



SOLO TRAVELERS CLUB NEWSLETTER

February 2019



Greetings from Susan Sweigard YOUR CLUB DIRECTOR

Happy 2019! Do you make a New Year's resolution? May I suggest you resolve to travel more with AAA and the Solo Travelers Club? There is no better way to explore new destinations than with other people, especially if they are Solo Travelers Club members. At our January meeting we reviewed 6 new Solo Exclusive trips for 2019. And we have a few more in the works. Check out those trips inside this issue. Traveling with a group offers opportunities to connect with new people, share meals and conversation and feel safe and secure knowing you're not alone.

I also gave out a hint about our Summer Special Club Event. The details have been finalized, special arrangements have been made and the announcement about this "royal" event is on the back cover. I hope you will plan to attend this full day outing.

When planning your 2019 travel remember to plan in advance. Reserve your space early. Space can only be held for a limited time before it's either sold out, recalled by our vendors or doesn't operate due to lack of reservations. A good rule of thumb is to act at least 60-90 days prior to the departure date. Don't let a great opportunity pass you by.

Our March meetings will be sponsored by Brendan Vacations. Come out in March and hear about the fascinating tours and magical destinations Brendan Vacations has to offer.

Stay warm throughout the rest of the winter. Next time I see you in March it'll almost be spring.

Traveling Solo, Together
Susan

Upcoming Solo Meetings

March 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.

Harrisburg/West Shore

Tuesday, March 5

Red Lion Hotel Harrisburg/Hershey - 4751 Lindle Road,

Lancaster

Thursday, March 7

Heritage Hotel - 500 Centerville Road, Lancaster

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 or email solosusan@aaacp.com.**

"Nobody can discover the world for somebody else. Only when we discover it for ourselves does it become common ground and a common bond and we cease to be alone."

- Wendell Berry





Spotlight on Tuscany

9 Days, 10 Meals • Starting at \$2,149*

This is Tuscany as you always imagined it! With the luxury of only having to unpack once, you have plenty of extra time to explore all that vintage Italy has to offer, while traveling with a group of like-minded travelers.

Highlights: Montecatini Terme, Florence, Lucca, Siena, Winery Tour, Pisa, San Gimignano



AAA Member Benefit:
\$50 savings per person

Private Sedan Service on all air tours,
roundtrip home to airport**

Rate is per person, land only based on single occupancy Member Benefit savings is reflected in the rate. **Not valid on group travel. Purchase of roundtrip international or domestic U.S. airfare from MCV through AAA Travel required to obtain sedan service. Included in many U.S. cities within a 50 mile radius of more than 90 airport gateways. Service is available between 51 and 75 miles for a small fee. One transfer per room booking. Additional stops are not permitted on route. Other restrictions may apply; call for details. CST#2006766-20 UBN#601220855 Nevada Seller of Travel Registration No. 2003-0279

AAA Member Choice
Vacations

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
Winterthur Garden Follies
and special exhibit *Costuming the Crown*
April 9, 2019

Upon arrival at Winterthur enjoy a delightful narrated garden tram ride (weather permitting). Escape into the imaginative world of garden follies, Winterthur's first-ever exhibition of whimsical and classical garden structures. A guided introductory house tour includes exquisite spaces in which Henry Francis du Pont entertained family and friends in grand style. The 175 rooms are furnished with his outstanding collection of antiques and objects added since his death. After lunch on your own at the café, you will have free time to explore the special exhibit *Costuming the Crown*. This exhibit features 40 iconic costumes from the beloved Emmy award-winning Netflix series *The Crown*.

PRICE PER PERSON: **\$109**



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 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 Parade of Nations & Virginia International Tattoo

April 25 - 28, 2019

Join AAA on a Virginia Beach getaway combining sun, sand and military pageantry. The Parade of Nations is the only parade in the United States to honor NATO; see colorful floats representing each of the 29 NATO Member Nations, plus United States and international military bands. This tour also includes reserved seats for the Virginia International Tattoo performance- long regarded as the most patriotic of the world's great tattoos, it's a spectacle of military splendor, part parade and part theatre, and sometimes part circus. The Tattoo features regimental bands and drill teams, drums and pipes, mass bugle ensembles, and fireworks. Enjoy a tour of the Virginia Beach Military Aviation Museum, and a Spirit of Norfolk dinner cruise.

PRICE PER PERSON: Single **\$1,289**
Double **\$909**



Solo Friendly Wine, Waterfalls & Wort

May 20 - 22, 2019

The Wine, Waterfalls & Wort trip is the perfect excursion for those who would like to experience wonderful wines and the natural beauty of the Finger Lakes region of New York. Trip highlights include: Corning Museum of Glass, Cornell Botanical Gardens, Buttermilk Falls State Park, Hopshire Farm & Brewery with flight of tastings, Taughannock Falls, Lakewood Vineyards in Watkins Glen & the Seneca Wine Center with tasting from Pleasant Valley Vinery.

PRICE PER PERSON: Single **\$889**
Double **\$699**



Solo Friendly Pacific Northwest & California

July 29 - August 5, 2019

Fall under the spell of the Pacific Northwest and California on this 7-night tour encompassing the wilds of Mount St. Helens to the shadow of giants in the Redwoods. Your tour begins in the heart of the "Emerald City"- Seattle, long known for its colorful waterfront area and historic Pioneer Square. A city sightseeing excursion provides ample time to mingle with artisans at the lively Pike Place Market. Continuing south, the tour ventures to the likes of Mount St. Helens, Oregon's Dunes National Recreation Area, includes a two-night stay in Portland, the picturesque "City of Roses," and provides time to enjoy the scenery of Mt. Hood and the Columbia River Gorge. Be sure to behold the majestic beauty of the Redwood Forest's "Avenue of the Giants," before you take in the charms of San Francisco and the greater Bay area with landmarks such as the Golden Gate Bridge, Alcatraz and Fisherman's Wharf, where the tour ends. Not to be missed, this tour has something for everyone.

PRICE PER PERSON: Single **\$4,409**
Double **\$3,669**



Solo Friendly Spotlight on London & British Royalty - AAA Custom Tour

May 18 - 25, 2019

London has an energy all its own and recent additions to the Royal Family have provided even more reasons to travel to this reinvigorated "hot spot." Join AAA for a guided six-night tour, which combines the best that London has to offer, and includes all the iconic must-see attractions, including: The Tower of London, Big Ben, Windsor Palace, Stonehenge, Houses of Parliament, Buckingham Palace, Kensington Palace, Westminster Abbey, Trafalgar Square, St. Paul's Cathedral, The Royal Palace, once home to Princess Diana, and much more.

PRICE PER PERSON: Single **\$4,929**
Double **\$3,989**



Solo Friendly Nautical New York

June 8, 2019

Upon arrival in New York City enjoy a self-guided audio tour of the Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum. The Intrepid Museum is a unique journey through spectacular interactive exhibits and virtual, multi-sensory technology, which detail American military and maritime history. Guests can experience the Space Shuttle Pavilion which houses the Enterprise, the very first shuttle built. Enjoy an included boxed lunch in the ship's mess hall. Afterwards, take a step back in time on New York's only passenger tall ship *Clipper City*. From her spacious main deck or raised quarter deck, you will enjoy the sailing experience of a lifetime aboard this majestic topsail schooner as we unfurl her canvas and set sail on the calm waters of the New York Harbor. The *Clipper City* sails through the New York City Harbor closely passing the Statue of Liberty, Ellis Island, Governors Island and the New Jersey and New York skyline and bridges.

PRICE PER PERSON: Single **\$229**



Solo Friendly Royal Caribbean Bahamas Cruise - *Mariner of the Seas*

August 30 - September 2, 2019

Enjoy two ports of call and three nights aboard Royal Caribbean's *Mariner of the Seas* departing from Port Carnival, FL. With dazzling beaches, turquoise waters, colorful past, and vibrant Junkanoo culture, Nassau is a great place to sun and sightsee. With its white-sand beaches and spectacular surroundings, the private island of CocoCay is a wonderland of adventures. The new and enhanced South Beach is full of amenities such as, complimentary shuttle transfers, lounge chairs, floating bar, and cabanas. CocoCay features all kinds of activities-snorkeling, kayaking, boating, jet-ski rentals, an aqua park, nature walks, beaches, and plenty of spots to relax and recharge.

PRICE PER PERSON: Single **\$729**
Double **\$419**

More SOLO FRIENDLY Cruises, Motorcoach Tours, and Land Tours

Philadelphia Flower Show
March 3-4, 2019

Girlfriend Getaway Savannah Southern Women's Show
March 28-April 1, 2019

Cherry Blossom Luncheon Cruise
April 4, 2019

Springtime In New Orleans "The Big Easy"
April 6-13, 2019

Cherry Blossom Weekend
April 12-14, 2019

Heroes Tour with the Family Wishing Well
April 13, 2019

Springtime in the Gardens
May 9, 2019

Holland Tulip Festival
May 9-13, 2019

Springtime in Ottawa "Canadian Tulip Festival"
May 16-19, 2019

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

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

Montreal & Quebec
July 22-26, 2019

Chesapeake Cravings
August 8, 2019

Castles of the Thousand Islands
Aug 20-23, 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

Carnival 7NT Canada/New England Cruise- Sunrise
September 29-October 6, 2019

Stars & Stripes of the Big Apple
October 5, 2019

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

SOLO CONNECTION BOARD

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

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ANNOUNCING OUR SUMMER SOLO TRAVELERS CLUB EVENT

Save the Date...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 43 members.**

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

- AAA.com/Solo
- 1-888-746-4566**
- Visit your local AAA

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