

Mary and Svein's Experience by hosting 70 couch surfers for more than 200 nights:

“A new family of the world”.

Inter nett: <http://www.couchsurfing.com>

Look for couch City, Country and write: Bergen, Norway

See profile:

Svein Søliland (age 69)

Bergen Norway

Current Mission:

“Living a good life in our beautiful world.”

VERIFIED MEMBER (2)

couchsurfing member
since August 20th, 2006

Birthday October 15th.

Occupation Retired but still doing work as Communication consultant

Education Learning during my life.

Grew up in Bergen, Norway

Languages EnglishExpert -
German (Germany)Intermediate
NorwegianExpert

Couch Available: Preferred Gender: Any

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Mary and Svein Søliland (Soiland)

Prestholmen - Saelenveien 62

5143 FYLLINGSDALEN - NORWAY

Friends (29) - This is Svein K View all 20 photos

Personal Description: Worked own business and married to Mary for 50 years, 4 sons and 11 grandchildren
How I Participate in CS2: A role as Ambassador is to embody the spirit of CouchSurfers in their travels and when they are hosting and meeting up with other travelers. Year 2006-2007 we are in our home and place visited by travelers from Canada, China, Czech Republic, Denmark, Dominican Republic, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Latvia, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Spain, Turkey, United States and Venezuela.

Interests: History Philosophy - Make people happy

- Family of blood are “normaly” to busy for time to/with family life and “Grannys”. So we welcome Couchsurfer and Couchsurfer friends on Mary and Svein profile to be the “new” family in our beautiful world. Music: Classic piano - Rachmaninoff - List - Beethoven + Types of People I enjoy We host for exchanging knowledge with persons who are able to communicate.... Host travelers minimum 2 nights for time to communicate. Opinion on the CouchSurfing.com Project By couchsurfing you meet people in your home not like a hostel or a place only to sleep.

From **ota** Prague, Czech Republic Oct 4 Positive Svein and Mary definitely know how to ‘travel’ the best way. They host CS members - they really host many CS members. Nearly all of them! “Great way to travel without leaving the comfort of your own home” is how Svein puts it. Anyways, I enjoyed every minute of my brief stay in Bergen - thanks to the most popular hosts on the West Coast. Great genuine people. If you can fit in their busy diary, make sure to learn about W Norway through them! After all, how often do you get to ‘live’ on a private island?

From **Fiona Doig** Roseville, Australia Oct 3 Extremely Positive Svein and Mary (and their dog Timmy) hosted me for a few nights in Bergen. It was a delightful stay and there were 2 other Aussies - Kate and Marion - also staying. Stein surprised me by sending them as a welcoming committee to meet my bus. It was an utterly delightful stay. We had some interesting conversations, Svein has a way of reaching inside you and finding the real “you”. He encouraged me to do more writing, my passion and salvation. Thanks, Svein, for a great time.

From **Marion Foxcroft** South Melbourne, Australia Oct 3 Extremely Positive A ‘home-away-from-home’ for 2 Aussie travellers. Svein spoiled us! We enjoyed every minute with Svein and his beautiful wife, Mary. Svein took me to see Greig’s summer home at Trolldhaugen - a special moment in my life, never to be forgotten! Lovely person, lovely island, great connection. More page 33

Paul and Lisa Snyder (66)

Quebec Canada



Paul & Lisa Snyder
Current Mission: "To visit at least 100 countries"
Clarkson, Ontario, Canada ...

Occupation Two retired school teachers
Education some post graduate
grew up in Canada

Languages

English (Canada) Expert

French (Canada) Expert

Spanish Beginner

Groups I Belong To

Not a member of any groups yet.

Couch Information

No couch currently available for surfing.

- We live in Sorel (about 65 Klm from Montreal.)
 - There are 2 of us.
 - We have bunk beds.
 - no pets
 - Yes, I smoke.
 - Biking the area and visiting an amazing group of islands in the St. Lawrence River.
 - Public transportation around Sorel is poor, but, we are free (retired) to show people around.
 - We go to bed around midnight.
 - We can host at any time.
 - We have blankets and are flexible as far as number of is concerned. Friends (0) + Add to my friends
- Personal Description We have four grown sons (and four grandsons) and have been married for forty years. The last



Mala Somersun age 53

New Zealand Hawke's Bay Hastings
Auckland, New Zealand

"Loving learning about Rudolf Steiner philosophy and education."

Occupation Formally a teacher of 6-10 year olds, but much more importantly to me I am an adventurer, traveller and spiritual seeker. Education Bachelor of Education, 2 years study as Naturopath,

grew up in Auckland, NZ Languages English Expert French-Beginner Maori Intermediate I'm living in my camper van just now. It's comfy, but small. If the weather is fine you are welcome to camp with me. Friends (7)

Corinne Gerdts 46, Female Lubeck, Germany
Marcel Baaijens 49, Male Wellington, New Zealand
Francesca Bedini 44, Female Toscana Italy
Martina Diel & Martin Kaiser 41, Frankfurt am Main, Hessen
Ilse Trelle 63, Female Soenderjylland Denmark
Helle Freja Hansen 51, Femal Ringkobing Denmark
Svein Søliland 69, Male Bergen, Hordaland Norway

Personal Description I love to live quietly, I'm a country person, love to be out in the trees or on the beach, listening to the sounds of the winds and tides. This journey, which started in Feb last year took me to Malaysia, Brunei, India, Nepal and the UK and Europe, doing a whirlwind tour on a shoestring. I was inspired every day by the generosity of people and my very good fortune to be able to do that trip and now look forward

seven years we have been travelling around the world (three to six months each year) and, so far, have been to at least seventy different countries.

CouchSurfing Experience: Ten years ago, we visited Eastern Europe with a series of books titled "People to People" listing people there wanting to meet Westerners. We loved the experience.

Interests Travel, travel, meeting new people and learning. Philosophy To "Live, and Let Live!"

Music, Movies, Books: I enjoy fast moving novels and my wife enjoys travel stories and biographies.

Types of People I enjoy: Are interesting people who have travelled a lot or want to travel a lot.

Teach, Learn, Share To truly understand a person, or region, it is important to know and understand their religious background to really understand where they are coming from and why they think the way they do.

One Amazing Thing I've Seen or Done I have seen so many that I find it impossible to single out just one.

Opinion on the CouchSurfing.com Project If it works as well as "People to People" did, then it will certainly be useful to us.

References: This user doesn't have any references yet.
References Paul Snyder left others:

For Anna Sanders Amsterdam, Netherlands Oct 17, 2006
Positive We met, had coffee, chatted, and learned a great deal about Amsterdam in the process. We would be happy to have her visit us in Canada. Lise & Paul Snyder

For Göran Rydberg Stockholm, Sweden Oct 17, 2006
Extremely Positive Goran was a great host with a ton of information about Stockholm (and what he didn't know, he looked for on the internet.) We look forward to hosting him in Canada.
Lise & Paul Snyder

For Johnny & Birgitta Jonasson Ingelstad, Sweden Oct 17, 2006
Extremely Positive Johnny & Birgitta were great hosts while we were in Vaxjo and we look forward to hosting them in Canada. We visited the region, including glass factories, and met their family. Lise & Paul Snyder
For Svein Søliland Bergen, Norway Oct 17, 2006 Extremely Positively it would be impossible for Svein and Mary to be better hosts than they were while we visited Bergen.

to be on the giving end. Oh, I'm vegetarian (mostly). How I Participate in CS2 Great to have you visit.

CouchSurfing Experience My adult life has always involved "couchsurfing". Always in NZ I travel between friends, and likewise have friends in my home. This is the next step for me. I love the idea of being able to stay with people who live in and are part of the places I am visiting. Interests Spiritual paths currently Buddhist and will be that way for as long as I can foresee. Music, I love to play guitar and sing, snorkelling, walking, dancing, photography Philosophy Follow the Buddhist path, love the simplicity of the essence of the teachings. Mostly my thought is always to become a better person, practice generosity and loving kindness. Music, Movies, Books Folk music, acoustic music, love reading mostly good fantasy or travel, Love to watch art movies, not so interested in commercial box office successes, the exception being The Lord of the Rings of course! Types of People I enjoy I love to be with anyone who can hold an interesting conversation about the things that interest me. Anyone who is broadminded and thinks for themselves. Of course anyone who is into music and dancing! Teach, Learn, Share Yoga, meditation, Buddhist philosophy... One Amazing Thing I've Seen or Done Snorkelling the Great Barrier Reef...I was astonished and humbled by the magnificence of the reef. Built a home in the beautiful Hokianga, NZers are blessed with wonderful opportunities to live in superb surroundings. And then to recognise that I need to move on and hence embark on this exciting journey. Motorcycled through Gujarat, India with a friend, the only way to travel! Couchsurfing is the BEST way to travel. I found all my hosts to be generous and wonderfully interesting people. And the site is just great! TRAVELED: Australia, Austria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brunei, Cook Islands, Croatia, Denmark, Fiji, Germany, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Italy, Malaysia, Nepal, Netherlands, Slovakia, Slovenia, Thailand, United Kingdom IS GOING TO: India

Hosted 7. May - 4. June 2007:

Stefan Kissmann (22)
grew up in Eastgermany, Zeitz

Current Mission: "this is already gone.....this moment now is life.....next moment called future my dream."

GermanExpert - EnglishExpert
Sorry, no space, no own flat anymore.

Occupation Touristguide Bergen

Map of friends

Gregor Pachmann 28, Male Bergen, Hordaland Norway
Friends since May 2007 "Colleague" Friendship Type: 4 - Friend

Ron Zimmering 23, Male Chemnitz, Saxony Germany
Fergal Harrington 23, Male Cork, Cork Ireland
Personal Description: I don't know who I am and so probably you can understand why I don't like to explain who I am. CouchSurfing Experience. One time very nice, so here I am. Philosophy: I do not have to do anything. No respect. But this does not mean that I don't respect you, who ever you are. Types of People I enjoy; Johnny Cash One Amazing Thing I've Seen or Done; I live.

References Stefan Kissmann left others
For Svein Søliland Jun 15 Extremely Positive
It was an incredible help to make my way here in Norway, so I am really glad I have Svein and Mary.
Thank you again.

Picture right: Stefan, Ingrid and Mary.....



Lucien Blee (19)

United States Wisconsin Beloi
Current Mission:

"Who wants to sleep in a city that never wakes up?"

occupation Student education Up to some college.
grew up in Pittsburgh, PA, USA

Languages English (United States)Expert
Chinese (Mandarin)Beginner JapaneseIntermediate
Setswana Beginner Spanish Intermediate
RussianBeginner

Couch Available: Yes Preferred Gender: Any Max Surfers Per Night: 1 I can probably find you a couch if you get up here ^^

Friends

ELANABC 19, Female Durham, North Carolina
Svein Søliland 69, Bergen, Norway

Friends since May 2007 "He came to our home"
Friendship Type: 6 - Close Friend

Naomi K 18, Female Tel Aviv, Israel
Friends since August 1968

"School..." Friendship Type: 5 - Good Friend
Sigurd Eide 20, Oslo, Norway

Friends since May 2007
"He did spend some days in my/our apartment"

Friendship Type: 4 - Friend

Jørgen Hovde 20, Male Oslo, Norway

MARTIN_ZH 35, Male Zurich, Switzerland

Kim Creasap 29, Female Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Personal Description Enjoy travel and rock and roll.

And jokes. How I Participate in CS2 As soon as I have suitable accommodations I will offer them for couch surfers.

CouchSurfing Experience I have been on the receiving end of some nice strangers previously; Im looking forward to meeting more people on this site. Interests Surfing, Snowboarding, Music, Playing Music, Travel (of course), Art, Go (the game).
Music, Movies, Books Some Movies: Casablanca, The Seventh Seal, Blazing Saddles Some Music: The Strokes, The Velvet Underground, The Unicorns, Goldberg Variations



Lucien and Stefan i Mary and Svein's home may 2007.....

Some Books: Vineland, The Wind Singer, Lost Horizon
Types of People I enjoy Really I like to meet all kinds of people. Teach, Learn, Share I would be greatly willing to teach anyone to snowboard, surf, or a little guitar. I enjoy learning languages and how to be better at surfing. =p One Amazing Thing I've Seen or Done The summer grasses All that remains
Of the warriors dreams. Opinion on the CouchSurfing.com Project Pretty chill place, I dont have any reservations.

Locations Traveled: Bermuda, Brazil, Canada, China, Cuba, Denmark, Germany, Hong Kong, India, Italy, Japan, Mauritius, Mexico, Namibia, Norway, Senegal, Singapore, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, The Bahamas, Vietnam, Zimbabwe
LIVED: Bodies of water, Botswana, United States

AZENHA age 37 Porto Portugal

Current Mission: "Rhône-Alpes in August!!"
AZENHA has been vouched for
Couch available Maybe
CouchSurf Requests replied to 100%
member since August 22nd, 2005
profile views 1719 gender Several people

occupation chemist - teaching and researching /
raising 2 kids ... education in progress....
MSN mazenha@fc.up.pt
Languages PortugueseExpert
EnglishIntermediate SpanishBeginner
FrenchBeginner GermanBeginner
Couch Available: Maybe
Preferred Gender: Any
Max Surfers Per Night: 2

We are a family of four (2 kids aged 8 and 3).
The flat is located in Maia. The tram to Porto
(20 min) is located just outside our building.
The unfoldable couch, inside an independent
small room, is quite spacious for a couple,
although a family with 2 small children had already been
using it. In-room internet access. NO SMOKING allowed in-
side. A very small turtle is our current pet. Blankets, towels
and related items available. 2-3 day visits are preferred.

My visitors! Friends (35) Map of friends
Jef They 50, Male Olen, Antwerpen Belgium
Johanne Albert 21, Female Ottawa, Canada
Laura Pakalne 22, Female Riga, Latvia
Tilda Sol 29, Female Baden-Württemberg
AMALTHE 25, Female Koblenz, Germany
Ariane von Sivers 40, Female Munich, Germany
Eve 23, Villach, Karnten Austria
SUMINOE 41, Female Munich, Bavaria
Nauris Kozulins 25, Male Riga Latvia
Sam Sabata 32, Male Calella, Catalunya Spain

++++ 25 more friends Enjoying along the Sognefjell -
View 105 photos



Manel - Mary - Svein and Migu
Prestholmen Bergen

Interests Travelling, meeting travellers, music (used to play alto sax), science, biking, nature,..... Movies i recently enjoyed: THE PRESTIGE (WOW!), Scoop, Volver

Music: massive attack, kruder&dorfmeister, thievery corporation, nitin sawhney, air, moby, Muse and so on....

Books: Leonardo the Toscan, Tara Road; authors: Camilo José Cela, Jostein Gaarder, Fernando Pessoa... TRAVELED: Andorra, Austria, Belgium, Canada, China, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Gibraltar, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Luxembourg, Monaco, Netherlands, Norway, Spain, Switzerland, United Kingdom
IS GOING TO: Belgium

Christine Vallieres **Marie-Claude Asselin**



From Christine Vallieres
Student communication
age 22 Quebec Canada

Extremely Positive
Svein and Mary are so generous!! We have a good time with them. They help us a lot, didn't hesitate to show us Bergen.
We had good conversation too! Really good host! And cook well ;) Thank you again



Marie-Claude Asselin
age 21
Drummondville Canada

Extremely Positive
I enjoy staying there with both of you. I was really a nice place to live.
Keep in touch
Easter April 2007

Christina and Marie-Claude
left many pictures - right: Easter in Bergen



Astrid Monrad

Michael Grandal



Astrid Monrad Denmark Copenhagen
Current Mission: "To travel....planning the next"
Couch available Maybe CouchSurf Requests replied to 83%
member since June 18th, 2007 profile views 130
age 29 occupation Seeing the world and learning new cultures
and ways of living education Master in Human Biology, now a
Phd student at Kopenhagen University grew up in Copenhagen
DanishExpert EnglishIntermediate
Couch Available: Maybe - Preferred Gender: Female
Max Surfers Per Night: 1
I'm living in the outer Copenhagen area called Nordvest (eng:
North West). It takes aproximately one half hour from my place
to reach the center of Copenhagen by bus as well as by bicycle. I
can provide a couch or a mattress if you prefer. I have blankets,
sleeping bags and pillows. Currently, my boyfriend is work-
ing in Oslo so I'm only me. I spend a lot of time on my work
- work at weekdays-(PhD.student at Copenhagen University),
and on friends, family and sports so I might not be able to show
you around. But I can provide you with information how to get
around, what to see and so on. I do not smoke. I guess weekends
are best as I work in weekdays from approximately 9am to 7pm.

Friends (3)

Michael Grandal 30, Male Oslo, Oslo Norway

Friends since August 1999

"Very well - my girlfriend"

Friendship Type: 7 - Best Friend

Jenny Sherman 31, Female

New York, New York United States

Friends since August 2007

"Astrid surfed my place and shared some great stories with me"

Friendship Type: 3 - CouchSurfing Friend

Svein Søiland 69, Male Bergen, Hordaland Norway

Friends since August 2007 "Thrustfull Danish behave"

Friendship Type: 5 - Good Friend

CouchSurfing Experience: My two experiences in couchsurfing
have both been super-positive. Its amacing that you just can get
invited to staying at the house of a more or less complete stanger.
The host receives you with open arms and show you a glimpse of
their lives. Interests Things that make me feel alive: - a spectacul-
ar view from a mounain summit, the deepblue sea full of colour-
full fish and corals, a eye-opening experience, a tough spinning-
class, things that make me laugh, delicious food, my boyfriend, my
family and my friends... Love to read. Currently I'm in a crime
novel mode but all sorts of books will do. The same with music
and movies as well - I listen to all kinds of music. From jazz,
classical music and blues to rock, mostly depending on my mood
and the situation. For movies; I like small sweet movies about the
lives of everyday people, movies from all parts of the world, but
I can also see a good thriller or Hollywood-like movies if I just
need to be entertained.

TRAVELED: Bulgaria, Cambodia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Repub-
lic, Faroe Islands, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Laos,
Malaysia, Norway, Romania, Singapore, Spain, Thailand, Turkey,
United Kingdom, United States, Vietnam

WANTS TO GO: Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Iceland, Japan, Kenya,
Madagascar, Mongolia, New Zealand

Michael Grandal age 30 - Norway Oslo

"Have fun while respecting other people"

Couch available Coffee or a drink
CouchSurf Requests replied to 100%

member since July 3rd, 2007
profile views 24

occupation Reaching cancer biology
education Phd in Cell biology; firefighter
grew up in Copenhagen
ethnicity Who cares?

Languages - DanishExpert EnglishExpert
Couch Available: Coffee or a drink
Preferred Gender: Any

Friends (3)

Astrid Monrad 29, Female Copenhagen Denmark

Friends since August 1999 "my boyfriend"

Friendship Type: 7 - Best Friend

Stephan Steinmetz 31, Male Vienna Austria

Friends since July 2007 "came to my city to couch surf..."

Friendship Type: 3 - CouchSurfing Friend

Svein Søiland 69, Male Bergen, Norway

Friends since August 2007

"Good experience by hosting"

Friendship Type: 3 - CouchSurfing Friend

Personal Description

Currently working (and living) in Oslo, Norway, but original
from Copenhagen, Denmark.

Has been swimming for many years, but are currently most
in to outdoors sports: Trekking in mountains and riverkayak-
ing. Very bad at dancing and singing, but does it anyhow
after a few beers. How I Participate in CS2

I'm only starting, but would like meet people traveling to
Oslo. CouchSurfing Experience Stayed with Stephan Stein-
metz in Vienna for three days in July 2007

Interests Sports (where I participate, looking isn't much
fun). A good book i always nice. Travelling to cosy towns
and beautiful landscapes. Philosophy Do what you need
to have fun, as long you don't hurt other people. Historical
movies and books are favorits. Liked Doppler bye Erlend
Loe (norwegian) very much. Music: Pop and rock. Depeche
Mode are one of the favorits. Has just discovered Minor Ma-
jority from Norway - fantastic. Types of People I enjoy My
girlfriend. My kolleges and friends both in Copenhagen and
Oslo. I would like to learn more about people, that are very
different from me.

What can I teach? Well I call tell a lot about fascinating cell
biology stuff! :-)

I can't name one thing, but I feel that I have seen and done
a lot of amazing things Opinion on the CouchSurfing.com
Project A very good idea!

Tina Schübler
age 21 Germany



Janina Panina
Friend to Tina



Tina Schübler Wrote: Hei Svein! Hvordan begynne en epost som du egentlig skriver til en ukjent person? Burde man begynne med: hei, hvordan går det?, burde man skrive om vær, om... jeg vet ikke, eller burde man begynne med det viktigste først?!: Jeg og venninnen min trenger en plass til å sove i Bergen Vi tenkte selvfølgelig ikke så mye på faktumet at det er påske når vi reiser til Bergen, og at ganske mange mennesker reiser borte eller tilbringer fritida si hos familien sin. Uansett... vi skal reise til Bergen den 8. april til den 10. og ja, det hadde vært utrolig fint hvis du kan stille en soveplass for oss. Vi er to veldig snille jenter fra Tyskland og jeg for min del har bodd i Trondheim siden 8 måneder som en utvekslingsstudent, og den andre jenta skal besøke meg i Norge, og vi skal reise litt rundt. Vi er veldig fornøyde med en bitte liten plass på gulvet ditt, vi røyker ikke, vi drikker ikke så mye, vi er stille og takknemlige for et tak og litt varme. Tusen tusen takk på forhånd Mvh, Janine og Tina



To Tina Schübler April 3rd, 2007 - 5:01 pm
Re: Påskebesøk? Skjønner om å være "litt" usikker - men vi er her og du er velkommen når det passer dere. Om problemer noter adressen Prestholmen - Sælvenveien 62 - men jeg regner med at vi får kontakt at jeg henter. mvhilsen Svein

Tina Schübler Wrote: Hei Svein, Jeg var litt usikker på om jeg burde bekrefte at vi skal komme...så ja, det var kjempefint at det går bra med å sove hos deg, og vi gleder oss mye. Vi skal komme til Bergen på søndag ettermiddag, og som du skrev, kan vi ringe på deg... men hvis du er opptatt går det helt bra at vi finner fram alene ved en veibeskrivelse... hvis du vil. Tusen Tusen takk og en fin påskeuke... Snakkes, Tina og Janine

Svein Søliland Wrote: Hallo Janine og Tine Vi er hjemme og har pladsen. Ring 41678183 slik at jeg evt kan hente dere. Mvhilsen Svein

Trondheim 14.04.2007 Hei Mary and Svein,
Jeg ville egentlig skrive tidligere tilbake, men som vanlig er jeg med alt litt for sent, uansett...reisen til Oslo gikk helt bra, tusen takk at du kjørte to ganger bare på grunn av en dum mobiltelefon eller forglemmelsen min. I går kom jeg tilbake til Trondheim, og jeg var samtidig glad på grunn av en å-være-tilbake-hjemme-følelse, men også trist, fordi Janine var borte og plutselig er man alene igjen - på en måte. Forresten er Janine ikke min girlfriend som du skrev på profilen min, hehe, det høres rart ut... det betyr jo kjæreste...selv om jeg elsker henne mye, er hun ikke kjæresten min :-). Jeg håper at det går bra med dere, jeg koste meg mye på øya og i huset deres, og det var fint å bli kjent med dere. Jeg synes, kjære Svein, at du er en veldig spesiell og utrolig hyggelig person og jeg har ikke truffet så mange personer i alderen din som er som du...hvis du skjønner hva jeg mener. Jeg tenker f. eks. på min bestefar og min bestemor...begge to er friske, men de har på en måte mistet lysten sin til å prøve noe nytt, motet til å gjøre noe "gal" (definisjonen er helt uklart, sikkert) eller til å åpne øyene for verden utenfor...ikke kroppen vår gjør oss eldre, det er hodet vårt... i hvert fall er du da ganske ung :-). siden jeg har vært i Norge fikk jeg så mye lyst til alt, til personer, til verden...jeg mistet angsten min, og nå er jeg bare nysgjerrig...og samtidig har jeg blitt så ustadig og urolig. Trondheim blir for liten for meg, og jeg har bare vært her i en dag og jeg vil reise igjen og igjen. Man kan også reise for mye kanskje...man trenger jo et sted til å føle seg hjemme, ikke sant? jeg mistet det på en måte... og jeg er ikke helt klar over om jeg angret det...hvorfor skriver jeg så mye ting om meg, halv to om natta? til et menneske jeg ikke kjenner virkelig? hvorfor ikke?, hadde vært kanskje det bedre spørsmålet :-). Ha det fint, kos dere, bli frisk og tusen takk for tida vi kunne være hos dere. jeg skal aldri glemme det. hilsen og klem, Tina

Kjære Svein, gledet meg mye da jeg fikk eposten din. Jeg skriver akkurat en stor semesteroppgave om Bismarck og hans politiske meninger. Særlig kjedelig. Selv om jeg synes at dette teamet ikke er noe som kan hjelpe meg i framtida :-), har jeg lært mye om meg: Jeg er en mester i utsetting, jeg er lat, gal og finner hele tida på noe nytt (men unyttig) som jeg kunne gjøre. Da kan det skje at jeg finner ut at den europeiske Milky Way er helt forskjellig fra den amerikanske versjonen. Visste du det at de har to milky way varianter?:-) Tiden min i Norge løper og løper, videre og videre, raskere og raskere. Det gjør meg litt trist for jeg samtidig er spent på alt hva som skal skje...reisen min mot nord (vi starter den 8.), reisen mot sør (til Tyskland), internship i Berlin...og etterpå skulle komme en fase med hard jobbing i jena. jeg er redd for å komme inn i et hverdagsliv eller bakvendt: redd for å aldri komme inn i hverdagslivet igjen. Jeg vil se og gjøre så mye, på tysk sier vi: ich habe Hummeln unterm Hintern (jeg har humler under rumpen!?) Og da er det særlig trist at jeg må forlate et menneske som jeg er veldig glad i. det gjør vondt fordi det skal aldri være igjen sånn som det var... som optimist hadde jeg har sagt: ikke sånn som det var, men kanskje bedre :-). Det regner utenfor og det lar meg tenke på bergen :-). Det var fint, og jeg tenkte faktisk på å besøke dere igjen...kanskje i begynnelsen av juli, går det an? men jeg er ikke helt sikker... Kult at det funker meg bassengen og bilen! Så håper jeg at du kommer til å reise med bilen igjen...kanskje en gang til Oslo og tilbake til Bergen som før? :-). Går det bra med Mary? Familien er en rar sak...for fem dager siden skjedde det en ulykke i familien min, og det kastet meg ut av drømmen inn i den skremmende virkeligheten...da blir alt så lite og ubetydelig med hensyn til hverdagslige ting. Hilsen, Tina

Current Mission: "internship in Berlin..."
Student Norway Sor-Trondelag Trondheim
Friedenau, Berlin, Germany grew up in Hartmannsdorf, Germany

German (Germany) Expert English Intermediate Norwegian Intermediate Latin Intermediate Russian (Russia) Beginner Groups I Belong To Hitchhiker / AutoStopper Why: amazing experiences, get to know new people, different worlds...thats real travelling!!! I live in a student village, 30 minutes to walk to the centre of Trondheim and 10 minutes by bus. My room is quite small, but there is space for 2 persons, that should be no problem. I have to mattresses and a sleppingbag as well... I can show you the best places in the city, go out with you... everybody is welcome...!!!! Important Information: I gonna travel around in Norway the hole june and I will go back to Germany in july...and Iam very busy at the moment...but I won't say no if you really need a place to stay! Friends (8)

Mario Vahos 22, Male Trondheim, Sor-Trondelag Norway
"met by a lake and we had a interesting something"
Merituuli Pyykönen 22, Female Helsinki, Etela-Suomen Finland
Friends since August 2006 "We met in Trondheim, and then in Finland and soon in Norway again..."
Oliver Haubensak 22, Male Rubigen, Bern Switzerland
"exchange year in Trondheim, Norway" Close Friend
Anne Schmidt 25, Female Berlin, Germany "we are basically neighbours in Trondheim :-). Good Friend
Nico Storz 23, Male Trondheim, Sor-Trondelag Norway
"Been with her in the norwegian woods!" Good Friend
Elli Verhulst 26, Female Antwerpen, Belgium
"Invaded Tina's room for couchsurfing" CouchSurfing Friend
Svein Søliland 69, Male Bergen, Norway
"Stayed with friend 3 days in Bergen" CouchSurfing Friend
Ricard Salevik 29, Male Oslo, Norway "She couched our place for nights with her friend" Hiking in Innerdalen, Norway
Personal Description Crazy and open mindedness combined... that could be the best and shortest description of myself or of that what I want to be. I wanna find my personal and physical boundaries, wanna overcome my fear for lonleyness, poverty, unconditional life and love. I wanna fill my "west-european eyes" with different cultures, war, peace, poverty, sadness, tradtions, alternative ways of life... CouchSurfing Experience Only once in Tallinn, Estonia. The trustfulness was quite amazing, easy going, alternative - thinking people and a city full of differences...

Interests I study history, politics and science of culture, but there are even more subjects and studies Iam interested in. I like to travel a lot, to meet people from all over the world, to talk, to dance... But sometimes Iam content with spending a day in my bed, reading good books, watching movies and of course eating chocolate :-)

One Amazing Thing I've Seen or Done Whats amazing? At least a hitch - hiking trip from Trondheim to Bergen and back, 1400 kilometers, 10 cars, 10 different, open minded and amazing people. That was real travelling and just the beginning of even more... This trip and the time I have lived here in Norway changed my mind a lot. To get to know a different culture, to learn languages, and to meet people from all over the world... what do I want more?

Reference to Svein from Tina Schübler - Extremely Positive:
Mary and Svein are incredible hosts, they cooked for us, they spoiled us with chocolate, showed us Bergen, they created a home for us, a place to live... There are not enough words to describe their generosity, kindness and heartiness. Thanks a lot!!!



Alev Kuruoğlu (26) Turkey Ankara

Current Mission: "Travelling the world, one continent at a time!"
Occupation Teaching Assistant at the university
Education BSc in electrical and electronics engineering; MBA;
PhD in Business Administration (ongoing)

Grew up in Ankara, Turkey
English (United States) Expert Turkish Expert
German (Germany) Beginner Italian Beginner
Why: Been there once, would love to go again...
Couch Available: Maybe Preferred Gender: Any
Max Surfers Per Night: 1

My home is not too suitable for hosting (I live with my family, 17 kms away from town center, and have a crazy study schedule), but I can still try :) I would be more than happy to show you around town, especially during the summer

Personal Description I am a PhD student, and I spend most of my time studying, reading articles, writing papers. I am a bit restless, so whenever I get the chance - which, unfortunately, is not often - I try to travel. I love the rush of adrenaline that comes with seeing new, beautiful places, and meeting new people. I dream of taking the trans-Siberian train one day, but for now I think I'll stick to Europe :)

How I Participate in CS2 I would love to meet with travelers who somehow end up in Ankara - it is not the most exciting place, I'm afraid! I might not be able to host at the time, but I'd be willing to show people around or meet for food/drinks.

CouchSurfing Experience I had an amazing time surfing in Norway and Sweden. The kind of hospitality and friendship I encountered gives new meaning to the word "priceless" :) Interests: I love reading, music (I listen to rock, alternative, classical - especially the opera). I'm a fan of the opera and ballet - I try



Played piano in Svein's home. Here listen to Katja

to catch performances wherever I go. I also enjoy dancing, though I'm not too good at it (but I will learn!!) Obviously, I also love traveling.

Philosophy "Follow your own path, and let the others talk"
Music, Movies, Books Some of my favorite books are Middlesex by Jeffrey Eugenides; Atonement by Ian McEwan; Movies: I've recently discovered Pedro Almodovar, I really like Spanish language movies in general (great stuff has recently been coming out from Spain and Latin America lately...), but I also enjoy a good blockbuster every once in a while :) As for music, my old favorite is Tori Amos, but I don't really listen to a single artist for a long period any more. I also listen to a lot of opera.

Types of People I enjoy I really enjoy talking to people who have travelled a lot. I also love meeting people who are interested in similar research areas as I am - my field is consumer research, and it is an interdisciplinary field with influences from marketing, sociology, anthropology, political science, ethnography, psychology and much more.

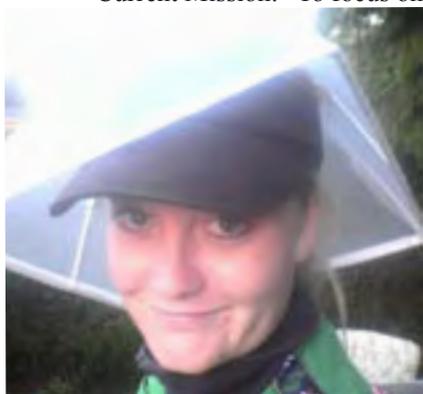
One Amazing Thing I've Seen or Done The ancient Aspendos theater in Antalya, Turkey is one of the most magnificent structures I have seen - I had the opportunity to watch the Royal Ballet perform there. It was magical. Locations Traveled

TRAVELED: Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, France, Germany, Norway, Sweden, United States
LIVED: Denmark, Turkey, United States

Camilla M. Joergensen (28)

Denmark Aarhus

Current Mission: "To focus on what really works.



Smile to the busdriver every morning."

Personal Designations:
Community Designations
Occupation Working with Asset Based Community Development education
B.A. in Social Anthropology and Ethnography grew up in Jelling, Denmark
Languages
Danish Expert
English Expert
Spanish Intermediate
German Beginner

Groups I Belong To Why: To share with fellow CSers in my hometown Flash Why: Tried it - loved it! Active in 6 more groups. Couch Available: Yes Preferred Gender: Any Max Surfers Per Night: 2 - Friends (19)

I live in the city center of Aarhus in an apartment with my boyfriend. In the summertime we live in a garden house (typical danish "kolonihave") where it is also possible to sleep in a tent or outside on a mattress. We don't have pets (besides the wildlife in the garden) and we don't smoke. Sometimes I prefer to go to bed early and sometimes late -it all depends... I could show people

around, when I am not busy working. I have blankets, pillows and towels for you to borrow.

I had the most wonderful CS experiences in Chicago and in Norway and now I am just enjoying to have couchsurfers from all over surfing my couch.

Interests Music. Dance and sing. Meet new people. Enjoy the silence behind the noise. Smile to people having a tough day. Drink good coffee, chai or whiskey. Dark chocolate. Apples. My garden. Philosophy A smile to the busdriver in the morning, can change the day for a bunch of people!

Music, Movies, Books Documentary is my thing. Hope to be able to create a visual anthropological piece some day. Enjoy lots of different kinds of music: jazz, electronica, lounge, ska...and many beyond. Right now i am into to some norwegian literature, and always some ethnographic themes.

Types of People I enjoy All kinds of people actually. I find myself very openminded and think that I can always learn something new from a meeting with an unknown. You have something in common with everybody. One Amazing Thing I've Seen or Done Climbed Roraima in Venezuela/Brazil/Guyana. Paragliding

TRAVELED: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Romania, Spain, Sweden, Turkey, United Kingdom, United States, Venezuela LIVED: Denmark, Mexico, Spain, Venezuela WANTS TO GO: Cambodia, Croatia, Cuba, Greenland, Tuvalu IS GOING TO: Norway, Thailand



Florence Touvais (22)

Paris France
Current Mission: "enjoy life!"

Member since September 4th, 2007

Grew up in Vitry , suburb of paris

Languages FrenchExpert
Spanish (Spain)Intermediate
English Intermediate

Couch Available: Maybe Max Surfers Per Night: 2
One couch for 2 people in my living room in the center of Paris.

Map of friends:

Svein Søiland 69, Male Bergen, Norway
Friends since August 2007 "Couchsurfer hosting."
Friendship Type: 3 - CouchSurfing Friend

Sophie NA 22, Female Paris, Ile-de-France France
Friends since September 2005 "friend's friend!"
Friendship Type: 4 - Friend

Leif Bond 24, Male Berlin, Berlin Germany
Friends since August 2007 "Florence and Lina couchsurfed at my place on weekend i August" Friendship Type: 3 - Couch-Surfing Friend

WHOX 21, Several people Gothenburg, Vastra Gotaland Sweden Friends since August 2007 "Florance surfed my couch" Friendship Type: 3 - CouchSurfing Friend

Karl Widerberg 24, Male Stockholm, Stockholm Sweden Friends since August 2007 "Florence stayed at my apartment with her friend Lina for one night" Friendship Type: 3 Couch-Surfing Friend

Personal Description I grew up in a little house in the suburb of paris with my parents , my brother and my two sisters. Now I m living in the center of paris in a nice flat. My friends come very often at home to drink something and to talk! I like to meet my friends in a bar or a pub in paris and spend my evening with them. I am an easy going and open-minded girl. Every year with my friends we make a big trip: italy, greece,tunisia,spain,california(+nevada arizona),sweden, norway. Soon i ll go in ireland and the next year in argentina!

How I Participate in CS2 How I can...Hostelling people and showing us my city. And sometimes surfng

CouchSurfing Experience I surfed in many places in scandina-
via. Each time was very different but always great!!
It s the better way to know a country. What crazy experiences!

Interests Cinema book ski, ice skating

Philosophy Enjoy life, meeting people.
Music, Movies, Books Movies: david lynch,kusturica, moulin rouge,star wars...
books: ensemble c'est tout. boris vian. harry potter.
Music: All kind of musics except rap and rnb
Types of People I enjoy everybody
Teach, Learn, Share evening talking and enjoy ourselves.
One Amazing Thing I've Seen or Done seeing the sunrise in the grand canyon playing in las vegas!

References

From Leif Bond Berlin, Germany Sep 5
Extremely Positive Florence is a cool girl! we had a great weekend in Oslo. we went to a festival and had a good time!

From WHOX Gothenburg, Sweden Sep 4
Positive Florance is a nice and polite girl. Unfortunately we didn't have time to talk much.

From **Svein Søiland** Bergen, Norway Sep 4 Extremely Positive Open minded talkative and knowledge that make Florfence into a very interesting person.

References Florence Touvais left other

For WHOX Gothenburg, Sweden Sep 4 Positive
It was just one night so we didn't have enough time to talk. Him and his girlfriend were very nice, polite,and it was interesting to talk with them

21.08.2007 Dear Mary, Dear Svein !

What a boautifull Island ! It's like a dream. It was our first experiencewith couchsurfing and the best I think in fact. Thanks for driving us, showing us the nices places . Thanks for sharing your food with us. People like you are seldom !!! Unforgettable memories in your house with your dog, your ducks , your pool. We were wery lucky to meet you !! You are welcome in Paris (even if you already know it with pictures).

*Florence from Paris
(student, midwife, 22 years)*

I really enjoyed in your dreamfull island. Everything was perfect and I really felt at home thanks to your hospitality. I'll never forget this place, especially the breakfast with the view and Edvard Grieg's music.

Kind regards and thank you.

*Lina
(student, HECBusiness School, 21 years)*





Isabelle Scholl (24)
grew up in Luxembourg
Germany - Baden-Württemberg
Freiburg im Breisgau
Current Mission: "be there for
my friends, meet new people &
enjoy life :)"

Bad Wildbad, Baden-Württemberg,
Germany ...
member since December 5th, 05

birthday January 21st

Occupation psychology student
Education primary & secondary school in Luxembourg,
then I came to Germany for my studies
Languages LuxembourgishExpert FrenchExpert
EnglishExpert GermanExpert Norwegian Intermediate
Couch Available: Maybe Max Surfers Per Night: 2

I live in Freiburg-Stuehlinger, which is very close to the center, about 10-15 minutes on foot or 5 minutes by tram. My place is also at minutes walking distance from the main train station. I live in a shared flat which 2 other students, no pets. I have just one room and no couch, but enough space on the floor and I can offer one spare blanket and a sleeping bag. I usually don't smoke, but if you smoke you can do that on my balcony. Freiburg is a small students town (around 200000 inhabitants) and has a lot of cosy bars, pubs and restaurants. If I have time and you are interested I can show you around town, we can climb the Muenster (cathedral), from which you have a nice view or we can explore the Schwarzwald (black forest) or simply have some beers in one of the students pubs. :)

Best times that I can host you: when I am not travelling myself ;), not too busy with studies and work... just write me a message and I'll let you know if I can host you! I'm always looking forward to meet new people!

Contact Method: by email: little_turtle83@yahoo.com

Friends (4) Map of friends

FREYRR 21, Female Taipei, Taiwan Friends since July 2007 "Isa is quiet a nice person. Though we only stay at her flat for 2 nights, till now I can feel the warmth she gave us. She is so easy going and nice." Friendship Type: 3 - CouchSurfing Friend 2

Svein Søiland 69, Male Bergen, Hordaland Norway Friends since August 2007 "Good" Friendship Type: 3 - CouchSurfing Friend

Tayfur Erol 29, Male Bodrum, Mugla Turkey Friends since January 2007 "she is talktive and friendly. you can talk with her about everything" Friendship Type: 3 - CouchSurfing Friend

Joris Sprakel 32, Male Amsterdam, Noord-Holland Netherlands Friends since 2005 "I met this FABULOUS person on a dancefloor in Vilnius (out of place, but in our element! ;) Hosted her, surfed with her & couldn't have had better times :) Isa has become one of my best friends in no time & I hope to know her for many years to come..."

Personal Description: All about me? I guess I can't write that down in a few words...so better visit me and find it out by yourself! :)

CouchSurfing Experience I haven't travelled with Couchsurfing much, but I'm a member of Hospitality Club and travelled a lot with it so far. Only made GREAT experiences

Interests Sports (especially playing soccer), writing (for myself, to my pals & friends), reading, listening to music, having good discussions with interesting people, going out & partying, dancing, concerts & festivals, cinema, travelling (& thinking about where I could possibly travel if I had more time & money), staying in bed a whole day, sleeping, arts, psychology, going for walks, (day)dreaming, turtles, eating, cooking, chatting, languages, meeting new people...

Philosophy "On ne voit bien qu'avec le coeur. L'essentiel est invisible pour les yeux." (Antoine de Saint-Exupéry)
Music, Movies, Books: I like non-hollywood (non-blockbuster movies), especially European movies. Music? I am always open and curious about stuff I don't know. I mostly listen to (Indie) Rock, Alternative, Pop, Reggae...too many bands I like, so I don't mention them all here. About books: some of my favorite authors are Henning Mankell & Irvn D. Yalom. I also love children's books and Calvin & Hobbes :)

Types of People I enjoy my friends, my family, people who have their own opinions and who enjoy having good talks
One Amazing Thing I've Seen or Done The time I spend in Bergen/Norway as an exchange student was definitely amazing! Another amazing thing was my journey to Uganda in 2006, where I met my penfriend Denis personally after many years of writing letters to each other :)

TRAVELED: Belgium, Czech Republic, Estonia, France, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Uganda, United Kingdom, United States

LIVED: Austria, Germany, Luxembourg, Norway WANTS TO GO: Belarus, Canada, Cote D'Ivoire, Greece, Iceland, Ireland, Japan, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania, Thailand, Ukraine, Vietnam IS GOING TO: Norway

References

From **Svein Søiland** Bergen, Norway Aug 24
Extremely Positive "The lady from Luxenburg" are an amazing person, tall football player, great car driver and open minded. Welcome back to host in Bergen any time.

From **FREYRR** Taipei, Taiwan Jul 18 Extremely Positive Isa is quiet a nice person. Though we only stay at her flat for 2 nights, till now I can feel the warmth she gave us. She is so easy going and nice. We had good times in bar and had some beers together. I will want to surf with her one more time!

From **Tayfur Erol** Bodrum, Turkey Jan 16 Extremely Positive She is talktive and friendly. you can talk with her about everything. she is nice person and helpfull..she tried to her best to welcome me and my friend...if you come to Freiburg, she should be the one you need to call...

References Isabelle Scholl left others

For **Lianne Cockerton** Montreal, Canada Sep 4
Extremely Positive I met Lianne and her friend Myriam in Amsterdam @ Joris place. We had some nice evenings with beer, good conversations and playing games. :)

For **Myriam d'Auteuil** Montreal, Canada Sep 4
Extremely Positive I met Myriam and her friend Lianne @ Joris place in Amsterdam. We had some food and plenty of drinks, played games and had good conversations! :)

For **nathalie, agen** Agen, France Aug 24
Extremely Positive I met Nathalie and her son in Bergen at Sveins place. Interesting and friendly person, it was a pleasure to meet her! I hope you are more lucky with the weather next time!

For **Kate Jenkinson** Melbourne, Australia Aug 24
Extremely Positive We met in Bergen at Sveins place (our host). Interesting and open-minded girl - it was a pleasure to meet her! Enjoy your further travelling!

For **Svein Søiland** Bergen, Norway Aug 24 Extremely Positive Svein & Mary are great hosts and their hospitality is amazing! Not only that we could stay in their caravan, got breakfast, but Svein also trusted us and gave us his car for an excursion. But the most important: I really enjoyed the conversations with Svein and I hope to meet him again in the future!

For **FREYRR** Taipei, Taiwan Jul 18
Extremely Positive Freyrr and her friend Laura were friendly and easy going guests and I enjoyed showing them the pub with Freiburgs best beer! Hope we meet again! :)

For **Tayfur Erol** Bodrum, Turkey Jan 15 Positive Tayfur is a very talkative and interesting guy! We had a nice evening and I showed him and his friend some pubs in Freiburg. We had a good conversation and I got to know more about his home country Turkey. Hope to see you again, in Freiburg or in Bodrum! :)



KATERINA ASIM (38)

Greece Attiki Athens - Occupation architect
Education University of Paris Current Mission:
"To see the world, make new friends. I love to meet new
people and feel that we live in a small world"

Grew up in Athens ethnicity greek Languages
GreekExpert French (France) Expert EnglishExpert

love to travel, laugh a lot and enjoy new friends.
I feel like I am open-minded about most things. I also en-
joy diversity. I hope to become more worldly through meet-
ing people and understanding their cultures and stories

CouchSurfing Experience: I am new member of this site.
I think that couchsurfing is a great way to make
new friends. Interests Travelling, skiing, playing
tennis, swimming, diving, sailing, trekking,

I love to experience all types of culture - music, art, archi-
tecture, languages, religions, customs, food, etc
Philosophy I've always had a tremendous desire to under-
stand the meaning, purpose, and nature of life.
Music, Movies, Books

I like all kinds of books. I like most kinds of music, jazz,
blues, classic rock, gospel, classical, reggae, and much
more.

Types of People I enjoy

People who are passionate about life, people with a charm-
ing smile, serious thoughts, open mind, deep world view.
I like to meet people and learn about other cultures and
interests. Every person you meet has something to teach
you if you will let them.

Teach, Learn, Share I can talk about differences between
cultures. I can talk about travelling

One Amazing Thing I've Seen or Done

I travelled alone in China in 1987. It was dangerous. It was
a good experience. Opinion on the CouchSurfing.com
Project It's an amazing idea

TRAVELED: Albania, Argentina, Austria, Belgium, Bo-
livia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada,
Chile, China, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Dominica,
Egypt, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Guadeloupe, Hong
Kong, Hungary, India, Israel, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Kenya,
Latvia, Lebanon, Lithuania, Macedonia, Malta, Marti-
nique, Mexico, Moldova, Monaco, Montenegro, Morocco,
Nepal, Netherlands, Paraguay, Peru, Poland, Puerto Rico,
Romania, Russia, Serbia, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia,
Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Syria, Tanzania, Thailand,
Tunisia, Turkey, Ukraine, United States, Uruguay, US
Virgin Islands

MARGARITA HERNANDEZ (53)

"Be positive and enjoy life and good company"
Valencia Spain

Executive secretay education multilingual
grew up in PARIS

SpanishExpert English Expert German Intermediate



I AM A VERY OUTGO-
ING PERSON WHO
ENJOY MEETING NEW
AND INTERESTING
PEOPLE, TO SHARE
OPINIONS, CULTURE,
HELP EACH OTHER
AND HAVE FUN
TOGETHER. HAVE A
GOOD FRIEND IS THE
BEST.

CouchSurfing Experience
I AM QUITE NEW IN
THIS, I LEAVE NEXT
WEEK FOR MY FIRST
EXPERIENCE, I'LL
TELL YOU...

Interests

I LIKE, TRAVELLING,
READING, PHOTOG-
RAPHY, THE MOUN-
TAINS, THE NATURE
IN GENERAL, COOK-
ING FOR MY FRIENDS,
TALKING FOR HOURS
WITH THEM

Philosophy

I THINK WE HAVE TO
BE OPTIMISTIC AND
FIGHT FOR WHAT
WE WANT, ENJOY
HERE AND NOW THE
PLACES WE VISIT AND
PEOPLE WE MEET,
TRY TO BE AND
MAKE HAPPY PEOPLE
AROUND US. ALWAYS
SMILE. Music, Movies,
Books PHILOSOPHY :
ERIK FROMM
PSYCHOLOGY
BIOGRAPHIES, MOV-
IES, CLASSIC MUSIC,

CHILL OUT - I LOVE PEOPLE WITH SOME KIND OF WIS-
DOM, WITH EXPERIENCE IN LIFE, WITH WHOM I CAN
GROW AS A PERSON, KIND AND HONEST.
I WANT TO LEARN EVERYTHING ABOUT OTHER CUL-
TURES OTHER WAYS OF DOING THINGS, AND I WOULD
BE PLEASED TO SHARE MINE. I LIKE SINGING, DANC-
ING, CHATING ... Opinion on the CouchSurfing.com Project
I THINK THIS IS A GREAT PROJECT AND I AM VERY
HAPPY TO HAVE MY FIRST EXPERIENCE THIS MONTH

Carole and Marvin Bottke (64) United States Texas

Current Mission: "To promote goodwill through hosting of travelers to our area; receiving good will from others through

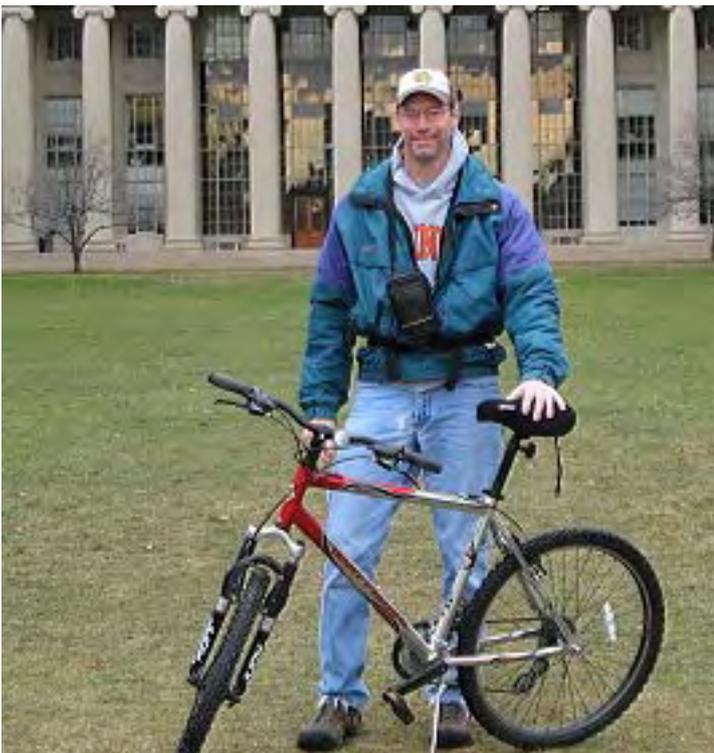


Occupation Retired; do volunteer work as and Airport Ambassador and as a Travelers Aid person helping travelers. Education Some college; self employed 14 years. grew up in Originally Faribault, Mn. DFW, Tx. since 1985 ethnicity 3rd Generation German American from Pomerania Languages English (United States) Expert German Intermediate Groups I Belong To 50s+ Travelers Why: Maturity of members, common experiences Couch Information Couch Available; Maybe Preferred Gender: Any Max Surfers Per Night: 3 Guest bedroom with private bathroom, European style queen bed. We are a recently retired couple living in a twin home with good neighbors and in a safe neighborhood. We have no pets, do not smoke, however, we are not against smoking and we allow smoking on our patio. We are located equal distance between Dallas and Fort Worth, right in between near the DFW airport. A car is most beneficial, but when we are home, this can be worked out and we can show you around or pick you up from the airport and take you to the airport. We are generally bedtime people around 10 or 11 pm. How long you wish to stay is always flexible. While most people look to Dallas for sightseeing, we encourage the lesser known things that are much more intriguing in Fort Worth and other cities in the area. Day trips can be made also. phone: 817 685 0921. E-mail marvcarole@yahoo.com

Dave Bick

United States Illinois Carlyle

Current Mission: "To see as much of the world in one year as possible and while doing so passing on some goodwill."



Friends (1) MIZL 62, Female Mora, Minnesota United States View all 16 photos

Personal Description Live in Texas USA; 15 minutes from DFW airport. Have flown to over 50 airports. Hosted guests from Europe. Enjoy meeting people. Married since 1961, 4 adult children living in various parts of USA. Enjoy music of many categories including ethnic songs and dances. Enjoy laughter, serious conversation, the arts, outdoor cooking, new recipes for the grill, Sharing personal stories and exchanging cultural ideas. Learning from others and giving to others. Like to Prepare "Texas Style" or other "Special Recipes" of food on the grill for guests. Our guest room is nice with private bathroom. If you are connecting at DFW airport and wish to spend extra time in the area, we are a few minutes away from DFW. I was employed 20 years at DFW airport and do volunteer work there as a retiree. I'm a great resource for info. CouchSurfing Experience New to us. But have hosted foreign visitors from Germany, USA, prior to becoming couchsurfers. Interests Other people; travelers and people who share good conversation. Sightseeing, events, history, music appreciation of all styles; Surfing the web, communicating through e-mail, worldwide. Play music for self enjoyment, (was professional when younger) Philosophy Personal Philosophies: "The Golden Rule" Love thy neighbor as thyself. "Live and Let Live". "One Day at a time" "If it's not broke, don't fix it." "It is better to feel the rain than to get wet." In Business: "The pot of Gold you are looking for may be in your own back yard."

Advice to the over zealous young execs: "Don't make too much noise, someone might notice you!"

Music, Movies, Books Enjoy Hawaiian Music, German Music, Celtic, other Ethnic Musics, Jazz, Classical. Like to watch Comedy and like to add funny stories or jokes to conversations whenever it is fitting. Types of People I enjoy People who have something unique that they do or have experienced. Teach, Learn, Share Active in 12 step recovery, friend of Bill W. Can share knowledge of area, off the beaten path travel ideas in America.

Have traveled much of America and Germany, Northern Poland, Budapest, Italian Lakes, Vienna, Salzburg, Hallstatt, Switzerland, Belgium, Prague, Alaska, and 25 times to Hawaii. Cruises too. Played an organ on the roof of a mall for over 55 hours. Couch Surfing will bring new relationships with others. While we are new to the website, we have been practicing some of the principles on our own before finding out about couch surfing.

Couchsurfing has been a great experience. It continues to amaze me the people I am meeting through this service.

Interests Sailing, gardening, beer and wine making, snow skiing, traveling, playing sports, hiking, camping etc. I have lots of hobbies.

Philosophy I believe all people should be treated with respect and as equals. I hope to leave this world having put a smile on as many faces as possible. Music, Movies, Books

I like pretty much all music to a certain degree although Bruce Springsteen is my passion!

Types of People I enjoy Extremely nice people who are out there doing good deeds.

One Amazing Thing I've Seen or Done

I have water skied on the Mississippi River in St. Louis on New Years day. Canoeed on Lake Quetico in Canada. Camped in single digit temperatures.

Summitted a couple mountains over 14,000 ft. Cross country skied to mountain hut in the Rockies.

From Dave Bick Aug 5
Extremely Positive

Svein and Mary or great. Svein is a great host and was helpful in so many ways. I also really enjoyed talking to Svein and learning about his thoughts on life in general. Svein is a very wise man and I will always cherish my time on his Island and more importantly my time with him and Mary.



Nancy Finley age 36 / daughter **Amber** age 8

Current Mission: "Travel through Europe for two months with my eight year old well behaved daughter." United States Florida Ormond Beach Occupation self employed, pressure cleaning company and hold my real estate license education college grew up in Jersey City, New Jersey

Languages English (United States)
 Why: to meet other families Europe 64368:151086
 Why: traveling abroad have questions? Friends 1345:3946 Why: make friends Active in 4 more groups. Couch Available: Yes Preferred Gender: Any
 Max Surfers Per Night: 4 You will actually have a 30ft travel trailer to yourself. It is in our yard. It is like a

home away from home. We live in a small town near the beach. I have a house full. Husband, son, friend, father-in-law and sometimes father. We do have pets, two dogs and three cats. My husband smokes, I do not. We are near the World's Most Famous Beach. Daytona Beach. We are also by the Daytona Int'l Speedway, we also have Bikeweek in March and October. We are also about an hour away from Disney. We do have buses. We have blankets. We could take a day or two to show you around.

- Map of friends
 ANTONIA123 38, Female France
 MOTHERANDSON 43, Female Switzerland
 Christian Knoflach 23, Male Vienna, Austria
 Julia Stockinger 22, Female Vienna Austria
 Sue Schwarz 27, Female Vienna Austria
 Lars Karlsson 53, Vastra Gotaland, Sweden
 Col Arun Gupta 60, Male New Delhi, India
 Konstantinos Liakos 26, Male Athens, Greece
 Svein Soiland 69, Male Bergen, Norway
 M.Gokhan Mansiz 28, Male Istanbul, Turkey

Amber and I at the Vatican July 2006 5 photos Personal Description We are just like you, except we live here! We are great people who do not mind helping others. My daughter is only 8 and raises money for numerous charities. She also sings. I am a volunteer with the Red Cross.

How I Participate in CS2 We are new to this but we are eager to lend our couch. We also would like to experience staying on someone else's all over the world. CouchSurfing Experience Our first experience was perfect. We went to Sweden. This will be the most memorable. We are very fortunate to have met this family. We hope to be friends with them for life. Interests Camping, horseback riding, skiing and traveling.

Music, Movies, Books Like movies do not have a lot of time to watch them. Music all. Books true stories

US people from N.Y. city - live and working in Berlin:

Tico Zamora and Anna Curtis



They were not on profile for couchsurfers but called by phone direct and stayed 2 nights.

In Prestholmen guest book they wrote:

Beginning the day with a swim in the rain, listening to Grieg music and enjoying nice conversation. A very large pleasure to meet you. You make the world a better place with your kind-



Rita Lass (29) and Torsten
Saxony Anhalt Halle Germany
Current Mission: "study in Bergen, Norway"

Occupation art-students. Education bookbinder and graphic designer, at the moment art-students grew up in Berlin, Germany Languages German (Germany)Expert English (United Kingdom)Intermediate NorwegianBeginner We live in a big flat in the north of Halle/saale in saxony anhalt. our couch is a bed in a separate room. we are four roommates there, and we have blankets. write if you need to know more.



Adam Walton (27)
United States New York

Occupation Writer
education I consider myself a lifelong learner, but I went to college. grew up in The American South and Midwest. Languages English (United States)Expert Groups I Belong To New York City Why: I live in New York Couch Available: Coffee or a drink

Friends (6)
Silkkat813 32, Female Weehawken, New Jersey United States "He came out for a Monday night CS drinks in NYC" Friendship Type: 3 - CouchSurfing Friend
Jonas Gustafsson 35, Male Stockholm, StockholmSweden Friends since September 2007 "he surfed my couch" Friendship Type: 3 - CouchSurfing Friend
Malik Bjerrum Thomsen 22, Male Odense, Fyn Denmark Friends since September 2007 "I met Adam in a new york appartement..." Friendship Type: 3 - CouchSurfing Friend
NEILOTOKOMAY 33, Male New York, New York United States Friends since August 2007 "McSorely's Old Ale House + Grassroots + The Thirsty Scholar..." Friendship Type: 3 - CouchSurfing Friend
Svein Søliland 69, Male Bergen, Hordaland Norway Friends since September 2007 "By host" Friendship Type: 3 - CouchSurfing Friend
Tim Spangsberg 19, Male Vejle, Vejle Denmark Friends since July 2007 "Met through the internet, outside Couchsurf." Friendship Type: 4 - Friend

Personal Description I'm passionate about the arts and travel. Music, Movies, Books I love music, cinema, and literature. One Amazing Thing I've Seen or Done I've explored all the states. Locations Traveled TRAVELED: Denmark, France, Iceland, Mexico, Norway, Sweden, United Kingdom, United States

References:

From Malik Bjerrum Thomsen Odense, Denmark Sep 28 Extremely Positive Very kind and open person. A person wich makes you comfortable...
From Bjarni Magnusson Akureyri, Iceland Sep 14 Extremely Positive Adam and Michael stayed with me for 2 nights while traveling around Iceland! Good surfers - I'd love to meet them again in the Big apple if I ever go there ... hope so..
Guys, thanks for the good company :D till next time
From Jonas Gustafsson Stockholm, Sweden Sep 10 Extremely Positive adam is a very interesting, soft and intellectual person. he is a delight to talk to and will gladly share his thoughts on music/books/films/social issues. hope to hook up again some day and get to know him better (and learn more about the time he met eliott smith!).

Philosophy A hare is a hare is a hare and a book is a book is a book ... Music, Movies, Books: All kinds of handmade music, from soft pop to hardest rock over some weird points like ska, jazz, prog ... we watch a lot of movies, reports, some arty stuff but we have no favourites in general beside books with large pictures we prefer matt ruff, paul auster, tom robbins, french, italien and german comics, oscar wilde, edgar allen poe, kafka, max frisch and so on Types of People I enjoy: honest people, open minded ... Teach, Learn, Share: -don't take a hare with you in exhibitions, because everyone think you'll be like beuys -clean your windows with old news-paper - no stripes One Amazing Thing I've Seen or Done Roadburn festival in tilburg, netherlands in 2007 northern light in north norway, awesome

References Rita Lass left others

For Michael Grandal Oslo, Norway Aug 31 Positive met Michael and Astrid on Svein Sølilands island in Bergen. very nice and interesting people, who do very important things in their life.

For Svein Søliland Bergen, Norway Aug 31 Positive. We stayed 3 nights in his very nice german caravan. svein helped us a lot and it was nice to hear about his view on couchsurfing. a very good first contact. it was also nice to meet other couchsurfers in his home. Thank you very much for your help and support.

From Ann Wennerstrom Stockholm, Sweden Sep 7 Positive

Adam, a respectful and good guy, stayed for three nights, told me about Iceland and showed me many pictures. I enjoyed talking to him and wish him good luck with his writing.

From Jack Wilde Liberec, Czech Republic Aug 28 Positive

Adam and his friend Michael surfed the same couch as me and by sheer dumb luck they stayed an extra day and got to see Akureyri's B-Day celebrations which included: pirates mocking the mayor, a strange sort of Don Quixote re-enactment, a very surreal moment involving a flying trailer and the soundtrack to 2001, and the best damn fireworks display ever. I hope we run into each other again.

From Silkkat813 Weehawken, United States Aug 22 Positive

I met Adam in the chatroom while he was looking for some help with finding couches for his trip. I invited him to come out that night in NYC to meet some other CSers. He stopped by for a bit, even though he had a lot of things to do at home. But it gave him a chance to talk to other CSers and he showed great enthusiasm in the CSing project. He brought a friend along and introduced this other new guy to the site. I would recommend hosting this guy. I hope to hang out with him some more when he returns from his trip.

From NEILOTOKOMAY New York, United States Aug 21

Extremely Positive Another CSer in the hood. Speaking with this guy just gives you an instant good vibe! His first time to attend a CS meetup and saw Annie, which she met days back for volunteer work (speaking of small world). Looking forward to hanging out with this guy when he comes back from his travels. See you in the hood Adam!

From Tim Spangsberg Vejle, Denmark Aug 20 Positive

I was surprised to suddenly be contacted by a manhattan poet on messenger, but it all turned out to be good times, since he found my address on Sigur Rós' fan site, and we've had some awesome conversations on messenger. Also Adam introduced me to this spectacular site - thanks alot mate :)

References Adam Walton left others

For Bjarni Magnusson Akureyri, Iceland Oct 3 Extremely Positive Bjarni agreed to host us for one night then graciously let us stay a second. I hope we meet again. Thank you, Bjarni.

For Sigurdur Juliusson Reykjavik, Iceland Oct 3 Extremely Positive That Sigurdur is but 23 is as unbelievable as his explorations thus far. Onward!

For Malik Bjerrum Thomsen Odense, Denmark Sep 24 Extremely PositiveMalik's energy and positive outlook will take him to great places, and they've already taken him to some of the far reaches of the world. I hope we meet again.

For Svein Søliland Bergen, Norway Sep 14 Extremely Positive Stayed on Prestholmen for two nights with Svein and Mary. Arrived on my birthday with a birthday cake awaiting me. That was just a symbol for the hospitality and conversations to come. Thank you, Svein.

For Jonas Gustafsson Stockholm, Sweden Sep 11 Extremely Positive Jonas is a great guy without question, filled with warm smiles, intelligence, and positivity. I hope our paths cross again.

++ More...See profile couchsurfing

Adrian Briscoe (34)
Brooklyn, New York, United States
Current Mission: "Dreamlanding"



Member since
August 2nd, 2006

birthday March 5th

Occupation
Elementary School
Teacher - Filmmaker

Education Masters
grew up in Baltimore

Languages
EnglishExpert
ItalianExpert

Couch Available: Maybe Moving out of my place, due to have a new apartment in October. For couch details check with me then. I will likely be in Greenpont, Brooklyn.

Friends (4) Map of friends

Melinda Conant 23, Female Portland, Oregon United States
Friends since August 2006 "Adrian blessed my couch in Montreal for a couple of days :D" Friendship Type: 3 - CouchSurfing Friend 3

Jamie King 27, Male Montreal, Canada Friends since September 2006 "Adrian couchsurfed with us for a few days in Montreal." Friendship Type: 4 - Friend 3

Svein Søliland 69, Male Bergen, Norway Friends since August 2007 "Very good" Friendship Type: 3 - CouchSurfing Friend

Natalia Perez Wahlberg 29, Female Montreal, Canada Friends since August 2006 "Couchsurfed at my place" Friendship Type: 3 - CouchSurfing Friend 2

I smile View all 6 photos Personal Description I am an elementary school teacher. I make films - recently finished a documentary about an elderly Roman man's memory and love history with his wife. I lived in Rome for 5 years bartending, teaching Eng., gracefully unemployed, working at the US embassy, doing film work and working as an elementary school teacher in a little private school.

I make music- guitar drums keyboards voices- Terra the Fair. I have great friends and am very loyal, honest and curious. I won't pretend. How I Participate in CS I could perhaps promote? Sweep up..donate. I have hosted surfers. CouchSurfing Experience Montreal, Norway, Berlin

Interests Film Music, Explorations, Books People Philosophy Know yourself better than anything anyone else. Music, Movies, Books Antonioni, Maysles Brothers, Fellini, Pasolini, Goddard, so many, Cassavetes, Gondry, .. Lina Wertmuller, Nina Mimica, Jarmusch,..... Pyschedelic Furs, Petal Shaped Occulters, Robert Wyatt, Nanovisions, Mattieu Boogaerts, XTC, Savage Youngling, Orchestraville, Animal Collective, Panda Bear!!!, Nino Rota, Nina Simone, Yo la Tengo, Beach Boys, Can, Robyn Hitchcock, My Bloody Valentine, Enon, Hurple, Leonard Cohen!!!!, Bob Dylan, Galaxie 500, The Smiths, The Fall, Echo and the Bunnymen, the Cars, A-ha, The Kinks!!!, The Who, The Magnetic Fields, Eno, Talking Heads, Suicide, Pulp, The Beatles, T. REX, Luigi Comencini, Emidio Anotci, Big Star....

Nabokov (the early years), Graham Greene, Borges, Maugham, Orwell, Dickens, Cervantes, Dante, Boccaccio. D. Foster Wallace, Ray Robinson.

Types of People I enjoy: I am open to most people. I am averse to metal heads, world leaders and evangelicals. I enjoy meeting people who are sincere and have stories to tell, speak another language, have an appreciation for the aforementioned authors, musicians and filmmakers.

A sense of humor is always great. Essential. Teach, Learn, Share I would teach you Italian, help you with Final Cut editing questions. I could teach you guitar...some basic film stuff...the secret to reading to children... One Amazing Thing I've Seen or Done I hitchhiked to Paris from the North of Italy when I was 23. It was glorious. I've seen and done a good bit...adventures in Costa Rica, France, Germany, Denmark, Hungary, England, Ireland, Sweden, Norway Spain, Portugal, Peru, Cyprus, Israel, Lebanon, Luxembourg, Belgium, Quebec, Driving across the US 3 times, all of Italy...long short life. Opinion on the CouchSurfing.com Project. Great Work!

TRAVELED: Canada, Denmark LIVED: Italy
WANTS TO GO: Bodies of water IS GOING TO: Canada

References

From **Denis Kovalchuk** Saint Petersburg, Russia Aug 27
Extremely Positive Adrian is very kind, sociable and friendly person. I wish every kid have such a teacher! He played guitar and keyboards, he treated all of us (co-couchsurfers) with delicious pasta, and he was a very good company!

From **Svein Søliland** Bergen, Norway Aug 17
Extremely Positive He played the Guitar, songs and made Italian food. We enjoyed having him over place.

From Jamie King Montreal, Canada Nov 14, 2006
Extremely Positive Adrian is extremely sweet, interesting, and open and I had a great time hanging out with him in Montreal.

From Melinda Conant Portland, United States Oct 1, 2006
Extremely Positive I met Adrian at a party in Montreal and I liked him so much that I invited him to stay on the ol' couch. Adrian turned out to be more than a good conversationalist (and great story teller). Not only is he super sweet and genuine but he's so open to those experiences and interactions that make us feel alive and doesn't miss them when they happen. Positive energy just flows out of this man, if you get a chance to meet him, please do. I look forward to many more adventures with you Adrian.

From Natalia Perez Wahlberg Montreal, Canada Sep 15, 2006
Extremely Positive I really enjoyed having Adrian stay with me. He's a very interesting person, with a very positive and calm outlook of the world. He has many interesting stories to tell and don't forget to ask him about how he travelled to Montreal. Very unique! I would definitely like to couchsurf with him again or viceversa:-)

From Claudia Bérubé Montreal, Canada Sep 10, 2006
Extremely Positive That great guy came in town riding his cool Peugeot bike and has experienced the city like everybody should. It was fun to watch him discussing cooking in Italian with the owner of a little pasta factory at the Marché (leading to the most amazing home-made raviolis)! Adrian is simply great... and you know what? He was seriously thinking about becoming a Montrealer himself pretty soon. Let's hope he does!

References Adrian Briscoe left others

For Maria Mütze Berlin, Germany Sep 23
Extremely Positive Maria is a bright and kind star. It was great meeting her, and her son Laurin. They make a beautiful family. I miss them.

For **Svein Søliland** Bergen, Norway Aug 17
Extremely Positive Svein is the godfather of couchsurfing. He is an entirely wonderful host. The quiteness of kindness. I loved staying with Svein and Mary. An experience that I will never forget. Ah, all the Russian songs and talk... Thank you Svein for everything. It meant a lot to me.

For Jamie King Montreal, Canada Aug 13
Extremely Positive Greatness Greatness.

For Melinda Conant Portland, United States Aug 13
Extremely Positive Such greatness.

For Natalia Perez Wahlberg Montreal, Canada Sep 13, 2006
Extremely Positive Natalia is great. She's very down to earth, clever and sincere. Staying with her was lovely and I feel fortunate to have met her and her great friends. Thanks Natalia for everything. I wish you many a fantastic voyage. Adrian

For Claudia Bérubé Montreal, Canada Sep 5, 2006
Extremely Positive Claudia is great, smart and funny. I had such an excellent time with her in Montreal. She hosted our Ravioli experiment, in which pumpkin flowers and goat cheese warmed in sage were made nearly from scratch. She loves good music and film and is a match for anyone who cares about art without pretensions. Thanks Claudia for the tour, the time and the place. Adrian!

For Gabrielle Samson Montreal, Canada Sep 24
Extremely Positive I rode my bike from New York to Montreal and Gabrielle (and David) was my first couchsurfing host. I could go on and on about how my great stay has been in Montreal, and I owe a lot to Gabrielle's welcome. She's smart, kind, funny, creative, interested and interesting. Model couchsurfers unite! Three cheers! Adrian

Ota Cervenka age 29

Current Mission: "To meet you, to learn about you, to enjoy what you enjoy, to keep in touch with you."



Personal Designations
Czech Republic Central
Bohemia Prague
Member since July 21st,
2004
Occupation ESL teach-
ing and translating
books (the latest job
that is)
Education PR and
marketing management
degree (got TEFL certi-
fied later on,
I still wonder why they
let me pass)
Grew up in Prague
Ethnicity Wow!
A line about Ethnicity!
Is it still 1960?
Languages English-
Expert CzechExpert
SlovakIntermediate
SpanishBeginner

SOLOSOGOOD 38, Female Dublin, Ireland Friends since 2005 "I hosted Ota for one night but wished it was for longer. He is a very upbeat, funny person!" Everyone has an identical twin somewhere, right? Here is mine - complete with my facial hair.

View all 24 photos

Personal Description All about me? They must be kidding! I don't know it myself! Added later: It might be fair to mention I'm not a real party animal as I don't drink and smoke - that's it, you'll never click on my profile again :-)

Interests Travelling is definitely my number one interest (61 countries on 6 continents so far). From sports it's mainly ultimate Frisbee, mountain biking and swimming. When it comes to fun it's the Simpson's, South Park, 'Just for laughs' prank show, as well as 'The annoying Devil' (both can be googled or youtubed) and Stand-up comedy vid/podcasts from around the world. Philosophy Just chilling... Music, Movies, Books Bill Bryson rocks! Dvorak, Smetana, U2 and Richard Ashcroft too!

Added later: Relatively recently, I have discovered Enrique Iglesias and Nicola Sarkevic. Great music! From books it's currently fiction like Sue Crafton, James Patterson and Dan Brown (Digital Fortress is much, much better than the Da Vinci Code, in case you haven't read it yet). Types of People I enjoy Might be you, might not be you. Are you an enjoyable person? :-)

One Amazing Thing I've Seen or Done Traveling!!! Ghana, Chile, Iran, Hong Kong, New Zealand were extra special but all countries are amazing thanks to extraordinary people who live there. In addition to extensive travelling/observing, nothing extraordinary. Opinion on the CouchSurfing.com Project Cool site, loving it since 2004! TRAVELED: Albania, Andorra, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, Cote D'Ivoire, Croatia, Denmark, France, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Hong Kong, Hungary, Iran, Ireland, Italy, Japan LIVED: Czech Republic, United Kingdom WANTS TO GO: Ecuador, India, Russia

No couch currently available for surfing. Currently on the road

Friends (4) Map of friends

Jennifer Graham 49, Female Glasgow, Scotland United Kingdom Friends since July 2007 "If u host Ota be sure to tell him he's ur first couchsurfer cos then he'll make u pancakes for breakfast!"

Friendship Type: 6 - Close Friend

ECOMAMA 35, Female Solf, Lansu-Suomen Laani Finland

Friends since August 2007 "He surfed my couch in Finland"

Friendship Type: 3 - CouchSurfing Friend

EAZE 36, Female Sundsvall, Vasternorrland Sweden

Friends since August 2007 "Surfed my couch"

Friendship Type: 3 - CouchSurfing Friend

Valdis Takeris age 21 Riga Latvia

Current Mission: "To be a person with whom you can talk free about anything"



Natali, Svein and Valdis -
Prestholmen Bergen Norway may 2007

Couch available Coffee or a drink member since May 2nd, 2007 Occupation Programmer, IT Education Computerscience - I will graduate this year grew up in Riga, Jürjala ethnicity Latvian

Languages Latvian (Lettish)Expert EnglishExpert German (Germany) Intermediate Russian (Russia)Beginner Not a member of any groups yet.

Couch Available: Coffee or a drink I live together with my girlfriend, sister and parents in apartment, which is too small for us all, therefore there is no place, where I could acomodate you. By the other side, it is possible to meet with you and go to some cafe!

Friends (6)

Me and my girlfriend Natali in Reihsttag, Berlin View all 1 photos

Personal Description So - I am a computer specialist, but not that kind, which interests only and only about computers. I really like to travel around the world, I like to get into my car and drive in any direction - just to see something new. I also like to eat tasty food, to go by cart, to dance modern and clasic dances, to bake cakes. Some last years one of my hobbies was hitchhiking, too! And so on - and, of course, I like to communicate with people and to tell manu jokes - about any theme. How I Participate in CS2 "I am new in CoachSurfing - I have met 3 people and have been a guest for 2 people throw hospitality club, but now -I'd like to try the other possibility, CouchSurfing, too

CouchSurfing Experience I could not imagine, that there are so many nice people all over the world!!! :) Interests Travelling, hitchhiking, modern dances (salsa, waltz, rumba, quickstep e.t.c.), computers, carting, baking cakes, cycling, squash Philosophy Actually, I am a family people - that means, that family for me means really much. In his case, the most important girl in my life is my girlfriend Natali and I am ready to give her every minute of my life. If you will come and visit me, or I'll wisit you, I am almost sure, that you will meet Natali, too - and you will like her too! :)

Music, Movies, Books So - music - everything, expecially radio SWH in Latvia! :) Books - I don't read so much as even I'd like, but my favorite book is Arthur Hailey "Airport". It is fantastic! About movies - there are more - I like TV series 24 and Prison Break, but from movies - Green Mile, Pirates of Silicon Valley, Alien, Ice Age, Cars, Carlito's Way. I think, that every two people has something common. I like to find it! Teach, Learn, Share I can teach to bake cakes, to buy mobile phones, to use computers, expecially Apple computers. I can discuss about F1 e.t.c... :) One Amazing Thing I've Seen or Done I founded the first and only official Latvian HitchHikers Club - me and my friends did it! :)

TRAVELED: Finland, Germany, Lithuania, Norway



Sandrine Faure (21)

Paris France
Current Mission: "visit scandinavia"

Occupation student
Education translation

Grew up in Paris

Languages FrenchExpert EnglishExpert SpanishIntermediate No couch currently available for surfing. Friends (6)

Marine Casalis 22, Female Paris, Ile-de-France France Friends since September 2003 "We've known each other for the last 4 years" Friendship Type: 7 - Best Friend

Svein Söiland 69, Male Bergen, Norway Friends since August 2007 "Good" Friendship Type: 3 - CouchSurfing Friend

Katharina Kellig 20, Female Szekszard, Tolna Hungary Friends since August 2007 "we met in bergen" Friendship Type: 3 - CouchSurfing Friend 3
Cecile Maillard-Salin 31, Several people Montbéliard, Franche-Comte France Friends since July 2007 "We met in Copenhagen @ a Couchsurfing meeting" Friendship Type: 3 - CouchSurfing Friend

Dorota Idziak 20, Female Krakow, Malopolskie Poland Friends since August 2007 "met in Bergen i Svein's house" Friendship Type: 3 - CouchSurfing Friend



Heated swimming pool on the island



House in Bergen

Matthias Siewert 22, Male Bad Urach, Baden-Württemberg Germany Friends since August 2007 "Sandrine wrote me a mail to meet for a cup of coffee. Somehow it didn't work out, maybe next time. She writes nice emails, that's all I can tell about her ;)" Friendship Type: 1 - Haven't met yet (link request is not recommended)

Personal Description: Well first trip on my own and I'd like to meet people who live in scandinavia or who travel like me ! I'm 21, french. I love to speak, travel, read (a lot) and many other things ! How I Participate in CS2 When I'm in Paris I can make you visit my city, and maybe invite you on my couch if my roommates are ok with it CouchSurfing Experience I have just discovered couch surfing so I just have one small experience since I had a drink in Copenhagen with a few other travellers and two danish. It really made me want to meet new people Interests: Mostly literature, not only french but that's the one I know the most. I like watching movies from Kubrick to Harry Potter (which I love reading to !)
One Amazing Thing I've Seen or Done: The Machu Picchu

TRAVELED: Belgium, Bolivia, Canada, China, Cyprus, Denmark, Germany, Hong Kong, Italy, Morocco, Peru, Spain, United Kingdom, United States LIVED: France WANTS TO GO: Argentina, Japan, Mali IS GOING TO: Norway, Sweden

References

From **Katharina Kellig**, Szekszard, Hungary Aug 12
Extremely Positive It was really nice to meet her and we visited Bergen and ate shrimps in the rain...:-) it was really great to meet her and we will do again!:-)

From **Svein Söiland** Bergen, Norway Aug 10
Extremely Positive She is a real good French and very nice girl.

From **Dorota Idziak** Krakow, Poland Aug 3 Extremely Positive really french girl... really positive one:) inspirational.



References Sandrine Faure left others

For **Svein Söiland** Bergen, Norway Aug 10 Extremely Positive I spent two amazing days with Svein and Mary. We talked a lot, saw Bergen...I enjoyed his wonderful island, picked blueberries! Great great experience

For **Katharina Kellig** Szekszard, Hungary Sep 4
Extremely Positive So sorry I didn't leave a reference earlier because we spend three great days in Bergen and I really want to see Katharina in again weather in Paris or in Hungary !! she is an amazing girl



Katharina Kellig and Sandrine Faure in Svein's home

Marion Foxcroft (60)

Australia Victoria South Melbourne



MARION FOXCROFT in Svein's kitchen with Fiona Doig (46 left) and friend Kate Jenkinson (30 right)

MARION FOXCROFT

Australia Victoria South Melbourne

Current Mission: "Travelling in Scandinavia until early October and LOVING IT!"

MARION FOXCROFT occupation Secondary teacher education Tertiary teaching qualification in Food grew up in Melbourne, Victoria, Australia ethnicity Australian (3rd generation) of English/Swedish descent

* My home is non-smoking.

My second bedroom is very small, but the welcome is warm. There is a futon on a fold-down, wooden futon base. Doonas. Room is mezzanine, with door for privacy and very warm in Winter. Fan provided in Summer. I am happy to provide bed linen and towels.

2 day stays, or if we like each other, perhaps longer. Preferably Friday or Saturday nights so that I can show you the city in my spare time at the weekend!

I live close to the Melbourne CBD. 3 different tram routes within 5 minutes' walk and a bus stop at the front door, but I usually walk into the city (30 minutes) at weekends.

No pets.

Tiny outside deck for Summer meals and relaxing. Happy to cook family-style meals for visitors who help with the dishes!

Happy to show people around at weekends.

Personal Description

After a very full life of having a family and returning to teaching, my adult children now live their own separate lives - one is in Sydney, Australia and the other is in Singapore. While my day-to-day life is often frantic, I love to take time away and see the world. I have travelled to Pacific Islands, New Zealand, Europe (several times), China (twice), USA, and will soon fulfil my dream of travelling through Sweden. My maternal grandfather was Swedish and left for a better life in Australia in the 1870's.

I love my home, a small, modern apartment in a renovated 1860's school building. I can walk to the Melbourne CBD in 20 minutes, or catch a tram 1 minute walk away and be in the CBD in less than 10 minutes.

I really enjoy showing overseas friends around the lovely city of Melbourne, which is regarded as the sporting, business, cultural, fashion, shopping and restaurant 'Capital of Australia'. There's plenty to see and do here with lots of Australian flora and fauna nearby.

I enjoy meeting people and like to help travellers to enjoy the best that my city has to offer. Perhaps the thought of having another 'Mother' in a strange country appeals to younger couch surfers!

How I Participate in CS2

Just joined CS today (21 August, 2007).

I want to meet some 'real' Swedes as I travel with my Aussie friend, Kate who is 30 years old. Kate introduced me to CS in a phone call from Bergen last night! She has been travelling overseas for several months this year. We will meet in Narvik, Norway in September 2007.

CouchSurfing Experience 2 night in Stockholm at the beginning of this trip. It was my first CS and it was great.

Interests

Family, garden, travel, people, classical music concerts, movies, cooking dinners in my home for friends.

Philosophy

Honesty is the best policy.

Be the best that you can.

Love your family. Family is everything.

My sayings - "Life is too short to be boring".

"Getting older is a blessing".

Music, Movies, Books

People who have passionate interests, and who love life.

Teach, Learn, Share Goodness.

Cooking, practical hobbies- knitting, crochet, felting, etc.

* Walked on The Great Wall of China on 2 occasions.

* Spent the day at the top of one of the Twin Towers in New York in 1990 with my children during a 6 week trip to USA.

* Nursed a dying friend.

4 days on Lofoten Islands in Norway in the Arctic Circle!

Fiona Doig age 46 Australia
New South Wales Roseville



Current Mission: "I love travel, nature, wildlife, quirky people and like to get the juice out of life" Personal Designations Community Designations Couch available Coffee or a drink Occupation Editor/writer who has spent too much time stapled to a desk, soon off travelling education University BA in Mass Communications grew up in Sydney, Australia ethnicity Australian Languages EnglishExpert Vladivostok, hey there..Couch Information Coffee or a drink I live in a suburb on the north shore of Sydney about half

an hour by bus then 15 minutes walk from the bus stop. It is very quiet here. No pubs, shops or much more than houses. I work much of the time as I work freelance which means flat out most of the time but sometimes have time free on weekends or weekend evenings to meet up with travellers. Probably easier to meet someone more central, but there are plenty of options. I am an Aussie woman, living in Sydney. I leave on Sunday 15 July on a 3 month trip (back in October). I am funny, easy going, down to earth, love to travel and a total dag (that's Aussie for zero fashion sense - I am anti ironing and rarely wear makeup). I enjoy exploring outside the tourist traps (and pretending I am not a couch potato). I like to experience some of life's more quirky aspects. It has been far too long since I had a decent break, so I am really excited to be getting away and meeting some likeminded souls. Oh, but how good it will be to get away from my desk and get moving, to be active and get outdoors! And to meet some interesting people and have some fun, laugh and enjoy life every day, not at just weekends. My trip will take me to Seoul in Korea, Vladivostok and Kamchatka (far eastern Russia to see volcanoes and geysers) and then to see relatives and friends in England and Scotland, at least a week in Iceland to see more volcanoes and geysers, and finally crewing on a yacht to see Scandinavia, leaving from Amsterdam. I'd love to meet some Russians and Icelanders when I go to those countries. I enjoy other cultures having lived in several other countries as a child. I am an easy house guest, I enjoy cooking healthy fresh food (supplemented with chocolate) and I am happy to help out with household tasks and chip in for food if required. I don't smoke, only drink socially on occasion, love pets, have a sleeping bag. Strangely I am allergic to mushrooms and coffee so no amount of encouragement will get me near them :) I'd love to meet some people who want to go out and take me exploring outside the tour bus routes. And when

I am back at home I am happy to show people the wild and natural side of Sydney. I only recently discovered myself there are wallabies living along the harbour near my house (after nearly running into one on my bicycle). There are wild parrots everywhere here. I recently learned about CS after hosting travellers through HelpExchange and had some truly fabulous people stay. Their presence has most definitely enriched my life. I am a Servas member, a peace organisation where hosts offer travellers accommodation in their homes. Staying with hosts is the best thing I ever did. Met some fabulous people that way. Restores your faith in humanity - there is indeed peace on earth, it lives in people's homes and hearts. CouchSurfing Experience There is nothing like staying with locals to get the juice out of life and view it through their eyes. Seeing the world from hotel rooms and bus windows is not really travelling for me. Locals know the best spots, the interesting and quirky places that are nearby and can show you their culture. They add that passion about their home town in a way no one else can. Anyone staying in Sydney would have no idea of all the fabulous wild places it offers if they asked a travel agent or at their hotel. Yet 5 mins from my home, which is in one of the world's biggest cities, there is a beautiful harbour bushwalk. And that is not unusual here.

Interests I love nature, outdoors activities like walking, skiing, swimming, mountain biking (at which I am utterly incompetent and only do on flat offroad tracks) and sailing. I work as a writer and editor on big colour nature books and publications. Being stuck behind a desk all day I am not as fit as I would like to be. I love animals, have a very friendly Burmese cat and volunteered as a wildlife rescuer raising baby ringtail possums and rescuing parrots. I enjoy yoga, meditation and can read tarot cards. Philosophy Live life to the full and enjoy those special moments. I have a great sense of humour and love to laugh. I am intuitive and creatively minded. I go every Monday evening to a pop choir where I sing my heart out on old classics. I don't know if I am any good, but I love it. Love to read, read just about anything and particularly enjoy cultural literature. My sense of humour is quirky; love Monty Python, for example. I watch far too much TV when at home, enjoying murder shows, movies and comedies most. It will be good to escape from it!

Types of People I enjoy Intelligent and creative people always intrigue me. Anyone who has a good sense of humour makes life more fun. People who have an interest in some kind of philosophy of life and what it all means interest me. Teach, Learn, Share I can show people how to read tarot cards or develop their creativity and intuition. And how to laugh! Plus give tips on writing. Highlight of my life was watching the volcano Krakatau erupting. You feel it in your bones. Ash falls on your eyelashes. (it is off Java, Indonesia). I think CS is fabulous and look forward to meeting some interesting people



Kate Jenkinson (30)
birthday March 10th

1 Australia Victoria Melbourne
Current Mission: "Taking 12 months off to see more of the world. Not going home till the money runs out!"

Grew up in Yarrawonga ethnicity Australian English (Australia)Expert Have a spare room that can be yours with a double

bed. Will provide linen and stuff. Live with another person, so no partying, drugs or smoking at home. Work during the week, but nights and weekends are free. Need a fair bit of notice as go out of town a bit, like the fresh country air. Live close to public transport, and 20 minutes from centre of Melbourne.

Friends (5) Map of friends

Svein Soiland 69, Male Bergen, Norway "She belongs to my family" Friendship Type: 5 - Good Friend mghtydux 38, Male Helsinki, Etela-Suomen Laani Finland "Kate surfed on my couch" Friendship Type: 3 - CouchSurfing Friend I vouched for Kate Jenkinson

Nathalie, Agen 42, Female Agen, Aquitaine France "I meet Kate in Norway on Svein's island" Friendship Type: 3 - CouchSurfing Friend PAAPAL 23, Male Savonlinna, Ita-Suomen Laani Finland "Kate surfed my couch" CATH555 29, Female Narvik, Norway "Hosted her in Narvik" Friendship Type: 3 - CouchSurfing Friend

Personal Description After travelling in 2002, I will be on the road again in March heading to Egypt, Turkey then east-

ern Europe, finishing the journey in Scandinavia in October. I have been teaching Outdoor Education and Sport for 8 years, and sometimes think that there is something better out there but not sure what. Sport, Family and travelling to find new adventures drive my world. Typical Aussie girl really, blonde, green eyes, freckles, love the outdoors. CouchSurfing Experience Not too much couch surfing (only usually after big nights out). Have only been a couch surfing guest since September 2007 (although signed up earlier in the year), it has been an amazing experience and I wish I had spent the previous 6 months of my travelling couchsurfing! Interests Travelling, Camping, participating in random acts of kindness, waterskiing (have my own boat), all sports, animals (parents have a farm). Philosophy Not much will have changed when you get back, so why hurry. Music, Movies, Books Like all genres. I really dislike rap, hip hop stuff that defames and demeans people, cultures and women. Types of People I enjoy People who have a passion for something but don't impose it on you, rather, they share it. Those who you can learn from; older generations have a lot to teach us. Teach, Learn, Share "Danny Long Legs" are one of the most poisonous spiders in Australia- but their mouths are too small to bite! One Amazing Thing I've Seen or Done Waterskied on the Murray river- its amazing everytime! Simple things in life are often the best. Switzerland was breathtaking, July 2007, I jumped out of a helicopter at 5000m above Jungfrau. Opinion on the CouchSurfing.com Project Great idea! Not sure who I will find on my adventures. Ultimately the project seems to have a pretty good aspect; help others and we all achieve. TRAVELED: Belgium, Czech Republic, Egypt, France, Germany, Greece, Hong Kong, Hungary, Italy, Malaysia, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Singapore, Spain, Switzerland, Thailand, Turkey, United Kingdom LIVED: Australia, United Kingdom WANTS TO GO: Canada, Croatia, Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda IS GOING TO: Denmark, Finland, Sweden

Dorota Idziak
 Student of Indology /
 Jagiellonian University
 Poland Malopolskie Krakow
 Current Mission: "enjoying
 life, learning, dreaming"

Katharina Kellig (20)
 Hungary Tolna Szekszard
 Student Current Mission:
 "Seeing the world!"

Anna Pitch
 Friend to Dorota

Maria Malik
 Friend to Dorota



Dorota Idziak

Love colorful things, rain, Cracow, nature, mountains, walking, jogging, cycling, oranges, tea... and my friends... Interests: photography, mountains. Music, Movies, Books favourite films: Kuch kuch hota he, God's City, Salam Bombay!, Voces inocentes, Amelie, Chocolate Favourite music: film & classical music Types of People I enjoy people who enjoy traveling, mountains, sports and drinking tea TRAVELED: Germany, Italy, Norway, Ukraine, United States LIVED: United States WANTS TO GO: China IS GOING TO: India

Refernce for **Mary and Svein Søiland**

From Dorota Idziak Aug 6 - 2007
 Extremely Positive. If you want to see the soul of Bergen, if you want to believe in people just visit Svein, take the things as they come with smile on your face, and let your dreams about Norway come true...



*Anna and Maria Bergen aug. 2007
 Photo: Dorota Idziak*

Katharina Kellig: Occupation actually I'm studying to become a social worker for kids in Hungary. education i made my final examination in Germany. Grew up in Dresden, Germany, but since 2 years i live in Hungary
 German: Expert Hungarian: Expert English: Expert Russian (Russia) Intermediate Latin: Intermediate Groups I Belong To music Why: because I'm a musician myself and love making and listening to music Piano Players. I'm an open-minded, active person and I'm very spontaneous. How I Participate in CS2: I would like to find people to meet all over int he world and also people, to come over to Hungary and see, how great this place is!:-)

CouchSurfing Experience: I stood in two places in norway and met a lot of interesting people... until now couchsurfing has been positive through and throuh!

Interests: I love travelling, meeting new people, learning new languages, reading, watching good films in their original language. i love animals and doing sports in the free nature. In my freetime i make music with my band and friends. I play flute, gitar and piano. **Philosophy:** all my life i felt, that i belong to hungary. since that i live much more thoughtfuller, i see things in a more intense way and enjoy every day as an adventure. **Music, Movies, Books:** Movies: pride and precudice, ein freund von mir, skakerag, 21 gramm, barfoot, and all kind of movies with johnny depp Books: All books of astrid lindgren, Isabell Allende, Anna Gavalda and the Harry Potter books **Music:** red hot chili peppers, muse, coldplay, placebo, michael jackson, hungarian folk music, ska and reggae **Types of People I enjoy:** People from other countries, who are open-minded and take care about their environment. **Teach, Learn, Share:** I might share my knowing about living as a foreigner in another country - without family. and how everything can be managed, if you just hold on to yourself and to your dreams. **One Amazing Thing I've Seen or Done:** The most important thing was my move to hungary. i have seen so many great places, i can't list them up here...:-) **TRAVELED:** Austria, Czech Republic, Denmark, France, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Serbia, Slovakia, Sweden, Switzerland **LIVED:** Germany, Hungary **WANTS TO GO:** Moldova, Mongolia, Russia **GOING TO:** Romania



References Viola Sipos
 left Svein Søliland Sep 3
 Extremely Positive
 Although we were not
 expected guests on their
 island, Svein and Mary
 have treated us as we
 were part of their family.
 We really felt there like
 we got to the paradise
 by mistake :-) Svein,
 thanks for your generos-
 ity and for shearing your
 wisdom! :-)

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Viola Sipos (23) Romania - Tirgu Mures
 web-development & e-customer service I'm just an
 ordinary girl, living my life and following my road. I'm
 always interested in many different things. For ex-
 ample I've studied social pedagogy and now I'm doing
 something totally different :-) Music is the only thing
 that never lost it's worth to me. Other important things
 are: friends and my family, nature, culture... CouchSurf-
 ing Experience Surfed some couches in different parts of
 Europe and hosted only one person yet. This project is a
 really great idea, somehow it gives you back the belief
 that good this world isn't so bad after all. Interests
 music, travelling, dancing, clothes :-), painting on glass,
 meeting interesting people, body-painting, literature etc.
 Philosophy Life is always more surprising than I can
 ever imagine... Music, Movies, Books Movies: 21
 grams, The Piano, Talk to Her, The Fountain
 Music: almost any kind, if it is of a good quality
 Books: Hungarian literature mostly, Catch 22
 Locations Traveled Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland,
 France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Monaco, Norway,
 Poland, Slovakia, Sweden, Switzerland



References from
 Eva Kovacs
 For Svein Søliland
 Aug 30
 Extremely Positive

Me and my friends spent
 3 days with Svein and
 Mary in their island.

We enjoyed every
 minute, and we really
 felt like home there.
 Thank you again for
 showing us around
 and everything!

kevi_mail@yahoo.com

Evi Kovacs - Romania Mures Tirgu age 25
 occupation social pedagogist education University
 grew up in Tirgu Mures ethnicity Hungarian
 I like meeting people and being with my friends. I'm friendly and
 very optimistic :-) CouchSurfing Experience: I surfed in Luzern, Paris,
 Kopenhagen, Bergen and Stockholm. It was a great experience. I'm
 looking forward for more experience. Interests Travelling, hiking, tak-
 ing photographs, meeting new people, reading... Philosophy
 The first step to getting the things you want out of life is this: Decide
 what you want. Types of People I enjoy Open minded people and who
 knows how to enjoy life. TRAVELED: Austria, Belgium, Denmark,
 Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Monaco, Norway, Slovakia,
 Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey

Simon Kinga Katalin (25)

Romania Harghita Lazarea

Current Mission: "introducing, to offer and find free places for sleeping, night and day too."

Occupation Travelling, learning, working like social pedagogist, teaching, education University
Grew up in Gheorgheni, Harghita, Romania
ethnicity Hungarian
Languages Hungarian Expert
(language barrier exists)

Lazarea is the center place in Harghita ciuntz, it is famous for Lázár Castle, Ferences Kolostor. My parents are living with me, but not always time. We are living in a middle house with a very nice, friendly garden. flowers and fruits... I don't have any pets, I smoke socially, Is possible to transport with cars, bus, trains. Weekdays, weekends too. The days is depends on visitors attitudes.

My first priorities are suzerainty, personal freedom, decision, Most important my relationships in family, friendly, associates. How I Participate in CS2 At my girlfriends

Philosophy Dont war, just love!

Dalma Janosi (24) Romania Bucuresti

Current Mission: "Enjoy life."



Couch available Yes
Occupation Office work Education
University grew up in Targu Mures, Marosvasarhely Ethnicity Hungarian Languages: Hungarian Expert, English Intermediate, Romanian Intermediate, Italian Intermediate Spanish Beginner, German Beginner

Couch Available: Yes
Max Surfers Per Night: 2

I live in a very small apartment in Bucharest, 10 minutes walk from a metro station and 5 minutes away from the tram station, in the central area. I do not have beds, but I can offer you space on the floor if you do not wish for much luxury. I can show you around as well, if I'm not working. I don't have pets, and don't smoke. I rarely go to sleep early. You are welcome to stay during weekends and weekdays also if you don't mind that I work most of the day. Friends (3)



Vince Biro 25, Miercurea-Ciuc, Harghita Romania Friends since August 2007 "She is an open minded girl with a shining soul." Friendship Type: 7 - Best Friend



Viola Sipos 23, Tirgu Mures, Mures Romania Friends since October 2002 "She's one of my best friends, someone who knows me very well. I like to discuss things of life with her in long messenger chats while doing the job of every day. :-)" Friendship Type: 6 - Close Friend



Eva Kovacs 25, Tirgu Mures, Mures Romania Friends since September 2000 "She is one of my good friends" Friendship Type: 5 - Good Friend

Personal Description: I am an ordinary person, open minded, I believe. I love people, nature, cultures, discussions. CouchSurfing Experience I have intertraveled for 3 weeks throughout Europe and had very nice hosts all over.



Positive ?????? Fit in to the couchsurfing system

OK to host for you and 2 of your friends outside couchsurfing system you meet during your travelling. At last they gave their

Interests Music, arts, nature, traveling, cultures, people... Music, Movies, Books Movies: The Fountain, Requiem for a Dream, Pi, 21 grams, Before Sunrise, Before Sunset, Waking Life... Music: Almost any kind Types of People I enjoy I think I can learn from everybody.

TRAVELED: Austria, Belgium, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Monaco, Norway, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Vatican City LIVED: Hungary

References From:

Metin Balci Paris, France Sep 6 Extremely Positive Dolma :) and her friends stayed in my place while their crazy Europe tour. Very nice people though. We had funny time together. Hope to see you again...

References Dalma Janosi left others

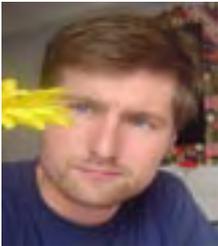
For Metin Balci Paris, France Sep 4 Extremely Positive Metin was a very kind and nice host. I loved his apartment. It was nice to drink tea and discuss a little bit. You are always welcome to us!

For sharehouse Romantica Boris, Regula, Peter Lucerne, Switzerland Sep 4 Extremely Positive These people are amazing! Apart from being very nice and friendly they have so much sense of humor. We spent an afternoon laughing on Swiss songs with Boris. Luzern is also a town that is well worth to be visited, I loved that town! But definitely, Sharehouse Romantica made our days! Thank you guys, for saving us from "eine kleine Sorgen." :) You are always welcome to us!

For Göran Rydberg Stockholm, Sweden Sep 4 Extremely Positive Göran's house really looks like he is waiting for surfers all the time. Has a section for maps and just everything is in place. He will tell you way more information about everything you need to know than a tourist guide. :) It was very nice and comfortable to stay at his house. We really enjoyed our time there. Thank you very much, and you are always welcome to us!

For Tomas Bertelsen Copenhagen, Denmark Sep 4 Extremely Positive We had a wonderful experience in Kobenhavn thanks to Tomas and his girlfriend, Christina. Tomas was waiting for us at the railway station and let us stay in his sailing boat. He told us of places to visit that were well worth seeing. It was also very nice to have breakfast together the day we were leaving! Tjek for your generosity and kindness! You are always welcome to us!

For Svein Soiland Bergen, Norway Aug 29 Extremely Positive I'm thankful for the time we could spend at yours and Mary's house! You really know how to make people happy!



Julius Schellmann (27) Berlin
Germany
Current Mission: "Couchin' the surf out
of my couch"

Couch available Coffee or a drink birth-
day June 2nd
Occupation Working at the Canadian
Embassy & Studying Political Science
Education From pre-school to university

- I've seen it all ! Grew up in Berlin, Germany Languages
German (Germany)Expert EnglishExpert FrenchIntermedi-
ate Swedish (Sweden)Intermediate German (Switzerland)
Intermediate Groups I Belong To Berlin: Why: 'cause it's my
hometown Montreal: Why: 'cause I'll move to this won-
derful city soon Couch Available: Coffee or a drink I'll be
moving to Montreal soon so at the moment there's no couch
available - sorry ! Friends (2)

Olivier Roy 29, Male Berlin, Germany Friends since June
2002 "Long time friend" Friendship Type: 7 - Best Friend

Jannis Pabel 25, Male Berlin, Germany Friends since April
1984 "very good man" Friendship Type: 3 - CouchSurfing
Friend

Me concentrating on something yellow. View all 5 photos

Personal Description I would describe myself as an optimistic,
open minded person who is sociable and talkative. That's why
I spend most of my time with other people.

I'm almost done studying Political Science and will finish
writing my thesis in Montreal next year. Canada is of great im-
portance to me as the embassy here in Berlin is employing me.
How I Participate in CS2: Give and take - I guess that's how
it works ! CouchSurfing Experience I went to Riga last year
with an Italian friend. Although we didn't actually sleep on a
couch, we still had a coffee with a Latvian couch owner.
In September 07 then I had my first encounters with two Nor-
wegian couches in Bergen and Oslo - both very positive ones !

Great idea - adventurous and thrilling !! Interests
I'm into sports like biking, running, badminton and football.
Furthermore I like music (mostly electronic), enjoying
Berlin's brilliant nightlife or just walk the city.

Taking pictures and looking at them is another passion of
mine. Types of People I enjoy I like real and easy going peo-
ple. I don't like arrogant, snobbish and self-centred people.

TRAVELED: Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia,
France, Hungary, Italy, Latvia, Netherlands, Norway, Poland,
Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, United Kingdom,
United States LIVED: Germany, Sweden, United States
IS GOING TO: Canada

References

From Terje Lingaas, Oslo, Norway Oct 4
Extremely Positive Julius is a fun guy! I was supposed to have a date
that night but I let him come anyway. And when my date got wasted
and did handstands in the living room he took it like a norwegian!
Welcome back.
From Olivier Roy Berlin, Germany Oct 4
Extremely Positive Julius is the exception to the rule of german
coldness. This says everything! Julius is the man for all situations
in berlin. He is from here and his insider endless knowledge of this
town is legendary. Just ask Julius and he will be more than happy to
lend you a helping hand. Simply a friend for life that I had the chance
to meet in this sometimes very unwelcoming city!
From Svein Söiland Bergen, Norway Sep 20
Extremely Positive Great to host you with bike in Bergen Norway
Sept 18th - 20th 2007

References Julius Schellmann left others

For Jannis Pabel Berlin, Germany Oct 2 Extremely Positive
Jannis is a fun guy who's always up for any kind of fun !
For Olivier Roy Berlin, Germany Oct 2 Extremely Positive
Olivier is the exception to the rule of Canadian superficiality ;) This
says everything!
For Svein Söiland Bergen, Norway Oct 2
Extremely Positive. Stayed with Svein and Mary two weeks ago for
two nights. Very warm and generous couple with a lovely island and
a great pool :) Tack ska ni ha !
For Terje Lingaas Oslo, Norway Oct 2 Extremely Positive
Stayed with Terje last week for one night. He spontaneously invited
me after I contacted him one day before arrival. Comfy couch, nice
friends and great collection of booze :)



Julia Wetzel (23) (with
Matti)
Germany Bavaria Würzburg
Current Mission: "exploring nor-
way"

Member since July 29th, 2007
grew up in Schweinfurt, Bavaria,
Germany Languages German
(Germany)Expert English Inter-
mediate Norwegian Intermediate
French Intermediate Couch
Information No couch currently
available for surfing. Friends (4)

Map of friends
Christian Zacherl 26, Male Würzburg, Bavaria Germany
Friends since June 2004 "bestfriend of my girlfriend"
Friendship Type: 5 - Good Friend

Vladimir Petrenko 22, Male Lyon, Rhone-Alpes France Friends
since July 2007 "Well" Friendship Type: 2 - Acquaintance 2

Kim Fjeld 22, Male Bergen, Hordaland Norway Friends since
August 2007 "Friendship Type: 3 - CouchSurfing Friend

Liva Ducena 23, Female Bergen, Hordaland Norway
Friends since July 2007 "met for a barbeque on the edge of cliff
:) met through another CS member- Vladimir" Friendship Type:
3 - CouchSurfing Friend View all 2 photos

Personal Description Well, I was spending now 4 month in a
camphill at the west coast of Norway. It was the first time for
me to be away from home so long but in fact I did enjoy that
very much. We're now having holiday here in Norway.... Inter-
ests reading books and eating sweets while doing that, kooking
together with my friends TRAVELED: Spain LIVED: Norway

References:

From Kim Fjeld Bergen, Norway Aug 11
Positive unfortunately we only met for a short bbq..

From Liva Ducena Bergen, Norway Aug 11 Positive
really enjoyed her speaking norwegian with sometimes really
distinctable german accent. no offence, it was juz funny! :)

References Julia Wetzel left others

For Vladimir Petrenko Lyon, France Aug 12 Extremely Positive
it was very nice to get to know him... hanging around with him
was just fun, especially eating "kässpäzli"! I'm looking forward
to visit him in lyon!

For Svein Söiland Bergen, Norway Aug 1 Extremely Positive
A so very friendly guy and also interesting personality. We had
our own room, kitchen, bathroom and livingroom was also free
to use for us. we enjoyed our time here very very much! espe-
cially beeing waked up with fresh coffee :-)) we wish you all the
best! julia and matti

For Christian Zacherl Würzburg, Germany Aug 12 Positive
hab schon des öfteren das kicker-zimmer zum schlafen abbekom-
men und ich muss sagen, dass ich jedesmal angenehm geschlum-
mert hab!

Bergen south.





Bing and Fang Xuhua

age 35 China Shanghai
Current Mission: "happy everyday"

Couch available Yes member since July 14th, 2006
Occupation editor Education postgraduate
grew up in China Languages Chinese
(Traditional)Expert English Intermediate
Groups I Belong To: HC--Hospitality Club
Couch Available: Yes Preferred Gender: Any
Max Surfers Per Night: 3
We like to travel and meet different culture. If you
come Shanghai. We can provide a fold out double
sofa bed in a seperate room. There are no kitchen ,but
there are microwave oven and ice-box. Your can use
it. We are very close to everything - shops, pubs, res-
taurants and public transport (it's near metro station
) . We can speak English. We like to keep our place
pretty neat. We prefer guests nosmoking,tidy ,friendly.
Guests can speak English. We prefer family guest.

Friends (4) Map of friends

Svein Søiland 69, Male Bergen, Norway
Friends since August 2007 "Good"
Friendship Type: 3 - CouchSurfing Friend

ENIKIA 43, Female Seoul, South Korea Friends since September 2007
"I stayed their home in Shanghai"
Friendship Type: 3 - CouchSurfing Friend 3

Andy Lamp 36, Male Hamburg Germany
Friends since July 2007 "Fang & Chen stayed with us in Hamburg for
two nights" Friendship Type: 3 - CouchSurfing Friend 2

Katharina Kellig 20, Female Szekszard, Tolna Hungary Friends since
August 2007 "from staying at Sveins house in Bergen"
Friendship Type: 3 - CouchSurfing Friend

Personal Description I like to meet different culture people,know interest-
ing thing all over the world. I will do my best to help other members who
will come to Shanghai. CouchSurfing Experience We are member of HC.
Our link is secure.hospitalityclub.org/hc/travel.php?cid=chenfangyi
We have host many couples and family from all over the world. It is a
unforgettable expericence to make exchange like this.
Interests travel,meet new friends,music,swim Philosophy If you help me,I
will do more for you. Types of People I enjoy optimistic,amusing,open
mind,ca n learn something from him. Teach, Learn, Share CouchSurfing
is a good idea. Opinion on the CouchSurfing.com Project CouchSurfing
is a good idea. We prefer host a family ,especially with child. The Couch-
surfing Project make our travell more easy and interesting.it's a new way
for me to make new friends across the world...



Jack Buchanan (60)

Current Mission: "Education through travel"
Canada British Columbia Nanaimo

World traveler for over 30 years. Now that I am retired from
a great career (Weatherman). I just keep on traveling. Easy
going, spontaneous. I am a watcher. Really happy.
Saskatoon, Canada ethnicity Caucasian

Reference from Jack: "Svein and Mary live in their home and
"place". The hospitality and enthusiasm about Bergen and
Norway was exceptional. Continous enjoyable conversation.
Svein is a very interesting person. Simply people who enjoy

Jack's running away (E-mail 20th September 2007)

Hi All,

Just to let you know that Jack is running away. Once again I
have been afflicted by that nasty Itchy Foot Syndrome (IFS) and
will be off to Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania in search of a cure.
I am out of here Sunday Sept. 23rd and return Wednesday Oct.
24th. Just a short trip. When I get home priority will be Jack's
Story 2007 so I can report on all the activities of the year. Hope
to go to Saskatoon for Xmas with family and Central America
Jan. to Mar. Hope all is fine with everyone. Talk to you soon.
Jack

Reference From Svein Søiland Bergen, Norway Aug 5

Extremely Positive
Jack makes his life to a wonderfull world

Denis Kovalchuk (39) and Katia
Saint Petersburg Russia



Member since May 29th, 2006 birthday December 21st
Everyone can see this. Occupation IT specialist / system administrator Education Pre-high (not graduated) grew up in Saint Petersburg

Languages RussianExpert EnglishIntermediate
Groups I Belong To St. Petersburg Why: I'm native of St.Petersburg and I love this city Helsinki Why: Going there again. Need some info. It recalls me Saint-Petersburg.. Why: I'm the member of cyclist's club VeloPiter, SaintPetersburg, Russia. "Anybody who rides a bike is a friend of mine" =) Active in 1 more groups. Couch Available: Coffee or a drink Preferred Gender: Any I've just moved to another apartment. It's all upside-down here yet...Couch might be available in the middle of September... We have a cat. - We do not smoke. Of course, we work, but usually we have some time to show you all around. we prefer to go to bed about 12:30AM. Best time for hosting is weekend (Fr-Sun). That's because on weekends we can show you around. Otherwise, it can happen that you'll have to amuse yourself. we have blankets. It depends on your self-dependence and the number of persons, but I think more than 4 days will be too many. Contact Method: Please e-mail me via CS. In case of emergency you can call or sms me. Phones: +7(812)274-0868 office; +7921 931 5583 mobile Friends (17)

Nadezhda (aka Nicole) Fyodorova 22, Female Saint Petersburg Friends since April 2004 "he's my friend" Friendship Type: 7 - Best Friend

Teemu Markkanen 27, Male Helsinki, Finland Friends since Dec 2006 "We met at new year 2006 at dinner with Tenezies." Friendship Type: 3 - CouchSurfing Friend
Alexey Kostin 22, Male Saint Petersburg, Saint Petersburg Russia Friends since June 2004 "Common friends" Friendship Type: 5 - Good Friend

Aleksa Vasic 29, Male Moscow, Moscow City Russia Friends since November 2006 "Couch surf ruffles" Friendship Type: 4 - Friend

Svein Søiland 69, Male Bergen, Norway Friends since August 2007 "By couchsurfing" Friendship Type: 3 -

Teemu Kiiskilä 25, Male Oulu, Oulun Laani Finland Friends since August 2007 "He surfed my couch with Katja" Friendship Type: 3 - CouchSurfing Friend

Camille Kalt 22, Female Grenoble, Rhone-Alpes France Friends since July 2007 "I stay in his place for 4 nights" Friendship Type: 3 - CouchSurfing Friend 4

Lars Lynch 27, Several people Barcelona, Catalunya Spain Friends since March 2007 "He and Nadia hosted us in St. Petersburg" Friendship Type: 3 - CouchSurfing Friend 2

EVGENIY SUKHIKH 25, Male KievUkraine Friends since July 2007 "I and my friend surfed his couch" Friendship Type: 4 -

Eilen Zakariassen 21, Female Oslo, Oslo Norway Friends since October 2006 "he and his friends were travelling in norway, and two of them stayed here, but Denis and his cute girlfriend came over for breakfast, and they are such lovely people! can't wait to go to St-Petersburg and see how they live:)" Friendship Type: 3 - CouchSurfing Friend

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Personal Description Ageless youth in his quest for some thrill Interests I'm fond of mountain bike, adventure races, hiking, travelling, outdoor sports, orienteering, skiing, guitar, rock-n-roll and a lot of other vivid things. Philosophy I'm 39, but I never feel my age, I'm forever young! My son is 17 and we are friends. Music, Movies, Books I prefer mainstream jazz, blues, classic rock-n-roll and the Classic music, too. And Bjork, Jonny

Mitchel, Bob Dylan, Squirrel Nut Zippers, Dead Can Dance, Nick Cave, Tom Waits, Tiger Lilies, Tindersticks, Brazzaville, Cesaria Evora, to mention just a few... As for movies, I like "author's" European ones. But some blockbusters are OK sometimes. It's always pleasant to communicate with smart, positive, open and sociable people. Teach, Learn, Share I'd like to share my native and beloved city, St.Petersburg. I can share my positive and optimistic philosophy. And I always try to learn something from all my friends. Opinion on the CouchSurfing.com Project Nice idea to help people to make friends all over TRAVELED: Austria, China, Czech Republic, Finland, Georgia, Norway, Spain, Ukraine

References From Marie-Louise Bengtsson Skovde, Sweden Sep 10 Extremely Positive Denis and Katia stayed with us too short (only one night). We had a really good time though, they are so nice and easy to get along with.Hope to see you in Sweden soon. You are always welcome!

From **Svein Søiland** Bergen, Norway Sep 9 Extremely Positive It was great for Mary and Svein + + + to host you in Bergen, Norway. Your voice, music and wife Katy performed "the Russian soul".

From Oyvind Erland Stavanger, Norway Sep 5 Denis and his three friends visited me for three nights, but I was too busy to get know them well. But they were nice guests; friendly, tidy and generous. They spent the days climbing most mountains in the region, and in evenings - wow what great loud Russian singing! I would like to meet Denis another time, a nice person!

From Martin Thoresen Svensrud, Norway Aug 28 Positive They only stayed for one night, so I didn't get to know them that well, but they seemed like a very nice couple. Very polite and friendly, even did the dishes, and gave me a ride to Oslo the day after.

From Odd Reidar Sømme Sandnes, Norway Aug 22 Extremely Positive Denis and Katia spent two days in Sandnes. Unfortunately I didn't see them much as they were busy going to Preikestolen, but Katia made us a good meal and we shared a bottle of red wine and some Vanna Tallinn.

From David Garnick Trondheim, Norway Aug 20 Extremely Positive Denis and Katya were wonderful guests - from cooking a great meal, to entertaining us with music. They are lovely people, and are extremely considerate.

From Teemu Kiiskilä Oulu, Finland Aug 10 Positive Once again a great experience brought to me by Couch Surfing! Denis and Katja spent a night at our place and we had a good chat until late night. If you've got a chance, try Katja's mushroom stew - it stole my tongue :) When I'll go back to good old Russia, I will definitely visit Denis.

From EWA Gdansk, Poland Aug 9 Positive Denis is very friendly guy. If we could spend more time together im sure he would be good companion.

From Camille Kalt Grenoble, France Jul 11 Extremely Positive Wouah !! We were in Denis place, and it's was so great ! Denis and his girlfriend are a very nice couple. We ate very tasty food, thanks again for the cooker !!

From EVGENIY SUKHIKH Kiev, Ukraine Extremely Positive We had been backpacking in Russia when we changed our plans because of storm in White Sea. We went to a Saint Pietersburg and we needed couch for one night. He was the one who answered us. He called to me. We left our backpacks at his work. Then my old friend called to me with suggestion to host me. But he told that I'm only the one he can couch. So my friend Alexander went to Denis's apartment and I to my friend's as I didn't see him for two with the half years and wanted to see him. I'm very thankful for the help. Alexander told that he spent good time with Denis. I would like to see him in Kyiv to spend more time. :) He helped us a lot.

From Nadezhda (aka Nicole) Fyodorova Saint Petersburg, Russia May 16 Extremely Positive Den is so kind, careful, smiling, sympathetic, passionate...

From Lars Lynch Barcelona, Spain Mar 19 Extremely Positive I can't say enough good things about our time with Denis and Nadia in St. Petersburg. They made us feel right at home and treated us so well, with fantastic food and a great tour of the city with many of the hidden spots that Denis knew about. He and Nadia are a wonderful duet and anyone spending an evening with them won't soon forget it. I wish him well on his journeys.

From Vera Tenetz Kuwait, Kuwait Feb 6 Extremely Positive Denis is a nice guy, very friendly and relaxed. he and his g/f Nadya are very talented musicians. We had a nice evening walk in a rainy forest, got a bit lost and they didn't complaint at all:)

From Teemu Markkanen Helsinki, Finland Jan 26 Positive We had a nice though too short dinner conversation at New Years eve 2006 at Jokela. So maybe continue conversation with beer some evening?

From Elisa Partti Mikkeli, Finland Jan 7 Extremely Positive Denis and Nadia were such polite and fun guests to have. We had a great time drinking wine, talking and playing music/singing. They are really interesting people and fun to be with. I hope to see you again someday!

From SILJE VANILJE Oslo, Norway Dec 13, 2006 Positive He and his friends visited me, they were the perfect guests, too bad they stayed so short.

From Eilen Zakariassen Oslo, Norway Dec 13, 2006 Positive REALLY nice people! told me a lot about Russia, which is really exciting for me:) and they were funny and brave enough to try a lot of our typical norwegian food! Denis seems like a smart guy, and had funny things to say:) i recommend hosting them:)

From Aleksa` Vasic Moscow, Russia Dec 5, 2006 Extremely Positive He's a friend now whats more to say

References To

Denis Kovalchuk left others For OGONEK Saint Petersburg, Russia Sep 1 Extremely Positive Well, they are ambassadors in SPb, so everybody must know them! :-;) Seriously, both Lena and Stas are extremely friendly and open guys. They are ambassadors totally justly, IMHO =)

For Svein Søliland Bergen, Norway Aug 27 Extremely Positive Dear Svein and Mary! You are inconceivable and unbelievable people! You serve as the fine example to me. Now I know what I wish to be when I'll become an old fellow. =) Thank you for your hospitality!

For Adrin Briscoe Brooklyn, United States Aug 27 Extremely Positive Adrin is very kind, sociable and friendly person. I wish every kid have such a teacher! He played guitar and keyboards, he treated all of us (co-couchsurfers) with delicious pasta, and he was a very good company!

For Odd Reidar Sømme Sandnes, Norway Aug 27 Extremely Positive Odd hosted us at his cosy place in Sandnes for two nights. Odd is very hospitable host! He proved to be very close, friendly and intimate guy to us. He is fond of kayaking, hiking and trekking. So do I love the same music and reads the same books. Wish meet him again in Saint-Petersburg or elsewhere in the world someday.

For Teemu Kiiskilä Oulu, Finland Aug 21 Extremely Positive It's so nice to discover that in distant Oulu there are so similar and intimate people like Teemu. We've spent only one night with him, but it seemed that we knew each other for a long time. Teemu drives the same car model as do I. :-) He likes similar music. And he is very easy-going and smart person. Wish meet you someday again. Thank you, friend!

For Camille Kalt Grenoble, France Jul 10 Positive Camille is smiling, calm and very positive girl, as well as her sister and friend. They were very pleasant guests, they did dishes, made delicious meal and were quite self-dependent. I'm still sorry that we had not much time to chat and I wish we'll meet again someday to do it.

For EVGENIY SUKHIKH Kiev, Ukraine Jul 4 Positive Nice guys! Interesting to talk with, easy-going, calm and friendly. And what I like, they are real backpackers!

For Lars Lynch Barcelona, Spain Mar 19 Extremely Positive Lars and Joke are very nice guests! They are very polite and considerate. They did dishes every time. We've found a lot of things to talk about and it was very interesting. I still regret they left so early. I have some spare "hidden treasures" to share in our city. =) If Lars or Joke ask you for hosting, never doubt!

For Joe Macke Canyon Lake, United States Feb 11 Positive Joe is easy going and calm guy. It's interesting to talk with him about this and that, and he is a real traveller. I would say nomad. He had visited SPb on his way to Siberia, China and Mongolia. I wish I could travel so far and so long, too.

For EWAW Gdansk, Poland Feb 11 Positive Ewa is very sociable and openminded. We chatted a lot and it was just fine.

For Vera Tenetz Kuwait, Kuwait Feb 5 Extremely Positive Vera and Tomi hosted us for 4 days during New Year holidays. They are very pleasing family. Very hospitable and generous. We had interesting conversations, nice walks and delicious New Year dinner together with there friends.

For Teemu Markkanen Helsinki, Finland Aug 21 Extremely Positive We've first met at our hosts' place in Jokela at New Year dinner and chatted a lot. It was nice and I DO want to meet Teemu again to keep up the acquaintance with him. He hosted me at his place in Helsinki in August 2007 and helped a lot to park my car at free place for a week. Teemu is extremely friendly and kindhearted guy.

For Elisa Partti Mikkeli, Finland Jan 12 Extremely Positive Very-very hospitable and generous girl! Elisa entertain to us very kindly. She showed us a lot of nearby sights, and her husband, younger brother and a neighbour performed a real rock concert! Very nice company. Trustworthy host. Thanks a lot!

For Gudrun Cecilie Eikemo Helland Oslo, Norway Mar 19 Extremely Positive Gudrun is open, sociable, cheerful and communicable girl. And perfect host!

For Clemens Moning Langenthal, Switzerland Dec 13, 2006 Positive We surfed at the same place in Oslo simultaneously. Chatted till late night. Clemens is fond of bicycles. Me too.

For SILJE VANILJE Oslo, Norway Dec 13, 2006 Positive We surfed Silje's small but very cozy loft during our Norway trip. She brought us to the roof and we enjoyed the view of Oslo and I made a lot of photos. We chatted a lot, and she introduced us to Clemens, CS member from Switzerland, who had come to Oslo by bicycle(!). Very cheerful girl!

For Eilen Zakariassen Oslo, Norway Dec 13, 2006 Positive We met Eilen and Gudrun when surfing Oslo on our way to Bergen and back. Actually, I did not spend nights at girls' place (the other CS members hosted me and my girlfriend) but they treated us with fine breakfast and presented the famous norwegian brown cheese. Mmmm. I love it! The girls study Russian! Dobro pozhalovat' v Sankt-Peterburg!

For Siren Berland Bergen, Norway Dec 13, 2006 Positive We went to Bergen with three my friends and Siren and her boyfriend were so kind that they let us to stay at their place all the company, all four of us. Though the preliminary agreement was only for two. Thanks for your hospitality! And welcome to Saint Petersburg!

For Aleksa` Vasic Moscow, Russia Dec 13, 2006 Extremely Positive I met him by chance, without preliminary e-mailing, etc. He met first Ekaterina Baranova, CS member and then they find me by ICQ. And I'm happy about this fact. Alexa' is smart, sociable, openminded and just the likes of me. =)

For Oyvind Erland Stavanger, Norway Dec 13, 2006 Extremely Positive He is very natural guy! Oyvind hosted us (four persons) for three nights in September, 2006. His hospitality is so warm, that when two couchsurfers from Germany came, he gave them his own room and slept in the corridor. He regaled us with a delicious vegetarian omelette and gave us useful advice and some tips concerning visiting landmarks near Stavanger. I wish we come again to his place someday. =)

For Nadezhda (aka Nicole) Fyodorova Saint Petersburg, Russia Jul 23 Extremely Positive She is my good friend. She is bright, pretty, smiling, kind, romantic, smart, sensible.

For Alexey Kostin Saint Petersburg, Russia Jul 20, 2006 Extremely Positive Alexey was just the person who told me about CouchSurfing project.



Bergen, Norway August 2007 Svein's home

Nathalie Agen (42)

France Aquitaine Agen

member since August 4th, 2007

Birthday October 8th

Occupation Journaliste grew up in bordeaux

Languages: French (France) Expert English Intermediate Spanish Intermediate

Groups I Belong To

Midi-Pyrenees London Barcelona

Journalists of the world

Why: I'm a journalist

Book lovers

France Central America and the Caribbean Europe

CS Gatherings & Happenings -

Meetings,

Parties and Camps

Aquitaine

Music Festivals

Family Welcome Group

Cheap Ways to Travel in Europe

Couch Available: Maybe

Preferred Gender: Any

Max Surfers Per Night: 3

Bonjour, je vis en plein centre d' Agen, petite ville du sud-ouest à 130 km de Bordeaux et de Toulouse. J'habite près de la gare. Je peux recevoir deux personnes dans une petite chambre individuelle (trois possible). Possibilité d'utiliser la machine à laver.

Je travaille beaucoup mais serait heureuse de prendre le temps pour vous expliquer ce qu'il y a à voir et à faire dans le coin. Je peux éventuellement prêter deux vélos et, si vous tombez sur un de mes jours de congé, je pourrais vous faire visiter le département. J'ai un fils, Quentin, âgé de 17 ans. Pour les personnes allergiques, j'ai un chat. Je ne fume pas (plus).

Friends (3) Map of friends

Christian & Janne Nordmark 34, Several people Fredrikstad, Ostfold Norway Friends since August 2007 "She Couchsurfing with us" Friendship Type: 5 - Good Friend 1

Svein Söiland 69, Male Bergen, Hordaland Norway Friends since August 2007 "Ouer communication was really good" Friendship Type: 3 - CouchSurfing Friend

Kate Jenkinson 30, Female Melbourne, Victoria Australia Friends since August 2007 "Surfed Sveins island in Bergen" Friendship Type: 3 - CouchSurfing Friend
View all 4 photos

CouchSurfing Experience

En Norvège en aout 2007, avec mon fils. Deux expér ences, deux bonheurs.

Interests: rencontrer des gens, échanger, parler, rire, la musique (rock mais aussi, à ma grande honte, la variété bien pailletée des années 80), la plupart des sports (mais pas forcément en faire...), aller chercher des champignons en forêt (et éventuellement en trouver), le fromage, le chocolat, jouer au tarot, les brocantes, les îles, les voyages et le Mexique.

Philosophy "Do it!"

Music, Movies, Books The Clash, Springsteen, Manu Chao, Am-paranoïa, Ferrat, Aznavour, U2, Dexy's midnight runners, les Beatles, Abba, Pat Benatar, Georges Brassens, The Police, Piaf... Je lis tout ce qui me tombe sous la main: John Irving, Garcia Marquez, Jorge Amado, Arto Paasilinna, Van Cauwelaert, Hemingway, Zweig, Tom Sharpe, Orwell, Boris Vian, Augusten Burroughs...

beaucoup de polars (thrillers) aussi. Chaplin, Kusturica, Woody Allen, Pedro Almodovar, Sofia Coppola et Carlos Saura. Frida Kahlo et Fernando Botero. Opinion on the CouchSurfing.com Project "Le monde est à nous"

TRAVELED: Andorra, Belgium, Cuba, Czech Republic, Hungary, Italy, Mexico, Morocco, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Russia, Spain, Sweden, Turkey, United Kingdom

References

From **Kate Jenkinson** Melbourne, Australia Aug 27
Positive Natalie was the best french person I have meet. She always saw the bright side of the rain in Bergen...you have to be special to do that!

From **Isabelle Scholl** Freiburg im Breisgau, Germany Aug 24
Extremely Positive I met Nathalie and her son in Bergen at Sveins place. Interesting and friendly person, it was a pleasure to meet her! I hope you are more lucky with the weather next time!

From **Svein Söiland** Bergen, Norway Aug 23
Extremely Positive I pair of shoe are to few for sighthseeing Bergen in flood and to experience Noahs Arch rain august 2007.

From Christian & Janne Nordmark Fredrikstad, Norway Aug 15
Extremely Positive They spent one night with us, and we went island exploring the next day. They are really nice to be around and are very welcome another time!

References Nathalie, agen left others

For **Kate Jenkinson** Melbourne, Australia Aug 22
Extremely Positive Kate is an open-minded girl. I meet her in Svein's house, in Bergen. She's arrived with her smile and her gaiety to share with us her gorgeous travel. A really nice person.

For **Svein Söiland** Bergen, Norway Aug 22
Extremely Positive An incredible man in an incredible place. I've called Svein's island the Noah's Ark first because he save me and my son from the flood (the rain in Bergen is not a legend!). But also because in two days you can meet Tim the dog, the 4 ducks, 2 russians, 2 americans, 1 australian, 2 frenchs, 1 austrian and 1 luxembourgeois. Really amazing, as the way Svein and Mary transports you, talk to you, cook for you and with you... A great life and kindness lesson.

For Christian & Janne Nordmark Fredrikstad, Norway Aug 22
Extremely Positive Janne and Christian hosted my son and me one night and two days. They're really nice, friendly, explain us their town and take time to go with us on a beautiful island. We meet Christian's family, really nice too. And Janne cooked a great diner for us! This was my first experience and I hope I will received all CS members as well as they do for me! Thanks for all (and waiting you in France).



Breakfast on the Island - Nathalie, son and Russian couple



Maxwell Key (25)
United States
California Oakland

Current Mission:
"To find couches to sleep on during
my world odyssey"
Birthday September 14th

Occupation: Travel Business, English
teacher, waiter, party planner....I do
a lot

Education University of California-
Santa Barbara (B.A.) grew up in
Oakland, California, USA

Maite Cn Thomas Gosewinkel
WELLS Daniela Kicic Daiva
Kelpsaite Mathieu Guay Natasha

Voitovich **Tina Schübler** **GAlA08** Ricard Salevik

Languages: English (United States)Expert. SpanishIntermediate,
ItalianBeginner, JapaneseBeginner Couch Available: Maybe

I will be home in Oakland Sept. 14 and will be staying with my
folks for a bit and also will be up and down through California.
So If you will be traveling in California let me know and maybe I
can help you out.

Contact Method: email mkey8@yahoo.com or mkey08@gmail.
colm Friends (10) Map of friends

Christina Sørensen 26, Female Copenhagen Denmark
Friends since July 2005 "We met on a beach in Thailand"
Friendship Type: 4 - Friend

Tina Kristensen 27, Female Oslo, Oslo Norway Friends since
August 2007 "We snaved a lot" Friendship Type: 4 - Friend

James S 30, Male Bury St Edmunds, England United Kingdom
Friends since September 2005 "max cooks an incredible thanks-
giving meal" Friendship Type: 5 - Good Friend

Adam Rosenfeld 27, Male Coram, New York Friends since
August 2007 "Max and I both couchsurfing with the same person"
Friendship Type: 2 - Acquaintance

Sally Ahmed 31, Female Cardiff, Wales United Kingdom

Friends since August 2007 "Stayed with me and went to a cs
party" Friendship Type: 3 - CouchSurfing Friend

Daiva Kelpsaite 21, Female Vilnius, Vilniaus Lithuania
Friends since July 2007 "hosted him for several days ;)"
Friendship Type: 4 - Friend 3

James Maddison 28, Male Reykjavik, Reykjavik Iceland
Friends since September 2007 "he surfed our couch :)"
Friendship Type: 4 - Friend 4

Hanna Larsdottir 19, Female Reykjavik, Iceland
Friends since September 2007 "he couchsurfing at my place"
Friendship Type: 3 - CouchSurfing Friend 3

Nicola Hemsley 37, Female Swansea, Wales UK
Friends since August 2007 "Max surfed my couch!"
Friendship Type: 3 - CouchSurfing Friend 2

Natasha Voitovich 25, Female Minsk, Minsk Belarus
Friends since July 2007 "I met him in Minsk during his travel-
ling" Friendship Type: 3 - CouchSurfing Friend 1

Personal Description: I am a 25 year old American male
who has been working my way around the world for the past
two years. I have a B.A. majoring in Film Studies at UCSB
(California's beachside party school). I have also studied
abroad in Florence, Italy, as well as lived in Australia, New
Zealand and Japan. Also I have volunteered in Madagascar
in a wonderful village called Maventibao, which you should
all go to. I have traveled to around 60 countries and sam
currently making my way home heading westward. I have been
through Africa and Eastern Europe and heading now through
Scandanavia, and the British Isles. I like music, sports (espe-
cially baseball), food & cooking (I can cook great Italian for
any graceous host), I definitely am always up for going out for
a drink and I love to dance. I also like movies and have studied
film making in the past. How I Participate in CS2 As of now I
am traveling and hoping to find some places to crash along the
way. I would be more than happy to cook for my host or help
out in any way. In the future I will be able to offer my house
in the San Francisco Bay Area and hope to host weary travel-
ers for years to come. CouchSurfing Experience: I have now
crashed with a few real cool people Interests As I said, I am
easy going and like a lot but mostly baseball, music, movies
(especially comedies), and most of all traveling the world.

Philosophy This column seems like a place to put ones Senior
Quote for their school yearbook. So instead of being cheesy

with a sharp quote, I will just say, I live my life trying to be happy and make others happy.

Music, Movies, Books Movies- The Graduate, Shawshank Redemption, Zoolander, Old Skool, and The 5 Monday Movies made by yours truly. Musice- Mostly Hip Hop and Country, cause I love to dance and I a little bit of a cowboy Books- Alchemist, Prince of Tides, Great Gatsby Types of People I enjoy People who are fun and open minded. Teach, Learn, Share Well like everyone else, I want to learn as much as I can about the world through travel and all the people I can possibly meet along the way. Everyone is individual and brings something to the table. Personally, I have traveled a lot and had a lot of experiences in my life, so I have a lot to share with anyone. One Amazing Thing I've Seen or Done There are hundreds, just to name a few, I went to the 1997 Academy Awards and multiple before and after parties, I have been to both Summer and Winter Olympics, I have climbed up 5,500 meters to view Mt.Everst from Kallah Pattah,I could go on. Life has been good to me.

Opinion on the CouchSurfing.com Project I think it's absolutly great. I had this idea once for a website like this because when I lived in an apartment in Florence, Italy, we were always offering our couches and extra mattresses to friends and fellow travelers. Places like Florence are hard to find accomedation and as we all know the price of hostels is getting out of hand. Basically, the code of the traveler demands a site like this and I commend anyone willing to participate. :eled

TRAVELED: Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Bulgaria, Cambodia, Canada, China, Czech Republic, Denmark, Egypt, Estonia, Fiji, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hong Kong, Hungary, Iceland, India, Ireland, Kenya, Laos, Latvia, Lithuania, Malawi, Malaysia, Moldova, Monaco, Mozambique, Nepal, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Qatar, Romania, Russia, Rwanda, San Marino, Slovakia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Swaziland, Sweden, Switzerland, Tanzania, Thailand, Turkey, Uganda, Ukraine, United Kingdom, United States, Vatican City, Vietnam, Zambia LIVED: Australia, Italy, Madagascar, New Zealand, United States

References:

From Unnur Arnardottir Reykjavik, Iceland Sep 28 Extremely Positive (Hey Max, look at me, leaving a lame reference on your page!) Max was the first couchsurfer I hosted and he made the whole experience very easy and enjoyable. Very laid back and open to new people. Has impressive rice-cooking skills.

From **Svein Søliland** Bergen, Norway Sept 24 Openminded, experienced person, interesting talks.

From James Maddison Reykjavik, Iceland Sep 11 Extremely Positive max's 4 days here were definitely interesting and i don't think there wasn't a moment we were bored. if you get the privilege of max, definitely take him for a night out, you won't regret it ;)

From Hanna Larsdottir Reykjavik, Iceland Sep 10 Extremely Positive Max was such a nice guy to host, we walked around Reykjavik and took some photos of touristy things, went the golden circle and did some partying, i had so much fun, i hope to be able to see him in california:)

From Nicola Hemsley Swansea, United Kingdom Sep 4 Positive Max has made my feet so itchie!!! especially as Max was so chilled from his trip, and i am stresses out with work! what was even funnier after dropping Max off to catch his bus.....My exhaust fell off the car!! ha ha still laughing!

From Adam Rosenfeld Coram, United States Aug 21 Positive We both went to a birthday party with our common couch host. The next day we went and saw Cardiff Castle together. Nice guy, and incredibly travel savvy.

From Sally Ahmed Cardiff, United Kingdom Aug 20 Extremely Positive Max is a funny guy, a great laugh, and up for partying, he is very entertaining and has loads of great stories. I enjoyed having him stay.

From Christina Sørensen Copenhagen, Denmark Aug 19 Extremely Positive Max always gets the best hookers, but apart from that, I like the guy :-). Max is funny, sweet and you're never bored, when he's around. He's a fantastic guest and makes the BEST omelettes I've ever tasted.

From Daiva Kelpsaite Vilnius, Lithuania Aug 18 Extremely Positive Maxwell is really great guy ;)) we had much fun together strolling around the city ;)) we saw many places and he tried lithuanian dishes ;))he is definately cool person and u should meet him and share your stories ;))

From Tina Kristensen Oslo, Norway Aug 11 Extremely Positive He's a very good snaver.. I would recommend him to ANYONE!

From James S Bury St Edmunds, United Kingdom Aug 4 Extremely Positive max is a fantastic guy just don't give him your email address as he will regularly bombard it with huge emails! had some good times in queenstown together. he can cook too ladies!

From Natasha Voitovich Minsk, Belarus Jul 24 Extremely Positive Max is a very calm, kind and friendly person. We spent whole day together with my friends and saw many things because of him:) He was an English teacher for me and tryed to learn some Russian:) Good luck in your travellings!

References Maxwell Key left others

For **Svein Søliland** Bergen, Norway Sep 12 Extremely Positive. Great host and fed us wonderful Norweigan food.

For Hanna Larsdottir Reykjavik, Iceland Sep 12 Extremely Positive I had a great time and learned a lot about Iceland staying at their house

For James Maddison Reykjavik, Iceland Sep 12 Extremely Positive. I had a great time and learned a lot about Iceland staying at their house

For Nicola Hemsley Swansea, United Kingdom Sep 4 Extremely Positive Great time. Lots of good chats and she definitely showed me amazing parts of Wales I would never have seen otherwise

For Sally Ahmed Cardiff, United Kingdom Aug 23 Extremely Positive Nice girl. Very goos host. Introduced me to some real cool people and we had some good times.

For Adam Rosenfeld Coram, United States Aug 23 Extremely Positive Good guy. We had some good laughs out in Cardiff.

For Daiva Kelpsaite Vilnius, Lithuania Aug 18 Extremely Positive She is the coolest Lithuanian gilr by far and a great host!

For Christina Sørensen Copenhagen, Denmark Aug 18 Extremely Positive She is one of my top Danish girls ever and a great host and has taught me all the Danish i know. But she can't beat me at connect four and i definitely always get better hookers than her

For Tina Kristensen Oslo, Norway Aug 11 Extremely Positive She is crazy but has a wonderful apartment. And I just dominated her in a cooking competition.

For James S Bury St Edmunds, United Kingdom Jul 25 Extremely Positive James is a top bloke who you can always find at Brazz Bar when he is in Queenstown or playing frisbee golf or in the Kareoke bar



Terri Sandys age 55

Current Mission: "I want to meet others in the world. Right now I want to meet people in Norway as I travel with my 88 year old Mom to see where our family lived before they came to the USA in the late 1800s."



Occupation: I am a music teacher in the USA and teach Violin, Viola, and Cello. I also play professionally.
Education: I have a degree in Music and Education from the University of Puget Sound in Tacoma, Washington
Grew up in Seattle, Washington, USA. Ethnicity Caucasian
Languages English (United States)Expert German Beginner
Groups: Classical music Why: I'm a violinist and am curious about others. Visiting Norway in late August
We live 15 miles north of downtown Seattle. There is a bus stop 7 blocks away and, with transfers, it is an hour ride into town. We also live 10 minutes south of Edmonds, a charming small town on the Puget Sound and has a ferry terminal to the Olympic Peninsula. There are four in our house-my husband, Jeff, my 21 year old son and my 18 year old daughter who is off to college this fall. There are many fun things to do nearby as well as in Seattle, but I suggest you check out a travel guide to the area,
We do have a couch and bedding, but we are not quite ready to host at this time. I am willing to show you around if I have the time. After my daughter is in college we will have a room to out you up from time to time. We do have an inflatable bed and we'll see how it goes. You can stay up to 2 days

I'm older than my children, but still younger than dirt. I like music, art, learning about new things, and people.
CouchSurfing Experience: I've never done this before.
Philosophy: Life without humor is a joke waiting to happen. I want to leave the Earth a better than when I arrived.
Music, Movies, Books. Love science fiction, its my favorite guilty pleasure in literature (I read almost any type of book except romance and horror). Last movie seen- Waitress. Listen to jazz A LOT!! I do love all sorts of music except for Rap.
I enjoy people with an open mind and similar interests. Meeting new people is a joy. Traveled to Switzerland the summer of 1970 to participate in the first International Festival of Youth Orchestras. It was terrific traveling around the country giving concerts and then meeting in St. Moritz for two weeks meeting other people from all over the world and participating a big festival concert with kids from all the orchestras.



Rianne Bouwman (35) Amsterdam

Occupation mental health care professional
Education university grew up in near Amersfoort

Languages DutchExpert EnglishExpert FrenchIntermediate !:

Couch info: My couch is comfortable to sit upon, but too small for sleeping purposes. I don't have a spare bedroom but I can put a mattress in my living room. I live in Amsterdam Oud-West, a part of town built around 1910, in a quiet street in a lively neighbourhood. Third floor, no pets. If you need to smoke, you can use the balcony. Close to tram stops, 5 min walk from Vondelpark, 15 min walk from the Leidseplein. I like my guests to be independant and make their own plans, but enjoy sharing a meal as well. Friends (3)
Luna Zegers 32, Amsterdam,
Svein Søliland 69, Male Bergen, Norway
Wilson Soh 31, Male Kirkcaldy, Scotland United Kingdom

Personal Description Going back to university three years ago took a lot of my time and money, so I haven't traveled much recently, I only took tent and car through nearby Europe - great, by the way. Especially for city trips though, couch

surfing sounds like a nice alternative. I like having guests who are independant and make their own plans.

How I Participate in CS2 As a host and a guest. CouchSurfing Experience Hosted and surfed. Interests Friends, friends' kids, family, movies, books, cooking, traveling, hiking, camping, writing, painting, theater, music, more books, more movies. Indian and Ethiopian food, reading while eating and v.v., and hosting guests. Visiting musea for modern arts. Types of People I enjoy Kind people. One Amazing Thing I've Seen or Done Dangling my feet over a 400 meter cliff in spite of my fear of heights (Angels Landing, Zion NP, USA).

TRAVELED: Andorra, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Hungary, Indonesia, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Malta, Monaco, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Singapore, Slovakia, Spain, Switzerland, Thailand, United Kingdom, United States

From Elvir Kovacevic Niagara Falls, Canada
From Manuel Pusch Munich, Germany
From Magdalena Górnicka Warsaw, Poland
From Svein Søliland Bergen, Norway
From Luna Zegers Amsterdam, Netherlands
From Wilson Soh Kirkcaldy, United Kingdom

References (see profil) Rianne Bouwman left others
For Elvir Kovacevic Niagara Falls, Canada
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For Svein Søliland Bergen, Norway
For Wilson Soh Kirkcaldy, United Kingdom
For Nicole van Gemert Utrecht, Netherlands



Joane Prins Rianne's travell friend

Edvardo Garcia (30) - Caracas Venezuela
with friends Macarena (30) and Joaquin Carbonell (30)
- Sevilla Spain



CS member since July 15th, 2007 age 30 Languages SpanishExpert English (United States)Expert Italian (Italy)Intermediate No couch currently available for surfing. Personal Description: Two guys living in sevilla. Working and studying at the same time. Enjoy meeting new people everywhere. Looking for accomodation in september to norway. We like movies a loooooott (addicted), music, learning languages and cultures. Also knowledge of plants and

animals. Enjoy the marvelous city of Sevilla and its culture. We live in a town called Santiponce-Italica (10 min by bus from the city centre) where the roman emperor "Adriano" was born, with a incredible and fascinating roman ruins next to our house (5 min walking) and nearly coast (atlantic and Mediterranean sea) in 45 min. Summer in Sevilla is very hot, so, be ready for the hot weather. Sevilla is the city of FLAMENCO DANCERS AND SIGNERS, with a lot of art, history and particular culture going to the tower of "La giralda", the walled city by the romans and its magnificent river "Guadalquivir". Experience the variety culinary options, from the popular highland ham "Pata negra" to the exquisite Paella Interests sharing ideas of travelling, languages knowledge, FILMS WE ARE FILM BUFF Philosophy Life is a journey so we should enjoy this trips, so we are very openminded people and honest, which is very difficult to find nowadays. Music, Movies, Books European films, We spend lot of time watching movies depending of the director. Types of People I enjoy Very friendly, open for laughs and meet different cultures from any race and age.

COUCHSURFING IS A WAY TO LOOK FOR A FREE PLACE BUT THE MOST IMPORTANT THING FOR US IS THAT WE MEET PEOPLE FROM EVERYWHERE, SO WE WOULD LIKE TO MEET PEOPLE WHO ARE OPEN FOR THAT TOO.- One of us has moved from venezuela to spain and still living for 4 years.... Opinion on the CouchSurfing.com Project It's amazing for us to discover this webpage where people are open to share nice moments and have fun Locations Traveled TRAVELED: Germany, Italy, Netherlands, Portugal, Venezuela LIVED: Venezuela IS GOING TO: Norway, Switzerland

Wendy Espinal age 25 Dominican Republic



Current Mission: "Hunt sunsets and share breath-taking laughs"
Personal Designations
1 Dominican Republic
Distrito Nacional
Santo Domingo

Occupation Theater and film artist/producer/freak ;) education Communications, advertisement and dramatic art grew up in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic ethnicity Latinamerican Languages SpanishExpert EnglishExpert FrenchBeginner ItalianBeginner

I'm living in Madrid now, but I'd be glad to help with info about DR... :0) My passion? Traveling (kinda' predictable, uh?) and the arts. I just try to enjoy life with fun and humor. Love living as a citizen of the world, sharing my culture with people and learning from theirs. I'm eager to explore the world!!! And I'd love to help you find out that the Dominican Republic is a lot more than beautiful beaches! (with those included of course!! hehe) Interests Music, theater, films, photography, dance, graphic design, illustration, drawing, documentaries... La playitaaa (the beach), concerts, laughing till by abs hurt, creating, dancing, foood, humor, adventure sports, sharing stories, getting lost, nature, yoga, environmental concern, doggies, nutella, pesto sauce, lemonade, fried plattains, olive oil, sushi rolls and lots of others great things that make this life just wonderful ;) Philosophy - the essential is invisible to the eyes - take a walk on the wild side - whatever you wanna do, do it now... timing is the answer to success - want a better world? start the change yourself Music, Movies, Books uuuffff!!! very diverse: Funk, Rock, Folk, Soul, Jazz, World Music, Reggae, Disco, Ska, Acoustic, Merengue, Salsa, Tango, Flamenco, Bossa Nova, Samba, Electropop, House, Tribal, Trova, Cantautor, Classic & Indie Rock, HipHop, R&B, Rockabilly, Gospel... Before Sunrise, The Edukators, 21 Grams, Manhattan, Annie Hall, Clockwork Orange, Kill Bill, Shreck, Garden State, In the Name of the Father, Tesis, Carne Trémula, Amelie, Raging Bull, The Departed, Six Sense, Mujeres al borde de un ataque de nervios, Moulin Rouge, Snatch, Noviembre, The others, The Life of the Others... "Le Petit Prince" by Antoine de Saint-Exupéry, "A brief history of everything" by Ken Wilber, "The art of loving" by Eric Fromm Types of People I enjoy I think you can learn something from anyone... althouuuugh ;) I tend to feel more connected to curious,

unconventional, creative, funny, passionate, sensitive, crazy, adventurous, genuine, straight forward, proactive, free and full of energy souls. Opinion on the CouchSurfing.com Project Interesting people sharing unforgettable moments at gorgeous places all over the world... what else can I ask for? TRAVELED: Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Monaco, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United States LIVED: Dominican Republic, Spain, United States WANTS TO GO: Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Mohola Svein and Mary!! Cómo están? 29th August 2007

I'm Wendy Espinal, from República Dominicana. Now I'm living in Madrid, doing a masters degree on cultural projects. Right now I'm in Oslo, visiting some friends... I have the fortune to have met very interesting and friendly Norwegians in different places years ago, and I finally had the chance to come and see their land...

I want to go to Bergen next saturday or sunday, and I would love to meet you both for a walk or coffee... are you available those days? you seem very interesting people to me :) and I didn't find get to see any references on you having latinamerican visitors... so I'd love to share some of my culture with you. I still don't have exact plans for Bergen I was trying to find accomodation in Voss or Flaan but it seems impossible (\$\$\$:-/) so I'm thinking on getting directly to Bergen and go there and return the same day... I think I will be staying until tuesday with a friend of my friends also, if you have some good tips or suggestions on Bergen, I'd really appreciate them! and as well info about how's the weather now :) Thanks in advance for your help!! Well, I'll wait for your reply :) Un abrazo y mil gracias, Wendy

Hallo Svein and Mary! It seems that you didn't get the link I sent to my profile before... sorry for that! I am getting to Bergen now, decided to try best luck on the weather to go to Flam on tuesday, on the way back to Oslo... I will give you a call soon Please let me know if you are still available forhosting me :) takk! Wendy

On 2 Sept /07, Wendy Patricia Espinal <wendyespinal@gmail.com> Hello Svein and Mary!! Thanks for your reply! Sorry I couldn't answer before... my friends took me to a cabain nearby Oslo, so had no internet connection for a few days, but it was a very beautiful stay :) Thanks a lot for offering your hospitality as well.. I'm getting to Bergen tomorrow... leaving on the 6,30 am train from Oslo... I wanted to go stop in Myrdal to go to Flam, but it seems the weather is not going to be so nice :(How's the weather there? would you recommend me to go to Flam tomorrow afternoon? anyways, because of that, I don't know if I'll be getting to Bergen early enough to be able to meet you and stay at your place tomorrow night... I think I can let you know around 4pm would that be ok? here's my mobile in case you want to send an sms: +34 628 880 401 But for sure on Monday night it would be really nice to stay with you :) well, I'll contact you as soon as possible with any news so, see you soon! un abrazo, Wendy



Isabella Streckhardt (21)
Karlsruhe, Baden-Württemberg, D ...
member since April 24th, 2006

Current Mission:
"to enjoy the summer"

Occupation
Furniture carpenter

Languages GermanExpert EnglishIntermediate Groups I Belong To Cheap Travel Why: looking for cheap and easy ways of travelling Couch Available: Maybe I live about 10 minutes out of town and share my flat with three guys, so i hope you don't mind that our place might get a little bit messy sometimes... We all work weekdays but there is usually someone at home in the evening so you won't be alone ;) There might be one spare room, but you would probably have to stay in my room. my couch is not very comfy, but if you want you can try to sleep on it (nobody has ever made it for an entire night on that couch). there is plenty of room on the floor and we have pretty good bedrolls. There is no smoking in my room, as i am a non smoker but you are allowed to smoke in the kitchen. At weekdays i usually go to bed around 11pm so you shouldn't get back to my house in the middle of the night if i have to work on the next day. at the weekends i am off work and i might have time to show you around a little or to take you out. Contact Method: Isabella-S@gmx.de Friends (2) Map of friends

Sophie Burger 21, Several people Frankfurt, Hessen Germany Friends since April 2001 "we grew up in the same city and met one day - since then, 6 years ago, we have become friends"Friendship Type: 6 - Close Friend

Svein Søliland 69, Male Bergen, Norway Friends since August 2007 "By couchsurfing" Friendship Type: 3 - CouchSurfing Friend

Personal Description"all about me" this section is called.. wooo, i find it pretty hard to describe myself but i will try to. At the moment i am doing an apprenticeship to be a furniture carpenter. i really like it, i enjoy working with wood and having the possibility to do something practical rather than "just" going to university. I share my house with 3 guys, they are friendly and open minded and we get on pretty well. Weekdays i'm usually at home in the evenings, because i have to leave for work at 7am but at the weekends i enjoy going out as well as just staying at home to watch a video or hang out with my friends, depending on the mood i am in. I am easy to get enthusiastic about things and love to see new places and get to know new people. Types of People I enjoy All kind of open-minded people TRAVELED: France, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Portugal, Turkey, United Kingdom LIVED: Ireland WANTS TO GO: New Zealand IS GOING TO: Norway

References

From **Svein Søliland** Bergen, Norway Sep 28 Extremely Positive You impressed with aducation to be a furnish carpenter, We really want to have you back for visit again...

From Alicia Ryberg Oslo, Norway Aug 5 Extremely Positive Isabella and Martina are two though girls (but at the same time very sweet and charming!) - who hitch-hiked around Norway and almost on coincidence ended up couchsurfing at my place. What a lucky coincidence! They were part of the first "CS festival" I've had in my house. Thanks for sharing your personal experiences and giving me so many useful tips on hitch-hiking!

References Isabella Streckhardt left others

For **Svein Søliland** Bergen, Norway Oct 1 Extremely Positive It would be wrong to call mary and svein "the best hosts" we had. they did not make us feel like their guests, they let us be part of their life and treated us like being members of their family. they put so much effort in showing us a good time in bergen and made it possible to realize our plans and dreams. THANK YOU for the great time we spent together and you overwhelming trust and interest. we really want to come over and visit you again! matina and isabella.

For Alicia Ryberg Oslo, Norway Aug 21 Extremely Positive alicia really helped me and my friend out when we got stuck in oslo without having a host. she made us feel so welcome even though we rang her only a couple of hours before we arrived and she was already hosting four other sufers. when we finally got to her house she had cooked a fantastic dinner with the other couchsurfers (after having eaten only bread and couscous for 10 days in a row that was just what we needed!). thank you, alicia, we are so lucky we met you! you are great! and say hello from germany to your landlord ;)

For **Nancy Finley** Ormond Beach, United States Aug 21 Positive We met her and her cute daughter amber in bergen, were we both spent a couple of days at svein's house. seems like they are having an amazing trip but traveling with a little girl for a couple of weeks in a row doesn't seem to be as easy as most people would think.. so you should definitely help them out when they come to your town and show them a good time! They both are really lovely people who you should get to know!

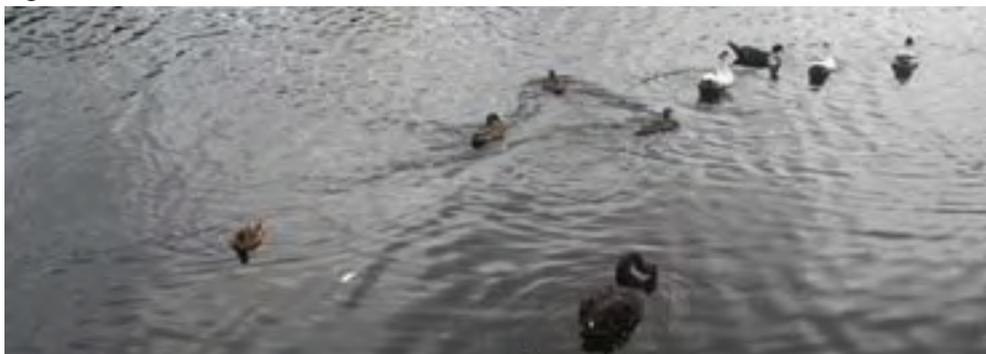
For Alice Bogner Vienna, Austria Aug 21 Positive I met alicia and her friend as we had the same host in oslo. unfortunately didn't get to talk to them very much as we were all busy making plans for our time in oslo .

For Sophie Burger Frankfurt, Germany Jul 29 Extremely Positive I'm glad to know her. she is such an easy going and open minded person and i enjoy spending time with her.

For Emil Andreassen Sandefjord, Norway Jul 27 Extremely Positive Emil was a great host! he gave us an excellent start for our trip and we enjoyed to stay with him and learn a little bit norwegian with him and his telly ;)



Breakfast on Prestholmen in Mary and Svein's home. On picture from left: Lovis, Amber with mother Nancy Finley, me (Isabella Streckhardt) my traveller my friend Matina and Maite



Svein's four Moskus Ducks swimming with wild ducks and a black Schwane in Sælenvannet Bergen Norway



Vicky Lepine (26)
Canada Quebec

Current Mission: "discuss of my passion of travelling and give tips to travel in my city"

member since June 17th, 2007
occupation work and travel
education human resources
university diploma
grew up in québec city

Languages FrenchExpert English (Canada)Intermediate
Groups I Belong To Copenhagen Why: im visiting copenhagen
Couch Available: Definitely! Max Surfers Per Night: 1
I have a air mattress for two persons. I have a cat.

Map of friends Svein Søliland 69, Male Bergen, Norway
Friends since September 2007 "Good"
Friendship Type: 3 - CouchSurfing Friend

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Personal Description Dynamic, friendly, determined and positive person. I love to talk and have nice and constructive discussions with my friends. I'm busy and outgoing person so if you come I will have more time during the week end.
How I Participate in CS2 I have two places and I will be happy to give you a few tips to visit québec city and the surrounding areas. I will have no place in september, because a travel around Norway but I will be happy tho open my door in october. CouchSurfing Experience I use this site for my first time in Norway, And my first experience in Bergen was a real succes. I met I really nice couple. Interests movies, reading, work, sports Philosophy: live life to the full Types of People I enjoy Friendly, curious, and positive Teach, Learn, Share travel

tips Opinion on the CouchSurfing.com Project: Very cool, I just joined this web site but it's amazing...

TRAVELED: Austria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Canada, Croatia, Cuba, Czech Republic, Dominican Republic, France, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Montenegro, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Switzerland, United Kingdom, United States

References Vicky Lepine left others
For **Svein Søliland** Bergen, Norway Sep 9 Positive Very good couple, with a lot of thing to say and many thing to discuss



*Ready to leave Bergen with Ferry to Denmark
Tommy Rajotte - Svein and Vicky*



Ursula Bullock (26)
New Zealand Auckland

Current Mission:
"To enjoy life, experience culture and explore different countries"

Last login 7 days ago
Zakopane, Malopolskie, Poland ...
member since August 20th, 2007

- NEW ZEALAND

Occupation
Occupational Therapist
grew up in Auckland New Zealand

Languages English (New Zealand)Expert

Personal Description: I have been working in a rehab centre with children who have had head injuries. I am now spending the next 4 months travelling around Europe.
Interests Sailing, scuba diving, outdoor activities, Ceroc and Salsa Dancing, travelling the world.

Types of People I enjoy Meeting different people and hearing about where they have travelled too. One Amazing Thing I've Seen or Done Visited Southern Africa

TRAVELED: Australia, Botswana, China, Denmark, France, Germany, Ireland, Namibia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Thailand, United Kingdom LIVED: Sweden WANTS TO GO: Norway IS GOING TO: Russia

References From Svein Søliland Bergen, Norway Sep 2
Positive Ursula will arrive to Mary and Svein Bergen, Norway for host from saturday 1th of September til tuesday morning

Hi 17.09.2007 I have survived Russia and it was amazing.. loved every moment of it. just arrived in Tallinn and i am buggered... just wanted to say thanks for having me.. enjoyed my time in norway email soon ursula

Hi Svein and Mary, 20.08.2007 My name is Ursula and i am from New Zealand. I am currently travelling around Europe for 6 months and i am looking at coming to Norway. I plan to be in Bergen on the 1st of September until the 3rd of Septemeber and was wondering whether you had a couch available during this time. I am currently staying in Göteborg Sweden with friends. I lived in Sweden in 2000 as a exchange student, however now I am visiting friends and i am keen to see the beautiful scenery Norway has to offer. Many Thanks Ursula



From **Julius Schellmann** Berlin, Oct 2 Extremely Positive Stayed with Svein and Mary two weeks ago for two nights. Very warm and generous couple with a lovely island and a great pool :) Tack ska ni ha !

From **Isabella Streckhardt** Karlsruhe, Germany Oct 1 Extremely Positive it would be wrong to call mary and svein "the best hosts" we had. they did not make us feel like their guests, they let us be part of their life and treated us like being members of their family. they put so much effort in showing us a good time in bergen and made it possible to realize our plans and dreams. THANK YOU for the great time we spent together and your overwhelming trust and interest. we really want to come over and visit you again! matina and isabella.

From **Joaquin Carbonell** Sevilla, Spain Sep 29 Extremely Positive Thanks for the incredible days we were with you. We could know more about norway staying with Mary and Svein. Kindness and Knowledge are the best way to describe them.

From **KATERINA ASIM** Athens, Greece Sep 25 Extremely Positive Svein was a wonderful host. Svein and Mary were very kind and friendly. Amazing couple. It was a pleasure to be with them. I will never forget them.

From **Terri Sandys** Shoreline, United States Sep 23 Positive Svein was a very good host. Mom and I loved staying with him and his wife Mary. He gave us a view of Bergen we won't soon forget. When I wrote to him I played the Violin, he went out and got an instrument so I could play for Mary and him. It was a lovely evening playing and singing for Svein and his wife.

From **Adam Walton** New York, United States Sep 14 Extremely Positive Stayed on Prestholmen for two nights with Svein and Mary. Arrived on my birthday with a birthday cake awaiting me. That was just a symbol for the hospitality and conversations to come. Thank you, Svein.

From **MAGGIE HERNANDEZ** Valencia, Spain Sep 12 Extremely Positive Very good experience -I stayed with Svein and Mary for a few days, Svein is a great host, friendly and helpful, thanks Svein for your support, help and kindness, you are the best of your peaceful island.

From **Maxwell Key** Oakland, United States Sep 12 Extremely Positive Great host and fed us wonderful Norwegian food.

From **Vicky Lepine** Quebec, Canada Sep 9 Positive
Very good couple, with a lot of thing to say and many thing to discuss

From **Wendy** (GAIA08) Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic Sep 3 Extremely Positive Being hosted by Svein and Mary has been a very special experience on CS. They have touched my heart in a beautiful way and I can only wish to grow and achieve the great wisdom and love they have in their lives...

and, of course, to find the way to spread all that to many others as they are doing now :) Thanks for having me at your house and sharing all this with me in your beautiful town!!!

From **Viola Sipos** Tirgu Mures, Romania Sep 3 Extremely Positive Although we were not expected guests on their island, Svein and Mary have treated us as we were part of their family. We really felt there like we got to the paradise by mistake :) Svein, thanks for your generosity and for she'aring your wisdom! :-)

From **Rita Lass** Halle, Germany Aug 31 Positive we stayed 3 nights in his very nice german caravan. svein helped us a lot and it was nice to hear about his view on couchsurfing. a very good first contact. it was also nice to meet other couchsurfers in his home. thank you very much for your help and support.

From **Rianne Bouwman** Amsterdam, Netherlands Aug 30 Extremely Positive Looking back to my stay with Svein and Mary with great pleasure, and looking forward to seeing them again.

From **Eva Kovacs** Tirgu Mures, Romania Aug 30 Extremely Positive Me and my friends spent 3 days with Svein and Mary in their island. We enjoyed every minute, and we really felt like home there. Thank you again for showing us around and everything!

From **Kate Jenkinson** Melbourne, Australia Aug 29 Extremely Positive Sven and Mary were amazing hosts! They provided not only a bed, transport and food; but an amazing friendliness. After travelling for 6 months it was just like being at home. I look forward to returning later in September to share Sven's "Norwegian Way"! The sour cream pudding is fantastic and if you clean his kitchen he wont let you go!

From **Dalma Janosi** Bucharest, Romania Aug 29 Extremely Positive I'm thankful for the time we could spend at yours and Mary's house! You really know how to make people happy!

From **Camilla M. Jørgensen** Aarhus, Denmark Aug 28 Extremely Positive It was a very nice experience to meet Svein and Mary. We actually only came there to visit them at the island and share a cup of coffee, but ended up staying for a couple of days! In many ways it felt like visiting family. And what a calm and silent place - and once in a while loud and funny with russian dancers all over the place:-)

From **Astrid Monrad** Copenhagen, Denmark Aug 27 Extremely Positive Svein has a mission in life: To be the most generous and pleasant host. With Svein and Mary on their island, it feels like being in an oasis - beautiful and totally relaxing

From **Denis Kovalchuk** Saint Petersburg, Russia Aug 27 Extremely Positive Dear Svein and Mary! You are inconceivable and unbelievable people! You serve as the fine example to me. Now I know what I wish to be when I'll become an old fellow. => Thank you for your hospitality!

From **Michael Grandal** Oslo, Norway Aug 26 Extremely Positive Stayed together with Astrid at Svein and Marys place. If the world saw more generous and unselfish people like Svein the world would be a better place.

From **Isabelle Scholl** Freiburg im Breisgau, Germany Aug 24 Extremely Positive Svein & Mary are great hosts and their hospitality is amazing! Not only that we could stay in their caravan, got breakfast, but Svein also trusted us and gave us his car for an excursion. But the most important: I really enjoyed the conversations with Svein and I hope to meet him again in the future!

From **Nathalie Agen**, Agen, France Aug 22 Extremely Positive An incredible man in an incredible place. I've called Svein's island the Noah's Ark first because he save me and my son from the flood (the rain in Bergen is not a legend!). But also because in two days you can meet Tim the dog, the 4 ducks, 2 russians, 2 americans, 1 australian, 2 frenchs, 1 austrian and 1 luxembourgeois. Really amazing, as the way Svein and Mary transports you, talk to you, cook for you and with you... A great life and kindness lesson.

From **Adrian Briscoe** Brooklyn, United States Aug 17 Extremely Positive Svein is the godfather of couchsurfing. He is an entirely wonderful host. The quitesence of kindness. I loved staying with Svein and Mary. An experience that I will never forget. Ah, all the Russian songs and talk... Thank you Svein for everything. It meant a lot to me.

From **Katharina Kellig** Szekszard, Hungary Aug 11 Extremely Positive svein and mary were incredible hosts! i had an own room with internet, we were surrounded by the sea and we had a great time while visiting bergen and the museums! I will never forget that trip! thanks once more!:-)

From **Sandrine Faure** Paris, France Aug 10 Extremely Positive I spent two amazing days with svein and mary. We talked a lot, saw bergen...I enjoyed his wonderful island, picked blueberries ! great great experience

From **Fang Xuhua** Shanghai, China Aug 10 Positive It was a very happy visit with Svein and Mary. They know the real life and enjoy everyday. They host us for three day in Bergen and gave us a good guide to see Bergen. We want to meet them again .

From **Nancy Finley** Ormond Beach, United States Aug 9 Extremely Positive It was a great experience. They were wonderful people. They went above and beyond to make our trip perfect. I should have listened and stayed longer...

From **Dorota Idziak** Krakow, Poland Aug 6 Extremely Positive If you want to see the soul of Bergen, if you want to believe in people just visit Svein, take the things as they come with smile on your face, and let your dreams about Norway come true...

From **Dave Bick** Carlyle, United States Aug 5 Extremely Positive Svein and Mary or great. Svein is a great host and was helpful in so many ways. I also really enjoyed talking to Svein and learning about his thoughts on life in general. Svein is a very wise man and I will always cherish my time on his Island and more importantly my time with him and Mary.

From **Julia Wetzel** Würzburg, Germany Aug 1 Extremely Positive a so very friendly guy and also

interesting personality. we had our own room, kitchen, bathroom and livingroom was also free to use for us. we enjoyed our time here very very much! especially beeing waked up with fresh coffee :-)) we wish you all the best! julia and matti

From **Alev Kuruoğlu** Ankara, Turkey Jul 25 Extremely Positive I could not have hoped for a better experience in Bergen - Mary and Svein are two of the sweetest and kindest people I have ever met, and I had the privelege of meeting a good part of their wonderful family. I hope to come back and visit them some day soon. They really know what life is about!

From **Jack Buchanan** Nanaimo, Canada Jun 26 Extremely Positive Svein and Mary live in their home and "place". The hospitality and enthusiasm about Bergen and Norway was exceptional. Continous enjoyable conversation. Svein is a very interesting person. Simply people who enjoy life and want to share with others.

From **Stefan Kissmann** Bergen, Norway Jun 15 Extremely Positive It was an incredible help to make my way here in Norway, so I am really glad I have Svein and Mary. Thank you again.

From **AZENHA** Porto, Portugal Jun 14 Positive Svein was a generous, talkative, interesting host at his beautiful island. It was surely a pleasant way to get a taste of insider's Norway.

From **Lucien Blee** Beloit, United States May 31 Extremely Positive Its not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country. Thanks again for everything!

From **Valdis Takeris** Riga, Latvia May 16 Extremely Positive He gave us possibility to see how Norwegians live, to talk about many interesting things. He was against us like we had been his relatives who came to him after some years. Thanks to Svein, that our trip to Bergen was the best trip me and my girl friend have ever had.

From **Christine Vallieres** Pointe-Calumet, Canada May 8 Extremely Positive Svein and Mary are so generous!! We have a good time with them. They help us a lot, didn't hesitate to show us Bergen. We had good conversation too! Really good host! And cook well ;)Thank you again!

From **WELLS** Madrid, Spain Apr 15 Extremely Positive Svein and his wife gave us a very special day in Bergen. Kind, active... To have a conversation with him is a really great experience.

From **Tina Schübler** Trondheim, Norway Apr 14 Extremely Positive Mary and Svein are incredible hosts, they cooked for us, they spoiled us with chocolate, showed us Bergen, they created a home for us, a place to live... There are not enough words to describe their generosity, kindness and heartiness. Thanks a lot!!!

Paul Snyder Sorel-Tracy, Canada Oct 17, 2006 Extremely Positive It would be impossible for Svein and Mary to be better hosts than they were while we visited Bergen.

From **Mala Somersun** Hastings, New Zealand Sep 15, 2006 Positive Svein is a very helpful host, generous and knowledgeable. Great tour guide. Make sure you paddle at sunset, watch some excellent music DVDs, swap philosophies with Svein, forget the couch, surf the massage chair!