

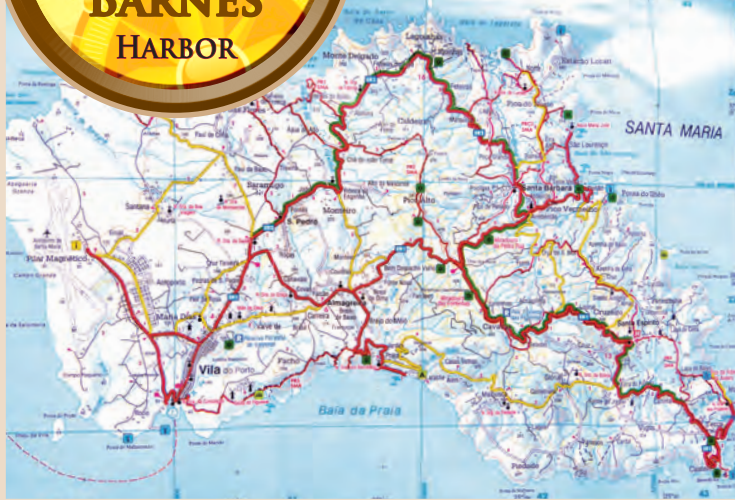


# Alive! AROUND THE WORLD



## 1 Portugal & The Azores

Here's the latest from our other intrepid traveler, **Michael Barnes, Harbor**, in Portugal and the Azores. "As always, I look forward to reading your great publication. I take it everywhere I go. Ha!"



"Christopher Columbus first stopped here on his way west. He even named the island [Santa Maria] after one of his ships. There was not enough action, so he moved on."



"The church in this photo is famous for people old or the sick climbing on their knees to receive a miracle." [This Chapel of Nossa Senhora de Fatima, Our Lady of Fatima, is on Santa Maria Island in the Azores and is not to be confused with the more famous shrine on the Portuguese mainland. - Ed.]



Here's Michael on the rocks.

"I just took a trip to the Portuguese island of Santa Maria in the Azores, which for your information is in the middle of the Atlantic. The island had 20,000 people living here at one time, but because the U.S. Air Force built an airfield here during World War II, 18,000 left and went to Boston. So now this 10-square-mile old whaling base island is just about deserted, but there is a fairly large European (Bavarian and Austrian) retirement population living here now. Just like Hawaii, it's a great place for the newlyweds or nearly deads. Nothing happens when the sun goes down.

"The Island of Santa Maria has a constant temperature day and night of about 63 degrees in the spring and fall, and a humidity of 80-plus, so it's not tropical and it's not cold, but being an island, the weather can change at the drop of a hat, from being sunny one minute, to dense fog or cloud the next, and always rain or dampness. Other than that, we had a great time!"



"I stopped over in Lisbon on our way to Santa Maria, so needless to say I also took photos. Lisbon gets overlooked in everybody's rush to visit Europe. People are really friendly. There are lots of inexpensive places to stay and, even though the food is pretty bland, it's very cheap to eat and drink out.

"Lisbon itself is a town to walk around and explore. That said, it has a really good public transportation system. When visiting a new city, on the first day we always ride any bus or tram to the end of its route and back, just to capture the smells and feel for the place. Lisbon is no exception, and anybody going there must ride tram 28."

## 2 The Caribbean



"Here are a few pics of some of the stops on my Caribbean Cruise to St. Maarten, Antigua, St. Lucia and Barbados for a birthday celebration with family and friends."

- Kizzy Bryant, Security Officer, DWP



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### Germany



Richard and Phyllis Mendoza traveled to Germany. In the smaller photo, Richard is at Ramstein Air Force Base, a major military facility in southwestern Germany near the French border.

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### French Polynesia



"Here we are in the South Pacific at the St. Regis resort."

- Leonel and Ruth Chacon

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### Ireland

Here's *Alive!* editor John Burnes behind St. Colman's Cathedral in Cobh (Cove), Co. Cork, Ireland. "This is the last Irish church many hundreds of thousands saw who emigrated out of Ireland through Cobh after about 1885. (There was another, smaller church here during most of the famine emigration in the late 1840s.) *Titanic* made its last stop at Cobh, just out to sea at left, before it met its fate on an iceberg in the Atlantic."



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### Yellowstone



"This photo was taken on a recent family trip to Yellowstone National Park."

- Kevin Chatman, DWP

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### Turkey



"On our recent Mediterranean cruise, my wife, Marie (taking the picture) and I visited Istanbul, a city with layers of history to explore. Here, I'm standing in front of the Sultan Ahmed Mosque, known as the Blue Mosque for its intricately beautiful tile work interior. Amazing!"



In front of the ornate entrance gate to the Topkapki Palace, home to the Ottoman Sultans for more than 400 years. Built over a former Roman palace, it's now a museum that houses a priceless collection, including an 86-carat diamond!

- David Jamgotchian, JLA Associates (designers of *Alive!*)

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A depiction of the *Alive!* Around the World map at Club Headquarters



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## 8 'Bringing 'em Back Alive!' – Baja, California

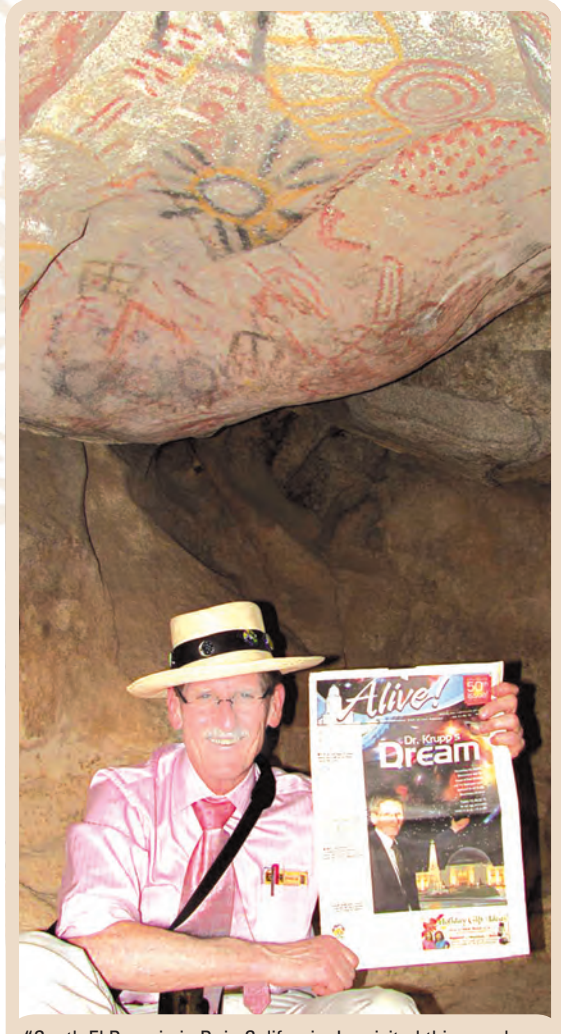
Here's our intrepid traveler **Ed Krupp**, Director of the world famous **Griffith Observatory**, sharing his adventures.



"I am consorting with *Forever Marilyn* during her limited engagement at the corner of Palm Canyon Drive and Tahquitz Canyon Way in downtown Palm Springs. While there is nothing obviously astronomical about Marilyn, she is a star."



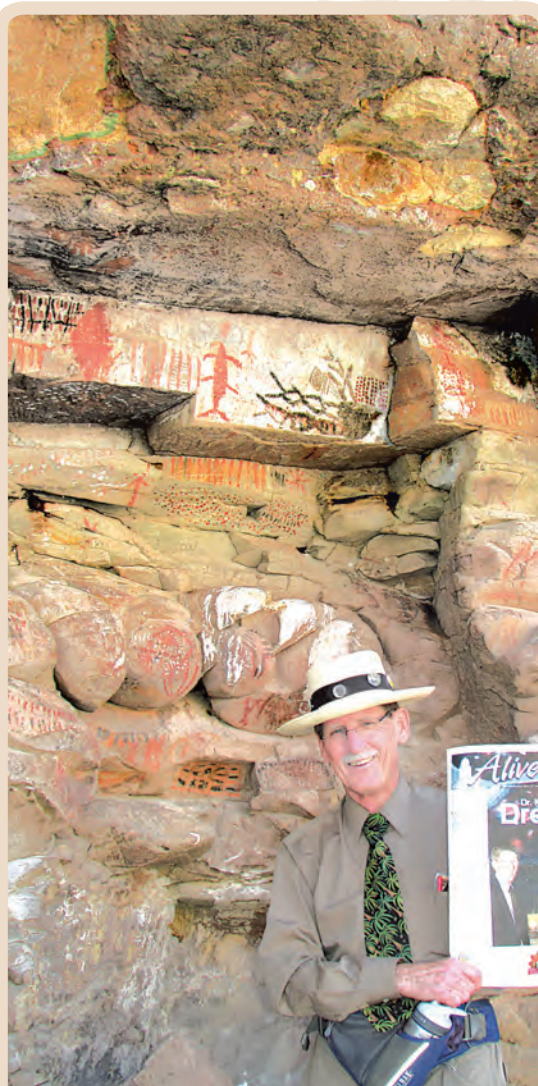
"I am consorting with one of the celebrated Cabazon dinosaurs. Clearly, this tyrannosaurus rex was not a victim of the globally catastrophic asteroid impact 65 million years ago on the tip of the Yucatán peninsula. It complements the statue of Marilyn."



"South El Rosario in Baja California: I revisited this wonderfully polychromatic rock art site at Cataviña. It is believed that the paintings were done by Yumano and Cochimi Indians who lived in the area as far south as Loreto. It is impossible to interpret the pictographs, but the fine-rayed disk on the ceiling may be a celestial touch."



"The cirio, or boojum (*Fouquieria columnaris*), is a distinctive succulent found almost only in the southern part of northern Baja. They are said to be something like upside-down carrots. In time, some boojums bashfully bend all the way over to form an arch and nearly put their head in the ground."



"Now *Alive!* reaches Pinguica, another multicolor pictograph site south of Mulegé and inland. The route there is a mostly rocky streambed with boulders and sand."



"San Borjitas, a Baja Great Mural rock art shelter in the Sierra de Guadalupe of Baja California, also requires four-wheel drive. I've done three mule trips to many of the painted sites in the Sierra de San Francisco, but this one has a lot more of the human figures than those in the Sierra de San Francisco."