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## OUR CLUB IS ALMOST 20 YEARS OLD!

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### Letter from Phyllis Stoller

It finally feels like winter with temps still in the 30's in the Northeast, and endless snow everywhere except Los Angeles where

Noah's ark is out of dry dock. Our 2011 Calendar is almost complete with many new trips and most with full details and prices. And we have re-established our Specials Page, which was our second most looked at web area, now constantly updated and changed as we find new travel tidbits for you. Finally our New York extension page is full of ideas for women traveling to New York City solo.

Some snow updates and why travel with us? It might not be an enviable job, but we have staff who manage travel glitches 24/7 on a direct phone line. During the closure of Heathrow and other European Airports, they worked tirelessly to make sure our members were not stranded or let down. In the worst cases, we were able to get full refunds for cancelled groups and give alternative dates for others. So we are more than Sales Staff, we are there for you around the clock.

*Phyllis Stoller*

## NEW & UPCOMING TOURS

### Lisbon City Splurge Feb 17 - 22, 2011

Our trip over President's Day weekend includes round trip air, 4 nights in the central Mundial Hotel (4 stars), city sightseeing, a half day to Sintra with its palaces built in a former royal retreat + Estoril + fishing village of Cascais, and an option to some of the finest wine country-Azeitao village.

From: \$1299+ Taxes (air/land).

Note : most of our city weekend trips can be done on any date!

#### Some tips from past WTC trips to Lisbon:

- Stop by the Gulbenkian Museum of Art (the driver will drop you on return from Sintra if you wish).
- A must tasting is in a Victorian Pastry shop for a crumbly tart and cup of coffee.
- Trend setters need to go to a major department store for Havaianas, the 'in' flip flops customized on the spot with mismatching tops and bottoms and rhinestones and objects. Very Hollywood, and a great gift.
- The hotel can help with tours to nearby highlights during your free day. Lisbon is a fun safe wandering town, with fountains and plazas, buildings covered with tiles.
- Like to learn a few words in the local language? In Lisbon this will be difficult; Portuguese is a mélange of Arabic and Spanish. A smile always works.

### Flavors of Tuscany April 3-11, 2011:

A journey based in Montecatini in The Grand Hotel Nizza and Suissa with visits to Chianti, Pisa, Lucca, Montepulciano, and options to Florence and Siena/San Gimignano. Wine, cheese, with palazzos, piazzas, pasta. A city stay package with fantastic day trips throughout the region. Two cooking experiences, tastes of local Pecorino and other cheeses and wines included using local produce. Air/Land, many meals, lots of vino from \$2299+taxes. Yum

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Cairo

### Egypt March 5-14 2011

With time in Cairo, option to Alexandria, and a Nile Cruise, it is one of those bulls eye trips. Most who go to Egypt say that it feels like the cradle of Western Civilization. Mysterious stone statues emerging from the dunes, combined with palm studded temples along the Nile are the original post card. The pyramids are the only extant Wonder of the Ancient World. Kom Ombo is the site of Death on the Nile where a column crashes in a temple. Abu Simbel is to my mind the highlight-deep in the desert with massive statues. 10 days/8 nights land and 5 star cruise from \$2799+taxes. Single supplement \$500. Extensions to Jordan and Israel also available.



Egyptian Pyramids

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### Looking Further Ahead

Check out Budapest and Prague in June 21-28, Buenos Aires and Rio in Jun 29-July 9 and South Africa August 11-19 with extension to Vic Falls and Ireland for October. We rescheduled India and added Nepal November 6-20, 2011 making it a longer trip with additional visits. That trip will also be repeated Jan 15-30, 2011. As usual a full list is on our site. It changes weekly as we add, so do keep looking or sign up for a twitter notice from us.

### Our new Specials Page

One amazing offer at writing is **China** March 17-25, 2011 with air from JFK, sightseeing in Beijing, Xian and Shanghai and 4/5 star hotels: **Air/Land from \$1799+Taxes**. We now also offer air from California at a different price. Trip almost full. We offered a Rome weekend to take your friend/fella/whatever you call him to Rome for a 4 nighter as low as **\$799 per person**.

Think about adding our NY City extension to any trip. 2010 saw the biggest rise to this area in years, but our hotel rates remain the best: Helmsley on Central Park South for a song. Shoot me an email, and I will try to call you when you are in NY, always ready to share Big Apple secrets and advice.

### See upcoming trips on our calendar.

Lisbon City Splurge - **Feb 17-22**  
Ecuador and the Galapagos: including the Otavalo Market - **Feb 17-25**  
Norwegian 7 Night Cruise - **Feb 5,12,19+26**  
Egypt Deluxe - **Mar 5-14**  
Nice + Paris extension - **Mar 10-18**  
China Highlights - **Mar 17-25**  
Flavors of Italy - **Apr 3-11**  
Morocco - **Apr 23-May 1**  
Budapest and Prague - **Jun 21-28**  
Peru, - **Jun 30-Jul 10**  
Voyages to Antiquity Cruise Venice-Athens - **Aug 3-16**  
Sicilian Sensations Deluxe - **Sep 25-Oct 4**  
Best of Ireland - **Oct 15-23**

## NEW & UPCOMING TOURS

### Paris for the Second Time- or even The First April 22-29, 2011

A specially designed Paris journey for everyone. Our hotel is the Splendid Etoile (4 star), and our itinerary is busy and exciting: 4/23 welcome dinner, 4/24 half day city tour by bus, ending at Notre Dame + lunch, walking tour of medieval Ile St. Louis ending at Berthillon Ice Cream considered the best in France, 4/25 guided visit to the water lilies at The Orangerie followed by lunch and a walk through The Left Bank, 4/26 a free day but please ask us for tickets to a fashion show at Printemps Store, 4/27 enjoy a guided tour of The Paris Opera, followed by lunch and a visit to the Louvre/ and 4/28, a free day with options through us and farewell dinner. 6 nights and 7 days. Extend your trip comfortably; as our hotel is next to the Air France airport bus so easy transfers. **Land only From \$1599**. Use those FF miles on this one.

NEWSFLASH I just returned from Paris. Many restaurants are offering prix fixe meals at great prices. I found the best gifts in the supermarket: a duck topped casserole in orange and a rabbit in grey: 6 euros! I found myself munch-wandering Left Bank food markets which were open at night, and discovered new museums not in guidebooks. One had drawings on the iPad by David Hockney located in the Old YSL Factory. So the second and tenth time around will never be enough.

### Tips for our Paris trip:

- Free concerts in Paris are held often in churches like the Madeleine.
- A new trend in Paris is quick cooking lesson + eating lunches.
- Many food shops are in the basement of stores like Monoprix; great place for gifts and general foraging.
- Suzy Gershman, of the Born to Shop Guidebooks includes wonderful walking tours in her Paris edition.
- Brasserie Flo and Tarte Julie are reasonable chain restaurants throughout town.



Arc Du Triomphe, Paris



Morocco- Volubilis Forum

### Morocco and the Deep Desert April 23-May 1, 2011

The problem with most Morocco trips is they miss the deep desert; as you go further south, it is more tribal, more exotic and more cinematic. This year's trip includes extra time in Marrakech and in the deep desert at a foreign legion style hotel. Our itinerary is Rabat, then fabulous Fez with visits to Roman Volubilis and Islamic Meknes, then on to Marrakech and we finish in Ouarzazate. You will go from rolling Mediterranean hills to high Atlas Mts. , then the Saharan oases. Morocco is the perfect first time in a more exotic country for most American women; hotels are lovely, souks and medinas( ancient centers) and desert castles not only look like movies but Morocco is often used in films for its beauty and safety. For a preview see Lawrence of Arabia...enough said!

**From \$2899 + taxes.**

### Tips for our Morocco trip:

- Women are not expected to cover themselves in Morocco, but socks are helpful when walking around a mosque without shoes. Mini skirts are a NO.
- Read everything you can from Paul Bowles especially *The Sheltering Sky*
- Stop in a Berber pharmacy for some unusual cosmetics and for henna lipstick.
- Bring a load of film, Morocco is one of the most scenic places you will ever visit.

**TRIPS CLOSING SHORTLY.  
BOOK NOW!**



Marrakech, Morocco

## VOYAGES TO ANTIQUITY

### Small Ship Cruises to Classical Civilizations

May 31 and August 3, 2011:

Our members require value that comes with meaningful experiences, cultural insights and unimpeded beauty. We are thrilled to announce our 'partnership' with Voyages To Antiquity offering us two hand picked cruises.

VOA cruises open up a window into the origins of Western Civilization. These journeys also include spectacular scenery, archaeological treasures and the food and wine of the Mediterranean. All prices include air from JFK or EWR with many other gateways available, transfers, cruise and hotel nights, all meals, house wine, beer and soda at dinner, tips to cabin stewards and restaurant staff, most excursions, lectures, many night time stays in port, baggage handling once out of customs and port charges.

These small classic ships hold an average of 350 passengers, making entrée into ports more personal and less disruptive to local areas. English is the ship's language and our 4 star Aegean Odyssey's additional amenities include:

- A specialized classics library with academic and popular volumes to enhance your experience.
- Internet and business center
- A main 'country club-ambient' restaurant, a Terrace restaurant, and Tapas on the Terrace. All with open seating. Afternoon tea and Late Night Snacks complete your meal options
- Sun decks and outdoor pool
- Fully equipped gym with lockers and sauna, and spa with a menu of treatments, plus a beauty salon
- Cabins have flat screen tvs, fine linens, safe, hairdryer etc. and comfortable bathrooms.



The Acropolis

**\*NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT deal applies to certain cabin categories. Reservations staff will assist you to choose the right cabin.**

## VOYAGES TO ANTIQUITY

**16 Day/14 nights- Rome to Venice May 31, 2011 departure**

**Book and Pay by February 27th, 2010 includes Air/Land/Cruise from JFK or EWR.** Fly to Rome. Transfer to our 4 star Marriott in Rome, for two nights. Transfer to the pier. Sail from Rome (Civitavecchia) to Bonifacio in Corsica, Cagliari in Sardinia, Trapani-Segesta in Sicily, Palermo in Sicily, Taormina in Sicily, Malta, Dubrovnik in Croatia, Cruise Hvar/Korcula also Croatia, Split in Croatia end in Venice. Transfer to the airport for your return flight. Lectures will be about Julius Caesar and Rome, Sicily from Greek to Norman, and the story of Venice.

**16 Day/14 night departure - Venice to Athens: August 3 2011 departure**

**Book and Pay by February 27th, 2010 includes Air/Land/Cruise From JFK or EWR.** Fly to Venice (Italy) and transfer to the pier. Sail from Venice to Zadar, Split, Trogir, Korcula, Hvar, Dubrovnik, Kotor Bay cruising all Croatia, Corfu in Greece, Itea, Delphi, Corinth and Corinth Canal, Athens all in Greece. Disembark and transfer to the Athenaeum Intercontinental for two nights. Transfer to the airport for your return flight home. Lectures include: Story of Imperial Venice, Classical World of Adriatic Roman-Greek and Byzantine colonies, Maritime History of the Ancients to the Venetians and Classical Greece and the Golden Age of Athens.

### SPECIAL SINGLE CABINS

if booked by

**FEBRUARY 27th, 2011**

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Government Taxes and Fees apply.

### Some Helpful Tips on Solo Cruising for Women.

- Make sure there is open seating for meals + at least one casual dining room. With single meal times and seated meals, there is usually a line. Standing in it, until you make friends is very intimidating! VOA has open seating and a choice of restaurants..
- Fact filled lectures on cruises create more conversation with new friends, than do nightclub shows. They also give you easy openers to talk to strangers. VOA includes lectures.
- Check out public spaces to see if there are meeting places other than the bar like the gym? Deck? Library? Tea venue? VOA has them all.
- Make sure English is the language of the ship. VOA has only English language ships.
- Having wine included makes bill sharing more comfortable when sitting at dinner with others. VOA includes wine, beer and soda with dinner!
- Having tips included removes one more intimidating choice; most women worry about tipping. VOA includes tips.
- Having tours included means a variety of people will be on the bus so you can meet more 'travel friends'. VOA includes the excursions
- Small ships means less crowds, and a quicker sense of belonging.
- A no single supplement policy means the company is actually keen on your business as women traveling solo.

## The Irish Eyes Have It!

Why women love **IRELAND**.

October 15th-23rd, 2011

Our affair with Ireland begins as the plane descends over a quilt of enriched green fields and colorful villages. It continues to Dublin, with our first sightings of brightly colored Georgian doors, and the historic Trinity College campus. We are mystified by the monastic treasure of the Book of Kells and its famed hand-writing from 1500 years ago. We arrive at our hotel, dropping into a neighborhood pub on the way, with the chatter of locals and we are drawn by the literary connection, who would have guessed that Ulysses played a part of this story!

We are in love. We drive across beautiful countryside, stopping off in villages we meet locals and get to sample some great Irish hospitality – and food! Seafood Chowder and Soda bread are a must! From the soaring sea Cliffs of Moher, to the Giants Causeway, there are great stories around you, from myths and legends to wonderful awe of the land that inspired Yeats and Joyce.

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Stop off in Galway, and head to Connemara and see the stone walls and natural beauty, take a sailing to the Aran Islands and experience the traditions of rural Ireland. Meander through Sligo and dare to cross the Carrick-a-Rede rope bridge on the Antrim Coast, or taste the delights at St. Georges Market in Belfast. And all the time, gain new friends and warm memories of this part of Ireland.

A trip to Killarney and the famed Ring of Kerry and its scenic treasures will leave you in no doubt of why it really one of the world's most scenic drives, and taking in West Cork and its artisan food producers will ensure you really will not want to leave at all! So while your vacation in Ireland might be over, your memories will be forever!

### Refer a Friend, Earn \$100!

Here's how to get a double reward when you refer a new member: Simply have them provide your name and address when they enroll in WTC. You earn a FREE 1-year membership extension. When that new member travels with WTC within the first year, you earn a \$100 travel voucher reward. Your support of the Women's Travel Club is greatly appreciated. Spread the word!

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