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CONNECTIONS AROUND THE WORLD

Travelers remember their Virtuoso advisors' most astounding feats.

•Roderick and Michelle Murré arranged one of the most incredible experiences with Italian winemaker Angelo Gaja, who really put Barbaresco on the map. His winery doesn't usually do tastings, but there we were, sipping and talking with Angelo himself – I don't know how they did it.

– Samantha Breton

• When I got to the St. Regis Aspen's polo match, a lot of people were getting frisky with their fancy Champagne. Eleanor Flagler Hardy had me seated at table no. 1, where they knew to pour me the most delicious pink bubbly that was alcohol-free. I was in heaven!

- Tree Lockie

• For my youngest daughter's 18th birthday, Dana Welch booked us on a <u>Silversea</u> cruise through the Adriatic and arranged for local guides in every port. In Dubrovnik, our guide had set up a treasure hunt through town. Clues led us down a little lane, where a band started playing "Happy Birthday" to Kiara. A bakery opened just for us, and she got to decorate an incredible chocolate cake. Then an artist sketched a drawing of her that we kept as a gift.

- Kathleen McNamara





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RAISING GLOBAL CITIZENS

When Caroline and Sam Goodner had the opportunity to spend a year traveling with their 9- and 11-year-old kids, they went big. "Rather than digging into a country for an extended amount of time, we decided to see as many places as possible," Caroline says. "What we'd lose in cultural immersion, we'd gain in sheer variety of sights, smells, flavors, sounds, and interactions - and playing with where we wanted to go was one of the most rewarding experiences of our lives." All in all, they visited 34 countries in just over 13 months, and saw the world by plane, train, boat, bike, camel, horse, elephant, tuk-tuk, rickshaw, ox carriage, ocean liner, canoe, and Funyak.