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The new Zeitz Museum of Contemporary Art Africa in Cape Town displays works such as this silver gelatin print by artist Zanele Muholi.

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THE PLAN

How to Use A Travel Advisor

JUDY STEIN, president of the Stein Collective and co-president of Ovation Vacations in New York City, plans trips for her clients on all seven continents, from safaris to city jaunts to honeymoons. With her team of travel advisors, she travels widely to stay on top of the latest trends and hot spots.

Why should someone use a travel advisor if they've never done it before? It's to enlist the services of an expert, like an accountant or lawyer. Your vacation is your most valuable and cherished time. I always hear, "How did I travel anywhere before I met you?"

Do you recommend using an advisor for all trips? It's about ease and simplicity for our clients, not distance of travel. They depend on us for everything—trekking in Bhutan, a road trip in the Berkshires, or a cold weather escape to South Beach.

How does someone find the best advisor for them? The best way to find the right advisor is to ask someone you trust, a friend or colleague who travels well, for a recommendation.

What are the benefits of booking through an advisor? A successful advisor travels and sees the world, focusing on what is best for our clients. Knowledge is power, and it's critical to stay current, whether it's inspecting every room category at the hottest new hotel in St. Barts, or spending a week in Paris to discover the latest in hotels, dining, and culture. And relationships set us apart—when our clients visit hotels, they are considered and treated like true VIPs.

—Annie Fitzsimmons



Worldly wisdom: Standing atop a glacier near Milford Sound in New Zealand, below left, is among travel planner Stein's most transformative journeys. Other memorable experiences include: Enjoying unmatched hospitality at Rosewood Mayakoba in the Riviera Maya, Mexico, above; sampling divine food and a vast variety of rums at Laucala, left and below, "the ultimate private island resort in Fiji," Stein says; and encountering Galápagos wildlife while staying at **Pikaia Lodge**, bottom.



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