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A luminous chronicle of travel, adventure, and self-discovery!

Encounter with Seven Continents and Beyond... is a chronicle of the travels of one soul throughout many countries in the earthly world of seven continents.

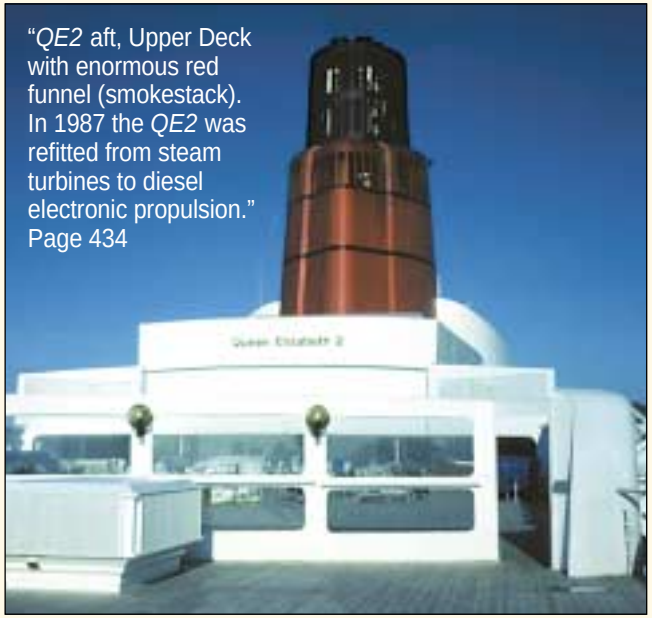
Author, Marjorie O. Bovee

The author's perspective is given in the first 10 chapters of the book, revealing personal heredity, environment, and an overwhelming desire to meet peoples of all spiritual beliefs and races. These opening chapters tell of encounters in her developing viewpoint: beginning education, earliest trips and travels, citizenship, family service, marriage, the natural world, the invisible world, the world of the eternal self, and the enterprise of bestowing a legacy before demise.

Chapters 11-42 give accounts of journeys into many lands including geographical and historical facts combined with a sprinkling of myths, imaginative fancies and legends that have become associated with these individual cultures. Beyond the civilization of each people are the beliefs that inspired their spiritual and social unification. The overpowering wish to meet the peoples of the world eventually took Marjorie and her husband Kenneth to many countries throughout the seven continents.

This book highlights the praiseworthy spirit and triumphs of the everyday heroes of all classes, races and creeds who today still continue to enrich the one world of humanity. Beyond and above the descriptions of each people's accomplishments is an insight into the development of their arts and sciences.

More than historical facts and reference material, ***Encounter...*** is a journey of the head and of the heart. It enables each reader, by identifying with the human experiences in personal ways, to become the traveler. Relating each encounter, Marjorie shares the world with her readers.



"*QE2* aft, Upper Deck with enormous red funnel (smokestack). In 1987 the *QE2* was refitted from steam turbines to diesel electronic propulsion." Page 434

"In the rain — through the mists of longing and in the golden lights of vision — we saw at last as in a dream — 'our' Concorde. View from Speedway Lounge at Heathrow Terminal 4 before takeoff in London, England." Page 466

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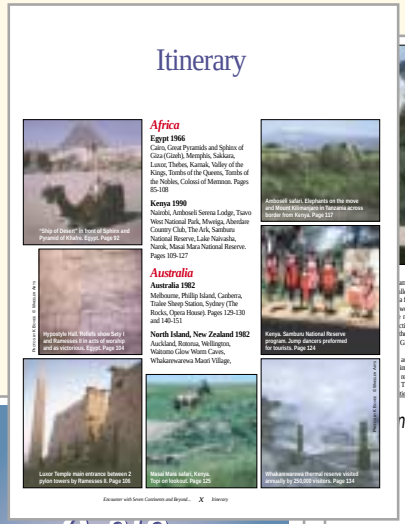

Itinerary

Africa

Egypt 1966
Cairo, Great Pyramids and Sphinx of Giza (Giseh), Memphis, Sakkara, Luxor, Thebes, Karnak, Valley of the Kings, Tombs of the Queens, Tombs of the Nobles, Colossi of Memnon. Pages 85-108

Kenya 1990
Nairobi, Amboseli Serena Lodge, Tsavo West National Park, Mweiga, Aberdare Country Club, The Ark, Samburu National Reserve, Lake Nakvasha, Narok, Masai Mara National Reserve. Pages 109-127

Australia

Australia 1982
Melbourne, Phillip Island, Canberra, Trailer Sheep Station, Sydney (The Rocks, Opera House). Pages 129-130 and 149-151

North Island, New Zealand 1982
Auckland, Rotorua, Wellington, Waitomo Glow Worm Caves, Whakarewarewa Maori Village,

"Ship of Dreams" in front of Sphinx and Pyramid of Khafre, Egypt. Page 92

Amboseli safari, Elephants on the move and Mount Kilimanjaro in Tanzania across border from Kenya. Page 127

Hypostyle Hall, Reliefs show Seti I and Ramesses II in acts of worship and as victorious, Egypt. Page 394

Kenya, Samburu National Reserve program. Jump dancers proformed for tourists. Page 124

Luxor Temple main entrance between 2 pylon towers by Ramesses II. Page 106

Masai Mara safari, Kenya, Topi on lookout. Page 125

Whakarewarewa thermal reserve visited annually by 250,000 visitors. Page 124

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Small amounts of iron, magnesium and other minerals in the limestone have oxidized to create the reds and resplendent purples that characterize the scene at Cedar Breaks National Monument in southern Utah.

Highlights at Walt Disney World in Orlando, Florida

French Showcase with Au Petit Café.

Water frozen in motion by the camera.

Macaws above pond.

People's Republic of China Showcase with Chinese Gate and Temple of Prayer for Good Harvests.

Disney World character entertaining the children in Magic Kingdom.

Canadian Showcase with exhibits of native Indians.

Moroccan Showcase with a collection of Moroccan Art.

Egret in lily pond.

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The Peak Flown from Afar." These Buddhist statues are the most famous stone carvings south of the Yangtse River. Hangzhou, China.

Giant panda, native to Sichuan Province. Beijing Zoo, China.

From the monastery we drove to the China Tea Research Institute. It rained so we could not see the picking — only the pressing. We also visited a home and a kindergarten in this same area. The leading agricultural product of Hangzhou is tea, notably the famous Dragon Well blends. I bought a tin of a few ounces which cost about $8 in US money. We saw the tea fields where the top leaves are individually hand-picked. This requires skillful pickers for proper greenness, fragrance and taste. Only the green Dragon Well (Long Jing) tea is grown in this West Lake area. (775 patches of tea produce 125 pounds of dried tea. The kiln of dried tea makes 300 cups.) ... use the tea 3 times — the 2nd time is best. They said Zhou en Lai had visited here. They said Zhou en Lai had visited here on different occasions. Fifty percent of all tea is exported. Twenty of the best of 100 kinds are sold in Japan. The life of the bush is almost 100 years. Bushes are cut back. It takes 8 pounds of fresh leaves to make one pound of dried tea.

uniquely constructed of a combination of brick and wood. The exterior, which had deteriorated badly since the 17th century, was rebuilt during 1893-1901. The pagoda was repaired and renovated in 1953 and again in 1970. I climbed about half-way up for a view of the countryside and of the double-decker bridge across the Qiantang River, the first of its kind in China, designed by a Chinese engineer and built in 1935.

From Hangzhou we flew to Beijing and checked in at the deluxe Great Wall Hotel situated about mid-way between the airport and Tian'anmen Square — about a 30-minute drive to either point. The Great Wall Hotel opened in 1983 as an immense high-rise facility with 1,007 rooms and was the most flamboyantly modern hotel in Beijing. A multiple 21-storey glass and concrete structure, the Great Wall boasted a number of "firsts" — a 6-storey high atrium, glass-enclosed elevators, a roof-top cocktail lounge, tennis courts, an underground ... a cinema/theatre, and [illegible]

the Rio Negro meet the brown of the Amazon. ... on page 674. Aboard the double-decked excursion boat we stayed on the lower deck out of the sun, enjoying the cool breeze. Unlike the muddy Amazon, the Rio Negro — whose waters appear black but turn to the color of weak tea when scooped up in a glass — flows through sandy soil, picking up almost no silt. More than 80 inches of rain falls each year in the Amazon Basin.

We saw several river ferries and along the shore were lumber mills and factory buildings. Shores of the Rio Negro remain almost insect-free. A theory by a biologist from Harvard University is that during high water this slow-moving river spreads out into bordering jungles, dissolving vegetable matter and carrying off plant juices and sap. The dissolved matter seems to inhibit insect growth and reproduction by making the river a supply of natural insecticide.

Starting with nothing in 1921, Senhor Sabbá had built a business empire that grossed some 40 million dollars a year. He says, "The government set up the zone to lower the cost of living and provide employment, but, most important, to attract industry." Under this government plan, businessmen in the south of Brazil can invest 1/2 of their taxes in approved Amazon projects instead of paying that money to the government. There was to be no income tax on earnings until 1982 and no federal consumers' taxes until 1997. Under the zone plan Manaus and other towns along the Amazon had prospered. (This information about the zone plan was given by our riverboat guide in 1981.)

Sighted on the river was a typical river canoe with a canopy (many of which were motorized), some ferry boats, a river canoe and seaplanes on a dock, a lumber mill, a log float, and a Shell floating "gas station" for boats.

At very brink of Upper gigantic, thundering Iguassú Brazilian Falls called by the Indians the "Birthplace of the Clouds," we were spellbound. Picture taken from row boat dock on rock islet near these 210-foot falls.

On walking tour we saw the Iguassú Canyon from Brazilian side and the Iguassú Falls on Argentinian side.

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Asia

"Every bestowal emanates from Thee; every benediction is Thine."
— 'Abdu'l-Bahá

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Antarctica

CHAPTER 14

In February 1989 our voyage was to the continent of Antarctica.

"Out of whose womb came the ice? and the hoary frost of heaven, who hath engendered it? The waters are hid as with a stone, and the face of the deep is frozen." (Job 38:29-30)

"Perhaps the medieval mariners were right. Perhaps you can sail off the end of the earth and into another world. An altogether foreign dominion, where white spires of ice sail like silent ghost ships on a blue-black sea, where thousands of tuxedoed birds tide snow mountains, where the flukes of whales rise in fan-dance pageantry from beneath the sea and where white is not a lack of color but a largess of it — the shades of the rainbow captured in the wavering shimmer of an ice so cold it seems on fire from within." (from K.M. Kostyal, *National Geographic*, May/June 1990)

"Imagine a place as big as the United States and Europe combined. Sunnier than California, yet colder than the freezing compartment of your refrigerator." "Drier than Arabia and higher than mountainous Switzerland. Emptier than the Sahara. Only one place in the world fits this description; it is Antarctica." "The strange but beautiful continent at the bottom of the earth." (from Joseph McDuhart, *This is Antarctica*)

In world geography and history, the Antarctic is like no other land. Trees and flowers are lacking. There is no indigenous population — life is practically non-existent. It offers the most resistance to man's efforts to investigate its mysteries.

Antarctica covers almost 10% of the earth's surface, has the greatest mass of ice in the world, and is surrounded by a deep and circumpolar ocean. Its isolation from other continents is unique due to seas of abysmal depths covering distances of 621 miles between itself and South America, and 2,236 miles between itself and Africa. This isolation, the stormy nature of intervening seas and Antarctica's extreme, severe climate explains man's inability to reach and explore this remote region until relatively modern times. Who really discovered the Antarctic? The United Kingdom, the USA and, more recently, the Soviet Union all have claimed discovery.

In the 2 hemispheres of the terrestrial globe there is a different distribution of continents and seas.

In the Northern Hemisphere, the land masses are larger than the oceans. The land masses gather toward the north in a ring that is not quite closed, forming a basin filled with an ocean covered with ice. This ocean belongs to the polar Boreal region and its center is the North Pole or Arctic.

In the Southern Hemisphere, the oceans dominate the land masses, terminating in a pointed fashion to the south. The polar region is not an ocean but a continent, and its center is at the South Pole; it is Antarctica.

Antarctic Sound, off Paulet Island (mountain). C.A. Larsen (Norwegian) joined Nordenskjöld's Swedish expedition as captain of their ship *Antarctic*. After it was caught and crushed in the ice Larsen and 19 of the crew spent the winter of 1903 in a stone hut, eating penguins before joining others and being rescued.

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seen going yearly to Taiwan as Bill took the responsibil-
or the Girls' Dance Team of the Republic of China.
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"Our VW camper and Apache trailer which we opted to crank up and open under the oaks and spreading elms to enjoy nature's sights and sounds in Eagle, Wisconsin."

World travels were by airplanes, ocean liners, submarines, balloon, helicopters and trains with a USA trip from West Coast to East Coast and return by VW Camper pulling an Apache fold-up trailer.

In chapter 35, **Odyssey '84: Canadian Border and Northern USA**, Marjorie writes: "Time was pressing us on as we drove through Lusk, Cheyenne, Laramie, Rock Springs, Ogden, Pocatello, Twin Falls and Boise. Entering Oregon at Ontario we were rolling along at a fast but legal speed toward Baker when suddenly, our VW transmission went out. Unable to shift, and picking up more and more speed with a heavily loaded trailer adding to our accelerating, we were descending from a high elevation, on the curving mountain road with a frightening drop-off to a desolate area on the right side (that looked to be about a thousand feet) when we passed a sign indicating there were 3 exits to Baker. Hoping the middle exit would be the business district we turned off there. Not able to stop for any red lights that might 'seem to enter our path' we ..."

Be sure to read page 574 of her book for the conclusion of this exciting encounter. For this and other *Encounter...* adventures and their photographs, visit **www.wheelerarts.com** and click on the "**Bovee**" link.

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