



# SOLO TRAVELERS CLUB NEWSLETTER

August 2018



## Greetings from Susan Sweigard YOUR CLUB DIRECTOR

Are you enjoying your summer? I know lots of you have been traveling. I hope you have been able to reconnect with old friends, visit new destinations and spend time with family. I also hope that when you are planning your travels to allow AAA to assist with that process. It's a valuable free service to you.

In July we held our club wide Summer Splash at the Hotel Hershey. Mother Nature tried to rain (flood) us out but we prevailed. 30 members enjoyed a delicious "Afternoon Tea" buffet accompanied by live harp music. Attendees learned the history of Afternoon Tea, were introduced to Oceania Cruises by AAA's regional representative, Chris Azamar. There were plenty of door prizes and I introduced a new New Year's Eve trip. Check out some event photos on the back page.

We have some Solo Exclusive trips coming up this fall. Look inside this issue for the destinations, dates and details. We have club members registered for these trips but need a few more on each to make them actually operate. We need to meet our minimum number typically 30-45 days before the departure date. Don't delay. Hold your space now before it's too late. Call or see your AAA travel agent at your local office today.

I hope to see you at the September meetings. Note the Harrisburg/West Shore date is the second Tuesday instead of the regular first Tuesday, due to the Labor Day holiday. I will be previewing some 2019 Solo Exclusive trips for you to look forward to.

Traveling Solo, Together  
Susan

## Upcoming Solo Meetings

September 2018

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, September 6

Heritage Hotel - 500 Centerville Road, Lancaster

### Harrisburg/West Shore

Tuesday, September 11

Best Western Premier - 800 E. Park Drive, Harrisburg

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.

Register online at [AAA.com/Solo](http://AAA.com/Solo) or Call 888-746-4566 or email [solosusan@aaacp.com](mailto:solosusan@aaacp.com).

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*- Ibn Battuta*





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Ships' Registry: The Netherlands

## 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**  
**Historic Jim Thorpe**  
September 22, 2018

Arrive at the "Switzerland of Pennsylvania" and be surrounded by high-rising cliffs and be entranced by the mountain scenery while aboard the Lehigh Valley *Scenic Gorge Railway*. Enjoy a lovely lunch at the Broadway Grille, followed by a tour of the Asa Packer Mansion. Spend time browsing the many antique and specialty boutique shops, in this quaint historic town of Jim Thorpe!



**Solo Exclusive**  
**Thunderbirds Cruise**  
October 6, 2018

What's the best way to see the fascinating USAF Thunderbirds while they display the pride, precision and professionalism of American Airmen? Why onboard a boat in Baltimore's Inner Harbor of course! Watch as these elite Air Force pilots perform and fly only a few feet from wingtip to wingtip! After your cruise, enjoy a delicious and fun dinner at Bubba Gump Shrimp Co.

PRICE PER PERSON: ..... **\$159**

PRICE PER PERSON: ..... **\$199**



**Solo Exclusive**  
**Homes for the Holidays**  
December 4, 2018

Begin your day celebrating the holiday season with guided tours of Johns Hopkins University's magnificent historic house museums, decorated in period style; Mount Clare, Garrett Jacobs Mansion, Homewood Museum and the Evergreen Museum & Library. Each property has unique characteristics, charm and architecture. Guided tours at each location will provide not only an opportunity to enjoy the holiday décor, but also the history, traditions and opulence of a bygone era. A buffet lunch is included while touring the Garrett Jacobs Mansion.



**Solo Exclusive**  
**Celebrate New Year's with the Mummies**  
December 31, 2018 - January 1, 2019

Start New Year's Eve with Mummer'sFest in Philadelphia, discover all the fun and fancy around the Mummies with a behind the scenes private tour at the Convention Center. Experience the excitement as performers put the final touches on floats, assemble their props and rehearse their struts. Enjoy a delightful dinner cruise aboard the Spirit of Philadelphia while touring through the city from the historic district to the hip downtown. Celebrate New Year's Day at the Convention Center, at a 2 ½ hour spectacular, the Mummies Fancy Brigade Finale, followed by a luncheon.

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

PRICE PER PERSON: Single ..... **\$679**  
Double ..... **\$559**

## SOLO FRIENDLY TRIPS

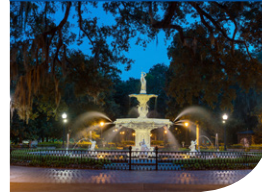
These trips, while not exclusive to Solo Travelers Club Members, offer a great opportunity to travel with friendly folks at a great value. Solo Club Members benefit from the pre-negotiated discount of the applicable single supplement fee, as well as the convenience and security of group travel.



**Solo Friendly**  
**The Great Chesapeake Bay Schooner Race**  
 October 11, 2018

Get ready for a unique experience and a great opportunity to get on the water for a three-hour cruise, pacing the annual Great Chesapeake Bay Schooner Race. You will see 30 or more tall ships, as they storm across the starting line located just south of Bay Bridge. The schooners will race against the wind en route to Portsmouth, VA. Following the cruise we depart for Heavy Seas Brewery, where their mission is to sail new brewing horizons, guided by winds of traditions, and driven by the quest for adventure.

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



**Solo Friendly**  
**Golden Isles of Georgia with Newman, BOB 94.9FM**  
 October 27 - November 1, 2018

Southern hospitality welcomes you to Georgia. This tour provides you with experiences from bygone eras by visiting authentically preserved sites. Highlights include a tour of the Georgia Sea Turtle Center and St. Simons Island, complete with a 19th-century lighthouse. Visit Savannah's Historic District on a guided tour of attractive antebellum-era homes, gardens and squares.

PRICE PER PERSON: Single ..... **\$1,819**  
 Double ..... **\$1,429**



**Solo Friendly**  
**Radio City Christmas Spectacular & More**  
 December 6, 2018

Sit down for a delightful luncheon at the Heartland Brewery and Chophouse before heading off to see the Radio City Christmas Spectacular, starring the world famous Rockettes. Watch as the theater transforms into a giant, magical canvas before your very eyes! Following the show we will meet up with our licensed New York City tour guide for a Rockefeller Center Tour. Bring your walking shoes because there is a lot to see. You will end your day with a visit to the Top of the Rock with sweeping views of both Central Park and Manhattan's midtown and downtown skyscrapers, the view is truly one of a kind.

PRICE PER PERSON: ..... **\$349**



**Solo Friendly**  
**Traditional & Tacky Lights Tour**  
 December 15 - 17, 2018

A perfect trip for an extended weekend getaway to put you in the holiday spirit! After enjoying a dinner at Capital Ale House, one of Richmond's favorite dining spots, you will head outside to board the trolley for the Tacky lights tour. Richmond has received the dubious distinction of having some of the best tacky holiday lights in America. You will get to see some of the hottest art in town at a glass studio where you'll watch a live demonstration of how molten glass becomes a work of art. You'll see how traditional glass Christmas ornaments are made and maybe get to lend a hand. Before heading home enjoy a tour of Thomas Jefferson's boyhood home which will be decorated for the holidays.

PRICE PER PERSON: Single ..... **\$769**  
 Double ..... **\$629**



**Solo Friendly**  
**Spectacular South Africa Culture & Nature in Harmony**  
 hosted by RJ Harris, WHP580  
 January 10 - 23, 2019

The trip of a lifetime! Your journey begins in Sandton famous for its rich veins of gold and other valuable minerals, it is now the bustling cosmopolitan center of greater Johannesburg. Travel through the spectacular Northern Drakensberg Mountain Range en-route to Kruger National Park, the largest game reserve in South Africa. Enjoy a full day open-air vehicle safari game drive. A local expert leads you in search of the "Big 5"- elephant, buffalo, lion, leopard and rhino. You will end your journey in Cape Town. Travel out to Cape Point, stopping for a visit with the penguins at Boulders Beach. In the evening experience a unique farewell to Africa as you enjoy a lesson on the djembe drums and a soothing hand washing ceremony before a communal African dining experience.

PRICE PER PERSON: Single ..... **\$6,369**  
 Double ..... **\$5,729**



**Solo Friendly**  
**Southeast Coast & Bahamas Cruise**  
 January 24 - February 2, 2019

Now is the perfect time to plan your escape from the winter cold & snow, and this nine night cruise aboard the Grandeur of the Seas, is just the ticket. A port of Baltimore departure, with coach transport from central Pennsylvania, also provides easy access for your getaway. Ports of call include charming Charleston, South Carolina, sunny Orlando/Port Canaveral Florida, and two gorgeous Bahamian Islands, CocoCay & Nassau, to help you chase away the winter weather.

STARTING FROM  
 PRICE PER PERSON: Single ..... **\$1,579**  
 Double ..... **\$999**

# More SOLO FRIENDLY Cruises, Motorcoach Tours, and Land Tours

On and Under the Sea  
September 7, 2018

New York Botanical Gardens  
September 15, 2018

Salem Haunted Happenings  
Oct 28 - 30 2018

Three "Wrights" & Nemaquin Woodlands  
Resort  
November 1 - 2, 2018

Step Back in Time (Eastern PA Train Excursion  
& More)  
November 2, 2018

Vikings: Beyond the Legend at Franklin  
Institute  
November 10, 2018

Currier & Ives Christmas in New England  
November 27-December 1, 2018

Dickens of a Christmas Celebration  
December 1, 2018

Southern Christmas Spectacular  
December 2-7, 2018

Holiday Happenings & Christkindl Market  
December 13, 2018

Philadelphia Flower Show w/overnight  
March 3 - 4, 2019  
Spotlight on San Antonio with  
BOB 94.9FM  
March 17 - 22, 2019

Greenwich Village Food & Culture Tour  
March 26, 2019

Southeast Coast & Bahamas Cruise  
March 28 - April 6, 2019

Cherry Blossom Luncheon Cruise  
April 4, 2019

5 Night Western Caribbean Cruise  
April 20 - 25, 2019

Canada & New England  
May 25 - 31, 2019

Bahamas Cruise  
August 30 - September 2, 2019

## SOLO CONNECTION BOARD

Are you looking for a roommate? Do you want to be added to the list?

Contact Solo Susan  
888-746-4566  
SoloSusan@aaacp.com

**Bahamas Holiday Cruise**  
*Royal Caribbean*  
*Anthem of the Seas*  
December 29 - January 6, 2019  
Male

**Sunny Portugal**  
*AAA Member Choice Vacations*  
March 1 - 10, 2019  
Female, Non-Smoking

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