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Odyssey 2000® — The Biggest Challenge

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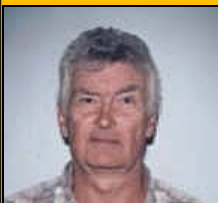
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Jim S.

From: Richmond, Virginia

Age: 58

Occupation: Systems engineer

Why are you participating in Odyssey 2000®?

Enjoyed my first bike tour so much, thought longer had to be better.

What are you most looking forward to?

Three hundred sixty-six vacation days in a row with good friends and a grand world tour.

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

"How are you going to keep the boy down on the farm after he has seen Paree?"

**Jim T.****From:** Seattle, Washington**Age:** 29**Occupation:** Pharmacist**Why are you participating in Odyssey 2000®?**

To see if the earth is indeed spherical, and to explore all the wondrous place I've read about.

What are you most looking forward to?

The great variety of cultures, the factual be in the best shape of my life on January 1, 2001, the memories that will be stored.

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

This trip is a stepping stone for future travel about the globe. Hopefully, it will enlighten my vague ideas of each country. I'll be taking good notes for trips to come!

**Jim V.****From:** Bangkok, Thailand**Age:** 52**Occupation:** Senior Foreign Service Officer, U.S. Department of State**Riding Odyssey 2000® with:** wife, Lilli

V.

Why are you participating in Odyssey 2000®?

I am ready in both my life and my career for a sabbatical -- a chance to get another perspective on life.

What are you most looking forward to?

Life at a slower pace, the challenge, and the opportunity to travel to both new places and familiar places around the world.

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

It has already put me in the best shape ever, and I expect only to improve both physically and mentally.

**Joan C.****From:** Anchorage, Alaska**Age:** 35**Occupation:** Registered nurse**Why are you participating in Odyssey 2000®?**

I love to tour by bike, and this was the ultimate bike tour. The icing on the cake is that it happens in the year 2000.

What are you most looking forward to?

Seeing the countries and meeting their people.

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

I think it will put my entire life into perspective. Make me look at it in a different light. Hopefully, make me more mellow. It will give me a chance to stop, look at my life, and decide where to go when I'm done.



Joan I.

From: North Bellmore, New York

Age: 66

Occupation: Psychologist

Why are you participating in Odyssey 2000®?

I am retiring this year and since I love bicycling and traveling I can't think of a more extraordinary way to spend my first year of retirement than to combine two passions into one great adventure.

What are you most looking forward to?

The opportunity to be a footloose vagabond combining exercise, adventure, fresh air, and companionship. I always feel like a kid again when I'm on my bike.

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

I hope it will help me increase my capacity to cope with the unplanned and unexpected aspect of life (which I do now but which I could improve upon).



Joan S.

From: Wallingford, Pennsylvania

Age: 59

Occupation: Retired kindergarten teacher of the learning impaired.

Why are you participating in Odyssey 2000®?

What better way to spend the year 2000 and the first year of my retirement.

What are you most looking forward to?

I'd like to go on a safari in South Africa for a week -- anyone interested? I'm dying to see Spain, and looking forward to (I think) the feeling of accomplishment when it's over.

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

Who knows? It will be the first year of the rest of my life. Perhaps I'll never want to bicycle again, or maybe I'll be in such good shape, that I'll still bicycle and do more hiking and

skiing.

Joe R.

From: Kent, Washington

Age:55

Occupation: Boeing Company

Why are you participating in Odyssey 2000®?

- 1) See a major portion of the world close-up.
- 2) It's an adventure.
- 3) Provide a change in pace after retiring from same place of employment for last 32 years.

What are you most looking forward to?

The challenge, the education, opportunity to make many friends, opportunity to help fellow adventurers on daily basis.

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

Make more physically fit; expose me to a world outside the U.S. and Boeing.



John A.

From: Lincolnshire, England

Age:57

Occupation: Dental surgeon

Why are you participating in Odyssey 2000®?

Finest way to see the world at a reasonable pace in the company of like-minded people.

What are you most looking forward to?

Cycling an entire year with a route that follows the summer and takes me many places I have never seen before.

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

Ask me later. Hopefully, I survive the experience with happy memories and many lasting friends.

John C.

From: Norfolk, Virginia

Age: 54

Occupation: Retired teacher

Why are you participating in Odyssey 2000®?

Once in a lifetime opportunity to "truly" see the world.

What are you most looking forward to?

The exposure to the different cultures.

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

I have no earthly idea, but hopped find out and that it is positive.

**John T.**

From: Downingtown, Pennsylvania

Age:26

Occupation: Mason

Why are you participating in Odyssey 2000®?

Chance to see the world up close and personal with like-minded people and get a fresh start.

What are you most looking forward to?

"Want to relax and watch the wheels go round and round." - John Lennon. Experiencing different cultures and seeing the mountains of the world. Also climb and paragliding from some.

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

I think we will all have a greater appreciation for life in general and a greater understanding of our world and its people and cultures. Also, think there's no telling how it will affect me but I suspect it will be good.

Joyce S

From: Bellevue, Washington

Occupation: Psychologist

Why are you participating in Odyssey 2000®?

1. As a fundraiser. Please help us use our miles pedaled to support Helping Hands for the Disabled (which counts the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation among its benefactors). Make checks payable to **Helping Hands for the Disabled**, and mail to Barbara Barger, Helping Hands for the Disabled, PO Box 6335, Bellevue WA 98008-6335. Please indicate that you are sponsoring Joyce.
2. To model healthy behavior.
3. Get a more studied sense of how small this green planet really is.
4. Have the most culturally diverse experience of my life.
5. Brush up a bit on another language (or two or three).
6. Modify the times, places and import of decision-making; leave the big ones to them.
7. Hadn't been there.
8. Hadn't done that.
9. For the health of it.
10. Besides, we newlyweds haven't had our honeymoon yet.

What are you most looking forward to?

Hanging out with the indigenous folk and absorbing the cultural richness. Being part of the development of the community of kindred souls that would thrive on fitness, mobility, supreme food and diversity. Seeing some of the best bicycling routes in the world. Becoming a lean, clean, fat-burning machine. Sharing this and more with Richard ... a delicious honeymoon, yes?

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

I like to think the tapestry of life is a many-threaded thing -- which weave we influence in learned as well as naïve ways ... a tweak here, a push there, a sandbag from time to time ... hopefully a ton of variety in the food of it, a life well thought out while open to surprises, pursued with zest and glee ... for the HEALTH of it ... striving to capture and give away some of the profound yet simple truths of the power of love -- so, my hope is to strengthen my sense of world citizenship, compassion for the plight of some of her inhabitants, and awareness of how I could be of better service. Namaste.

**Judy W.****From:** Jacksonville, Illinois**Age:**54**Occupation:** R.N. for family practitioner**Riding Odyssey 2000® with:** husband, Dean W.**Why are you participating in Odyssey 2000®?**

Excitement! To be able to tell my grandchildren and myself I rode my bike around the world.

What are you most looking forward to?

Everything! Seeing new sites, having new experiences.

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

I hope to become more aware of myself as a person of the world and not just a person in a small town in Illinois. I think this will make me a more interesting person.

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