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# The Women's Travel Club



## Dear Members,

Well, we are not in Kansas anymore... we are in New Jersey! The Women's Travel Club has successfully moved in with ABC Destinations in Bloomfield NJ. You will love our new "home" and what it brings to our Club. We have the same small group, inclusive trips, same themes, and some of the same places. But we are adding up to 40 departures for 2007 and for the first time are able to have more than one date for sell out trips like Iceland. (Oct. 19 is a second departure for Iceland). We can offer discounted river cruises, golf trips for women, long distance trips with top hotels but at short distance prices and unique specials keep coming. We now quote airfares, both discounted group and individual air. We add extra nights to trips like Spain for Christmas, and optional excursions.

Phyllis still runs the Club but she has wonderful help with Michelle Jarrett, a veteran tour administrator and traveler. So when you call, you will get one of us! For a long time, we have wanted certain innovations, but did not have the back office to initiate them. So here we go:

❖ In the past, you would ask us for names and phone numbers of women on your trip so you could 'meet' beforehand. Here is an experiment we will be trying: On line chat for women booked on trips. Our blog will move to trip pages on the website. If you wish to chat before a trip, or just read what others are saying, you can write on or read the blog. You have to fill in a simple application to get access, it is fun to participate. If you do not have a computer, call us for info.

❖ ABC brings us astounding airfares, discounted heavily from various cities. If you have to fly to New York or Newark for a Club trip, we will be offering overnight hotel stays so everyone on the same departure is at the same airport hotel. And for international trips when you used to get your own air, we now offer air: ie Paris, Provence, Tuscany.

❖ Traveling with your family or friends? Ask if our affiliate is offering what your group wants? We will mail out exciting ideas, at great prices not restricted to women only travel.

❖ Specials on the march: those of you booked on Rome for \$999 grabbed a deal. Air / 4 star hotel, transfers, buffet breakfast, one full day tour, farewell dinner! We added Beijing blowout at \$799 from JFK Feb 4. And Stockholm from \$400+ with air. Discounted Peter Dielmann Provence river cruises, then Paris. You get a **free** day in Bombay on India trip if booked by Sept. 15 (value \$100).

**So enjoy our new family and travel with us on our New Jersey jumbo jet.**

## Deadlines:

**Canyon Ranch Health Resort discount Oct.18-22 and 25-29- call**  
**Iceland Oct. 5-10 full Oct. 19 new departure. Turkey full wait list only**  
**New York City Oct. 20-23 still booking, Phyllis will join you for part of the trip.**

**India Nov. 5-17 or 20, FREE DAY IN BOMBAY IF BOOKED BY SEPT. 15, VALUE \$100. those already booked receive this goodie.**

**Thanksgiving in Tuscany Nov. 21-27 limited space at original price.**

**Argentina and Brazil Nov. 30-Dec. 12 \$100 flight increase Sept. 15.**

**Spain for Christmas and Canary Islands for New Year's: both booking .**  
**REMEMBER AIR OFTEN INCREASES WITHIN 90 DAYS OF DEPARTURE.**

*Phyllis Stoller*

## New York New York.

**Oct. 20-23** or stay on. This trip is an annual visit for the Club. This year we booked the Milford Plaza, in the theater district and included again one Broadway ticket, tours and walks. \$999 per person. Phyllis is your hostess. Booking nearly over / Great way to meet up with the Club for the first time.

**Canyon Ranch discount** in Lenox MA Oct. 18 and 25, two dates for 4 nights each. Save \$500 per person coming with us. Men are invited to use our discount as long as they are related to you! Deposit \$300. Note: Canyon Ranch has ltd rooms at our price and we cannot guarantee you will get on at this late date. Never seen the leaves change? Call us yesterday!

**Rome Special Oct. 28-Nov. 3 \$999** from JFK, air incl. The US office for Eurofly, our airline, is a few desks from The Club's office. Our buddies at Eurofly are offering us a series of specials- this is the first: ltd space Eurofly has operated within Europe for years and now flies from the US to Italian cities non stop. Lucky us.

**Beijing Blowout Feb. 4** includes air from NY, transfers, 4 star Capital Hotel for 6 nights, American breakfast daily, Peking dinner and show. \$799+ taxes. Substitute 2 days in Xian with sightseeing for \$199 at deluxe Sofitel Hotel. Single: \$120 more. Our pal Suzy Gershman will be supplying her private list of shopping deals in Beijing, an exclusive for club members.

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40 trips a year...first-class/superior first-class hotels unless noted...group airfares (flights from many cities)...transfers...room shares on first-come, first-served basis for non-smokers...all sightseeing...English-speaking guides...meals as noted...private deluxe buses...complete pre-trip packages...and Travel Companion Bulletin Board! Ask about airfare from your hometown-we are a national group with different time zones and hometowns.

**MEMBERS' PRICES QUOTED BELOW ..... Keep your membership current to void surcharges on trips..... within 90 days of departure, prices increase And sometimes so does airfare!**

**LAST CALL !**

**Canyon Ranch** We will always try for you even if it means begging. We have \$100 certificates if you want to go on a non group date without our discount.

**Oct. 1-15 Turkey** Ankara to Istanbul. – full

**Oct 5-10 Iceland \$1199 + taxes. full**

*As this trip sold out so fast, we added a new departure with another small group. Oct. 19-24 booking now.*

The second trip is one day shorter, includes same excursions and will operate only from NY. \$1059+ taxes. It is because of our new ABC family that we can in future accommodate overflow on some trips. But we still caution you to book early as in many cases group airfare rises as we get closer to the departure date.

**Oct. 20-23 NY:** theater district hotel, welcome dinner, 1 theater ticket, tours. If you live in NY, join us for a visit or two. Last year's women loved our city and some are coming back this year.

**New York:** home to art, architecture, sunsets on the Hudson River, walks thru Italianate Central Park gardens, the best cuisine on the East coast, shopping to make you cry, and theater to make you laugh. The leaves will be changing in October. New stuff: The Apple Store open 24/7 on Fifth Avenue, roof top bar at the Met, Bryant Park behind the NY Public Library: a charming "hot spot" if you must bring your computer. And foie gras pop tarts with port jelly, at the bar of the Four Seasons Hotel on 57<sup>th</sup> Street. Only in NY!

**Nov. 5-17 or 20 North and South India, most** trips do not include both parts of the country. Our trip is in November- both areas have sublime weather and the price is right! Shares still available: **\$4879** for both includes airfare. If you can only get away until Nov. 17, do the North only for **\$4399**, both plus taxes. We go Air France and business class is available if you prefer. Flights stop in Paris then connect very well to India. A little croissant and café au lait on the way over doesn't hurt. All 5 star hotels in Delhi, Agra, Jaipur, Jodhpur, Udaipur, then in the South: Chennai (Madras formerly), Covelong on the beach accessible to our sites in S India. On the way home we have a day in Mumbai, for those book by Sept. 15, we add a free tour, and dinner until our departure at night. Value \$100.

India has been described by members of or Club as a life time experience, a new dimension in their travel perspective.

Check around and you will not find an inclusive trip like this at these prices....Singles: pls ask, very limited. A note on visas, we supply you with info on obtaining a visa if a trip needs one. Note: passports should always have 6 months left from departure dates for any trip. And empty visa pages as well.

**Nov. 30-Dec.12 Argentina/ Brazil** booking now \$3149 air inc. \$100 more from 9/15 . see itinerary inside. ←

**Holidays with The Club**

Don't cook this year

Don't clean up someone else's cooking

Don't even eat someone else's cooking!

Join club members on 3 wonderful Holiday trips.

**1. Nov. 21-27 Thanksgiving:**

prepare dinner in a farmhouse villa, Assisi, Cinque Terra Montecatini. \$1499+ taxes air inc.

**2. Dec. 24-30 Madrid /**

**Barcelona.** \$1455 air inc. 9/1/06 add \$50.

**3. Dec. 29-Jan. 5 Canary Is.**

\$1799, air inc. If you add Canary Islands to Spain air fare is different. Special sightseeing and New Year's dinner and party for birds who have flown the coop.

**More:**

**Jan. 28-Feb 4 Ixtapan** deal in Mexico.

**Feb. 4-onwards Beijing and Xian,** China. From \$799 air included.

**Feb 14-19 Presidential London** from \$1295 includes air, Millennium Gloucester hotel, theater, sightseeing, tea at the Ritz, cocktails at our President's London home and much more.

**March 16-24 Tuscany** from Florence, our annual trip but this year LOWER in price and group air available.

**April 5-14 Morocco** to Marrakesh early bird til Dec. 1 \$2099 includes air.

**April 13-21 Provence river cruise** includes Burgundy, followed by Paris

**April 20-26,** again LOWER in price than 2006. \$1799 land, \$2299 land/ air

**May 3-7 Red Mt. Utah,** spa or golf discount package. \$100 extra credit.

**May 11-26 N. Thailand,** Tibetan plateau, Bangkok, Hong Kong. \$2999, can you believe it with air and 5 star hotel?

**June/July/August coming...** July's

**Holidays No cooking or cleaning A gift for yourself**

**Thanksgiving Nov. 21-27, \$1499 + taxes \$220 Single: \$275 Deposit \$350 Included are:**

--Airfare from Newark --5 nights Hotel Grand Vittoria, 4 1/2 star spa hotel.  
--Breakfast and dinner daily with wine and coffee at welcome and Thanksgiving dinners. --Tours as below--Services of our guide-- Shares arranged first come first served.  
**Nov. 21** Leave on overnight flights to Rome from Newark. If you wish to go early, let us know and we will book your Rome hotel. **Nov. 22** Arrive in Rome and transfer to our private bus for our drive to Montecatini. En route we will be stopping for a tour of Assisi and then hotel check in. Dinner tonight with our group. **Nov. 23** We are staying at an elegant spa hotel so until our Thanksgiving sortie, luxuriate in the facilities of The Grand Vittoria Hotel. Today we drive to our hilltop villa farmhouse where we will cook our own Thanksgiving dinner with a professional Italian chef. **Nov. 24.** Full free day Montecatini, a spa resort for wealthy Italians from Rome and Tuscany. Or ask our guide for information on nearby Lucca and Florence! **B. D Nov. 25** Full day tour to the coastal area of Italy called the Cinque Terra, a land dotted with villages and beautiful scenery and almost impassable by cars. **Nov. 26** Full free day; our guide is on tap to help you with ideas and an insider's look at the area. **B. D.**  
**Nov. 27** After early return to the Pisa airport for flights back to Newark. Arrive in Newark early afternoon. If you need to overnight in Newark airport, you will have others joining you. Ask about a hotel stay with others til Nov 28.

**Christmas in Spain Dec. 24-30 \$1499+ taxes Single: \$300. Dec. 24** Depart with Santa on overnight flight to Madrid, elegant Spanish capital. **Dec. 25** Arrive. transfer to our 4 star NH Nacional Hotel. After a half day city tour, we finish with a special Christmas dinner. **D. Dec. 26** Half day tour of medieval Toledo an ancient Jewish and Christian village, then free time to spend with Club friends. **B. Dec. 27** Full free day in Madrid **B. Dec. 28** Fly to Barcelona then half day city tour of this Art Deco Mediterranean city. We stay 3-5 minutes from Las Ramblas, the main shopping area in Hotel Tryp Apolo, 4 star again. **B. Dec. 29** Full day tour to Montserrat monastery, a historic mountainside complex where besides visiting sites, we hear the monks' concert. **B. Dec. 30** Return home or stay on in Spain or continue to The **Canary Islands**, further south and part of Spain. **B.** If you do both, The Canaries, airfare has to be recalculated.

**New Years in Canary Islands Dec 29-Jan 5 \$1799+taxes. Single: tba**  
Drenched in sun all year we visit the less touristy N. Tenerife and finish in the jet setting South. **Dec. 29** depart on overnight flights via Madrid to Tenerife. **Dec. 30** Arrive and transfer to our hotel Orotava Palace, Puerto de la Cruz. Welcome drink, dinner and fruit baskets in each room. **Dec. 31** Full day tour of La Laguna, a picturesque area of narrow cobbled streets, old convents, typical Canarian balconies. We visit the convent of Santa Catalina de Sienna and afterwards the market. We continue to Santa Cruz, founded in 1494. Tonight New Year's dinner & party! **B. D. Jan. 1** Today is for the town of Orotava and the volcano national park which is a UNESCO heritage site. Mt. Teide gives Tenerife a distinct shape and its surrounding park is actually the crater **B. Jan. 2** free day for sun, shopping and sightseeing: there is always more to see. **B Jan. 3** Early departure for another UNESCO site: La Gomera, the island from which Columbus set out. We now move to the South side of Tenerife and our hotel on the upscale Adeje coast next to San Sebastian, the capital. **Jan. 4** free day B and Farewell D. **Jan.5** Depart today on flights via Madrid to JFK. Madrid stopovers are available as well as extra nights there.

**All trips subject to the terms and conditions of The Women's Travel Club. Penalties for cancellations, changes, deviations apply. A deposit indicates agreement with terms and conditions on our website or sent with your written confirmation. You may book a trip by phone, fax, or online. If by phone, we will read our policies to you if you require. Fewer than 20 women a surcharge can, but does not usually apply 30 days pre departure. Travel insurance protects if you need to cancel for specific reasons! Membership Non**

**Groups of Gals!!!!**



One of the newest services we offer is group trips for your organizations.

As part of ABC Destinations, we are housed in what is called-- the group division. This division organizes group travel for schools, clubs, churches, wine groups, retirement communities and much more. Examples are Jewish Spain for one organization, Canadian cruise as low as \$400 for a retirement group of 200 men and women, tour to Italy for several student groups: high school and college, a 50+ person destination wedding in Sorrento, family reunions and friends who just like to travel together. We even organize groups for other travel companies! So if you have 10 friends who want to travel, call us for a quote and we can always add to your first ten if you want a better deal. You might travel free!

**Awards:** We are thrilled to tell you that Travel & Leisure Magazine in Sept. named Phyllis the top agent in women's trips in the country. 15 years from pioneering days to now is reflected in this honor. Phyllis is available to speak at your organization (certain parameters needed) and she is happy to contribute travel tips to organizations' newsletter.

**Nitty gritty boring:** As of Oct. 1, New Jersey has levied a 7% sales tax on club memberships. Therefore we have to charge you 7% to keep the garden state *green*. This will automatically be added to memberships.

**In addition** we now forewarn you that airfares can rise 90 days before departure so book early to avoid surprises...

**We no longer accept Pay Pal** but if you may use our Wachovia Bank facility on the site. As usual you call book on the phone or by fax at your convenience.

**No computer yet?** Please ask for full itineraries to be faxed or mailed.

## Reasons to join us for Thanksgiving in Tuscany Christmas in Spain and New Year's in The sunny Canary Islands

1. Mangia not mess. 2. You will not be the only woman who wants a getaway. Be Tuscan not touchy! 3. Did you know Marco Polo brought turkey from China to Italy, well thank goodness that is a fib. 4. Wine not whine is the theme. 5. Give yourself a gift not a guilt. 6. Shop for shoes not stuffing 7. Christmas and 2007 are 6 hours earlier in Spain. 8. Calories do not count on other continents. 9. Be fed next to the Med. 10. Decorate your passport pages not your tree. 11. Resolution for 2007 to travel more with friends you now have through the Women's Travel Club. And wrap yourself up for new experiences and memories to bring home for the rest of your life.

**40 new trips Specials announced all the time! Keep your membership up to date, your email and phone accurate and your bags packed.**

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The Club was founded in 1992 by Phyllis Stoller, a then banker with a non-traveling husband. We are nationally known. Berkeley Insurance protects your funds. **To keep prices fair quality high, we do not maintain a mailing list for non-members.** Dues are \$35 1-year/\$65 2-years. **Members of less than 3 months pay a surcharge. Membership non refundable.** Need help with email specials or a password? Email us//

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