NOVEMBER 2024**





When you travel with Big Story Living, every day is yours to do with as you please. There are no guided tours or set agendas. We travel and lodge together, and the rest is up to you!

You will receive ideas of budget travel experiences in each city, and there is often a fellow traveler to join, if you like. Amy will offer daily meetups for meals, etc. But your "yes's" and "no's" are yours alone. Be free!





faith as partners in the journey...

Registration is firstcome, first-served with only <u>10 spots available!</u>

> A deposit of \$250 guarantees your journey.

By following BSL advice, your trip total can be well under \$2000, including your registration fee.

Register Here



When you travel with Big Story Living, you will be encouraged to be brave and set off on solo day trips. This is not mandatory, but it is so, so good. On our last journey, travelers made their way from Florence to Cinque Terre, Sienna, the Italian coast, Pisa and Milan.





#### Is it safe?

Absolutely! We make wise itinerary choices and leave prepared for all the potential mishaps. We track each other via phone apps and stay connected as a group on WhatsApp.

### What does the \$250 registration fee cover?

The registration fee assures your spot on the trip. It also allows Amy to lead you through the monthly learning and planning cohort and guide the team on our European journey. This fee is nonrefundable after registration closes.



### Frequently Asked Questions















## How do you pick travel dates and destinations?

As a team, we gather frequent flyer miles by obtaining a credit card bonus. Then, we choose dates and locations based on the collective group desires and by searching for the best deals at the time of flight purchase.

Can I participate even if I'm not a person of Christian faith or I'm in the middle of deconstructing? 100% yes! Everything offered towards faith is a gift given that you always have the option to take or leave as you need.

**Does budget travel mean we stay in hostels?** No, we will stay in hotels and Airbnb's.

Is this a good trip for friend groups to take together? Everyone is welcome to join, but there will be a high value placed on personal experiences and individual exploration. Groups of friends traveling together need to be willing to uphold the integrity of the journey for everyone as it it meant to be...a space of absolute freedom for each individual to move into every day with autonomy. This could be challenging for some travel friends and should be taken into consideration. Friend groups will also be encouraged to room with

other teammates at

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"Amy repeatedly encourages curiosity not only about what we are seeing and experiencing, but what we are noticing inside ourselves as we travel."

Jessica, BSL Journey 2023



When I first met Amy, I was desperate for travel but nearly convinced it was out of my financial reach for the foreseeable future. Amy taught me if you want to travel, there are abundant resources available for every budget.

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Isn't traveling to Europe for \$2000 too good to be true? Definitely not! On our most recent journey, multiple women traveled for a total of around \$1600 by using frequent flyer miles, rooming together, purchasing tickets and transportation early, and eating in a frugal way. Even with a budget of \$2000 you should have room to splurge a bit.

### Isn't it uncomfortable to travel with strangers?

You will find that likeminded women are so welcoming. By the time we have zoomed for seven months prior, it is a joy to finally meet and explore with new friends. Because of the freedom offered to each person on the journey, there is a great balance between being together and separate. So far, we have experienced nothing except beautiful friendship and respectful relationship in every way. **Everyone understands** from the start that they are traveling for freedom. This means we are required to move from city to city together and lodge together. Anything

else you choose to do or not do with fellow travelers is completely up to you.

### Do you focus on seeing every tourist spot?

On BSL journeys we don't travel with the intention of seeing it all. We move into each day with curiosity and openness in lieu of a strict plan. We listen to Jesus, our bodies and our personal needs, allowing them to guide us as our days unfold. Some days we need miles of walking. Other days we need to nap. Some moments call for a second piece of cake and coffee. The pressure is always off, and our senses are always aware as we move at the pace of Jesus.

### What's included in our daily guides? Each

morning of the journey you will wake up to a daily guide sent via text from Amy. It will include money saving tips and tricks for the location, opportunities to meet up with the group if you desire, and faith practices that you can incorporate into your day if it feels right.



#### Are you ready to travel?

- Register today at bigstoryliving.com
- Send your \$250 deposit to Amy (directions are included in your registration)
- Watch your inbox for a welcome email within 24 hours, full of all the details you'll need to start writing the next chapter in your big story.





Only 10 Spots Available!

<u>Register Here</u>

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