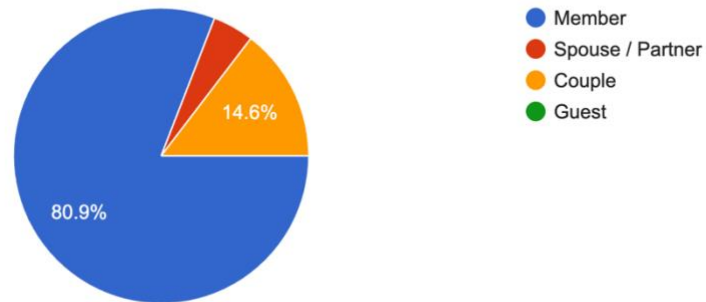


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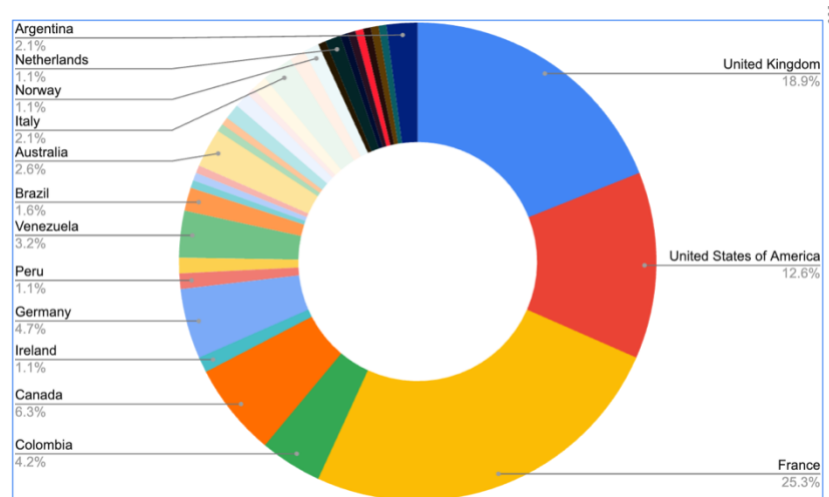
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178 responses



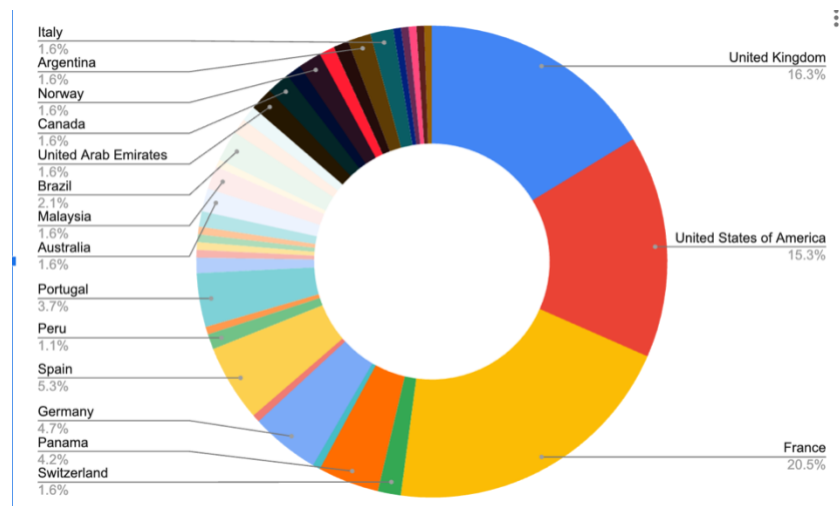
Your Nationality

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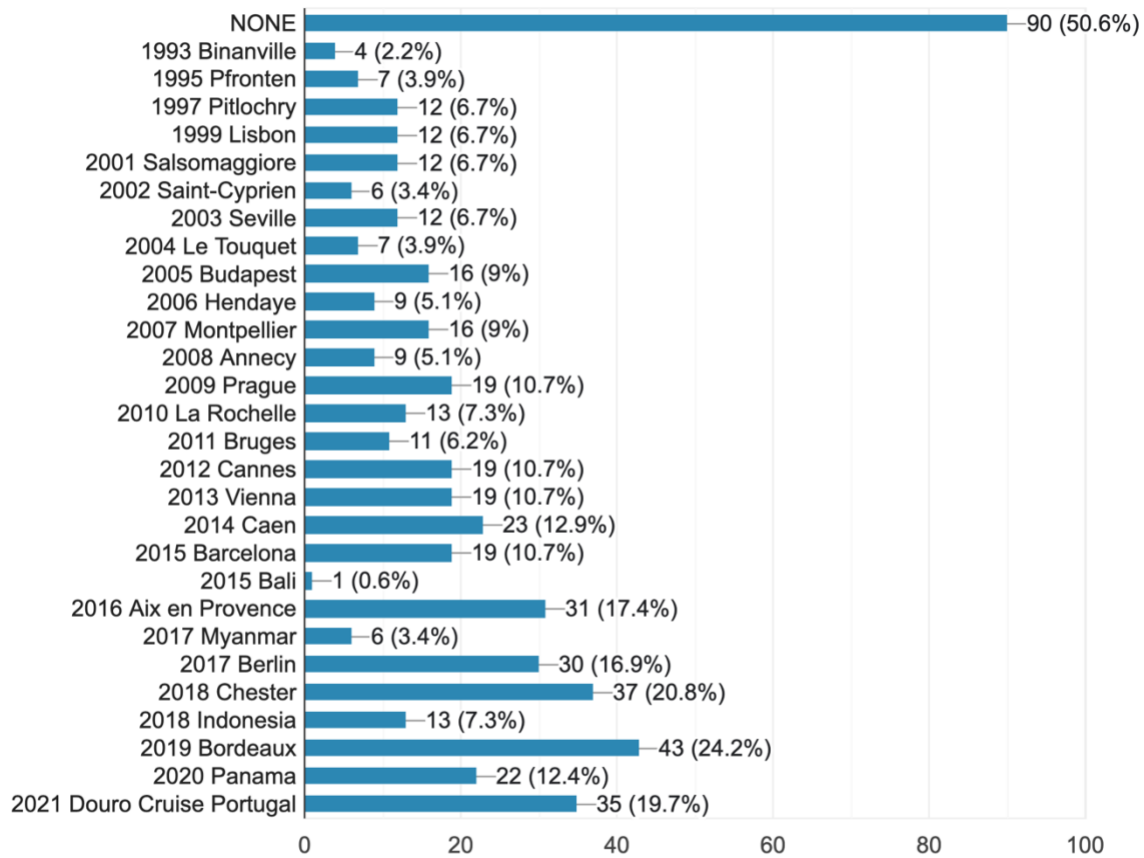
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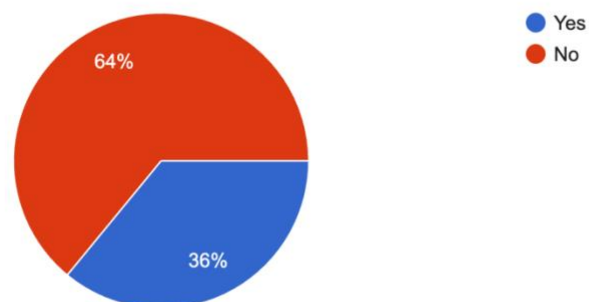
Which previous ALLIANCE Reunions did you attend?

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Did you attend the Thessaloniki Greece 2022 Reunion

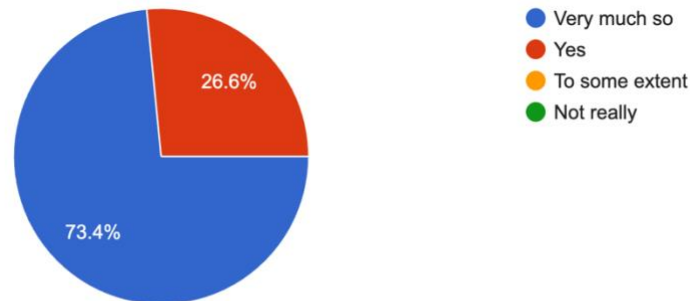
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The 2022 Thessaloniki Greece Reunion

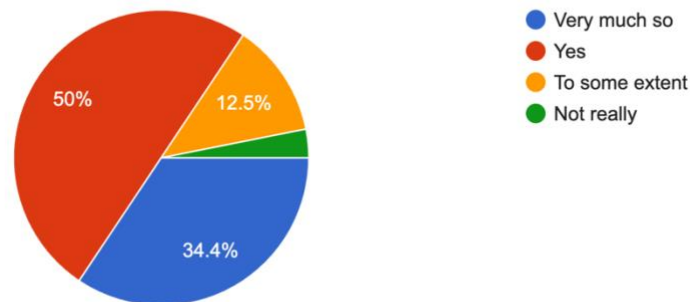
Overall, the reunion was a success

64 responses



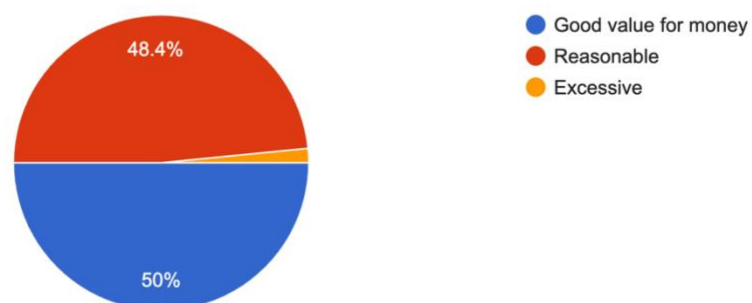
There was enough free time for chatting, strolling, drinking, hanging around

64 responses

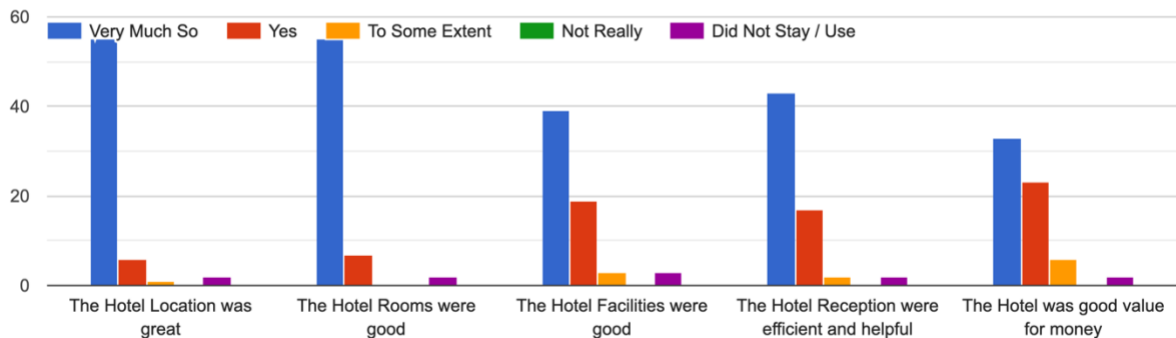


The reunion total cost per participant (excluding travel costs) was

64 responses



The Macedonia Palace Hotel was a good choice



Any comments about the hotel

27 responses

Great Hotel

Breakfast was a bit chaotic with so many people but it was even like on the weekend before the reunion

The breakfast was the best I experienced through all my overseas traveling!

Staff were very courteous, helpful and informative.

Great hotel, proximity to promenade and city

poor service in breakfast restaurant, lack of clothes hooks, desk light paper and pen in the bedroom, strange for a 5* hotel

The service to get coffee at breakfast was a bit hit & miss due to the number of people & less staff.

Staff were very helpful and one got the feeling of good service although the pre-dinner drinks service on the first evening was chaotic to say the least.

Excellent service and guest relations manager very helpful

I BOOKED TOO LATE TO GET A SCHLUMBERGER ROOM IN THE MACEDONIAN PALACE. I FOUND A ROOM IN A NEARBY HOTEL (1 KM AWAY)

Breakfast service was really bad.

Staff very friendly and helpful especially after we were tested positive for Covid. Special thanks to hotel manager Periklis Vogiatzis and his team.

They had some issues at breakfast time, but nothing really serious. It was a very pleasant place in a beautiful location. Great choice!

Excellent choice of hotel. Took a while to figure out how to order multiple coffees at breakfast in a reasonable time!

all good

Very helpful reception and doormen

Quite a nice place and a very good location

Glad we got reduced rates. The costs for anything extra were high.

Very helpful staff who responded without delay

Breakfast service on Tuesday was overwhelmed, perhaps we should warn restaurant to prepare for our schedule to have sufficient staff

Very good value. Lovely room with view, so glad we paid for the view room.

If I visit Thessaloniki again, I will definitely pick this hotel.

The parking underground does not allow the driver to park the car and take the key with him. The parking assistants pile up all the cars. If there is scratch on the car you end up in a never-ending discussion with the parking assistant. The company running the underground company is not up to the level of the Macedonia Hotel.

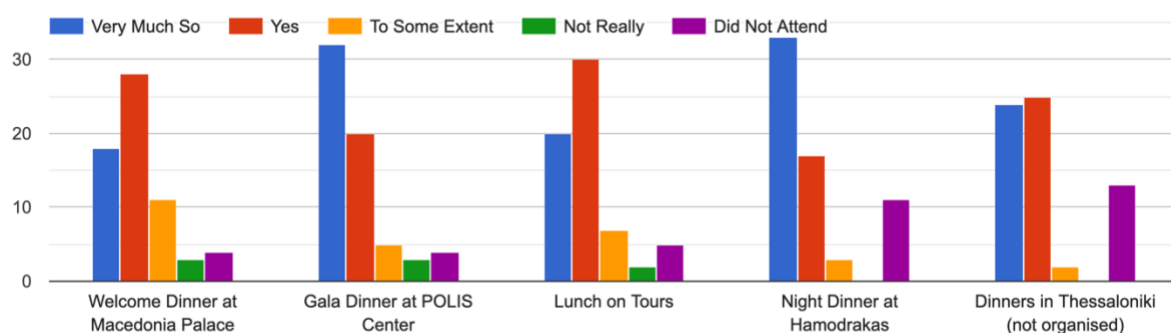
Not well organized for breakfast. Two times I couldn't get my coffee.

The services desk was useless. Breakfast food was OK but not the coffee services.

OK

All was good. the only negative, and it's minor, was the service at Breakfast. They seemed to get overwhelmed each morning as the dining room filled up. Still, the breakfasts were very good.

The meals were good and pleasant



Any comments about the meals

29 responses

For a buffet type meal, it was good. Wine was good. Great way to provide value. No issue. Would like to have seen more chicken options.

Did not like the buffet on Welcome dinner

We felt the Welcome Dinner was a little bit disorganized and cold.

lunch one in Vergina was excellent, lunch 2 in Kavala was so-so...

Regarding my rating of the welcome dinner, my spouse and I would have preferred table service rather than the buffet style.

Hotel relations manager advise on some very good restaurants

Welcome Buffet food could have been improved. Had to ask several times for wine.

Welcome dinner dessert was not good for gluten free and dairy free guests. Some fruit would have been acceptable. However several ladies helped themselves to plums out of the water tower display!

The service for breakfast was not very good especially the first day when it was absolute chaos. Probably under staffed.

No comments. Great effort by the organizers.

Lunch on Mount Athos Cruise tour was super-efficient and excellent. Gala Dinner meal a bit over-elaborate and the steak was over-done. Calm and pleasant lunch on Pella and Vergina tour.

gala diner could have been improved. It was too "classical"

Meals at the hotel were expensive especially wines. Service was very slow.

All meals were excellent, but so much quantities of food! We couldn't eat it all.

Overall good

We certainly know now what a Greek salad is!!!

Welcome dinner at Macedonia Palace was excellent. Lunch on the Macedonia tour at restaurant Zafeira was simply awful - including worst Moussaka ever! Later I checked their Google rating which was not good. An unfortunate selection. The tour company should know about this.

plentiful

Oddly the Gala dinner was not the best..... but a lovely venue and still good food.

Lunches on tours were just OK

I was hoping a very special wine for the Gala dinner, as advised, which was the case with Micron served. Also surprised by the buffet the first day.

Good evening menu and drinks, well prepared. Excellent.

Lunch on Macedonia tour was not good. Lunch on Mount Athos tour was excellent

All good

The welcome dinner as a buffet for the proposed price was a big disappointment.

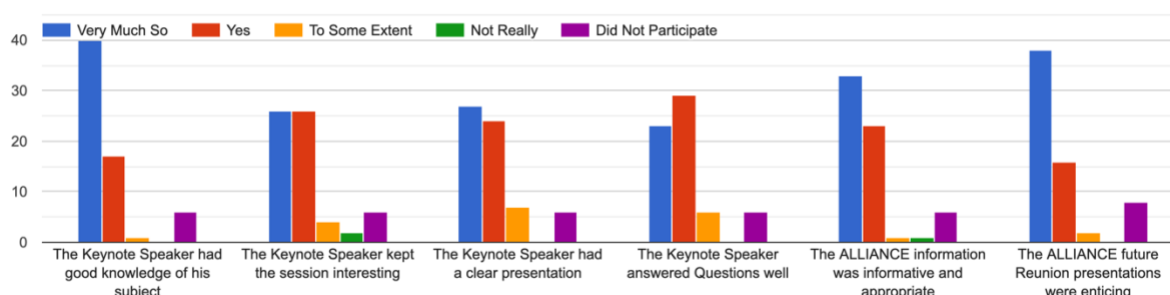
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I thought the Night Dinner at Hamodrakas was a bit of a shambles and there ended up being a lot of wasted food. Some of the food I enjoyed and some I didn't. It is a nice place. I got the feeling we overwhelmed them. I really enjoyed the boat trip in both directions. I was surprised to see so many heading for the buses at the end of the meal.

I would've liked more traditional Greek food but overall the food was good.

I did not appreciate too much the BUFFET. Waiting in the queue 20 mn for serving

The Conference was well organised and interesting



Any comments about the Conference?

18 responses

Presenter was great, but for fact rich content, it might of been better to pick a point in history with a story and weave it together.

Well presented.

keep the keynote speaker going in future conferences

Overall, a very well organized reunion. The service, including timeliness of departures and general organization by the tour operator was excellent. It was great meeting up with colleagues and spouses from the past. We also made some new friends. The Schlumberger family spirit was ever present.

Thank you.

Good speaker

Lack of advice to wear masks. I have heard of one participant who caught covid!

Unfortunately, we could not attend as we were simply too tired having had an extremely early flight.

Are the future reunion presentations available on the website?

Having a keynote speaker was an excellent idea and perfectly timed following the City tour.

Conference is a good idea for the future.

Limited number of chairs, some attendees had to stand.

Nice touch and good to have it in the hotel

More history of the city/region would have been better.

Well done to fit it in!

Visited some of the sights in Thessaloniki in the afternoon since the tour in the morning was limited.

As a result, we could not attend the conference unfortunately.

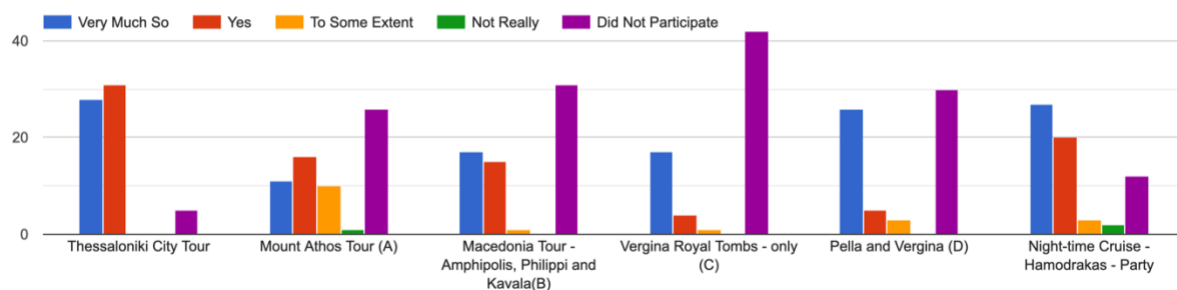
Excellent having a Keynote speaker after Thessaloniki tour. The Mexico presentation was well done. Spain and Strasbourg cruise were good too.

Very well organised in general. The name cards with tour time / buses was very effective.

All good

OK

The tours were well organised and interesting



Any comments about the tours and guides?

37 responses

Mount Athos split by a cold wet day

Thessaloniki has seen better days. Mount Athos was an mammoth journey. Tour guides were great Very enjoyable and informative.

Abundance of Tours to choose from. The Tour Guides were excellent. Our minds are still in overload. the guide should not have spent 1.5 hours in the Pella museum (which is worth 45'), which pre-empted a proposer visit of the archaeological site afterwards during which we were rushed through Epic

The city tour French guide was not very good but the Pella and Vergina guide was very good See previous comment.

As we booked late to attend, we understood that most tours were fully booked.

VERY GOOD

The Mount Athos tour was too long on the bus and the boat. Weather was poor, so did not help. Guides were good, but were quite repetitive as they did not know what we had already heard. Generally very good with buses on time.

The guides were too wordy on the coaches. The first Macedonia tour was too long arriving back at the hotel at 7.30pm. (I realise that you corrected this on the repeat tour). A vast improvement would have been personal headsets on the Thessaloniki city tour and thereafter. Surprisingly, being Schlumberger, seatbelts were not mentioned at all on any of the three coaches we took. Gentle reminders after each stop to wear them would have sorted this. In the light of both of us having Covid

at the end of the week, we should all have been wearing masks on the coach trips as suggested by the organisers.

We should have had more time in Kavala. Too long in the Pella museum. Very professional guides.

It would be great to have better information about what the tours involve. We would have made different choices with better information. Saying this, we really appreciate all the work that goes into this. Our main objective was to meet with our friends...and make new ones.

Excellent organisation of all the tours and buses by the Committee. Having the bus numbers and times on the Name Badges was a masterstroke! The only downside I could see with multiple smaller groups for the tours was that you could spend days without being on tour with your previous friends. (Upside - make new friends!). Guides were very good - as were the bus drivers! For the Mount Athos Cruise I thought that the stops at the Bakery were a good idea to break the bus journeys, but there was an hour of "dead time" both before and after lunch. I appreciate that the vessel Captain Fotis only sails twice per day, but maybe the overall schedule could have been altered to make for a shorter day? It seemed to me that the excellent organisation wasn't so evident on the night cruise (numbers participating at each stage, timing...).

Very good guides

Unfortunately for the Mt. Athos tour the weather was poor so we couldn't enjoy it more.

Cruise ship was too packed making it very hard to mingle and chat, and not much to see at night.

Excellent overall

thought the price was very full considering we were so many but everything worked very well, drivers, guides, timing etc so we were pleased. Did find it a bit of a challenge linking what we paid for to the title of the tour, the names changed!

Macedonia tour and Philippi in particular and the Vergina tombs were both amazing (Macedonia was better than advertised!). The Thessaloniki city tour was limited as the bus was not able to stop at many of the interesting sites - but we got an idea of locations for a further visit. As a result, we chose to visit some of these sites rather than attend the conference on the first day afternoon.

The Mount Athos was more a very long bus ride than a cruise

Mt Athos Guide excellent. Vergina guide was hard to understand

all pleasant and knowledgeable

Dimitra, Daphne, and Nina were excellent.

The weather was against us on the Mount Athos Tour but enjoyed it nonetheless!

The weather during the Mount Athos cruise limited the pleasure and bad luck for the photos (haze).

For the Mount Athos, we did not have the local dance which should have had on the boat.

Not enough time in Kavala as had to be back by 18:30. Guide for Pella and Vergina was the best tour guide we have ever had: friendly and extremely knowledgeable in her field.

Mount Athos tour: bus trip and boat trip were too long to watch building from very far.

On one of the bus trips to Mount Athos, the bus driver was on his cell phone a lot while driving - uncomfortably so. The guide did not say anything to driver.

The tours were extremely interesting, were an eye opener on many historical events that I was not aware of. The guides were all excellent, knowledgeable, went into great details in their explanations, sometimes a bit too much.

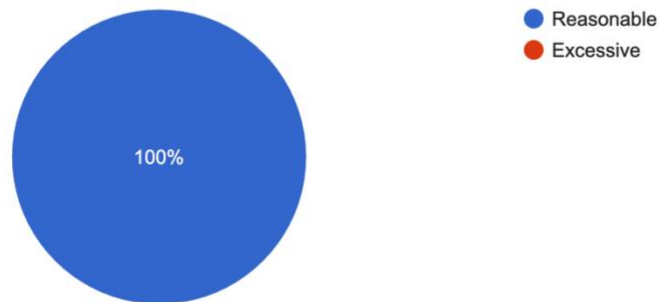
The tour to Pella and Vergina and guide were very good.

While the Mount Athos boat trip itself was nice, being at least 500 meters away from the shore, not being able to see / visit any of the areas on shore close-up, was a bit of a disappointment

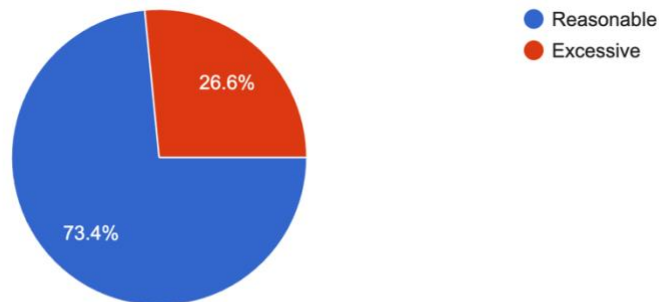
OK

Pella and Vergina - reduce time in museum, more in Archaeological Site

The amount of walking was
64 responses



The amount of time spent on buses was
64 responses



Any comments about amount of walking and time on buses?

22 responses

If a journey takes more than an hour, it should probably have something else to see on the way.

Next time, I would alternate between full day tours and short tours.

Bus tours were long but worth the effort

None.

We only went on the Vergina, last minute addition as space was available, we preferred a shorter day tour rather than a 11 hour full day tour.

See above. Too much bus travel.

See above. The guides on the Macedonia trip did not keep to time when looking at the sights.

The trip to Mount Athos was too long for very little outcome. Still, we enjoyed it.

Fine. Everything had been well documented in advance.

trip on bus to Mount Athos was a bit long

Time in buses should be reduced

While seated in the buses suggest wearing of face masks should have been mandatory, apparently some attendees contracted Covid.

Maybe tour less places eg. Tour in the morning only leaving afternoon free so there's some time to meet up and chat.

The Gala Dinner travelling time was too long. Too far away.

Reasonable....

The tour guides probably could have done a better job at gathering up the visitors after stops - and as a result, we spent more time at several of the rest stops than planned for and so were not able to visit all the planned stops on the Macedonia tour. This is possibly a cultural issue? Perhaps an Alliance member could be designated to help "herd the cats" in some future tours. On the Thessaloniki City tour it seemed that there was a member helping the tour guides and we were much more efficient.

A little too much bus

Poor weather limited the Mt Athos experience so bus time seemed rather long

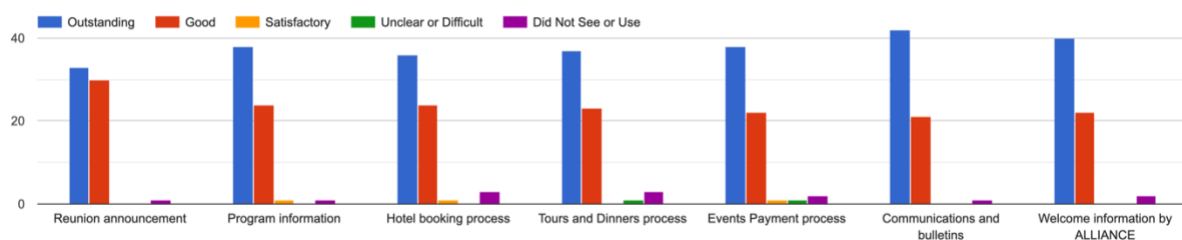
I probably should not have taken Robert on Mt. ATHOS cruise the bus trip was a bit too much. If we attend other reunions we shall check the length of time on a bus as over 2 hours on way is now too long.

Long bus journeys but unavoidable considering the distances to travel

OK

I don't mind being on the bus as there's always something to see out the window - it's part of the trip.

Please let us know your opinion on the reunion registration process



Any comments about the registration?

18 responses

None.

No

Tour description needs to include length of bus rides.

Well organized

Website difficult to use, but good advice given.

We loved the double-sided name tags with tour details

Best ever. Improvements seen every year. Name badges were superb (lanyard, tour bus numbers and times, double sided).

Since my name tag was printed both sides, I found it very convenient

The Alliance committee were very helpful and answered my questions promptly, thank you.

Very smooth process

All splendidly friendly

No problem, whatsoever except that the hotel did not have my name properly spelt

The hotel booking process was a bit complicated: had to make 3 separate bookings in order to secure a sea view room "most" of the time. The tours were excellent but figuring out which one to select took me some time.

Thanks for such a well organized Reunion

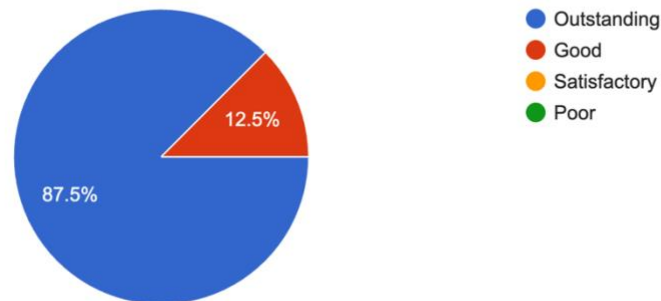
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Very well organized. I liked the fact that our badges had all our tour information included and were 2 sided.

My husband did it all.

The overall organisation by ALLIANCE was...

64 responses



Overall, what I liked best ?

64 responses

Pella and Vergina tour

Vergina tombs

Super hotel in a fascinating city and region, with great company

Very efficient organization

The Alliance team. Love the fact you care and it for the pensioners.

The complete organisation was great. Meeting fellow like-minded people with similar experiences as ourselves

The organization gives me the ability to travel to places that I would normally not go on my own.

Everything is always very well organized and pleasant. I enjoy seeing all the people again and meeting the new commers.

The location

Social time. Hamodrakas dinner/dance

The past and present History

Everything

Conversations

Everything worked like clockwork

the continuous attention to detail by GHS

N.A.

Great planning

Meeting friends again

Well selected location with outstanding organisation

Meeting friends

Meeting up with persons we had not seen in years. Sharing and exchanging experiences in our work varied careers.

Although a late booking for the event, we thoroughly enjoyed our first Alliance reunion, meeting colleagues from the past.

MEETING OLD FRIENDS AFTER THE PANDEMIA / THE VERGINA AND PELLA TOUR

Work and commitment of committee.

Meeting other friendly and engaging Alliance participants

Amount of time sharing.

We admire and appreciate the work you put into this.

Meeting old colleagues

Meeting old and new friends in a pleasant, sunny location.

Virginia tombs and free time in Thessaloniki . Last night dinner was very good food and ambience

Pella and Vergina

Pella & Virginia tour

1. Meeting colleagues I had not seen for 40 years. 2. Attendees were cheerful and friendly.

Meeting up with old friends but not much time left for this as more time spent on tours.

Gala Dinner

Meeting other participants... Excellent tours and very interesting history of ancient Greece

The archaeological sites and Phillip's tumulus in particular. Very impressive.

This is not a small undertaking, very grateful for all those who made the effort needed. Best bit was we had the time to catch up with old friends.

Start later in the morning and all tours to end/return by 5pm

Vergina and Macedonia (Philippi) tours

Night dinner and boat

Meeting friends

The welcome cocktail and dinner

combination of food with people I appreciate and a bit of Greek cultural historique I didn't know

Meals with friends, history via the ruins and the keynote speaker.

We felt the general organisation was very well done, difficult to pick one particular aspect.

Tour Pella & Vergina

Thessaloniki Location

The discovery of a new place with persons I haven't seen for such a long time.

Pella and Vergina tour

The planning

Re connecting with friends and colleagues post Covid.

Thessaloniki the city, and the Tours.

The hotel, the tours and Thessaloniki's history and culture

Being able to meet old friends and colleagues, social events suitable for couples

Meeting back friends

Meeting friends and the tours

Virginia tombs and its museum

Organizations

Tours & Schlumberger comradeship

I need to give 2 answers here... the first night socializing and dinner was great and the Phillipi tour + Kavala stopover/lunch I enjoyed the most. one more....being able to wander around town on our own was also a highlight.

Being with people who have lived an overseas expat life with Schlumberger as I did for over 30 years. You have so much in common even if you have never met before.

The Alliance organization

Overall, what was not much appreciated?

64 responses

Nothing

N/a

The cooler weather meant that main dinners were inside, increasing covid risks

Talking during the welcome dinner was very difficult to understand

Journey times on Mount Athos was a bit much.

Coming home with Covid 🦠👤

I have no complains!

Long distances by bus

N/A

No comment

The wine

Nothing special

the hotel cook cannot cook fried eggs properly

N.A.

None

Nothing

The mount Athos tour may be because of the weather

Full-day tours were a bit long, leaving less time to relax.

We felt the event was well organised, therefore no issues

NOTHING REALLY.

Bus travel to Mount Athos.

Overall cost.

We didn't realise that the trips would be so long. We were very sorry that had to miss the Thursday trip due to tiredness.

Breakfast organisation.

Everything was much appreciated.

Nothing

The evening cruise/dinner/party looked to be descending into chaos.

long bus trip

Mount Athos

The service at the restaurant and the price of wines.

Covid regulations could have been strengthened.

Well organised and Thank you to all involved.

Long bus journeys

Excellent organisation

The boat ride...Too crowded

Nothing I can think of.

Tours were very interesting. Rather far. Some tours were stretched out. There were so much to see squeezed and we tried seen everything. We'll return to complete.

Perhaps we should have followed a bit more Covid best practices on the tour buses - with some encouragement or reminders for optional mask usage. It was a shame that several members became sick after the tour, and with some more senior members in the group the risk could have been high and with more serious consequences.

Long bus rides

Too much bus

The few of my generation (I joined Schlum 1962) all cancelled at the last minute- shame on them!

BA 4 hrs delay and covid as a souvenir

Bus trip to Mt Athos was too much.... but see above my error.

No particular issue

Mount Athos cruise (weather)

Bus rides

Too rushed and busy to do the Macedonia tour the same day as the boat trip. We also booked the latter but were too tired to go. We understand it was a later addition to accommodate the extra demand.

Chaotic return to hotel from night cruise. Bus was not enough and Taxis booking a mess.

Minor - Logistics of getting back to hotel on final dinner. Bus was over subscribed (many people had early flights / train). Again, minor problem, only stating this because need to populate this field with something.

The available choices in terms of tours and destinations made it such that the interaction with my fellow participants was somewhat reduced. Limited in some cases to the welcome dinner and gala dinner or farewell dinner.

There were very few people wearing masks, especially on buses, and following minimum Covid-19 protective measures.

Did not get much out of the Mount Athos trip

Welcome dinner buffet...

Lack of time to talk with all the people we would like to.

Hotel services such as breakfast.

organizations and visits

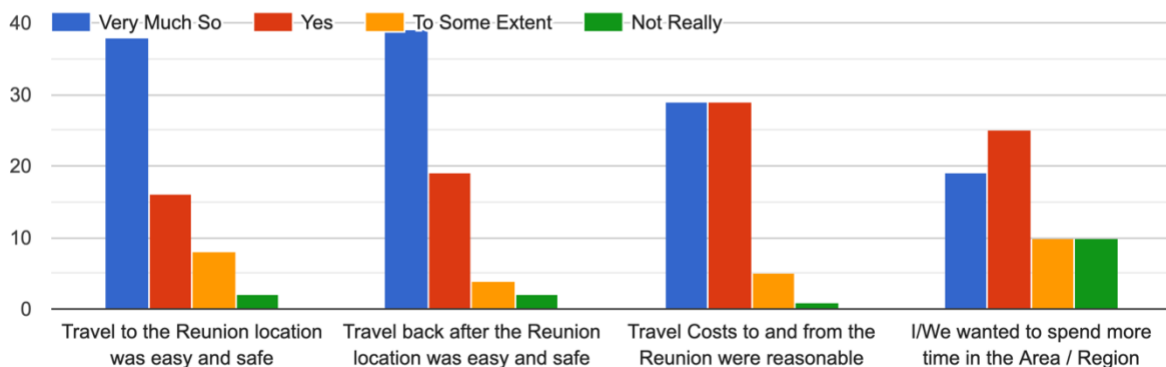
This may just be me getting old, but starting lunch at +2p in the afternoon and then returning after 7p to almost immediately start a dinner +8p didn't give much of break just to decompress a bit after 11 hours of 'tour'. Still had a great time!

I guess the final dinner was least liked but I still had a great evening and, as always, the socializing was a highlight of the evening.

We didn't attend the Gala dinner as we didn't want to carry dressier clothes as we were travelling a lot afterwards and had minimal clothing with us, all casual. I would prefer a less formal evening and more of a party. On the final evening about 80% of the people wanted to go back by bus. I think most people want to get to bed earlyish. We went back by boat and it was great fun but I think there should be a realisation that the bulk of the attendees don't want to 'party'. Many are older.

The Buffet meal

Pre and Post Reunion Location Logistics



Do you have any comments on the Pre and Post Reunion Location Logistics?

26 responses

No

The Ryanair price - direct flights but very late (2:00am, arrival)

Not alliance fault but flight home was delayed more than 3 hrs

Not really! Great job overall to the organizers!

No comment

Perhaps have a free text area in the planning stage so people could advise others their plans. For example we got the train from Athens to Thessaloniki and many people at the reunion told us they would have wanted to take the train but they automatically bought flights.

None.

We spent more time in the area, arrived a few days early and left a few days later, visited a couple of vineyards, thermal baths and Mt Olympus walk and Dion tour and also museums and historical sites in Thessaloniki.

Spent 3 days in Athens pre-Alliance. A useful trip.

We are still in the hotel so cannot comment on return logistics! Outbound, we flew easyJet who had an optional mask wearing policy. We wish that we had worn masks at the airport and in flight.

It seems as though hardly anyone was able to fly non-stop to Thessaloniki. Almost everyone had to transfer and/or lose baggage and/or overnight in a hotel en route.

1. As mentioned above the Alliance committee were very helpful and answered my questions promptly, thank you. 2. No fault of the Alliance team, I do hope the airline industry can recover to previous service levels.

Excellent logistics

Glad we could spend extra time in the area thanks to the extended offer rate at the hotel.

Good logistics for a complicated organization

The only UK direct flights from London were very early morning - not ideal.

We live rurally in UK. Due to Brexit.... we had to spend a night going and returning in Amsterdam.... this is our logistic problem and not the Alliance's. So just mentioning it as you asked.

The only issue has been ORLY Airport.

Originally booked Aegean Marseilles-Thessaloniki but they cancelled the flight, so we had to take Hop to Orly then Transavia. Hop was late so it was very tight. After the reunion we spent several days in Athens and then a cruise around 6 of the Greek islands.

I would suggest either pins or fridge magnet with Alliance location, instead of a cap that nobody wears. It may best to have a dedicated photos taker since it looks like the same people are being photographed several times.

no

Perhaps the tours and activities could be less concentrated on 3 days.

good

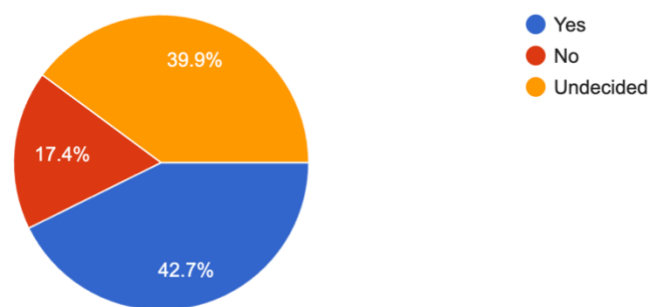
answer to number 4 may be misleading...we did spend an extra couple of days in the city on our own but I think the event was a good length and I'd not advise extending it.

Thessaloniki is a bit less accessible than parts of Greece but it was fine and we travelled back to the UK by train after a short flight to Budapest. From now on we will go to all reunions by train at least one way - great way to travel.

Future ALLIANCE Reunions

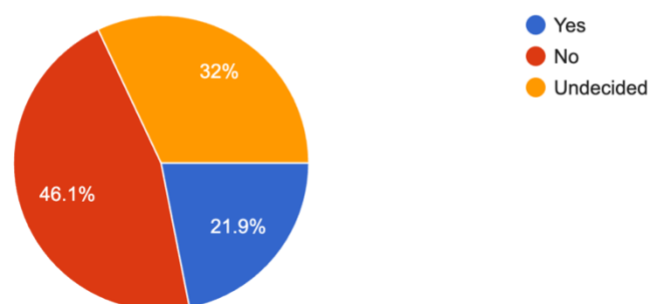
The next European reunion will be held in Bilbao, Northern Spain, in September 2023. Do you intend to participate?

178 responses



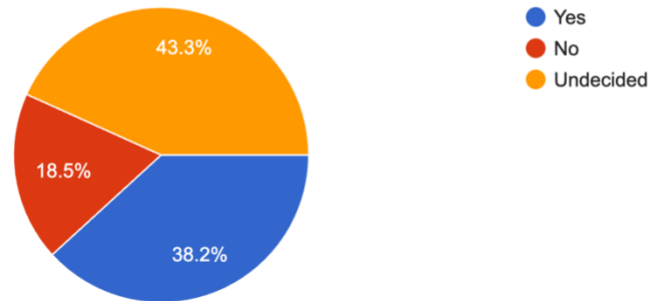
The next Americas reunion will be held in Merida, Mexico, in March 2023. Do you intend to participate?

178 responses



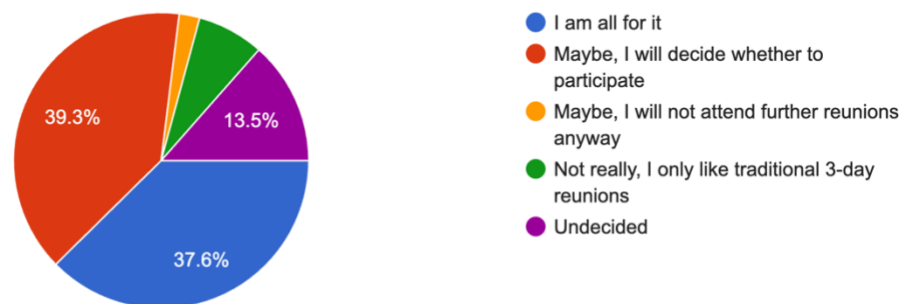
In June 2024 we will hold another River Cruise, this time on the Rhine from Strasbourg. Do you intend to participate?

178 responses



In the future, we may consider planning occasional, longer, more adventurous reunion similar to those in Jakarta, Panama and Douro. What is your opinion?

178 responses



Do you have suggestions on future reunion locations or activities?

72 responses

no
not now
Norway
Mendoza Argentina
Yes
Balmoral Scotland. Within 1/2hr of a bunch of distilleries, castles, picturesque villages, balmoral castle and walks. Next to Balmoral is the Hilton Craigendarroch which could provide accommodation. Sports activities include Golf and Fly Fishing.
Madeira might be a wonderful option
Vietnam, Thailand
Morocco
Mentioned to Jim. Malta thro Joe Miller
Difficult to say - other than the traditional places, many interesting locations are risky, under sanctions, etc! Iran would be fabulous - but maybe not so very feasible.
Machu Pichu, Peru
India -somewhere like Rajasthan

Pyrénées area
 EGYPT and ISRAEL, please!
 Not at this time
 Argentina
 Himalayas
 India
 MALAYSIA, THE BEST PLACE IN ASIA AND THE EASIEST ONE TO STAY IN
 Let's try Northern Africa for once
 Sabah & Sarawak
 Keep it up. Excellent
 Izmir
 BUENOS AIRES, LIMA, MEDELLIN
 Malta
 Thailand, Israel, Egypt
 Croatia
 TO CELEBRATE THE 100 YEARS OF THE FIRST LOG, MAY BE A REUNION IN ALSACE
 not at this moment
 Peru, Chile
 Vilamoura, Algarve, Portugal
 SE Asia, Pacific, Australia
 A nice location somewhere in the USA
 Sicily, Malta
 Luanda, Angola
 Antalya - Turkey
 Italy... I believe we're missing Italy. One day perhaps...
 Bangkok between December and March
 Back to Italy again?
 What about Denmark and Poland ?
 None
 Canary Islands----Lanzarote
 Grape harvesting in northern Italy
 Japan
 Return to France, or Italy
 Southern Italy
 We don't want to do any cruises. Like some spare time. Don't really object to it being longer than three days if there is down time. I would like to see Asia restart, that could be longer than 3 days, or people can plan spare time.
 Cape Town
 No
 Malta, Japan, Caribbean
 Italy, Morocco, USA and Colombia
 Central Italy
 Italy (Tuscany, ...)
 North East Germany, Bahrain

France!

Düsseldorf on Rhine (swinging life, fashion, "up market shops on "Königs Allee" Blvd, cosy "Altstadt" with hundreds of beer drinking places, restaurants, vibrant life 24 h, Museums, Opera, Theatres, Rhine River ports, fancy golfing, palaces, surrounding area with UNESCO heritage sites like Essen, Wuppertal, Essen in picturesque landscape)

The Alliance is doing a great job. Personal circumstances prevents me to participate. Thank you
Scotland

For the far east - Hanoi, Saigon and a boat trip on the Mekong. We did this with Avallon, but that boat was small, just 35 passengers. The French boats are much bigger - 130+

Hiking or walking together to create bonding/get to know new fellow retirees. People tend to stick with guys they know.

I really cannot attend as my wife get tired very easily

Canada

Argentina , Colombia (Cartagena) , Italy , Morocco, Oman, Vietnam

My travel no limited by medical condition.

Cusco, Sacred Valley in Perú (an impediment could be his altitude 3360 above sea level / or Lima gastronomic and City tour. I can check a nice and light tour.

More reunion in South America

South Africa

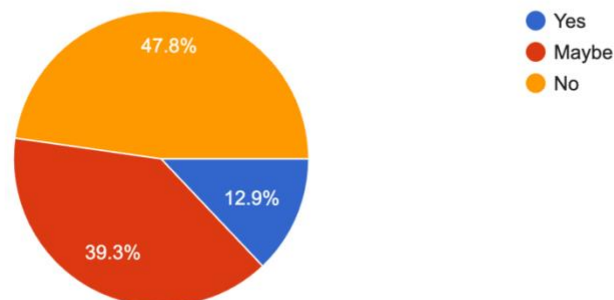
None. I believe the destinations chosen so far are attractive.

BUENOS AIRES

An adventurous tour could be in Norway

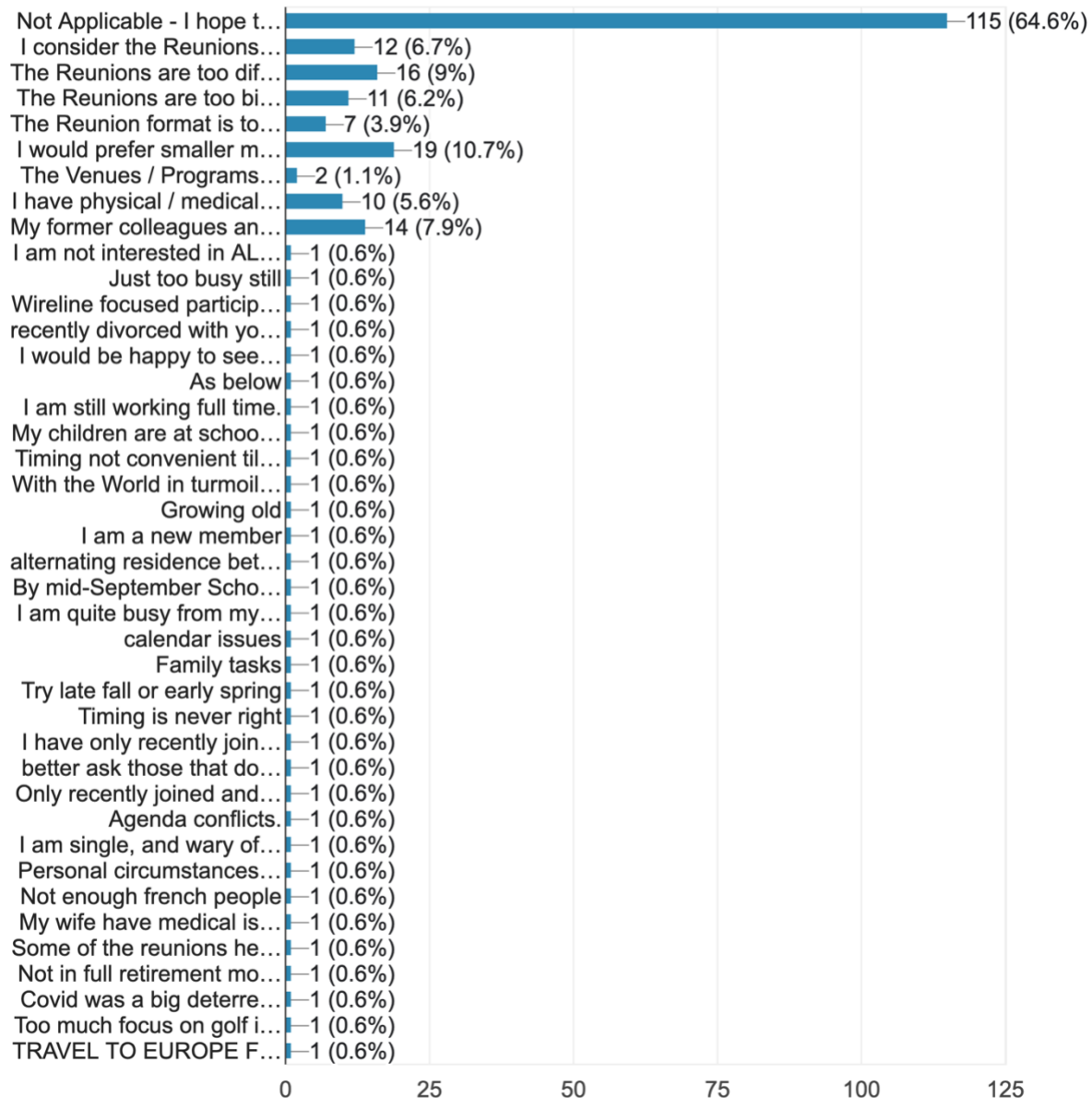
Would you be prepared to support setting up a future reunion of your suggestion?

178 responses



We are interested in better understanding why many of our members do not attend reunions, which may help us with planning future reunion venues, dates and activities.

178 responses



Not Applicable - I hope to attend one of these future reunions

I consider the Reunions too expensive

The Reunions are too difficult to travel to

The Reunions are too big for my liking (about 200 persons)

The Reunion format is too rigid and touristy

I would prefer smaller more local reunions in my region

The Venues / Programs do not interest me

I have physical / medical issues that prevent attendance

My former colleagues and friends no longer attend

I am not interested in ALLIANCE activities

Just too busy still

Wireline focused participants therefore reach out to other product lines may be limited. Not clear who eligible recently divorced with young children. I intend to participate after 2024

I would be happy to see a lot of old colleagues, but ... if we are not a little core group of closer friends...

I am still working full time.

My children are at school and the reunions are normally in the holidays. This makes it difficult for ... to attend

Timing not convenient till now for me.

With the World in turmoil, we would prefer to stay closer to home at this time.

growing old

I am a new member

alternating residence between Brazil and Europe - dates are conflicting with other travel plans

By mid-September School has already started. I have a young child ...

I am quite busy from my side with sport activities and also mainly TRAVELS

Calendar issues

Family tasks

Try late fall or early spring

Timing is never right

I have only recently joined Alliance

better ask those that don't attend

I have only recently joined Alliance

Agenda conflicts

I am single, and wary of being isolated if I attend

Personal circumstances prevents me to participate.

Not enough french people

My wife have medical issues therefore I cannot come as long as it stays like that

Some of the reunions held are slightly difficult to travel considering timing, kids in school, University

Not in full retirement mode yet. Another 1 or 2 years to get there.

Covid was a big deterrent, plus our borders were closed until July 2021

Too much focus on golf in the past.

TRAVEL TO EUROPE FOR THREE DAYS IS NOT PRACTICAL

Any comments on why **not** attending ALLIANCE Reunions?

73 responses

none

Once my wife and I fully retire, it will be much more likely that I will attend a reunion.

Most of my friends are not part of the Alliance

NO

Negligence

recently divorced with young children. cashflow was negative.

After the first one it is easier. We went knowing a couple we know were attending. Might be worth having a buddy system for first timers as it can be a little intimidating going to the first function ie drinks / meal

See "Other" above.

Financial constraints

Health problem

no

Family conflict this year
 I decided based on how many of the participants I know.
 Too busy sometimes
 Does not apply to me; I always look forward these reunions!
 My children are at school and the reunions are normally in the holidays. This makes it difficult for my wife and I to attend (and no-one who knows us prefers that I attend on my own)
 Strong dislike for airports, screening at air terminals and air travel period.
 I don't have much friends at SLB as I worked for only 2 years. Having no friends during the the reunion is not pleasant.
 Sometimes the Reunions fall on important family Reunions.
 My spouse has limited mobility
 I'm not retired yet, reason why I didn't attend any ! But I'll will in the future (2024+).....
 TOO FAR, HAVE SOME IN ASIA FOR A CHANGE. MANY MEMBERS ARE RETIRED HERE
 Whenever the reunions do not match another conflict in my agenda, I plan to attend.
 NA
 SOME ARE TOO FAR AWAY FOR THE AMOUNT OF TIME SPENT
 Did not retire till a year ago, COVID vaccine protocols
 Conflict with other family commitments
 I have been attending smaller Flopetrol reunions for some years. We will do cruises in Bordeaux in 2022 and Douro in 2023. Have been on Paris, Strasbourg and Budapest cruises.
 If I knew attendees who are attending, I would be more likely to go but there doesn't seem to be people attending whom I know.
 I just became a member of Alliance Schlumberger, during COVID-19 pandemic. I am beginning to explore all what ALLIANCE Reunion offers.
 I find I do not know many people on these reunions
 This time of the year we just travelled from France to Brazil and had to resolve local issues
 I prefer that Reunions take place during School Holidays - end of June, July and August.
 Covered above
 As I'm not yet retired from a job, I can't find time to travel to the venues.
 I was travelling elsewhere from my side
 Thessaloniki is the first reunion that we have been able to attend. It's interesting that the majority of attendees are from Wireline. I wonder if retirees from other divisions are aware of Alliance SLB?
 As time quickly evades, many friends have passed away, however, it's good to mix with younger generations and discover the evolution of the Alliance social and Schlumberger concerns .
 I was put in a very poor guest house (not a hotel) at the only reunion I actually attended.
 Getting visa is difficult and lengthy process
 simply no time ;-)
 Would love to attend as before but medical problems with my spouse now unfortunately prevent this.
 Happy I attended, but I think 3 is enough.
 None of my ex colleagues attending reunions, I guess I will not know anybody
 Dates are not to my liking....September is not a good month
 Sporadic work still going on
 Word of mouth communication from those who have attended about the positive aspects of these reunions might encourage more members to attend.
 Hasn't been right yet, but for sure they are well planned.

Conflicting family gathering

I only recently joined Alliance. We have other frequent regular travel needs for family visits / support. in the past I was busy working. Then I don't like boat cruises. Other than that, fine.

From discussions with others on why they do not attend, the main concern I heard is that their colleagues or friends are not attending. They expressed some concern that the members who attend will already have their groups of friends present and so it will be difficult to mix and mingle with these existing groups. I am not sure how to address this concern.

Waiting for more participants of "my generation"

I am single, and not sure that I would be comfortable in a large group that seems to consist of couples. We have a family holiday house on the Cote d'Azur which affects availability for Alliance Reunions. September is the best month there.

We hope to attend while mobility wise we still can. I am considering attending and maybe cutting back on some of the excursions....we shall see. I would help logistics if requested but do not foresee a reunion in the UK soon.

New Zealand is too far from Europe and health is not good at the moment.

I do not like cruises...

The Alliance is doing a great job. Personal circumstances prevents me to participate. Thank you. Not enough French people I knew. Only britts I do not know.

Timing clash.

As above. wife medical issues.

We didn't make the Thessaloniki Reunion because of other travel commitments.

I do attend

The location should be attractive culturally, historically and have good weather!

Can't see who's attending

Being a resident in the south of the American continent makes it difficult to attend meetings in the rest of the world due to the difficulty of obtaining cheap tickets.

Not in full retirement mode yet. Another 1 or 2 years to get there. Many of my SLB colleagues not retired yet either or cannot afford, so I usually don't know anyone attending

To a certain extent cost (reunion itself + travel)

We travel extensively, but do not like group events. We prefer to travel as a couple.

Recent medical conditions have prevented my attendance, but I plan to attend some future reunions

Can't go to Merida as we already have a trip planned for those dates.

Thank you for responding to our ALLIANCE Schlumberger Reunion Survey