

## UMRA TRAVEL COMMITTEE

### ANNUAL REPORT 2021

During these challenging times, Rhode Scholar postponed all in-person educational travel programs through Spring of 2021. However, they did offer many on-live, multi-day adventures through zoom. The Travel committee worked with Road Scholar to offer UMRA members **The Art and History of Paris**, a five day program beginning January 25, 2021. Participants received a recording of the lectures two weeks after the actual viewing. Four UMRA members took advantage of this offer. One day lectures both national and international were also offered.

**Discoveries Along the Douro: Portugal's Best-Kept Secrets** was also planned for October 2020, but cancelled due to the pandemic. Fortunately, we were able to reschedule the trip for May 2022. To date 6 UMRA members have signed up to cruise the Douro River for 7 days touring famous wineries, learning how Port is made and visiting famous historic sites and quaint villages along the river. During the river tour members will leave the boat and go over land to spend the day at the famous university in Salamanca, Spain. After the river cruise, members will have the option of spending 4 days in Lisbon visiting quaint villages, enjoying the local cuisine and learning how the various invasions of the Iberian Peninsula, beginning in 24 BC, influenced the customs, cuisine and the culture of what is Portugal today.

The Travel Committee is busy planning other trips for 2022.

Respectfully submitted,  
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