

Taylorred Tours | Cindi Taylor

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Dreaming of your next adventure? Looking for the perfect destination? Look no further! Cindi Taylor provides a personalized travel concierge service, from helping you plan a dream vacation 'taylorred' to YOUR taste - to providing support and resources in case any unforeseen bumps in the road occur during your trip.

Cindi moved to Durango 2003, continuing her career in law enforcement by working as a detective until her retirement in July 2019. "Law enforcement is stressful," Cindi says. "I dealt with the stress by traveling whenever I was able. I've always loved seeing new places and meeting new people, and sharing these experiences with friends." As her travel experiences and expertise grew, Cindi often found herself helping friends and family plan their own vacations.

Cindi grew up in St. Charles, Missouri and spent her weekends and summers on a family farm in Illinois, where they grew vegetables of all kinds, including sweet corn, and also berries. Her extended family also farmed in the area, producing dairy and pork and pretty much anything one might expect farms in the Midwest to produce. As a result, Cindi was always interested, while traveling, in learning about local agriculture practices and culinary customs. Four years ago the family made a decision to plant vineyards on some of their land. Cindi was involved in that decision and now routinely travels back to Illinois to participate in grape harvesting and wine making.

Cindi's personal interest and experience in culinary and wine adventures has translated into some unique opportunities, both domestically and internationally, for clients who are interested in trips that feature great food and great wine. But her 'mission' is broader than that - she helps clients customize trips based on their personal interests. Her goal is to help clients be comfortable while moving out of their comfort zones - by providing security while they 'stretch,' learning and growing by trying new things.

"I can do tripsof all sizes," Cindi says, "for couples, groups of friends, or solo travelers who want to book into a group, which is a great way to meet people. And also for families, even multi-generational family groups, like grandparents who want to take their adult children and grandchildren on a trip."

"It's been interesting," Cindi says, "to be in a pandemic during the first year of my travel business! I've learned a lot. I've been using this time to study, to do webinars, to learn more about destinations and travel suppliers. I've

learned which hotels and tour and transportation companies would be the best fits for my clients. I'm booking domestic tours now, including working on an Islands of New England Tour that includes Providence, Martha's Vinyard, Nantucket, Plymouth, etc... 8days 7 nights with 11 special meals, including a traditional New England experience...a seafood and lobster feast. I'll be doing a webinar all about it on Oct 13.

"I'm booking international tours for late 2021 and 22. The majority of the travel companies I work with are more flexible now than ever before. If trips are cancelled or if my clients can't go, there are flexible options. I still have four spots available for a trip all over Ireland. It will be a small group of only seventeen people. We'll have dinner and stay overnight in a castle to start, and then eat and drink our way through Ireland for the next eight days. It's all inclusive, covering meals and transportation, and tickets to all the attractions - including the Cliffs of Moher. I'll be on this trip and we'll also have a local Irish tour guide.

"I'm also offering small European river cruises that focus on wine regions in Europe, like Burgundy and Provence. You go to the vineyards and talk to the vineyard keepers. The vintners also come on board and do wine tastings. So much goes into a single bottle of wine! It's a truly immersive experience. Tour participants can also bike from each port to explore the destinations. In addition, I'm setting up a Walk, Wine and Dine in Tuscany tour. We'll stay at a Tuscan villa on a sustainable farm, where they grow all the food, have an olive grove and make all their wine. We did this group trip last October and everyone enjoyed it."

Cindi sends a lot of promotions and travel tips to her mailing list, you can sign up for it [here](#) or on her website, www.taylorredtours.com. You may reach her by phone at 970-335-8670 or email her at cindi@taylorredtours.com.

"If you are ready to see the world and immerse yourself in new experiences and cultures," Cindi says, "let's plan your next travel adventure!"

Cindi joined the Durango Chamber right before the pandemic shutdowns, so she hasn't been able to go to a live meeting yet. "I have attended lunch and learns via zoom. I look forward to meeting in person at networking events!"

