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Below are profiles and photos of some of the 200+ cyclists taking part in Odyssey 2000®.

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**Dave M. and Mary M.**

**From:** Bridgeville, Pennsylvania

**Age:** Dave: 54; Mary: 55

**Occupation:** International sales manager; Mary: Registered nurse

**Why are you participating in Odyssey 2000®?**

Opportunity of a lifetime which coincides with my wife and my pending lifestyle change.

**What are you most looking forward to?**

Experiencing new cultures, countries, and its people from the unique vantage point of a bike. The group dynamics.

**How do you think Odyssey 2000® will affect/change you?**

It should strengthen one physically and mentally.

**David P.****From:** Zelienople, Pennsylvania**Age:**74**Occupation:** School bus driver**Why are you participating in Odyssey 2000®?**

To see the world from a bicycle. Walking and cycling are the only ways to see the world up close, and cycling is quicker.

**What are you most looking forward to?**

Riding on all but one continent, crossing the equator, and talking with people in many countries.

**How do you think Odyssey 2000® will affect/change you?**

Other than giving me lots of memories, I don't expect to change much.

**Dean W.****From:** Jacksonville, Illinois**Age:**63**Occupation:** Pharmacist**Riding Odyssey 2000® with:** wife, Judy W.**Why are you participating in Odyssey 2000®?**

Adventure, physical/mental challenge, opportunity for world tour.

**What are you most looking forward to?**

Adventure, world's many cultures, and the experiences not planned.

**How do you think Odyssey 2000® will affect/change you?**

I suspect it will make me more appreciate of America and a way of life I take for granted.

**Deborah S.****From:** Portland, Oregon**Age:** 33**Occupation:** Merchant Seaman**Why are you participating in Odyssey 2000®?**

I could claim a number of grandiose or poetic reasons -- fame, adventure, challenge, guys will dig it -- but that's not really it. Actually, I just saw the ad and thought it was something I'd really like to do. People don't seem to like this answer. One friend told me it sounded like a "Forest Gump" thing. ("I just felt like riding...") I didn't know how else to

explain it until I took a tour of a Victorian era jailhouse in Port Townsend, Washington last spring. One of the displays was the results from a survey done of the town's prostitutes as to why they had become prostitutes. Some good reasons were given: poverty, escape abusive marriages, forced into it... The most common response, by far, though, wasn't a reason at all. Most were simply "just inclined to it." So that's how I see myself-- just included to it.

**What are you most looking forward to?**

Meeting my fellow riders and the world that awaits us.

**How do you think Odyssey 2000® will affect/change you?**

Since things rarely happen as we expect them to, I prefer not to think about it too much. Let it all surprise me. Although, a rock-hard butt would be nice.

**Denise G.**

**From:** Portola Valley, California

**Age:** 41

**Occupation:** Chief Financial Officer

**Why are you participating in Odyssey 2000®?**

After spending many years working extremely hard it is time for me to reassess my priorities. Since I love bicycling and camping what better way to do this than in a completely different environment. Experiencing different cultures and observing how people all over the world live.

**What are you most looking forward to?**

Forming new long-term friendships, getting in shape, and visiting places I have never seen before -- particularly Asia, Russia, South Africa, and South America.

**How do you think Odyssey 2000® will affect/change you?**

I'm sure it will, but if I knew the answer to this question I might not need to go on the trip!



**Diane G.**

**From:** Fall City, Washington

**Age:** 29

**Occupation:** Everything Movement  
gymnastics and dance

**Why are you participating in Odyssey 2000®?**

For a bicycling travel adventure opportunity of a lifetime!

**What are you most looking forward to?**

That's a tough one to pinpoint. The experience as a whole. Meeting new people, developing new friendships, trying new foods, seeing spectacular, natural beauty, bicycling, camping...

**How do you think Odyssey 2000® will affect/change you?**

It has changed me already! I hope to deepen my spiritual beliefs, and be much more aware of the rest of the world. And I'll be in the best shape of my life!



**Diane S.**

**From:** Greensboro, North Carolina

**Age:** 37

**Occupation:** Chemical engineer with Dow Corning Corp.

**Why are you participating In Odyssey 2000®?**

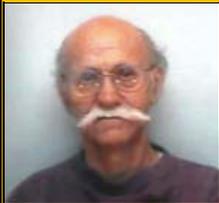
I'm participating in Odyssey 2000 for the experience and the physical, emotional, and spiritual challenge.

**What are you most looking forward to?**

I'm looking forward to an escape from the "normal" day-to-day route to the adventure of seeing new places and to making new friends.

**How do you think Odyssey 2000® will affect/change you?**

Odyssey 2000 has and will continue to change everything: career, relationships with family and friends, and perspective on life.



**Dickie L.**

**From:** Evansville, Indiana

**Age:** 59

**Occupation:** Laborer -- metal fabrication

**Why are you participating in Odyssey 2000®?**

Get to do my two favorite things: bicycling and travel. An opportunity to develop new friendships and learn.

**What are you most looking forward to?**

A new adventure everyday for 366 days. Going place I've never been, and doing things I've never done before. Also, tailwinds and downhills.

**How do you think Odyssey 2000® will affect/change you?**

I'll become older and wiser, but I don't think I'll ever change.



**Dick S.**

**From:** Boulder, Colorado

**Age:** 56

**Occupation:** Professor

**Riding Odyssey 2000® with:** Janet F.

**Why are you participating in Odyssey 2000®?**

Opportunity of a life-time to combine two favorite activities: traveling and bicycling.

**What are you most looking forward to?**

Visiting Africa - It's been a lifelong desire.

**How do you think Odyssey 2000® will affect/change you?**

I've already started paying lots more attention to geography; increased tolerance for unpleasant bicycling/camping experiences; new food thrills.



**Donna M.**

**From:** Bainbridge Island, Washington

**Age:** 45

**Occupation:** Lerner, New York

**Why are you participating in Odyssey 2000®?**

I am participating in Odyssey 2000 because one day a door swung open that had been shut for years. Through the opening I saw a broad, spacious place holding the fulfillment of my dreams and desires, if I would only walk through. I had always wanted to experience the world on a different level than what a two-week vacation here and there could offer, and I had always loved the idea of challenging my physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual self to new and extreme measures. These were uncertainties that I knew I would encounter if I crossed through to the other side. The other side also promised a year of living in close community, a draw most powerful to a person who loves people, being surrounded by their presence, and being filled with their contributions. And yet, with all its virtues, promises, and possibilities, if it were not for the support and push from my family and friends I'm sure that I would not have been able to leave the old to encompass the new --and that is what it really takes to make dreams come true.

**What are you most looking forward to?**

I am most looking forward to spending time in South Africa. We will be riding through East London, which is near a small village where our friends of 18 years just became stationed as missionaries this year. My husband will be joining us there for a great reunion.

**How do you think Odyssey 2000® will affect/change you?**

Odyssey 2000 has already changed my life. Everything that I considered mine -- my time, my family, my home, my job, my routines and habits, my personal belongings, and my hobbies --have been looked at much more intently, and there has been a lot of value fluctuation. I believe that Odyssey 2000 will continue to make me more aware of my real values and the time and energy it will take to keep the gold looking like gold and the silver looking like silver. I believe that I will also be acquiring new treasures along this journey and one special possession that recently became mine happened when I walked into a building and was captivated by a wonderfully extravagant map of the world. Out of my mouth jumped the words, "There is my world." It was no longer the world, but now it was mine -- one of my possessions. Odyssey 2000 has already, definitely, changed my life.

**Dorothy S.**

**From:** Cocoa Beach, Florida

**Age:**

**Occupation:** R.N.

**Why are you participating in Odyssey 2000®?**

Adventure, travel, camaraderie and friendships anticipated; to regain stability and confidence in my life after the death of my beloved husband three years ago.

**What are you most looking forward to?**

Travel, adventure, meeting people, seeing the world, physically accomplishing this journey, and mentally accomplishing it, also.

**How do you think Odyssey 2000® will affect/change you?**

I cannot predict this. My family and friends will assess this when they see me again in 2001. I know I will be profoundly affected by seeing the different cultures, outlooks, hopes, and fears of those we see in all parts of the world.

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