



SOLO TRAVELERS CLUB NEWSLETTER

April 2019



Greetings from Susan Sweigard YOUR CLUB DIRECTOR

Spring is officially here! Goodbye winter. The anticipation of green grass, colorful flowers and warm breezes has me refreshing my outlook while new life is popping up everywhere. It makes me want to get outdoors and do something (even if it's yard work). How about you? What does the spring season hold you for? Maybe it's joining other Solo Travelers Club members on a Solo Exclusive or Solo Friendly trip!

The Solo Travelers Club has been in existence 3 years now. Wow, time flies when you're having fun. May is our membership renewal month, so be on the lookout for your renewal letter detailing the 2019-2020 program. Whether you are a Basic member or Rewards member you will need to renew your membership for the coming year.

Last month we were delighted listening to Jennifer from Brendan Vacations tell all about the excitement and charm of traveling through Ireland and Scotland. Our May meetings will be sponsored by AAA partner, Cunard. Come out and see what the British based cruise line offers while sailing the world on the renowned Queen Mary 2, Queen Victoria or Queen Elizabeth.

Our next special club event will be the summer excursion July 12 to Cape Liberty, NJ to tour and have lunch onboard Royal Caribbean's Adventure of the Seas. You won't want to miss this special day. Event details and a registration form are enclosed. Space is limited to 42 passengers. Don't hesitate, reserve your seat now before it's too late.

I look forward to seeing you in May and in the meantime make some springtime memories.

Traveling Solo, Together
Susan

Upcoming Solo Meetings

May 2019

Meetings are **FREE** to Solo Travelers Club Rewards Program Members.

There will be a \$20 meeting fee (payable at the door) for Basic (Non-Rewards) Program Members.

Lancaster

Thursday, May 2

Heritage Hotel – 500 Centerville Road, Lancaster

Harrisburg/West Shore

Tuesday, May 7

Red Lion Hotel Harrisburg/Hershey - 4751 Lindle Road,

Meetings begin at 6:00PM (doors open at 5:30PM), followed by Dinner and Social Hour at 7:00PM.

Reservations are required 5 days in advance for all attendees.

“Traveling solo does not always mean you're alone. Most often, you meet marvelous people along the way and make connections that last a lifetime.”

– Jacqueline Boone



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SOLO EXCLUSIVE TRIPS

These trips are only available to Solo Travelers Club members! Meet like-minded travelers who want to share the fun, peace of mind, and convenience of group travel.



Solo Exclusive
Springtime in the Secret Valley
May 21, 2019

Arrive at the Colebrookdale Railroad and step into the time of the Great Gatsby aboard the meticulously restored, century old passenger cars. Marvel at the views as you get lost in the deep woods sheltering the Manatawny and Ironstone Creeks in the mythical secret valley. Following this wonderful train excursion, depart for a delightful luncheon at the Schultheis Carriage House Restaurant where you will experience the warmth and charm of this 18th century farmhouse. The last stop of the day will include a tour at The Carousel at Pottstown, the second oldest operating Philadelphia Toboggan Company wooden carousel in the United States.

PRICE PER PERSON: **\$149**



Solo Exclusive
Lavender, Wine & Belle Grove Plantation
June 12, 2019

Enjoy a relaxing day starting at White Oak Lavender farm for a guided tour of the farm gardens with information on growing lavender, distilling and cleaning the flower buds along with time to pick some lavender and browse The Lavender Shop. Following lunch enjoy a catered luncheon and wine tasting at Purple Wolf Vineyards. The last stop of the day will be at the Belle Grove Plantation for a guided tour of the rich history, Jeffersonian architecture, serene landscape and important collections of Belle Grove Plantation.

PRICE PER PERSON: **\$209**



Solo Exclusive
Gone With The Wind
August 27-28, 2019

Highlights of this trip include a tour of the Buhl Mansion, the architectural legacy of Sharon's great steel magnate, Frank H. Buhl and Daffins' Chocolate Kingdom, were unbelievable sights await as you visit a fantasyland of chocolate characters. Spend the night at the hotel which is inspired by the greatest movie of our time **Gone with the Wind**. Tara, A Country Inn is in a real sense the embodiment of the Old South. All rooms have a VCR and a copy of the movie for you to enjoy. After breakfast depart for Titusville where we will board the Oil Creek & Titusville Railroad. During the three hour round trip excursion the train will take you to where oil history began. This is a unique trip that is sure not to disappoint!

PRICE PER PERSON: Single **\$599**
Double **\$569**



Solo Exclusive
Murder Mystery Luncheon
September 26, 2019

Upon arrival at Peddlers Village enjoy a Murder Mystery Luncheon at the Cock n' Bull Restaurant. Peddlers Village Murder Mystery Dinner Presents... DEATH AT A DOO WOP- Moretown Records biggest star is about to make a comeback, but not everyone is a fan. Bring your bobby socks and bullet proof vest for this deadly sock hop! Following the luncheon you will have independent time to explore Peddlers Village at your own pace. This is a historic village with charming colonial-style buildings, and distinctive shopping and dining. Enjoy a delightful wine tasting in beautiful Bucks County at the Winery at Buckingham Valley Vineyards before heading home.

PRICE PER PERSON: **\$199**

SOLO FRIENDLY TRIPS

These trips, while not exclusive to Solo Travelers Club Members, offer a great opportunity to travel with friendly folks at a great value. Solo Club Members benefit from the pre-negotiated discount of the applicable single supplement fee, as well as the convenience and security of group travel.



Solo Friendly Ireland - Quest for the Throne July 20 - 29, 2019

After arrival in Ireland, you'll journey to Trim Castle, the largest Anglo-Norman castle in Ireland. A guided tour provides insight into the castle's history, previous residents and some more recent visitors, including Mel Gibson and the cast from "Braveheart". Walk among the coastal Giant's Causeway's colossal volcanic columns, formed over 60 million years ago by cooling lava, before winding through one of Ireland's popular scenic routes, the "Nine Glens of Antrim," which offers an array of scenic mountains, valleys and coastline. The tour ends in the metropolitan city of Dublin. Get the lay of the land with a local-guided tour. Then, a day at leisure delivers the opportunity for a variety of options. Choose to visit Trinity College to see the Book of Kells or the Guinness Storehouse where exhibits depict how this world-famous stout was first created. Don't miss this trip of a lifetime!

PRICE PER PERSON: Single **\$4,269**
Double **\$3,509**



Solo Friendly Horseshoe Curve Experience September 24, 2019

Upon arrival at the Railroaders Memorial Museum you will experience three full floors of exhibits dedicated to revealing, interpreting, commemorating and celebrating the significant contributions of the Railroaders and their families to American life and industry. Explore the museum and see films covering the history of the world-famous train shops of Altoona during the heyday of steam. A buffet luncheon is included at the Allegro Restaurant. Following lunch visit the Horseshoe Curve Visitor Center to view the descriptive displays that will have you appreciate the work involved in building such a marvel. Enjoy Boyer's Candy Factory Outlet, where the famous Mallo Cups are made before boarding the Amtrak train for an unforgettable excursion that will take you around the Horseshoe Curve!

PRICE PER PERSON: Single **\$209**



Solo Friendly Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta October 4 - 9, 2019

Your tour begins in the "land of enrichment", Santa Fe, New Mexico! Enjoy a tour of Santa Fe Plaza and the surrounding city by Trolley, including the Miraculous Staircase at the Loretto Chapel. A special treat awaits at the Santa Fe School of Cooking! It's your favorite cooking show come to life as you watch an expert chef create a delicious meal before your eyes. Travel via the historic Turquoise Trail as you head off to Albuquerque, New Mexico. Experience the Balloon Fiesta at dawn as the balloons ascend in the early light! A trip to remember!

PRICE PER PERSON: Single **\$3,809**
Double **\$3,099**



Solo Friendly Summertime at Mount Vernon August 3, 2019

Spend a summer day exploring George Washington's beloved Mount Vernon Estate on the banks of the Potomac River. Begin the day at George Washington's Distillery and Gristmill. You will see the mighty gears turning and the stones grinding, where Washington produced flour and cornmeal. While at Mount Vernon, experience an introduction to George Washington through the film "We Fight to Be Free" at the Ford Orientation Center, followed by a self-guided tour through the Blacksmith, Slave Quarters, Green house, Outbuildings and the beautifully decorative Upper Garden. Enjoy a lunch of classic American favorites in the colonial inspired setting at the Mount Vernon Inn Restaurant. Following lunch make your way to the famed mansion for your guided tour. Before departing for home embark on a narrated sightseeing cruise on the Potomac River where you'll experience Mount Vernon from a different perspective.

PRICE PER PERSON: Single **\$169**



Solo Friendly Canada & New England Member Appreciation Cruise - Carnival Sunrise September 29 - October 6, 2019

Enjoy four ports of call and seven nights aboard Carnival's Sunrise departing from New York Cruise Port, NY. There is a lot to take in as you visit one of the most historic cities in North America; Boston, MA. Head to Portland, ME where you can visit the Portland Head Light lighthouse which has illuminated for over 200 years! Visit Trinity Anglican Church in Saint John, New Brunswick or explore the Art Gallery of Nova Scotia's extensive collections with over 2,000 permanent works. Your cruise includes free parking with roundtrip transfers to New York Cruise Port, baggage handling and a AAA cocktail party!

PRICE PER PERSON: Single **\$1,709**
Double **\$1,109**



Solo Friendly Magical Christmas Markets of Austria & Germany December 14 - 21, 2019

Depart for Munich, Germany to experience the unique charms of Austria and Germany, and the incredible, "Christkindlesmarkt"! Enjoy this European tradition with the comfort of unpacking only twice! You will begin the tour in Innsbruck, Austria. Choose from a walking tour, led by a local expert or a tour to see the architectural structures, like its famous ski jump. Don't miss the beautiful Neuschwanstein Castle, in Germany. End your tour in Munich where you will have time to do some final holiday shopping at the largest Christmas market of the whole tour, and delight in the merriment of the season one last time!

PRICE PER PERSON: Single **\$3,909**
Double **\$3,519**

More SOLO FRIENDLY Cruises, Motorcoach Tours, and Land Tours

The Yellowstone Experience, A Wildlife Safari
June 10 - 17, 2019

Wine Gardens & Castles
June 19 - 20, 2019

Newport, RI Flower Show
June 21 - 24, 2019

Summertime Trains
June 26 - 30, 2019

California's Great National Parks
July 17 - 24, 2019

Montreal & Quebec
July 22 - 26, 2019

Chesapeake Cravings
August 8, 2019

Castles of the Thousand Islands
Aug 20 - 23, 2019

Bahamas Cruise RCCL Mariner of the Seas
August 30 - September 2, 2019

Cape Cod and the Islands
September 15 - 20, 2019

Great Smoky Mountains National Park
September 18 - 25, 2019

Honoring Heros & Freedom Tour
September 21, 2019

Stars & Stripes of the Big Apple
October 5, 2019

5 Night Bermuda Cruise RCCL *Anthem of the Seas*
October 5 - 10, 2019

Raven about Richmond
October 10 - 11, 2019

Tropical Costa Rica presented by WITF and AAA
Travel October 12 - 20, 2019

Simply Italy with the Vineyard at Hershey
October 12 - 20, 2019

Irish Explorer
October 12 - 21, 2019

Norwegian Escape- 5NT Bermuda Cruise
November 10 - 15, 2019

Iceland's Magical Northern Lights Presented by WITF
and AAA Travel
November 6 - 12, 2019

Royal Caribbean Bahamas & Perfect Day Cruise -
Anthem of the Seas
December 1 - 8, 2019

Vermont Country Christmas
December 4 - 7, 2019

Grand Illumination- Williamsburg
December 6-9, 2019

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ANNOUNCING OUR SUMMER SOLO TRAVELERS CLUB EVENT

Register NOW!...Friday, July 12

Travel with your fellow Solo Travelers Club members to explore and enjoy a delightful lunch onboard Royal Caribbean's cruise ship *Adventure of the Seas!*

Trip includes:

- Free parking in Harrisburg or Lancaster
- Transportation by motorcoach to Bayone, New Jersey where the ship will be docked
- A guided tour of the ship
- Lunch in the main dining room
- All gratuities

**Cost: \$75 for Basic Members,
\$70 for Rewards Members
Space is limited to 42 members.**

Don't miss out on this "Adventure".
Registration forms & details will be available at the May meetings.
Registration forms and payment are due no later than June 17.

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