

## NOTABLE TRAVELERS

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My last country to step foot in! 193 U.N. sovereign countries didn't start as a travel goal but wound up as one over the years when people asked, "How many countries have you been in?" The answer was usually, "I don't know." But then I started keeping track. I didn't achieve it entirely on my own...many people helped in various ways...transportation to airports, guides hired, visas services, encouragement from friends.

A big thank you to Spiekermann Travel based in Michigan for offering tours to tough countries, mainly in Africa. Overseas Adventure Travel and Adventures Abroad for easier European, South American, and Asian countries, and a sprinkling of private tours I had discovered. Memories, crazy adventures, and experiences with locals adds up to a rich travel life. And how can I forget all the new friends I met along the way? Thanks for making the trips more enjoyable and memorable!



Now I'm asked, "What are you going to do next?" Honestly, I don't know but it will present itself. It's been a wonderfully fun ride. And thank you all who have followed my Facebook posts. It's so appreciated!