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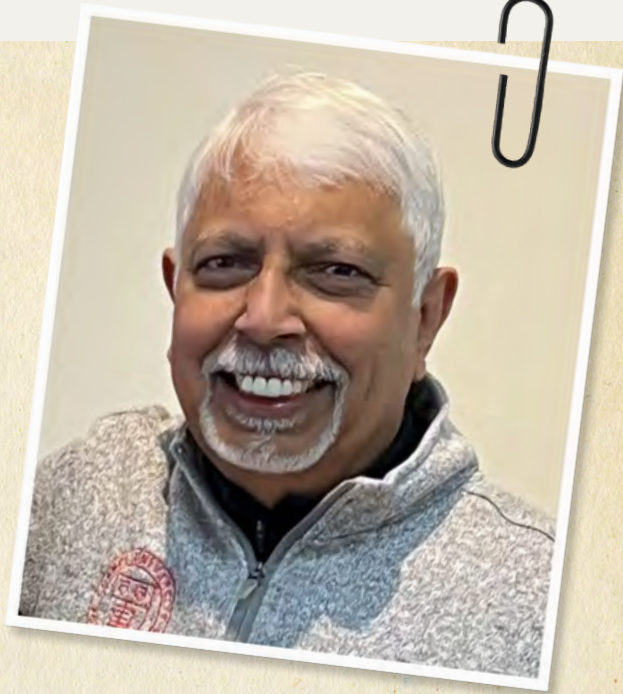
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Letter from the President

It is a pleasure for me to write a foreword to this edition of the SINB. With all the wars that are currently taking place and severely affecting our economies, the need for a voice for peace is ever stronger and points to the importance of what Servas does.

I often get questions about how Servas is making a difference. Our role is to do it at the grassroots level, mobilizing opinion with our families and friends and their circles – taking a stand and making a case for peace. It is a bottoms-up approach. It may seem small, but it is still very important. There have been some questions about whether that would make us a political organization. If taking a stand for peace makes us political, then we are political. However, we are not partisan. That is an important difference. Servas believes in the **“world as a family”** concept – definitely within Servas I view all of Servas as my extended family. We try to bring people together in peace without creating partisan divisions – and avoid disagreements that may lead to rancor. We are united in our desire to work for peace.

This brings me to examine a deeper question that we ask ourselves from time to time. What does Servas actually do? Are we just a hospitality organization, and what does that have to do with peace? I believe that at the core, we are a hospitality organization because we believe that hospitality extends our **“family concept”** of being together, working together and accepting and learning from each other as a foundation for peace – principles on the basis of which Servas was formed.

I have been reading with interest the latest annual reports that we have received from member groups – especially the question you answered about how SI Exco can help. Kent, the SI General Secretary, is working on compiling all the reports and he will share them with you as soon as possible. What stood out to me was that most of you wrote that you were looking for help in cooperating and communicating and getting together with members around the world. That is what Servas is all about. We have to ask ourselves – are we giving members enough opportunities to get together and do things together? Are we doing enough to make our members happy to continue to be members of Servas and support it?

In my opinion, hosting is a primary activity for us, therefore we need to ensure that our members feel delighted with the opportunities they get to host and travel. We need to think of intelligent ways of making the experience better. I think some improvements in technology are sorely needed to make the host/traveler communication better. I believe that our tech team is working on it and I will be looking for them to tell us more about what we can expect in this regard.

I have also heard many alternative creative solutions from our members in various forums. I read one such post in a WhatsApp group where one member offered to be a point person in her country – and be a liaison for providing customized travel solutions. I also think that we should have a campaign for “**Off the beaten track**”. Too often our members are dis-appointed when they try to find hosts in large, touristic cities. Can you try to get off the beaten track and spend time with members that live outside such metropolises? I have had some of my most satisfying visits whenever I have done that. In Servas, the journey to meet and spend time with hosts is as important as seeing the sights in the places we visit.

I think this is a very important issue, and I am planning to have a conference (online) of Servas members sometime in the next few months – to discuss what we can do to improve this experience. Look for future messages on this issue from me.

Thanks again for all that you do for Servas.

In peace,

Radha Radhakrishna

President, Servas International

WHAT SERVAS STANDS FOR

Servas is a peace network built on friendship and understanding across cultures. We stand for peace, human dignity, and dialogue. Servas is political in values, but not partisan. We do not take sides in specific geopolitical conflicts. Our neutrality allows members from all backgrounds to meet safely and respectfully. Members may hold and express personal political views, but these are not positions of Servas.

Servas stands for peace — never against people.



STATEMENT ON THE ESCALATING WAR INVOLVING



IRAN

Servas International expresses its deep concern and sorrow over the escalating military actions involving Iran and other states. We are profoundly saddened by the loss of civilian life and the growing fear experienced by ordinary people across the region.

Servas is a global peace organization committed to building understanding, trust and friendship across borders. We believe that war is never a solution. Bombardment, retaliation and military escalation do not create security – they multiply suffering, deepen division and leave trauma that endures for generations. Only meaningful dialogue leads to enduring solutions that bring peace.

We express alarm at the use of armed force that places civilians at risk and destroys the conditions necessary for dialogue. We believe that the killing of innocent people – through bombs, missiles or other military actions – cannot be justified as a pathway to peace.

We join the call of the United Nations Secretary-General for an immediate ceasefire, full respect for international humanitarian law, and the urgent resumption of diplomatic dialogue. We reiterate that all leaders involved have a responsibility to act with restraint and to prioritize humanity over political agendas.

Servas has member groups in more than 80 countries around the world, including in regions directly affected by this crisis. Our members are ordinary people who believe in peace through personal connection and mutual understanding. We stand in solidarity with civilians everywhere who are enduring fear and uncertainty.

We call on our global community – and on all governments – to choose dialogue over destruction, negotiation over escalation, and human dignity over violence.

- Servas International



LETTER OF SOLIDARITY WITH THE UNITED NATIONS

The SI Women Team and the SI-UN Team collaborated on a recent statement reiterating Servas' continued strong support of the UN and multilateralism. SI Exco approved a letter for the SI-UN Team to forward to the UN Secretary General. You can read this letter on the [SI website](#).

GLOBAL PEACEBUILDING THROUGH UN ENGAGEMENT

Servas International (SI) continues to deepen its commitment to peacebuilding, harmony, and global cooperation, building on its founding vision of fostering understanding through personal connections across cultures. In today's complex global environment, this mission remains highly relevant, particularly in promoting dialogue, reducing tensions, and encouraging peaceful coexistence.



Through its engagement with United Nations platforms, Servas is expanding its contribution to key global priorities, including the promotion of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW) and the advancement of the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The TPNW represents a vital step toward a world free of nuclear weapons, emphasizing humanitarian values and the urgent need to eliminate threats that endanger all of humanity.

Servas supports these efforts by raising awareness, encouraging dialogue, and connecting grassroots voices to global initiatives. At the same time, Servas members play an important role in promoting the SDGs, particularly those related to peace, justice, strong institutions (SDG 16), reduced inequalities (SDG 10), and partnerships for the goals (SDG 17). Through hosting travelers, facilitating intercultural exchanges, and organizing local activities, members contribute to building trust, understanding, and cooperation at the community level.

Recently, SI President Radha Radhakrishna, together with Hamsavahini (Hamsa) Singh, Coordinator to the SI UN Team, and SI UN New York representatives Miriam Kerekes (Mexico) and Daniela Balderrama (Bolivia), participated in the hybrid CoNGO Board meeting held in New York on 13 March 2026.

During the meeting, they engaged in discussions focused on strengthening the role of civil society in promoting global peace and sustainable development. Such engagements provide an important platform to bring Servas' distinctive approach—peace through personal contact and intercultural exchange—into broader global dialogue and collaboration.

In the coming months, Servas International will further strengthen its efforts by encouraging active involvement of its members in regions such as Latin America and the Caribbean, Africa, and Southeast Asia. Through these regional engagements, Servas aims to promote peacebuilding initiatives, intercultural harmony, and awareness of disarmament and sustainable development goals, ensuring that global priorities are reflected in local actions.

While international networks and platforms provide valuable opportunities, they remain a means to advance Servas' core mission. The strength of Servas lies in its members — individuals who, through simple acts of hospitality, dialogue, and openness, contribute to build a more peaceful and connected world.

In this way, Servas International continues to bridge the gap between global peace efforts and grassroots action, reinforcing its role as a worldwide movement dedicated to harmony, understanding, and a shared future free from conflict.

Hamsavahini Singh
Coordinator, SI UN Team



POSTCARDS

From Servas Members



DARIEN IN FALL

Along the North East coast line of the United States, nestled between Massachusetts and New York, is the state of Connecticut, also known as the Constitution State. Historians regard the “**Fundamental Orders**” (circa 1639) as the first example of a written constitution based on democracy and the “free consent of the people” and not a royal decree. This document was created in Hartford, the capital of Connecticut.

Darien is a quiet, picturesque town of 22,000 people, lining the shore of the Long Island Sound. The best time to visit Darien is in the fall (autumn), when one can experience vibrant colors in the trees, especially the red sugar maple that is found everywhere in the state. However, every season has its charm and you can experience all four seasons here. It is known for its coastal beauty where people enjoy boating and kayaking in summer. It is served by two train stations for convenient access to New York City, less than an hour away.

Nila Radhakrishna, Servas USA

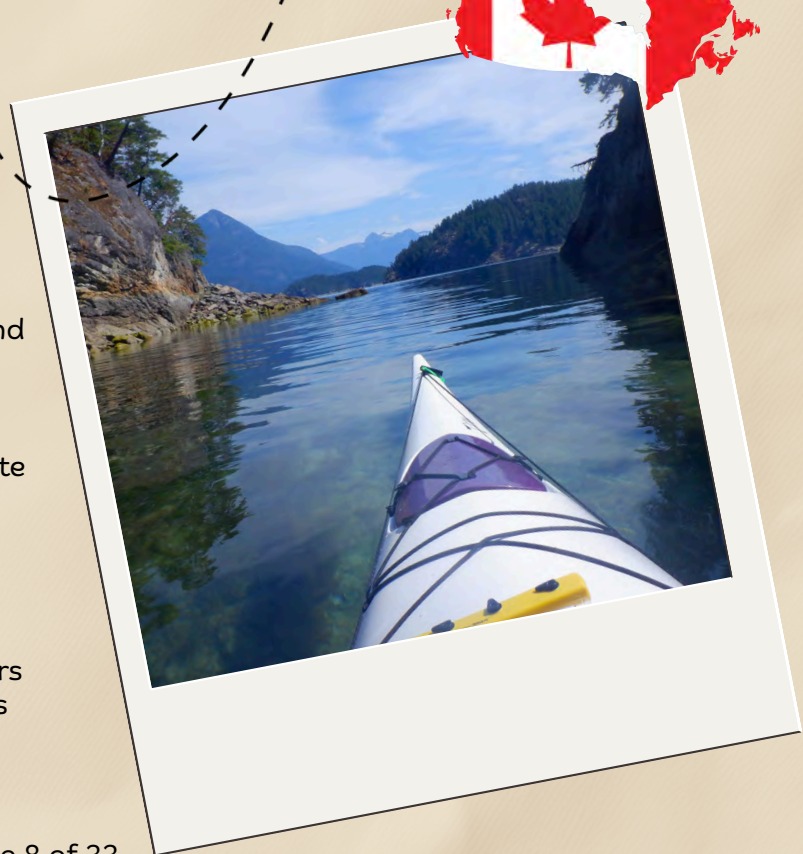


OCEAN KAYAKING ALONG CANADA'S WEST COAST

Canada's Pacific coast combines ocean, forest and mountains to create a place of spectacular natural beauty. It is an excellent destination for kayakers, hikers, mountain bikers and sightseers. The ocean currents give our area a more moderate climate than other parts of Canada, with warm, sunny summers and mild, rainy winters.

My partner Thom and I live in a house on Quadra Island. With a population of only 2700, the island is quite rural. We would welcome Servas travellers who wish to travel in our region beyond the cities of Vancouver and Victoria.

Kent Macaulay, Servas Canada



UNITED IN DIVERSITY: REFLECTIONS FROM CSW70

by Ígina Pereira
(Servas Brazil)



This year marked my second time participating in the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (UN CSW70) in New York, and with more experience, I was able to fully embrace everything the event had to offer. It was inspiring to connect more deeply with fellow Servas members who also attended, sharing perspectives across cultures and languages, all united by the common goal of justice and gender equality.

What struck me most was the extraordinary cross-cultural variety, all converging with a shared purpose: advancing justice and gender equality. Attending several panels, I listened to women from across the globe and realized how similar our struggles remain, despite the distances between us. Their stories carried both pain and resilience, offering valuable insights into the global fight for equality and reminding me that this is a universal challenge.



One of the panels I attended focused on teenage pregnancy, an issue that is frequent in Brazil. Interestingly, there were no Brazilian voices on that panel; instead, the perspectives came from Taiwan, Argentina and Kenya. Listening to their experiences made me realize how this complex issue is shared across continents, reinforcing the idea that women's hardships are deeply interconnected worldwide.

Also what made this year particularly enriching was the chance to go beyond listening. I interviewed many men who are actively engaging in this cause, and their perspectives gave me hope. They reminded me that gender justice is not a women's issue alone, but a collective responsibility that requires everyone's voice and commitment.

CSW70 was more than a conference; it was a living mosaic of voices, experiences, and dedication, a powerful testament of the strength that emerges from diversity and collective action. Being part of this gathering reaffirmed something profound: real change begins when we come together, crossing borders, bridging differences, and uniting in our shared pursuit of justice and equality.



Ígina Gabriela Pereira, Servas Brazil National Secretary and Youth representative

KEY INFORMATION FROM THE MEMBERSHIP AND TECHNOLOGY TEAMS

A) Retirement of Dolphin and using Servas.org Main Contacts for Key Lists

The Dolphin service dolphin.servas.org was used to manage the key list of National Secretaries/Presidents and also as a master repository of Host Lists for Servas Groups. By the end of February, the Dolphin service was taken out of service. These functions are now in ServasOnline (servas.org).

SERVAS.ORG

Host Lists PDFs can now be downloaded as part of the Host search in ServasOnline. Servas Member Group Main Contacts can be searched in ServasOnline with “Search Servas Roles” and are now managed in ServasOnline by the Servas Role Admin of each member group.

If your Servas group needs support with managing your ‘Main contacts’ or anything related to ServasOnline, please email:

help@servas.org.

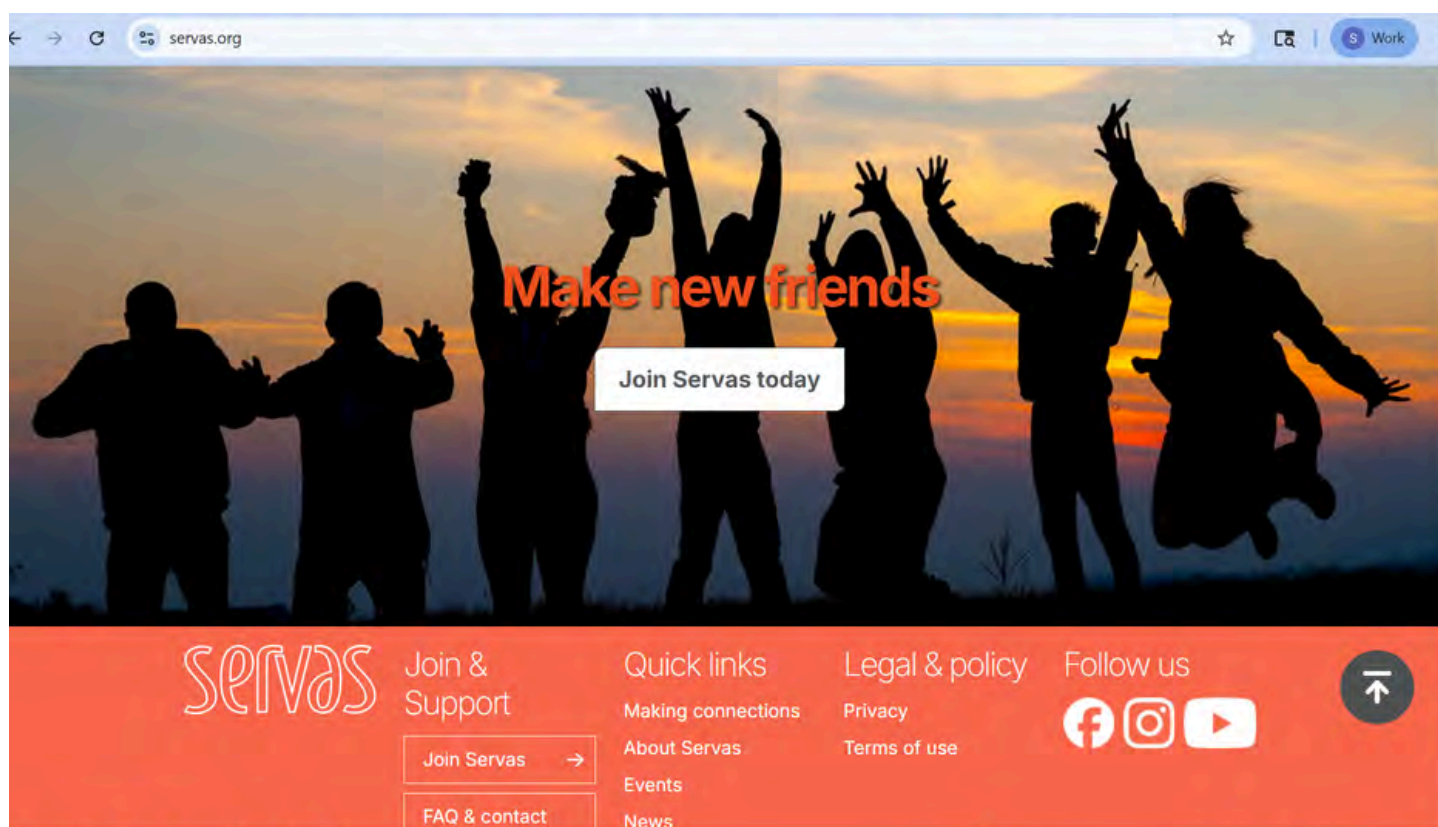
B) Servas Group Admin and Notifications

ServasOnline Version 2 has automated many of the Notifications used for communications related to:

- Applications for membership
- Membership Renewal
- Letter of Introduction Renewal

The Notifications are delivered in one of the 5 Servas Languages depending on the members language preference. Importantly, the Group Admin of each group can edit the notifications and translate the notifications into the group’s local language. It is essential that Group admins understand the Group Admin screen features including: ‘Edit notification templates’, ‘Edit group pages’ and the basic ‘Edit group’ functions for effective communication and membership management on Servas.Org.

For help with these features, please email help@servas.org. The team will contact you and provide one-on-one help and guidance with this very important part of ServasOnline.



POSTCARDS

From Servas Members

A PERMACULTURE PROJECT IN THE CANARY ISLANDS

We travelled when we were younger, and now we are exploring our finca and its inhabitants (from no legs to 1000 legs) and trying to offer all of us a comfortable home with the help of permaculture practices. Now and again we also receive human helpers who help us with this task, and we learn together about sustainable living by talking, working, investigating and laughing. We also like to meet people from outside our finca to see what the rest of the world is thinking, doing and laughing about.

Catrina Hediger & Jane Casey, Servas Spain



I LOVE SUNSETS

I enjoy the spectacle of nature and especially the colors the sun offers us before the day ends and night begins. When I have Servas visitors, I usually take them to this terrace to admire the view: the sun setting, the boats floating calmly, while enjoying an alcohol-free cocktail. Life is beautiful ...

This is on the Alvor estuary and close to my house (Algarve).

Carla Kristensen, Servas Portugal

SERVAS SUMMER CAMP IN SLOVENIA

by Marina Quaglia (Servas Italy)



AUGUST 17-24, 2025

The camp took place in Kovk, a small village of scattered houses perched on the green mountains of the Karst region. It is a place that hides rocks as hard as the lives of those who, in the past, survived persecutions and constant border shifts here.

“The Borders” was the theme of the holiday. We sought to reflect on the very concept of borders through games, meetings, shared stories, and simply living daily life together. From the very first moment, the hospitality was tangible. Emanuela picked us up in a van at Gorizia station, as public transport to Kovk is not frequent. We were many, waiting for a “saving” ride, having arrived by train from various parts of Italy. Marijke and Johanna joined directly from Amsterdam. Giovanna and her family were ready to follow in their car, and then — off we went — toward our Slovenian adventure.

**I realized that
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As soon as we stepped out of the van, people came to us from every direction to say hello and introduce themselves. I thought it would be difficult to remember everyone’s names — especially at least a dozen of Turkish origin.

That was the first border to fall. When there is a genuine desire to get to know the “other,” and when you share spaces, meals, thoughts, and worries, names become part of your most lasting memories — the ones that pass through the heart. Soon, you could find a name in every glance: in the blue eyes of Güllüzar, Züluf, Mehmet, and Toprak, or in the faces of Can, Asli, Hena, Asya, Onder, Kuzey, Enis, Sevgi, and little Likya.

Our home was a former elementary school, now a holiday house for groups, featuring a large outdoor space for games. It was a functional house, its ground floor always occupied by about a hundred pairs of shoes of every kind. I realized that everything here was full of color, and I immediately felt at home. After finding my bed in a fairly crowded room, I went to the kitchen, where I was greeted by the cheerfulness of Ferdinando, Pino, Giovanna, Michele, and Mauro. The atmosphere was light, filled with smiles and irony. Looking around, I noticed the care put into the dinner preparations: a serving platter displayed vegetables of every kind, masterfully arranged in an apotheosis of colors. Even the eyes need their share.

The kitchen staff were all volunteers — Servas members who gave their time to the community, and whose skills were greatly appreciated by all of us. The “great soul” of the camp — the element that created bonds beyond language, culture, and origin — was the willingness to be open to encounter, to question oneself, and to face and overcome one’s own limits.

Mehmet, founder of the “Peace School” in Antioch, guided us with his experience in exploring “borders” through games suitable for everyone, young and old. Games of discovery and cooperation — simple on the surface, but powerful in showing how our actions become more meaningful when shared with others. Personal boundaries were explored through a space-perception workshop, biodanza sessions, Maddalena’s “I Love Myself” workshop, and, finally, through Friulian and international Balfolk dancing.

To experience geographical borders, Emanuela, Rossanna, and Andrea led us on a visit to Gorizia and Nova Gorica — a single city divided in two. We saw the famous square once split by barbed wire and the “silent” customs post, still standing among the houses behind a sign reading “Italija 50 m.” The surrounding mountains, theaters of bloody battles during World War I and beyond, have so much to tell. We also visited Trieste, a crossroads of cultures, exploring its squares, churches, the ghetto, the port, and Miramare Castle.

Games of discovery and cooperation

During an evening meeting with a Slovenian professor, we deepened our knowledge of local history. We heard stories of a region where Slovenians and Italians lived together through alternating periods of war and peace — often marked by violence — on a shifting and unstable border that forced people to change national identities. Ferdinando, through his research and slides, revealed historical anecdotes about current borders and shared a part of Italian history often left out of schoolbooks because it is considered “marginal” to larger events.

Francisco, the Mexican SI Peace Secretary, spoke to us about Servas — how it was founded, what it is, and what it does. He reminded us that we are part of a larger project, a collective breath. Those who hold roles in the organization know that to fulfill their responsibilities, they need the participation and action of every member — the beating heart of this diverse community.

Our Turkish friends prepared a dinner of traditional dishes (the incomparable hummus could not be missing!), culminating in a party with traditional dances and lively music. It was beautiful to start the day with Gül’s yoga, to sing the new Servas anthem composed by Charles (or learn English through his “musical” method), to discover how many languages coexist in our bodies under Edda’s guidance, and to listen to Asya and Can’s storytelling about the Turkish anti-hero Keloglan. We also enjoyed the melodious voice of Asli, who gave us small moments of pure beauty. But what truly made the difference was the young people. The children and teenagers brought a breath of lightness and simplicity. I will not soon forget the image of Ilaria and Likya, two five-year-old girls (one Italian, one Turkish), playing together and communicating perfectly without a common language.

Giovanni was often a great English interpreter; Johanna a lively guardian of the rules; Saverio a calm companion for everyone; and Fabio and Maya, the eldest, who claimed to dislike socializing but were in fact pleasant and full of interests. Meanwhile, Alice, Ester, and Elisa used their imagination to create a new version of the song “Tutta l’Italia,” rearranged as “Viva la pace” (“Long Live Peace”), which they performed on the final night, mentioning the various characters of the camp. The organizing team, Leonardo, Marisa, Emanuela, Serena (the impeccable translator), Ferdinando, Mauro, Michele, Pino, and Giovanna, did a massive job. They were tireless in ensuring everyone’s needs were met, making themselves available at every moment.

This camp was an experience that left a mark

This camp was an experience that left a mark. We will keep the echo of these moments in our hearts for a long time. It was a reminder that peace is built first in the small things of everyday life, by making space within ourselves and then shifting our perspective to see the world with greater awareness. In these difficult times of harsh conflicts and devastating wars, it is necessary to make peace concrete. Servas, born from the ashes of a society destroyed by weapons and hatred, still has something very important to say.

POSTCARDS

From Servas Members

THE HUGGING SEA

Sometimes along our seaside, when a low-pressure storm is coming, a conjunction of elements allows you to stand safely very close to the sea and to enjoy some magic moments: the almost high tide, the sun starting its day journey, the rough sea, the 2-3m high waves and the south wind all together to catch a hard-to-believe hug!

Plan your trip looking at the unexpected weather conditions!

Anouk Iraola, Servas Spain




It is called "El Peine del viento" In the city of San Sebastián in Spain



' HUM OM MANI PAE MEY HUM '

In this house you are welcomed by Kurt and Katty. In Belgium. Visitors enjoy the meditative environment of our place. Quiet and flags spreading the message.

**Kurt Boelens & Katty Van Gaeveren,
Servas Belgium & Luxemburg**



SERVAS TANZANIA CULTIVATING THE SEEDS OF PEACE IN EAST AFRICA

As we welcome April 2026, Servas Tanzania is honored to share a reflection on our journey and our vision for a more connected world. In an era of digital distance, our chapter remains a steadfast sanctuary for the "open door" philosophy – the belief that every home is a classroom for peace and every stranger is a bridge to a more harmonious future.

From the ancient, spice-scented corridors of Zanzibar to the vibrant pulse of Dar es Salaam and the snow-capped majesty of Mount Kilimanjaro, Tanzania offers a unique tapestry of human experience.

At the heart of our mission is the spirit of Ubuntu – the recognition that **"I am because we are."**

Strategic Pillars for 2026

Our national chapter is currently focused on three transformative initiatives that align with the global vision of Servas International:

1. The SYLE Experience (Servas Youth Language Experience):

We believe the Swahili language is a gateway to the soul of East Africa. Through the SYLE program, we invite young global citizens to live as active family members within Tanzanian households. This immersion goes beyond tourism; it builds lifelong empathy.

2. Peace-Building Through Daily Dialogue:

As your Peace Secretary, I believe peace is the presence of justice and understanding. Our hosts serve as "grassroots diplomats." Every meal shared and every story exchanged is a deliberate act of dismantling prejudice.

3. Ethical Stewardship:

With over 120 ethnic groups, we advocate for a "travel with purpose" model that respects indigenous traditions, ensuring that cultural exchange is always reciprocal and sustainable.

2026 Landmark Events – Save the Dates

We are thrilled to announce two major initiatives that will define our year:

📍 East Africa Regional Meeting (EARM)

Dates: 5th – 10th October 2026

Location: Arusha

Purpose: A high-level gathering of Servas members from across the region to strategize on regional co-operation, hospitality growth, and our collective impact in Africa.

👣 Barefoot Walk for World Peace: March, 24, 2026

Theme: In Support of the Mothers' Call

A symbolic and powerful march where we walk barefoot to connect directly with the Earth and each other. This walk honors the "Mothers' Call" – a global appeal for a world without borders and conflict, highlighting the maternal role in nurturing peace and protecting future generations.

An Invitation to the Global Community

- **Travel with Intent:** We welcome Servas travelers with valid Letters of Introduction (LOI) to experience the authentic warmth of our hospitality.
- **Host Networking:** We are continuously expanding our network of vetted hosts.
- **Solidarity:** We encourage you to join our peace initiatives, whether in person or by organizing a local "Mothers' Call" walk in your own country.

Official Contact & Coordination

For formal inquiries regarding the East Africa Regional Meeting or the Barefoot Walk, please utilize the official Servas channels:

- **Member Portal:** servas.org (Search: Tanzania National Secretary)
- **Official Correspondence:** Available via the verified Servas directory.

"Peace is a journey of a thousand miles, and it begins with a single step into a neighbor's home."

Karibuni sana.

In Solidarity and Peace,

Abdallah TOYO, Peace Secretary - Servas Tanzania

THE LONGEST MARCH FOR PEACE

SPAIN TO JERUSALEM

Several Servas groups from Europe are planning to take part in a march for peace - from Finisterra in Spain to Jerusalem: this will be the longest march for peace!

Groups of walkers will set off from several countries along the route - France, Belgium, Holland, Slovenia, Germany, Hungary, Poland, Turkey and Serbia. This is a gathering of walkers, associations, communities, cultural and/or spiritual groups, and people committed to peace, regardless of their origin or beliefs. There will be no banners, only a white flag symbolizing this unity in the desire for peace.

The charter of this march is in line with the Servas spirit. **“We walk to connect, to listen, to learn, to sow hope”**, is how one of the organizers expressed the spirit of this march.

The first departure took place in Spain on February 1. There will be a departure from Paris on May 1, from Amsterdam on April 25, and from Berlin on May 18. A first meeting point is planned in Lausanne on May 27. Groups from European countries will meet in Budapest in September 2026 to continue together via Turkey to Jerusalem. We sincerely hope for an end to the war that is ravaging the Middle East. May this march achieve its goal of peace!

Everyone can participate as they wish: alone, with family, for a day, a week... offer accommodation, a service... propose or participate in an event during a rest stop, spread the word among family, friends, and associations...

More information on this website: <https://peacewalk.info>.



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From Servas Members

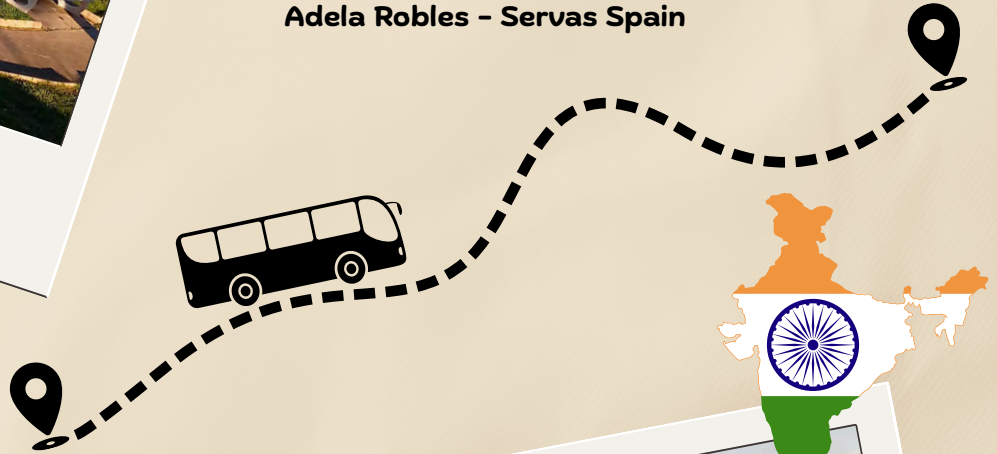
CAMPOAMOR

"The field of love" – what a beautiful and evocative name!

This photo shows the path leading to the long beach of Campoamor. It is a peaceful place during the winter, perfect for enjoying the mild weather and relaxing walks along the seaside. In contrast, the area becomes lively, busy, and quite hot during the summer months.

Campoamor is also very conveniently located: it is just a 30-minute drive from Murcia or Cartagena, and about one hour from Alicante.

Adela Robles - Servas Spain



THE CITY OF PEARLS

Hyderabad, offers a perfect blend of royal heritage and modern charm, where you can marvel at the iconic Charminar, explore the historic grandeur of Golconda Fort, and indulge in the world-famous Hyderabadi Biryani that delights every food lover.

From the bustling streets of traditional bazaars to the futuristic vibe of HITEC City, and the serene views at Hussain Sagar Lake, the city promises a rich, vibrant experience that beautifully connects the past with the present.

Sayan Roy, Servas India



TRAVELING WITH SERVAS: AN ADVENTURE THROUGH EGYPT

By Cristina Figueiredo and
Ana Fernandes (Servas Portugal)



Traveling through the Servas network means much more than visiting new places; it means being available to welcome and serve, giving priority to human connection. It was under this principle that the friendship between Ana and Cristina was born — two Portuguese Servas members who met at the Servas Iberian Meeting in 2023. After travelling together to the Azores and Morocco, the next destination was Egypt, on an adventure entirely planned by both of them.

The Tranquility of Aswan and Elephantine Island

Our journey began in the south of Egypt, on Elephantine Island, opposite Aswan. This place proved to be a true “paradise on earth”: an island without cars, accessible only by boat, where absolute tranquility reigns alongside modern comfort. We highlight the exceptional hospitality of the Nubian people, who welcomed us with contagious friendliness.

The Monumentality of Luxor and the Nile

We traveled by bus to Luxor, where the proximity of the Nile River accompanied us constantly. The grandeur of Egyptian architecture and the pyramids exceeded our expectations — it is impossible to remain indifferent to such monumentality. Being physically close to these historical landmarks is a sensory experience that we strongly recommend.

The Meeting in Alexandria

One of the highlights of the trip was meeting Ahmed, a Servas member from Alexandria. Our desire to meet him led us to include this city in our itinerary, and we are deeply grateful for his kind hospitality. Despite the December wind, walking along the Corniche (the seaside promenade) was a very pleasant moment.



Cairo: Surprises in the Capital

The journey between Luxor and Cairo was made by overnight train – an excellent experience that included dinner and breakfast on board. Upon arriving in the capital – a metropolis with a population larger than Portugal’s – we were surprised by how readily people were willing to help.

Reflections on Culture

One of the most fun challenges was learning to read numbers written in Arabic, something we quickly picked up. We loved the openness of the Egyptian people and the constant stimulation that comes from immersing oneself in different habits and cultures. This trip reinforced our conviction that meeting the “other” is the greatest richness of traveling.



EXPLORING LOCAL NEIGHBOURHOODS IN JAPAN



MY FIRST SERVAS TRIP

By Chan Joy Seng

Dear Servas friends from all over the world! My name is Joy Seng from Singapore, and I am a new Servas member who joined in March 2025.

After becoming a Servas member, I planned my first trip to Japan and extended my stay so that I could spend time meeting and interacting with Japanese Servas members. In preparation for this trip, I emailed close to 30 Servas members living in Tokyo and Yokohama to request for day hosting to show me around their local neighbourhoods.

Eventually, I was able to arrange meetings with five Servas members, each of whom shared stories about themselves and the areas where they live. These meetings became a highlight of my trip, as I experienced Servas hospitality as a new member and learned much while they introduced their neighbourhoods in unique and personal ways.

To see the full story with all the pictures, click here: [**My first Servas trip in Japan | Servas International.**](#)





VISITING JAPAN AND TAIWAN

By Sylvia Smitas (Servas Canada)

Alex and I decided to visit Japan, Taiwan, and Hong Kong from October 1 – November 17, 2025. It was a great trip. I had visited those countries thirty years before, but the places and also our memories changed. I had taught English in Tokyo for almost a year then, but didn't see that much at the time. We decided to start in the north, Hokkaido and travel right to the south of Japan, Okinawa for 5.5 weeks, then visit Taiwan for six days, and Hong Kong for three.

Our first Servas experience was outside Sapporo. We stayed with Kaori and Yasushi H., two retired school teachers. We talked for several hours the first evening. We had to learn things like that you leave your usual slippers outside the washroom and to not forget to change back into them afterwards, to avoid a cultural faux pas! Live and learn. We visited Sapporo the next day and when we returned from seeing the sites of Sapporo, we invited our hosts out for dinner. We went to a sushi bar, a conveyor belt sushi restaurant, but the conveyor wasn't running. It was a very good meal and we were happy that our hosts took us to one of their favourite restaurants.



In Nara, we did meet one Servas host, Junko, for breakfast. She had other Servas guests, so she couldn't have us overnight, but insisted on meeting us for breakfast at a restaurant. We had a pleasant chat. I gave her a nice red and white Canadian tea towel I often give hosts when I travel.

From there, we travelled to Kyoto and stayed with Kiyomi and Takao in the suburbs. This was another great experience. Again, we went off to explore. There is plenty to see in Kyoto. Japanese people are very kind. It is a very safe country, maybe like no other. We took Kiyomi and Takao out for dinner too to thank them. It was a restaurant where we cooked our meat at the table. The next morning, they dropped us off downtown, as they were going that way. We were going to stay at a ryokan, a traditional Japanese inn in downtown Kyoto for another two days.



Later, after reaching Naha, Okinawa in Southern Japan, we flew to Taipei. We arranged to meet our host, Juliana at a subway/metro station. We exchanged photos ahead of time to help us recognize each other. She took us to her apartment and after a short break, she became our tour guide for three days. We visited a Confucian Temple and then a Taoist temple called Dalongdong Bao An Temple. We visited the former Taiwan Expo grounds, the Tung Hwa Night Market, and had dinner. The next day we took the LRT to Fisherman's Wharf in Tamsui, walked along the wharf, walked across a long bridge, and visited Fort Santo Domingo, built in 1628 by the Spanish. In the evening, we walked along the water to see hundreds of other onlookers taking pictures of the sunset. There were musicians and many shops. We took the subway to a restaurant and met up with four other Taiwanese Servas hosts, Rida and her son, Jason, Lotus, and Serena, the former Servas Taiwan National Secretary, and a Swiss couple who were also visiting Servas members. We had a lot of food and conversation. It was a lot of fun! The next day, Juliana went with us to the National Palace Museum. It is a big museum, but the building looks like a palace. Rida, who we'd already met, met us there. We spent many hours there. On the way home, Juliana took us to the Chiang Kai-Shek Memorial Hall, the National Concert Hall, and a theatre. Architecturally these were ornate buildings. She showed us President Hall where President Lai Ching-te has his office. The next morning, Juliana took us to Sun Yat-sen Memorial Park, Songshan Cultural Park which was a former tobacco factory, and we saw the Taipei Dome, a multi-purpose domed stadium opened in 2023. Juliana really took the time to show us everything there was to see in Taipei. We flew to Kinmen Islands after that, another part of Taiwan.





A TRIP TO TOULOUSE THANKS TO SERVAS

By Sungrei Kim (Servas Korea)



Planning a month-long trip to France, I had planned to visit Toulouse, where I lived for five years in my 20s. Fortunately, I was able to stay for three nights and four days there. My husband and I met Pierre from Toulouse on the first evening of SICOGA in Dijon and his wife Brigitte who is the president of Servas France. Perhaps it was fate disguised as coincidence. It was a lucky help from my often-experienced "travel god."

During the journey, I chatted extensively with Brigitte, who was sitting next to me, about family, work, retirement, and our shared Servas activities. She has been the president of Servas France for four years. As we talked, I sensed her commitment to goals while also prioritizing balance and coordination among members. This strength, I suspected, stemmed from her experience as a responsible social worker.

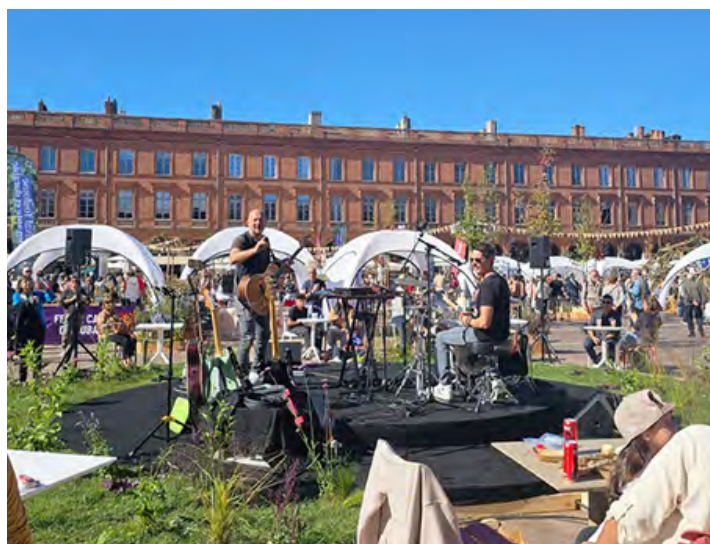
After a successful SICOGA in Dijon, we boarded Pierre and Brigitte's car and went to Toulouse. The journey, approximately 650 kilometers long and taking six to seven hours along the scenic inland route that cuts through central France from north to south, allowed us to admire France's iconic Massif Central, rolling hills, and rural landscapes. Along the way, Pierre provided us with detailed descriptions of the surrounding scenery and landscapes.

Servas, a host organization that promotes world peace, offers more than just accommodation and tour guides. Moreover, because it is a group that truly opens hearts and accepts guests, she preferred the word *accueillir* (welcome) to *héberger* (host). I was deeply moved by her words, which meant offering hospitality not with material goods but with the total openness of the heart.

Before arriving home, Brigitte stopped by the village cheese shop to buy a variety of fresh, good cheese. Watching her, I found her love for cheese and French hospitality as well. Dinner was cheese, baguette, and soup. Their house is an old country house, but Pierre had recently renovated it over the past seven months, expanding the first-floor veranda, creating a beautiful space with a bright view of the backyard. We enjoyed relaxing on the spacious, windowed veranda, sipping aperitifs and listening to music. Listening to Na Yoon-sun's song, a Korean singer well known and beloved in France, I was even more grateful for Pierre's kindness in choosing a Korean singer for my husband and me.

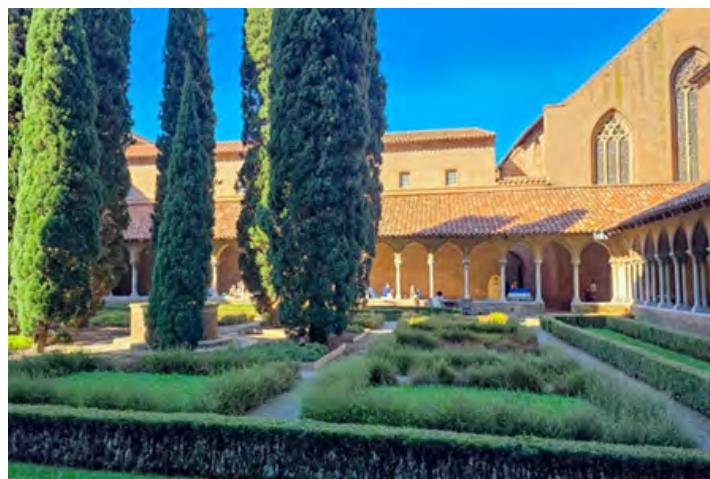
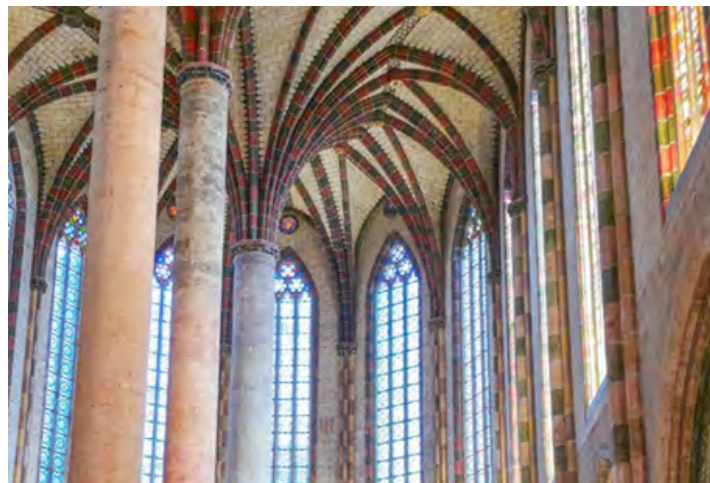


The next day, we headed out to downtown Toulouse, and both of us were delighted to see the familiar riverside scenery, streets, and cityscapes. We went to Place du Capitole, the Church of Saint-Sernen, and the banks of the Garonne, time traveling back and forth between memories and the present, and spent meaningful moments.



Walking from the church to the square, we chose a restaurant and sat outside. I ordered cassoulet, a signature Toulouse regional dish, while my husband ordered aligot, a dish from the nearby Albi region. Cassoulet is made with white kidney beans, then slowly cooked in an oven with duck legs. The beans meld with the meat fat, creating a rich, savory flavor.

After a leisurely lunch and a stroll, I visited another Toulouse landmark, the Jacobin Abbey chapel, which I hadn't seen the previous time a couple years ago because it was closed for renovations. I was delighted to see it this time.



In the evening, with Pierre, who had picked us up, we went grocery shopping and cooked Korean food. However, the pork belly we'd sliced too thinly at the butcher shop ended up crispy like a cracker after baking it in the oven at such a high temperature. I was shocked, but Brigitte enjoyed it, wrapping it with 'ssamjang' korean sauce and lettuce, so I was grateful. I also made seaweed soup, a Korean dish eaten on birthdays, and they said it was delicious, so I was released from the disappointment of my failed meat dish.

Pierre wanted to show us the beautiful medieval villages, riversides, and valleys nearby, so we went together. The day before, Pierre had asked me if I wanted to have a picnic lunch and I agreed. Later, however, I realized Brigitte had to cook and prepare so much for the picnic that I felt bad. I regretted not having just suggested a simple meal at a restaurant.

However, the weather was so nice, and by the time we arrived at the beautiful medieval village of St-Antonin-Noble-Val, where we explored the open market and reached the picnic spot in the woods next to the Bosque Cave, high above the ground, I was in a state of exhilaration and contentment. We enjoyed a lunch we'd prepared in the midst of nature and chatted a lot happily.

Finally, we went to the village of Penne, took photos with the distant mountain castle in view, and took a stroll through the neighborhood. Then, by chance, we happened to visit a house unexpectedly. We were admiring the old doorknob on the porch of a house down the street when a man approached us, saying he lived there and offering to show us the house if we were interested.

We were surprised and followed him inside. Jean-Michel showed us around his three-story house, which looked like a converted old castle. He even brought us a cold beer on the rooftop, so we were truly grateful for the hospitality of this stranger. After an international business career, he is now retired and lives nearby with his children, caring sometimes for his granddaughter.



Anyway, thanks to him, we were able to end the perfect day enjoying the scenery and views of Penne Village. Back home, we all had a late lunch, so we were wondering what to have for dinner. I suggested to Brigitte that I would prepare the Shin Ramyun that I bought at Monoprix in downtown Toulouse. She said she'd never tried it before and said yes.

But when I boiled it, it was spicier than what it used to be in Korea. It seems that spicy food is a trend these days because of K-dramas and movies, and I'd noticed that French markets were stocking even spicier options like Bulgdakmyeon. Brigitte and Pierre were almost in tears, but maybe out of courtesy, they said it was okay. Me neither, I don't eat spicy ramyeon in Korea, I felt even more guilty because I failed the pork belly cooking the day before. I really wanted to return my gratitude for their warmhearted friendship, but it didn't work out well, which was disappointing.

The three nights and four days with them flew by like a day. Pierre, with a bright smile after buying a baguette in the morning, and Brigitte, who would listen intently to everything I said – these images will always be vivid in my memory.

I was even more fortunate that France, a country that holds indelible memories, was my first SICOGA destination. My husband and I were warmly welcomed by six families in France. While each family had a different atmosphere and style, the spirit of hospitality was unwavering. Betty Chazelet and Olivier Bourgeois in Besançon, Chantal Bourriot in Bordeaux, Isabelle Girard and Claude in La Rochelle, and Mirelle Charles in Angers – they were all such wonderful and grateful friends.

I am grateful to all of them for sharing precious memories and friendships, more precious than gold. I promise to open my arms and share friendship and peace with all Servas friends who visit Korea and my home.



SOUTH-EAST-ASIA: 4 MONTHS 6 COUNTRIES

#1 MALAYSIA

By Tatjana Negi (Servas Germany) and Debbie Barnes
(Servas Britain & Ireland)

A little about us

Tatjana from Berlin and Debbie from England met two years ago through Servas. Tatjana has a long experience of traveling and hosting with Servas and Debbie is a relative beginner.

Having met through Servas we decided to travel to South East Asia together. Our original plan was to visit Malaysia, Thailand, Laos, Cambodia, Vietnam and maybe end up in Japan.

However, that is not quite what happened! We started too late and by March it was so hot already that we skipped Laos, Cambodia and Vietnam and went to the colder countries Taiwan and Korea.

Tatjana did most of the organising with the hosts and at first it was a little difficult, but we learned that WhatsApp and Line are the main communication methods in Asia. Of course our travels were not only with Servas but we have summarised the bits that were below.

#1: Malaysia

Arriving on the 7 February 2025 in Kuala Lumpur. We stayed in a hotel for the first two nights in order to not disturb Servas hosts with our jet lag and to get used to the heat. Having made contact with the coordinator Wei Leng everything was suddenly easy and Malaysia's Members are very organised and connected.

We met with Wai Leng and Chong (Day hosts) for a traditional Malaysian breakfast 'Nasi Lemak', trying different food became such a big part of our journey. They were so keen for us to try a dish called 'roti tissue' an Indian dish and it was not on the menu at the breakfast cafe so, they took us to have a second breakfast just so we could sample it!



After that they kindly drove us to our first host Khai Tzer and we all had a coffee together. Khai Tzer is something of a coffee expert, and his enthusiasm is infectious. He has a special elaborate device as a coffee press.

Khai Tzer and Yan Yan were so welcoming and we enjoyed our conversations with them. It gave us quite an insight into the political and social situation in Malaysia. We did not realise that Malaysians consist of Chinese Malaysian, Indian Malaysian and Malaysians. And historically the Chinese were brought in as labourers in mining and the Indians to work on the rubber tree plantations. The majority of Malaysia is Muslim and the non Muslims (Indian or Chinese) are excluded from political positions and some universities.

Khai Tzer and YanYan shared their favourite places to eat and we tried 'steam boat' where you cook your own food at the table in a broth. Tatjana got an unexpected visitor while we were staying in their home. Something was rummaging in our room and specifically Tatjana's stuff. Was it an animal? No, the robot vacuum had become confused! Tatjana carefully took it back to its docking station.

Through a friend of Khai Tzer, we visited the Hindu Thai-pusam Celebration. Offerings and sacrifice is made to Lord Murga, god of War and Wisdom (probably not a Servas Member then!). It was a mesmerising event with crowds, loud music drums and entranced people. The celebrants had to walk up 272 steps into the Batu Caves often with very heavy and elaborate costumes or more simply with a pitcher of milk on their heads. The whole afternoon was an assault on the senses.



After that we stayed with Morthy and his two daughters (his wife was away at a family wedding) in the outskirts of Kuala Lumpur. We could only stop for one night but Morthy was very keen for us to try Cendol. We tried it when we arrived (and ice and coconut pudding) from a roadside van. This then became a firm favourite of ours. He took us to visit a small and rather beautiful Chinese Temple. This was our first experience of nature here, and stray dogs. We had to pick our way between the dogs on a suspension bridge. As it got dark we could hear birds, cicadas and we saw bats as we crossed back over the bridge. Morthy's daughters cooked for us that evening and we talked about their plans for the future.

Next we were warmly welcomed by Richard and Carol back in the centre of Kuala Lumpur. Richard is a volunteer guide at The National Museum of Malaysia and to have our own personal guide was fantastic and so interesting. Carol and Richard took us to an amazing vegan restaurant, it was so astonishing that the 'fish and prawns' we ate were made from vegetables!

We were undecided about a particular place to visit for our onward journey, Carol and Richard's recommendations were spot on and as a result we visited the Baba Nyonya museum in Malacca and the Taman Negara National Park.

Our stay in Kuala Lumpur was rounded off by meeting more of the Malaysian Servas members at one of their socials when we all went for a meal.

We then travelled by bus to the historic town of Malacca, arriving amidst the Chinese New Year celebrations. Staying in a Temple Bed and Breakfast we had a fantastic view of the celebrations. We met Christine (Servas day host) who took us to a huge food court. Here we saw robots serving drinks and had a chance to try the different foods.

Then we were on our way to **Stop #2: Thailand** ... to be continued.



SERVAS - A SMART CHOICE FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

By Jonny Sågänger (Servas Sweden). Former member of SI Exco (2012-2025)

Overnight stays in private people's homes generally put much less burden on the climate and the environment from harmful CO2 emissions than staying at a hotel or other comparable alternatives.

The homestay as accommodation can actually be categorised as "climate neutral", according to academic researchers at the Chalmers University of Technology in Gothenburg, Sweden. The findings are supported by other organisations related to the Swedish Travel and Climate initiative (read more about the initiative below*).

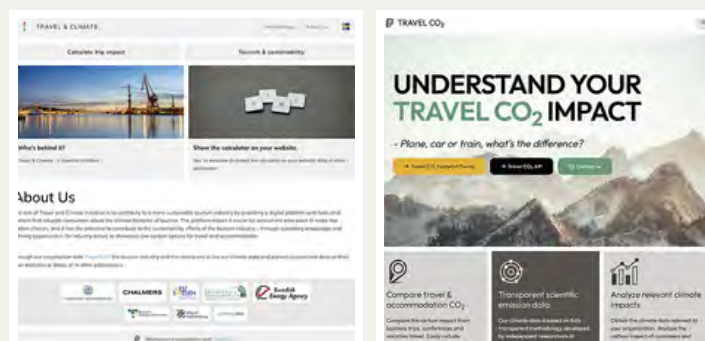
The researchers assume that if you are staying at someone's home your host and you will incur negligible additional carbon emissions as a result, compared to other alternative forms of accommodation.

Based on data from a number of climate footprint indexes on accommodation it can be assumed that a one night accommodation in a four star hotel around the world can produce between 42,5 kilos and 3,3 kilo CO2 per guest night. Staying in a hostel can produce between 10,6 kilos and 0,8 kilos per guest night.

The researchers have put the amount of CO2 emissions from homestays to zero kilo, which is climate neutral.

The category climate neutral includes accommodation with family or friends, renting a room via Airbnb for example, accommodation in a camper/caravan, tent, night train or ferry cabin.

The researchers at Chalmers University have put homestay with the non-profit organisations Servas and Warmshowers as well as the for-profit organisation Couchsurfing in the category "climate neutral".



Click website image for a description of the Travel & Climate Initiative

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ABOUT THE TRAVEL AND CLIMATE AND TRAVEL CO2 INITIATIVES

The Swedish Travel and Climate Initiative is a development project that aims to contribute to a more sustainable tourism industry. The method is to provide a digital platform with tools and content that educate consumers about the climate footprint of tourism. Consumers can use the platform to make choices that lead to the lowest amount of carbon emissions. The platform also has the potential to contribute to the sustainability efforts of the tourism industry. The industry can use the platform to spread knowledge and to offer opportunities for industry actors to showcase low carbon options for travel and accommodation.

The initiative **Travel and Climate** was started by the network **Climate Smart Holidays**, which consists of researchers, public organizations and tourism stakeholders in Gothenburg and Western Sweden. The aim was to jointly address tourism's contribution to climate change. The network is currently linked to the Center for Tourism at the University of Gothenburg and Chalmers University of Technology and other stakeholders. The Travel and Climate initiative works in collaboration with [Travel CO2](#) which is an information platform for travel related carbon emission data and visualizations. Travel CO2's climate data is based on transparent methodology developed by independent researchers at Chalmers University of Technology and KTH Royal Institute of Technology in Sweden.

The tools used in Travel CO2 were originally developed as an extension of the [KLIMATSMART SEMESTER](#) and [TRAVEL & CLIMATE](#) development project.

Source: [Travel and Climate initiative/Climate Smart Holidays](#)

SERVAS FRANCE WEBINARS

To promote its network, inspire people to discover new horizons, and share ideas and advice, Servas France has launched a series of webinars. The first of these webinars took place on January 11, and the topic was *Traveling with Servas in South America*. The second, coming soon, will address *Servas Peace Schools*.

Traveling differently in South America: when encounters give meaning to the journey

Latin America inspires dreams with its rich landscapes, diverse cultures, and warm people. Yet many travelers still hesitate to go there, fearing insecurity or a lack of reference points.

To highlight this part of the world, rich in open-minded and curious people, Servas France organized a webinar dedicated to travel experiences in Latin America.

Several participants, all members of Servas, shared their experiences in Colombia, Peru, Argentina, and Brazil. Through their stories, another way of traveling emerges: more human, more conscious, and deeply enriching.

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Servas experiences in Latin America

The testimonials shared during the webinar show how traveling with Servas transforms the travel experience.

Traveling alone, without being isolated

Émilie, a solo traveler in Colombia, discovered Servas just before her departure. Her experience highlights several key aspects. First, the warm welcome from local members. Next, the connections made upon arrival in the country. And finally, a heightened sense of security and trust.

For Émilie: “Servas opens doors and helps you quickly connect with people who share the same values.”

Welcomed by Monika, a Colombian Servas member, Émilie was able to share the daily life of a family in a very simple and spontaneous way, but also participate in traditional celebrations, such as the Candle Festival on December 7, the South American equivalent of the Festival of Lights or Saint Lucia's Day in Northern Europe.

Servas opens doors and helps you quickly connect with people who share the same values

Being able to benefit from Monika's valuable advice at the beginning of her stay on travel, safety, and culture in Colombia allowed Émilie to experience her trip more intensely.

This relationship went beyond a simple welcome. Monika became a reference point throughout the trip, and the relationship turned into a lasting friendship.



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Traveling as a couple or family: a deeper immersion

Philippe and his partner, long-term travelers in South America, explain that Servas greatly enriches encounters and allows you to go beyond the interactions associated with traditional tourism.

Being able to live directly with locals facilitates access to local realities that are often invisible: "Without Servas," says Philippe, "you mainly meet tourism professionals. With Servas, you enter into the culture."

Among their memorable experiences, one stands out in particular. A Christmas spent in a remote hamlet in the Colombian Andes with an extended stay with a family living off the beaten track. For Philippe and his wife, it was a rare and deeply memorable human immersion.

Betty, who traveled to Peru to visit her son, particularly emphasizes the generosity of the hosts and the richness of the exchanges. She also highlights the importance of shared time: "One family kept us for a week. We discovered the city, the country, and daily life from the inside."

Day hosts: another way to meet people

Being hosted is not an end in itself, and encounters can happen through other channels. SERVAS also offers day hosts, without accommodation. This option allows you to meet other members over coffee or a meal, and discuss culture, the country, and lifestyles.

The result is the same: it creates a bond, even without spending the night at the host's home. "Even without accommodation, you immediately feel at ease. We share the same values," recalls Betty.

For travelers, these encounters are often reassuring, inspiring, and as enriching on a human level as stays with accommodation.

Practical tips for traveling with Servas in Latin America

For this first webinar, Servas did not overlook the topic of practical advice. The speakers shared a wealth of concrete tips based on their experience in the field:

• Prepare for your trip with an open mind

Before you leave, it is always a good idea to learn about the history, culture, and customs of the country.

Traveling also means accepting that norms and codes of conduct you are used to at home do not apply everywhere. It is therefore important to travel with humility and curiosity. Émilie tells us: "Even if you are well prepared, you have to arrive with the mindset that you know nothing and that you are going to learn."

• Communicating effectively with hosts

To facilitate communication between traveling members and host members, you can supplement email

contact by the use of WhatsApp, which is widely used in Latin America. Don't be discouraged if you don't receive an immediate response by email.

To make contact more effectively, in addition to the Letter of Introduction that validates your membership status, it is a good idea to clearly explain your travel plans and expectations.

• Travel like the locals

The South American continent is long and narrow and divided by numerous mountain ranges. The choice of transport is a key factor, especially if the trip is short.

During this webinar, the consensus was unanimous: local transportation is the best option. Long-distance buses are often comfortable, and ferries and sometimes trains are also worth considering.

Although more time-consuming than air travel, these options allow for greater immersion in the country, spontaneous encounters, and a more nuanced understanding of distances and the country itself. For Philippe, "Traveling by bus means experiencing the country with your whole body."

Safety: the key role of Servas members

In France, Latin America's external image in terms of traveler safety is not optimal. However, testimonials converge on this point: safety is above all a matter of common sense.

The best practices frequently cited are simple and almost obvious. Avoid outward signs of wealth, adapt your schedule and travel plans, and favor transportation recommended by locals.

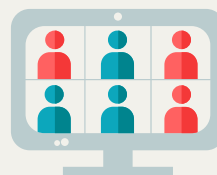
Here again, the Servas member network is very useful, providing reliable and up-to-date advice (especially from Audrey, who is traveling in Brazil).



[Watch Audrey's YouTube video](#)

The experiences shared during this webinar show that Servas is much more than just a form of accommodation. Traveling with Servas means taking the time to meet people. It allows you to understand countries from the inside and create lasting human connections. Finally, in line with the association's mission, it contributes, on its own scale, to a culture of peace. "People are waiting for you and want to show you their country," says Émilie enthusiastically.

If you aspire to a more human, authentic, and meaningful journey, joining Servas is an invitation to change the way you travel.



If you would like to view the full version of this webinar, you can [click on this link](#).

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