



TourMagination Timeline

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As TourMagination celebrates our 50th anniversary, we look back over the last five decades to see how and when we have grown and changed.

1969 Exploratory tour of Western Europe with Jan Gleysteen & John Ruth & family.	1970 Jan Gleysteen & Arnold Cressman lead the first TM Anabaptist Heritage tour.	1971 European Anabaptist Heritage tour is offered and has been offered every year since.	1973 Wilmer Martin travels on the Anabaptist Heritage tour as a guest of TM under the Leadership program.	1974 - John Ruth first serves as storyteller on the May 20 – June 4 tour. - TM partners with Mennonite Board of Missions' Outspoken program for a bicycle tour of Holland, Germany & Switzerland.
1975 TM offers first tour with Hesston College.	1978 TM organises a Dutch Mennonite tour to North America, including the Mennonite World Conference in Wichita, Kansas.	1980 TM offers first non-European tour to Jamaica & Belize.	1982 - TM leads first tour to Israel/Palestine. - Wilmer Martin becomes a shareholder in TourMagination.	1983 TM offers first tour to South America.
1984 - TM offers first tour with Eastern Mennonite College. - TM leads 8 tours to the Mennonite World Conference in Strasbourg, France.	1986 - First TM tour to Australia. - Celebrates Bicentennial of Mennonite migration with Trail of the Conestoga tour from Pennsylvania to Ontario.	1988 First tour to England & Scotland.	1991 - TM becomes incorporated as a Pennsylvania corporation. - Henry Landes becomes a shareholder.	1992 - First TM tour to Mexico. - First tour done in partnership with MEDA - Jan Gleysteen retires from TourMagination.
1993 Arnold Cressman retires from TourMagination.	1994 TM opens brick-and-mortar travel office.	1995 A Vienna music & culture tour is led by Wilbur Maust.	1996 TM begins to offer Alaska cruises.	1997 - Mennonite World Conference tours to India and India/ Indonesia - First tour to Scandinavia - First tour to Poland & East Germany.
1999 First tour to Ireland.	2000 Wilmer Martin becomes president and CEO and first full-time employee.	2003 Four tours are taken to Mennonite World Conference in Africa.	2007 - Henry Landes retires from TourMagination.	2008 - First TM tour to Antarctica. - First Mystery tour.
2009 Nine tours are taken to the Mennonite World Conference in the Paraguay.	2010 - Audrey Voth Petkau becomes a share holder - TM offers 15 tours that include the Oberammergau Passion Play.	2011 New priority to family custom tours.	2012 Strong emphasis on the Holy Land with 6 tours.	2013 Renewed interest in Iceland.
2014 Inspiring service tour to Haiti.	2015 Jack & Irene Suderman's first Cuba tour.	2016 - Wilmer & Janet Martin retire. - Audrey Voth Petkau becomes President and sole owner.	2017 500 year Martin Luther Celebration tour.	2018 TM offers the first women's tour to Tanzania.
2019 Invitation tour to the opening of Ichan Kala Museum in Uzbekistan.	2020 Surviving COVID-19...			

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