



**SEE YOU THERE**

May **2022**

My work of art :)



### I just returned to the very popular Napa Valley to visit an understated GEM in Saint Helena!

I visited this property back in 2017 but since then it was taken over by new management and I was blown away by the service, food and general feeling from the moment I arrived through to my departure. My room was immaculate, spacious and had the gorgeous vineyard views and a stunning fireplace on my balcony that was like a dream. I loved the La Bottega bath amenities that were stored in a very unique material: aluminum. One of the most abundant mineral materials on earth, aluminum is versatile, light-weight and can be recycled repeatedly with no limitations. The aluminum collections, are 98% plastic-free, for a new and more sustainable guest experience. It is the little things, right? Not so little after all. Some of the amazing things to do while visiting is walking across (yes, walk about 1 minute from your room) to a wine estate next door for wine tastings in a beautiful setting. Some other fun activities to do at the hotel include things like enjoying their beautiful spa, swimming pool and something I thoroughly enjoyed, painting in their gardens. So much fun! Not exactly quitting travel to become an artist BUT it was a lovely and memorable activity. Food and beverages were fantastic and although Napa valley is not known for being exactly budget friendly, the value for money all around here was some of the best I've seen. I can't wait to spoil more clients with this fabulous hotel!



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## BULA!!!

BULA! If you ever visit Fiji, you'll hear that a lot. It's more than just a greeting, it's the spirit of the country. With 333 islands, white sand beaches and year-round tropical warmth, it is hard not to feel happy in this Pacific Island nation.

I was fortunate enough to be invited to an exclusive Fiji event in Menlo Park that showed us the true Bula spirit. They had mixologists from a gorgeous Fiji resort, fijian dancers, art and entertainment. It was a really great event celebrating all things Fiji.



If you're looking for a romantic getaway, an adventure-packed escape, or you just want to lie on the beach and order from a menu, you'll find it in Fiji. In this new world we live in, it's nice to know there's still a place where you can find true happiness.



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## VCTA Graduate Press Release:



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### Melissa James in Menlo Park earns prestigious certification through luxury travel network VIRTUOSO®

Menlo Park, CA (03/31/2022) – Melissa James of See You There LLC, an affiliate of Valerie Wilson Travel in Menlo Park has completed the Virtuoso® Certified Travel Advisor program, an accomplishment that places her in an elite category within the travel industry. This leads to strengthened relationships with partners and increased industry clout, which translates to better travel experiences for clients. Only advisors affiliated with agencies that are members of leading global luxury travel network Virtuoso are eligible for certification through the innovative program, which sets new standards in service and professionalism.

By June 2022, the VCTA program will have produced more than 450 graduates from 157 agencies around the globe, including James. To learn more about Virtuoso and its professional travel advisors, please visit <https://www.virtuoso.com/advisor/melijame90577/travel>

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