

## NOTABLE TRAVELERS

## Gary Krosin

As an avid traveler, I often find myself seeking out unique and unconventional destinations that can evoke a sense of adventure and intrigue. Recently, I happened upon my list of the remaining 193 "UN Recognized Countries," realizing that there were still some pretty unusual places left for me to visit. These are the kinds of locales that tend to make my friends cringe, labeling them as "dicey," or worse.

Afghanistan, Iraq, Mali, Niger, Lebanon, Algeria, Tunisia, Burkina, Libya, Yemen, and Syria - the very mention of these places can stir up a mix of excitement and apprehension. As I considered embarking on these unconventional journeys, one name echoed through my mind: Spiekermann Travel. With a reputation for expertise and a



And...here I am, inside country number 193: Libya!

dedication to providing exceptional travel experiences, Spiekermann Travel assured me that there was nothing to worry about. They casually responded, "been there, done that." And they really meant it.

Spiekermann Travel possesses an intimate knowledge of these destinations, having ventured into even the most seemingly inaccessible corners. They have meticulously handpicked quality ground operators, which is KEY, ensuring a seamless and enjoyable experience, free from the plight of incompetence and disorganization. These experts possess an understanding of the local customs, vibrant cultural experiences, and hidden gems that await curious travelers like me.

From the moment I approached them, I knew that my journeys would be in safe hands. Spiekermann Travel helped me navigate the complexity of these misunderstood places,

shedding light on the lesser-known spots worth exploring. Even when it came to accommodation, they left no stone unturned, recommending truly remarkable hotels that blend comfort with authenticity.

But what truly sets Spiekermann Travel apart is their dedication to providing the finest culinary experiences. Their commitment to curating the best-of-breed food ensures that travelers can savor unique flavors and indulge in the rich tapestry of local cuisine. After all, enjoying a delectable meal amidst unique surroundings has always been an integral part of my travels. I even had a craving for pizza while in Agadez, Niger: so pizza it was, in a genuine Italian restaurant in the Sahel of Africa!

Having booked numerous private tours with Spiekermann in the past, I can confidently say that they have surpassed my expectations every time. Their attention to detail shines through in every aspect of their services, providing exceptional value for the price paid. No matter the type of travel experience, whether it be a private expedition or a group trip, Spiekermann Travel guarantees safety, efficiency, and thoughtful logistics.

For us travel enthusiasts who yearn to explore the unconventional, Spiekermann Travel stands as the pinnacle of excellence in the industry. Their unwavering commitment to delivering remarkable experiences sets them apart, making them the go-to choice for "unusual" travel freaks like me. So, embrace the unknown, venture into the unusual, and let Spiekermann Travel guide you through an unforgettable journey.