

## Wish You Were Here!

### Vacations then and now

Participants in this seminar will research historical vacation sites, and share reminiscences of their favorite vacation, either as children or adults.

<b>Moderator:</b>	Linda Honan
<b>Date and Time:</b>	Wednesday 2:15-4:15 PM 10 weeks, starting February 21, 2018
<b>Format:</b>	Seminar
<b>Location:</b>	Loomis Village So. Hadley

**Description:** In this seminar we will explore the history of vacations, looking at all kinds from antiquity onwards. Each participant will choose one notable place to research, from a list I will provide of resorts, spas, famous cities, natural wonders, etc. We will share a presentation of up to thirty minutes on our chosen topic. Examples will include Pompeii, Newport, Bath, Saratoga Springs, Cape Cod, Route 66, the Riviera, the Alps, the Adirondacks and the Caribbean, Rome, Paris, and New York, and African safaris. Based on a list I will provide, participants will refer to and quote from historians who wrote about their chosen historical site, authors who evoked it in fiction or poetry, and artists who illustrated it.

Having shared our research, we will then delve into memories, spending ten minutes describing our favorite vacation ever – maybe the same place visited each year on a family trip. Or was your best vacation one of a kind – like your first trip overseas? Or was the journey the best part of the trip for you? Each of us will share our very best trip – with all the details we can remember! Old photos and postcards will enhance the presentation.

**Role of participants:** Participants will research and present a 30-minute paper on famous vacation sites throughout history, with a shorter 10-minute paper on the best vacation they ever took.

**Resources:** I will supply a list of fiction writers, poets, historians and artists informative about and illustrative of the historical sites chosen by the participants.

**About the Moderator:** A retired museum educator, Linda Honan has degrees in English and Medieval Studies. She has published a resource book on the Middle Ages for teachers, and several history activity books for children.

**Maximum number of participants:** 14

**Emeriti accepted:** yes

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