



SOLO TRAVELERS CLUB NEWSLETTER

June/July 2019



Greetings from Susan Sweigard YOUR CLUB DIRECTOR

Summertime! I thought it would never get here. Now that it is, I want time to slow down so I can really enjoy the warm weather, sunshine and longer days. I sure hope you have summertime plans that will get you out of the house, spending time with friends and experiencing something new. You know we have Solo Exclusive and Solo Friendly trips that will do just that. Check them out inside this issue.

I hope you have taken time to renew your Solo Travelers Club membership. Club renewals were due in May but it's certainly not too late to send in your renewal or give us a call today. Renewing your membership will keep you active and on our mailing list so we can share club information, meetings and events with you.

I missed seeing everyone at the May meetings. I was in Niagara Falls at a AAA conference. I was lucky enough that the conference hotel had a gorgeous view of the magnificent falls. I trust you enjoyed the presentation offered by Donna Zeigler, AAA's Discoveries Manager and guest speaker Judy Kale, from Cunard Cruise Line. Sailing with Cunard is truly a step back in time to the ambiance and distinction of the oceanliners of yesteryear. Truly an experience you would never forget.

I'm looking forward to our Adventure of the Seas on July 12. Hope you've made plans to join me. It should be a fun day checking out all the ship has to offer, enjoying lunch and socializing with your fellow Solo Club members.

Traveling Solo, Together
Susan

Upcoming Solo Meetings

September 2019

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

There will be a \$25 meeting fee (payable at the door) for Basic (Non-Rewards) Program Members.

Lancaster

Thursday, September 5

Heritage Hotel – 500 Centerville Road, Lancaster

Harrisburg/West Shore

Tuesday, September 10

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.

Register online at AAA.com/Solo or Call **888-746-4566**
or email solosusan@aaacp.com.

*"One day you will wake up and there won't be any more
time to do the things you've always wanted. Do it NOW."*

– Paulo Coelho





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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.



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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 Exclusive
Discover Pittsburgh
 October 15, 2019

Upon arrival begin the day at Phipps Conservatory for a self-guided tour as you experience this green oasis in the middle of Pittsburgh's vibrant Oakland neighborhood. Lunch will be on your own at Café Phipps. Then, sit back and relax as the guide leads the way to the Frick Art & Historical Center where you will have a docent-led tour of the Clayton House. You will have independent time to explore the Frick Art Museum, travel back in time at the Car and Carriage Museum, or stroll the scenic gardens and greenhouse. Proceed to the Duquesne Incline where you will ride to the top and step out onto Mt. Washington for a spectacular view of Pittsburgh.

PRICE PER PERSON: Single **\$189**



Solo Exclusive
Christmas in Historic Bethlehem
 December 5, 2019

There will be a morning arrival at the Moravian Museum of Bethlehem where you'll view incredible history and architecture. Visit the Central Moravian Putz for a retelling of the story of Christ's birth through narration and music, while tiny lights illuminate each miniature scene. Following lunch you will have free time on Main Street in Bethlehem and at the Christkindlmarket. Here you'll find aisles of handmade works by more than 150 of the nation's finest artisans. Sit back and experience the Christmas City on a trip back in time with a costumed guide for the Bethlehem by Night tour. The tour is filled with a visit to the famous star atop South Mountain, and a look at some early and current local holiday traditions, all while learning the history of the town.

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
Woodstock's 50th at the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame
 August 16 -18, 2019

All you hippies and 60's music lovers, pull on those tie dyed shirts and bell bottoms, put flowers in your hair, grab your love beads and join us in Cleveland as we kick off the Woodstock 50th anniversary weekend! Enjoy four hours of exclusive time touring the exhibits, followed by the Moon Rock Party at the Rock Hall Plaza. Enjoy a luncheon cruise on the Nautica Queen. This unique experience combines the best of dining and sightseeing in Cleveland. This is truly going to be a great weekend!

PRICE PER PERSON: Single **\$949**
 Double **\$779**



Solo Friendly
Toronto & Niagara Falls Getaway
 Hosted by: Amy Warner of The River 97.3
 November 1 - 4, 2019

Cross America's northern border for a lovely long weekend with your friendly neighbors in Canada. Our deluxe motor coach provides a comfortable round-trip ride. Tour Toronto, the country's largest city with world-class attractions; your view from atop the CN Tower will be spectacular. Visit magnificent Castle Lomo (Canada's largest) and attend a Broadway show. Watch time blossom on the giant floral clock before your Hornblower cruise to misty Horseshoe Falls, the prime cascade of massive Niagara Falls. Visit the Victorian village of Niagara-on-the-Lake, then tour the wine country with a stop for a tasting before a farewell to Canada dinner overlooking the multicolor illuminations of Niagara Falls

PRICE PER PERSON: Single **\$1,749**
 Double **\$1,429**



Solo Friendly
Irish Odyssey
 March 5 -17, 2020

What could be better than traveling to Ireland in the month of March! Enjoy 11 night hotel accommodations on this trip of a lifetime. Highlights include; Blarney Castle, Cliffs, of Moher, Giant's Causeway, Titanic Belfast and so much more. Enjoy a stay at Cabra Castle Hotel, built in 1760. While in Kingscourt enjoy a display of Irish step-dancing. A true Irish experience!

PRICE PER PERSON: Single **\$3,639**
 Double **\$2,799**



Solo Friendly
Stars & Stripes of the Big Apple
 October 5, 2019

Set sail on the Statue Cruises Ferry to the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island for a guided tour with a licensed New York City tour guide. The views of the Statue from the water are breathtaking and reminiscent of what immigrants first saw entering New York Harbor. The return ferry will take us to Manhattan for a guided walking tour of New York City en route to the National 9/11 Memorial. After reflecting at the Memorial, enter the Memorial Museum for a self-guided tour; examine authentic artifacts to understand what happened on 9/11, how people responded in the aftermath of the attacks, and the history and rebuilding of the World Trade Center.

PRICE PER PERSON: Single **\$269**



Solo Friendly
Norwegian Escape 5-Night Bermuda Cruise
 November 10 - 15, 2019

A double dose of days to enjoy Bermuda is your prescription on this five-night cruise aboard Norwegian Cruise Line's Norwegian Escape. An additional popular cure for tired autumn leaf-rakers is this voyage's day at sea in each direction between New York City and Bermuda. While in Bermuda, take your time to relax on the pink sand beaches, glide along on a glass-bottom boat to see colorful fish and corals, even snorkel with dolphins. Golf is great on coastline courses, tropical gardens are gorgeous, shopping is special with local crafts, touring in a taxi with a friendly Bermudian is personal and delightful.

PRICE PER PERSON: Single **\$1,499**
 Double **\$859**



Solo Friendly
Spotlight on South Dakota
 May 8 - 14, 2020

Welcome to the West! Your tour open in Rapid City, long known as the gateway to the Black Hills. Visit Crazy Horse Memorial and learn the story behind the world's largest, still-in-progress mountain sculpture. You'll spend time at the mighty Mount Rushmore to see the epic figures of Washington, Jefferson, Roosevelt and Lincoln as you stroll along the Presidential Trail that offers the closest access to this iconic sculpture. Explore the larger-than-life Badlands National Park. Upon arrival at the visitor center, the stage is set for your adventure, with informative exhibits, displays and video to introduce you this this area. On your last evening enjoy a memorable dinner and Western show at the High Plains Heritage Center.

PRICE PER PERSON: Single **\$3,629**
 Double **\$3,039**

More SOLO FRIENDLY Cruises, Motorcoach Tours, and Land Tours

Summertime at Mount Vernon
August 3, 2019

Chesapeake Cravings
August 8, 2019

Woodstock's 50th at the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame
August 16 - 18, 2019

Castles of the Thousand Islands
August 20 - 23, 2019

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

Hudson River Valley Escape
September 9 - 12, 2019

Cape Cod and the Islands
September 15 - 20, 2019

Horseshoe Curve Experience
September 24, 2019

Canada & New England Member Appreciation Cruise

September 29 - October 6, 2019

Autumn in the Finger Lakes with WHP580's RJ Harris
October 3 - 6, 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

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

Holiday with the Boston Pops
December 13 - 15, 2019

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

SOLO CONNECTION BOARD

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

Contact Solo Susan
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Simply Italy hosted by Vineyard at Hershey
AAA/Trafalgar
Oct 12 - 20, 2019
Female, Non Smoking

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Top Tips for Stress-Free Solo Travel

by Tracey Nesbitt

Solo travel is mind-expanding, confidence-boosting, fun, and exciting. But let's be real: there are times when it can also be stressful.

Managing Luggage and Other Belongings

Problem:

Whether waiting at an airport, navigating public washrooms, or trying to enjoy a day at the beach, solo travelers have sole responsibility for their belongings.

Solutions:

Travel with only carry-on luggage with wheels or a backpack—or better yet, wheels and backpack straps! Or, do the exact opposite and check all your baggage to keep your hands free during long airport layovers.

Navigating a New City and Deciphering the Transportation System

Problem:

Constantly having to decide where to go, checking the map, street signs and being aware of everything around you. On your own, you are in charge of everything. Getting a handle on public transportation can be a confusing.

Solutions:

Download Google maps ahead of time so you don't need Wi-Fi or waste data when you need them. Use the compass function on your phone. Take an occasional taxi or Uber. If you are lost return to a familiar spot to get your bearings, relax, and start again. Take a hop-on, hop-off bus tour shortly after arriving in a new place. If you are heading out to a specific destination from your hotel, ask for directions at the front desk.

Dining Alone

Problem:

Fear or discomfort with eating alone has been a constant concern for solo travelers.

Solutions:

Here's a different perspective on the situation. Be thankful you don't have to make small talk, just be content to sit and enjoy the food. Take a good book or travel guide to read while eating or take along postcards to write or a travel journal. Maybe listen with earbuds to podcasts downloaded on your cellphone while dining. Choose a table near a window or on a patio so you can engage in some people-watching. If you enjoy meeting new people, look for restaurants that have a bar, you can sit there and strike up a conversation with the bartender or other patrons.

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