



Kristin Flickinger

A lawyer by training. An activist at heart. Kristin is the biggest kid you will ever meet.

As a GLBT activist, political and community organizer, and public speaker, Kristin has spoken out about the importance of personal connections—in politics, on the road toward full equality, and in our daily lives.

“When we share ourselves and our stories, we break down barriers, and create lasting relationships that inform the ongoing work of our lives.”

She brings that same perspective to her newest project: Mid Leap.

Ever want to quit your job, sell your house and travel?

Yeah, who hasn't? After a life-changing, 12-day trip to Italy, that's exactly what she's doing.

The Project

Mid Leap is a project rooted in fun and sparked by deep connection. A project that has the courage to ask, “hey, what's in here?”



Travel: Beginning in Barga, Italy, Kristin will begin by living with local artists, exploring their art and environment. Guided by the advice of the Barga artists, she will travel to her next artistic destination, and then the next, and the next—developing a network of women artists along the way!

Blog: Throughout the trip, midleap.com will serve as a journal of this experience, sharing and inspiring others to be brave, travel the world, and above all, follow their hearts!

Repeat: As she develops relationships with artists, Kristin will create a portfolio of fabulous travel experiences—or “Leaps” that she will offer to interested clients. Art clinics in Tuscany? Cooking workshops in Rome? You betcha!

Want to join Kristin on her adventure? Check out the “Take a Leap” section of her blog.



The midleap.com blog traces one life-changing trip to Italy, the decision to follow one's heart, and the adventures that will come of it.

Here's an excerpt:

We'll take you voting now

What?!

"We'll take you voting now, if that's alright."

When I walked into the shop with the stools, I never imagined I'd end up in the house of a local political candidate, let alone going to vote with her.

"Yes, that's alright!"

I've actually thought about taking vacations to be an international poll watcher. Super-geeky political dork, I know.



The day started with visions of visiting the thermal caves of Bagni di Lucca. When we found those closed, the local who had adopted me decided to take me to see her cousin. It just so happened that her cousin was running as a candidate for the city council

Are you kidding me? Could this be any cooler?! No, no it could not.

After spending an hour in Sandra's home with her lovely partner Deb and their super-cute dogs Hollywinter and Pimpa, I was ready to make camp in the garden and never leave. If it wasn't for the worst rainstorm in 30 years, I might have.

As it was, I had a lesson in local Italian politics, the voting process, and was leaving with sample ballots and voters guides tucked into my backpack.



As we walked out the door, Lara, my guide, picked up a political button for Sandra's slate and handed it to me. Of course, I proudly pinned it on and walked out ready to see democracy in action!

Did you know you can be arrested for wearing a political button?

Yeah, me either...



Sample Itinerary for Tuscan Leap

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| Day 1 | Arrive in Rome Check into Hotel Group dinner and registration |
| Day 2 | Meet with local artists Tour Vatican City Evening Reception in-studio |
| Day 3 | Tour Rome Group dinner |
| Day 4 | Travel to Florence Check into Hotel |
| Day 4 | Tour Florence Evening Reception in-studio |
| Day 5 | Morning in Florence Travel to Barga Check into villa Evening reception in- studio |
| Day 6 | Market Day Optional tour of surrounding villages Optional tour of Grotta del Vento cave Dancing at local LGBT disco |
| Day 7 | Photography field clinic Group dinner |
| Day 8 | In-studio multimedia art clinic Dancing at local LGBT disco |
| Day 9 | Optional overnight trip to Cinque Terre |
| Day 10 | Return to villa |
| Day 11 | Depart Pisa |