



Newsletter

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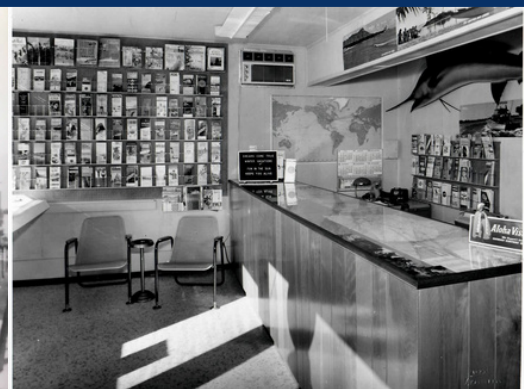
Celebrating 65 Years in Business!



Staff photo late '70s



32 2nd St West Office



159 North Main St Office

In October we took a trip down Memory Lane...

October 2025 marked our 65th anniversary! Gene & Dorothy McGlenn founded Flathead Travel Service on October 25th 1960 at it's first Kalispell location in the old Elk's building. Gene's dad, Archie managed the business from 1962-65. Dorothy entered the agency full-time in January of 1969 and served for 20 years. Their daughter Micki Nonemacher joined the staff in 1971 and helped open the Whitefish branch office in 1973. Another daughter, Darcy Lard became active in the business in 1983. The Missoula office was established in 2007. In 1988, the Kalispell office moved to our current location at 500 Main Street. In 1960, FTS began with West Coast Airlines who boarded 2,279 passengers. Thus far in 2025, we've booked over 6,800 flights on over 80 different airlines. We are proud to have served our community through all the changes of six and a half decades in the travel industry and look forward to many more.



Need Delta Medallion Miles STAT!?
Earn towards keeping your status
or reaching the next tier before
the end of the year with a
Delta Vacations package.
Terms apply.

Whitefish Office is Closing

After 52 years of housing our Whitefish office,
the building at 221 Baker Avenue has been sold.

The office closing is set for December 15th.
We are excited for travel advisors **Sabrina Larson**
and **Ned Dunn** to be joining the Kalispell team.

**We highly recommend using Travel Insured
for all your travel insurance needs**

**NOTE: This newsletter is interactive!
All underlined text is hyperlinked.**



Needing to renew your Passport? Online renewal may be an option!

You can renew online if you meet all these requirements:

- The passport you are renewing is (or was) valid for 10 years. It must be expiring within 1 year or have expired less than 5 years ago. Check your passport's date of issue and expiration.
- You are age 25 or older.
- You are not changing your personal information such as your name or sex.
- You are not traveling for at least 6 weeks from the date you will submit your application. We will only offer routine service.
- You have a mailing address in a U.S. state or territory. You cannot renew online using an Army, Fleet, or Diplomatic Post Office address.
- You have your passport with you, it is not damaged or mutilated, and you have not reported it as lost or stolen

For more information visit: [Are You Eligible to Renew Your Passport Online?](#) or [Travel.state.gov U.S. Passports](#).

Note: Online renewal does not offer expedited service.



Traveling to Europe soon? Have you heard about the new **EU Entry/Exit System?** What about **Pre-travel Authorization?**

EES - EU Entry/Exit System has begun. This is a biometric border control system that replaces passport stamping at the borders of the Schengen Area (27 European countries). This is a digital tracking system that logs your arrival/departure and how long you stay. Your face and fingerprints will be collected at your first EES entry point.

ETIAS – estimated to begin Q4 of 2026. This is a pre-travel authorization system for Europe. Travelers will need to apply and obtain ETIA in advance of travel. There is a small fee and is valid for 3 years. Travelers will apply for ETIA through one of the official websites.

Glacier Park International Airport 2026 Runway Rehabilitation

From July 6th – July 31st GPIA will close at 6:00 PM on Mondays and reopen at 10:00 AM on Fridays for scheduled runway repavement.
Book accordingly!

Successful Partner Event

On November 3rd, we welcomed our preferred partners AmaWaterways, Crystal Cruises and Rocky Mountaineer Railways for a special evening of inspiration and networking hosted by the Hampton Inn and catered by Bonelli's Bistro. AmaWaterways is offering a discount of \$100 per person through 11/26. Crystal is offering \$125 per person on-board credit if booked by 11/26. Rocky Mountaineer is offering \$75 per person discount and \$50 per person discount for the Canyon Spirit. Mention these promos when you call to take advantage of these incentives.

MEET THE ADVISOR SPOTLIGHT

Our top-notch travel advisors are the heart and soul of Flathead Travel, therefore we are genuinely delighted to introduce our dear

Gina Twichel

With 38 years of experience in the travel industry, Gina joined our FTS team 30 fabulous years ago. She has helped countless travelers turn their vacation dreams into reality. From family holidays to luxury getaways, she handles every detail with care and expertise.



Her certifications include ALG Vacations, Tahiti, Hawaii and Marriott. Her favorite places to visit are Chicago (Go Cubs!), Tahiti, Mexico, Hawaiian Islands and Belize.

Gina is currently booking for clients traveling to Alaska, Iceland, and the Caribbean.

She recently returned from Maui ([blog link](#))

Her bucket list trips are a Mediterranean Cruise and Ireland.

Best travel tip: Always be kind and patient and know that travel is not a perfect science, there may be bumps along the way.

Favorite Travel Memory: Swimming with the sea turtles in Belize and feeding elephants in Thailand.

Fun Fact: I could do the Olga Korbut arch on the balance beam when I was in the 5th grade.

Favorite Travel Quote: "Traveling – it leaves you speechless, then turns you into a storyteller." – Ibn Battuta

Other Hobbies or Interests: Gardening and cooking
Contact **Gina Twichel** to plan your next journey!

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