





Every few months, the ladies take trips, whether it be to Washington, D.C., New York, Ojai, or Austin, Texas. In Washington, D.C., Erica says that they go to the AIPAC Policy Conference (The American Israel Public Affairs Committee). According to AIPAC's mission, they strive to "strengthen, protect, and promote the U.S.-Israel relationship in ways that enhance the security of the United States and Israel." Erica and Jennifer have been in attendance together for the past two years. To add to the trip and to their East Coast adventure, they often add in an extension to New York, where they visit a wide range of shows and dine out at unique restaurants. "I just like to be together with Jennifer as often as possible," adds Erica. Aside from Hidden Hills, Erica is also a resident of Austin, Texas, where she has a condo there. "Jennifer, her husband, and kids stayed with me as we toured Austin together, and it was very special," she says.







Recently, the travel pals visited Italy, where they went to Milan, Florence, Positano, and Capri. "It was leisurely... just a girls' adventure honoring my 'umpteenth' birthday," laughs Erica. "It was absolutely incredible...something we will never forget." The highlight of the trip was an "Opera in the Kitchen," an evening where their small group took part in an interactive cooking class, and then enjoyed their meal in a very intimate setting, while a live opera singer and harpist performed right in front of them. "It was a magical fusion of musical culture and the satisfaction that we prepared such an amazing meal!" Jennifer exclaims.

"Jennifer and I...we have positive energy," says Erica, noting that they rarely have "bad travel experiences," as the worst situation they could think of were weather or mechanical delays on the airplane, which didn't seem to bother them much. "I think that it's the positive energy and the chemistry that makes it really easy to share travel experiences and live life with gusto...to the fullest," chimes in Jennifer. "We are bonded for life and I am very excited for the trips to be," Erica adds. "That is my new mantra - living with grit, guts, and gusto!"

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