

# VIRTUOSO COMMUNITY

Advisor insight, traveler photos, and how to find us on the go.



Civitella del Tronto

## ASK THE ADVISORS

**I've been to Italy's major cities. What should I see next in this dream destination?**

"Verona in northern Italy is a must to see Romeo and Juliet's balcony, to hear opera at the Roman Arena – Plácido Domingo is singing and conducting this summer – and for the surprisingly excellent shopping area. A medieval flavor and the feel of Shakespeare is ever present." – *Happy Dumas, Palo Alto, California*

"Sorrento is such a beautiful place, with actual Roman walls, lemons the size of grapefruits that produce the limoncello liqueurs, and fresh mozzarella made the way only Italians can make it." – *Sharon Kay Howell, Tyler, Texas*

"In Abruzzo in central Italy is the hilltop town of Civitella del Tronto, crowned by a majestic sixteenth-century Spanish fortress. Visit ancient Romanesque churches, taste oil from a 500-year-old olive tree, and enjoy Montepulciano wines." – *Andi von Zeppelin, Gold Coast, Queensland, Australia*

## ADVISOR ACCOLADES

**An itinerary that hit all the high notes**

Fort Worth, Texas-based advisor Robin Sanders planned a globe-trotting itinerary for the five-member screening jury of the Van Cliburn International Piano Competition. The jury's schedule included Hong Kong, Moscow, Milan, and New York City to hear 100-plus pianists perform for an invitation to participate in the competition, held in Fort Worth.

Jacques Marquis, the Van Cliburn Foundation's director, says of his advisor, "Her expertise in international travel was crucial to the success of the logistics of the screening auditions."



The Van Cliburn jury in Moscow.



Paul Slezak's Indiana Jones moment in Morocco.

## YOUR SHOT

**Photos from your travels**

**WHO:** Paul Slezak, Sydney, Australia

**WHERE:** Western Sahara

"I had taken myself to Morocco for my fortieth birthday and was on a camel safari. We'd stopped to climb some massive sand dunes in 131-degree heat – crazy, I know. It was one of the most amazing locations I have ever found myself in, and one of those moments when you really appreciate how incredibly vast this world of ours is."

**NEXT TRIP:** "Perhaps white-water rafting down the Yukon River in Alaska or maybe Antarctica – a nice change from the Sahara Desert heat!"

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## DISPATCH

**Just back from: South Carolina**

"Only 30 minutes down the coast from Charleston, South Carolina, **The Sanctuary at Kiawah Island Golf Resort** is a stunning oceanfront property out of *Gone with the Wind*. It's the only resort on the island and perfect for families, with beaches, tennis, and golf. This pristinely preserved island has wide, flat beaches great for bike riding and wildlife that includes alligators and a plethora of marsh birds."

– *Kimberly Rosbe, Melbourne, Australia*



Kimberly Rosbe with her colleague Yvonne Verstandig.

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