

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA RETIREES ASSOCIATION (7/1/23 - 6/30/24) UMRA
ARMCHAIR TRAVELER PROGRAM ANNUAL REPORT August 9, 2024
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There were four Armchair Traveler Programs offered during 2023-24, all via Zoom. We had 20-45 people attending each session and the feedback was extremely positive. Programs were offered on Wednesday mornings from 10-11:30 a.m. Two speakers presented their pictures and comments for approximately 30 minutes each and then we had 15 minutes per speaker for discussion and questions/answers. My thanks to each of our wonderful presenters. I sent out email announcements a month and a week before each program. Kris Mortensen included a short article about each program in the UMRA Newsletter. Thank you, Kris! Each program was recorded and posted on the UMRA Armchair Traveler website. Thank you Cathy Lee Gierke for all your terrific work on the website. If the presenters are willing, and they all were, I gave Will Craig permission to work with UMAA to have the presentations posted on their Gold Mind website.

Here are the presenters and locations for each program from 2023-24.

September 20, 2023: Nanette Hanks, Camino de Santiago and Thomas O'Toole Sierra Leone

January 24, 2024: Kate Maple, Iceland

March 6, 2024: Janet and Craig Swan, Above the Arctic Circle and Carol Urness, traveling close to home

April 24, 2024: Marilyn DeLong, South Korea and Lynn C. Anderson Germany

I will be organizing four Armchair Traveler Programs in 2024-25 on Wednesdays, 10-11:30 a.m. via zoom on September 25, November 20, January 22, and April 23. The presenters have already all volunteered and are confirmed.