



Greetings from Susan Sweigard YOUR CLUB DIRECTOR

Ah, Old Man Winter... January brought plenty of challenging temperatures and weather. Thankfully, we were able to hold our Solo Travelers Club meetings early in the month and collect the non-perishable food items for the local Central PA Food Bank. We collected a total of 183 items. Thank you to all who donated. We also welcomed over 50 first time attendees to our January meetings!

My new favorite TV show is "Better Late Than Never". Have you tuned in? It's a show about 5 friends - Henry Winkler, Terry Bradshaw, George Foreman, William Shatner and comedian Jeff Dye. They travel to destinations all over the world and see things for the first time together. It makes me laugh out loud and can bring a tear to my eye. Their friendships have grown and their lives have been enriched because of the experiences they have shared together. I think in a similar way the Solo Travelers Club can offer the same benefits to you, our member. Check out the show and see what you think. Mondays, 9:00PM on NBC. Try out one of our Solo Exclusive trips and see if I'm right.

In March we will have a special presenter from Norwegian Cruise Line joining us at our meetings and sharing what's new in the world of cruising. Plan to attend and remember to RSVP at least 5 days in advance.

Traveling Solo, Together

Susan

Upcoming Solo Meetings

March 2018

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

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

Lancaster

Thursday, March 1

Heritage Hotel - 500 Centerville Road, Lancaster

Harrisburg/West Shore

Tuesday, March 6

Radisson Convention Center - 1150 Camp Hill Bypass, Camp Hill

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 or Call 888-746-4566.

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- Mark Twain





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May 27, 2018 – NAUTICA

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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 A Taste of Georgetown February 14, 2018

Your Georgetown Food Tour will take place in the heart of historic Georgetown and will combine its history, architecture, and culture with cuisine from some of the area's best restaurants. The result is a multiple hour dining experience that will expand and challenge the palette with an array of flavors, tastes, textures and beer/wine pairings. After this delightful tasting experience, you will have the pleasure to enjoy a tour of the Hillwood Estate Museum & Gardens.

PRICE PER PERSON: \$269



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!

PRICE PER PERSON: \$159



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: \$199



Solo Exclusive Secret World of Espionage June 8, 2018

Begin your afternoon with a luncheon in Washington, D.C. at the Gordon Biersch Brewery Restaurant. Then arrive at the International Spy Museum with its dedication to the tradecraft, history and contemporary role of espionage, featuring the largest collection of international espionage artifacts currently on public display. See the special exhibit *Exquisitely Evil: 50 Years of James Bond Villains*. Included is a special speaker series lecture with Melissa Boyle Mahle, former US Intelligence Officer.

PRICE PER PERSON: \$179

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
Historic Homes & Gardens of Fredericksburg
 April 23 - 24, 2018

Your first stop of the day will be at an award-winning winery. After an included lunch visit Historic Kenmore Plantation, then explore this historic town of Fredericksburg via trolley. The next day you will visit the finest private homes and gardens in Virginia as they open their doors and garden gates to Virginia's Historic Garden Week, which began in 1927. You will tour at least four private mansions in North Club and Country Club Estate neighborhoods. Enjoy a luncheon at the Smithfield Plantation that has been converted into the Fredericksburg Country Club.

PRICE PER PERSON: Double **\$475**
 Single **\$585**



Solo Friendly
Bateaux New York Luncheon Cruise
 May 19, 2018

Arrive at the Chelsea Pier to board the European-inspired, glass enclosed *Bateaux New York* for a two hour cruise with a delightful three-course luncheon. See the Statue of Liberty, Colgate Clock, Brooklyn Bridge, and the Lower Manhattan Skyline. Following the cruise meet your New York City tour guide for a walking and motorcoach tour of New York City. What a great way to see New York City!

PRICE PER PERSON: **\$249**



Solo Friendly
Bermuda Cruise aboard Royal Caribbean's ANTHEM OF THE SEAS
 August 4 - 9, 2018

Think pink — and an array of other pastels — in this paradise of the Atlantic. Discover an enduring legacy of seamanship, historic sights, picturesque towns, world-class golf courses and beaches of pink sand lapped by aqua-blue waters. Take a fascinating cruise on one of Bermuda's glass-bottom boats and view Bermuda's rainbow-colored undersea world of fish and coral formations. Browse the shops and museums of the Royal Naval Dockyard or party Bermuda style on an Island Calypso cruise.

PRICE PER PERSON: Double **\$1,469**
 Single **\$2,479**



Solo Friendly
Autumn Colors
 September 27 - October 5, 2018

It was in these picture-perfect maple and cedar forests of New England that pilgrims, and later revolutionaries, sought sanctuary. And as autumn arrives, you too can admire the fiery red, orange and yellow flames of fall foliage on a scenic journey from Boston to the rocky Atlantic headlands of Maine. A few of the highlights of this colorful trip are the tour of Boston, the scenic drive along the Mohawk Trail, Kancamagus Highway, and a view of Lexington and Concord. Visit Woodstock, Ben and Jerry's Ice Cream Factory and Acadia National Park.

PRICE PER PERSON: Double **\$3,289**
 Single **\$3,999**



Solo Friendly
Melodies of the Danube River Cruise aboard the AMAVIOLA
 October 17 - 28, 2018

Journey along the Danube and see firsthand why this storied river has inspired generations of artists, poets and musicians. Indulge your passion for timeless architecture and art in three magnificent capitals: Budapest, Bratislava, and Vienna. Let the hills come alive with the sounds of music in Salzburg and the Austrian Lake District. Cruise through the enchanting Strudengau Valley and let the melodies of the Danube carry you from one gem to another on a regal journey through time. You will enjoy an extensive lineup of included tours. In many cases, you will have a choice of excursions, such as standard tours, bike tours, hikes and Special Interest Tours. Always included are a large variety of activities so that you can choose how you want to explore. No matter your preference, your days will be full of discovery and wonder.

PRICE PER PERSON: Double **\$4,185**
 Single **\$5,645**



Solo Friendly
Imperial Cities with Oberammergau Passion Play
 September 12 - 22, 2020

Great sightseeing, traditional entertainment and fabulous cultural elements define an amazing tour of the Imperial cities of Central Europe. A city tour of Budapest features the Matthias Church, where many kings have had their coronations. Travel back in time with a visit to a 14th-century castle, where knights with colorful costumes and authentic weaponry recreate the days of chivalry. In the grand city of Vienna, the baroque marvels of Schoenbrunn Palace, the summer retreat of the Habsburg dynasty, are revealed. See Prague's Hradcany Castle and its famous Golden Lane. Your tour concludes with a memorable and moving performance of the Oberammergau Passion Play; the origins of this historic event date back to 1634.

PRICE PER PERSON: Double **\$6,649**
 Single **\$7,149**

More SOLO FRIENDLY Cruises, Motorcoach Tours, and Land Tours

Philadelphia Flower Show
March 8, 2018

Outlaws, Angels & Wheeling Jamboree
April 6 - 8, 2018

Italian Elegance
April 12 - 24, 2018

Cherry Blossom Cruise & The Wharf in D.C.
April 18, 2018

Springtime in NYC
April 28, 201

Cunard Transatlantic Crossing aboard the *QUEEN MARY 2*
May 7 - 17, 2018

Springtime in the Gardens & Afternoon Tea
May 9, 2018

Adventures in the Wild Northwest
May 20 - 27, 2018

Artfully Culinary
June 9, 2018

Eastern Caribbean Cruise aboard *CARNIVAL HORIZON*
June 13 - 21, 2018

Cruising to Mount Vernon
June 14, 2018

Canada & New England Independence Day Cruise aboard
CELEBRITY SUMMIT
June 27 - July 8, 2018

Caribbean Palette aboard Oceania's *INSIGNIA*
June 30 - July 15, 2018

Calgary Stampede & Rocky Mountaineer
July 6 - 14, 2018

Appalachia & the Ark
July 8 - 13, 2018

Wild West, Cowboys & Buffalos
July 23 - 31, 2018

Maine Lobster Festival
July 30 Aug 4, 2018

Cape Cod & Pops by the Sea
August 10 - 13, 2018

Scottish Dreams
August 14 - 22, 2018

Glacier National Park- Nature's Masterpiece
August 16 - 22, 2018

Alaska- Heart of Alaska
August 27 - September 10, 2018

Tribute to the Marines
August 30, 2018

Southern Grace
September 7 - 15, 2108

On and Under the Sea
September 7, 2018

Spain's Classics with CBS21 Tom Russell
September 13 - 23, 2018

Spectacular South Africa
September 13 - 25, 2018

Tapping the Treasures of Ireland with The Brewery
at Hershey
September 25 - October 2, 2018

Bewitching Virginia
October 7 - 10, 2018

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Safety Tips for Solo Travelers

Traveling solo is fun and sometimes an adventure but it doesn't have to be stressful. Keep these tips in mind before you leave on your next trip.

- Share your itinerary with a family member or friend before you leave and keep them updated. Check in periodically.
- Be careful about exposing the length of time you'll be away on social media. Post Facebook photos after you return from your trip.
- Stop your mail or newspaper delivery so it's not stacking up until you return home.
- Have a friend or trusted neighbor watch your home while you are gone.
- When packing for your trip place your identification and contact info inside your luggage as well as outside.
- Call your bank and credit card company before you leave home and let them know where you will be and for how long so your funds will remain available to you. And if your plans change, keep them updated.
- While traveling, never share with a stranger or new friend that you are traveling alone.
- Try not to look lost, even if you are. Discreetly, off to the side, pull out your map or smart phone and get your bearings.
- If you are traveling by yourself on a group tour tell someone (group leader) if you plan to do something or go somewhere apart from the group or venture off at night on your own.
- Be aware of your surroundings. Avoid dark streets and alleys or vacant areas.
- If rooming alone use the double door locks and never open your door if you aren't expecting a visitor. Call the front desk to verify staff coming to your room if you didn't request service.
- Always consider purchasing travel insurance to protect yourself while enjoying your trip.
- If traveling internationally there is a free service provided by the US Department of State that allows travelers to enroll their trip with the nearest US Embassy or Consulate. It's called Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP for short). You receive automatic alerts in the event of an emergency, natural disaster, civil unrest or a family situation. Go to: <https://step.state.gov/step/>

If you plan for the unexpected you will be ready for whatever comes your way.

A prepared traveler is a happy traveler!

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