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PHILANTHROPIC WANDERER

Danell Lynn is making the world a better place, one journey at a time

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Danell Lynn has traveled the world, but she is no tourist. While most people aim for the safe, comfortable and picturesque sights in different countries, Lynn has made a habit of immersing herself into the cultures of the places she's been and lending a hand where she finds people in need.

Join Lynn on this journey by checking out her new book, *Philanthropic Wanderlust*, and get a feel for what she went through from the northern mountains of Ecuador to the deserts of Morocco, from AIDS hospitals in Malawi to pediatric units in Haiti, from darkness and death in El Salvador to the rhythms of life in Cuba, and a plethora of places that few dare to visit.

An artist, a writer and clearly a giving spirit, Lynn has lived a life of purpose, substance and passion, reaching more people with her works than most people could hope to in 10 lifetimes. She is also a clothing designer, making just 13 couture gowns a year from cloth that she purchases in developing countries as she travels. All proceeds benefit humanitarian causes.

For more information, visit www.dl-couture.com or www.danelllynn.com.



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Where is your favorite place in the world to people-watch? At the start of the journey! Airports offer a melting pot of cultures that fascinates my imagination. I like to create stories in my mind of where the people are going, and what adventures they are seeking... **What one book could you read over and over?** *Tales of a Female Nomad* by Rita Golden Gelman. **What is one staple every wardrobe should include?** A great roll-up, non-wrinkling, travel-ready, throw-on, full-length black skirt. They are very versatile and can take your day wardrobe into the evening, depending on the top you pair with it.

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