

## Spring and Summer 2011 Yes Winter finally ended!

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## NEWS FROM THE CLUB AND OUR MEMBERS

A note from Phyllis Stoller:

"Neither rain nor snow nor sleet nor hail shall keep the postmen from their appointed rounds." This year rain, snow, sleet and hail did that to both the US Post Office and, in some cases, to travelers. But winter has abated; we are on the road.

This Summer we offer favorites of Italy, Turkey, E. Europe + Kenya, South Africa, Thailand and Peru. When hunting for a Summer jaunt, look under or on the Equator. Countries like Thailand offer good Summer weather and value, while South Africa blooms with foliage and Kenya bursts with wildlife.

This year's events were a college education in travel. We all learned:

- Take travel insurance and note: WTC policy is more comprehensive than airline site offerings.
- Carpe diem: travel when you can. Climatic and political events change all the time. Go now.
- Trust a company that has staff on the ground. We had daily news from Egypt as it evolved.
- Know your travel club will not promote iffy destinations!

Here we cover favorites with Phyllis' tips. Send us your ideas, there is always something to learn.

**Receiving this email and not sure you are still a member? Call our office for an update 800-480-4448.**



No whining with wine. Join us on one of our 2 upcoming Italy groups.

### **Morocco May 28 -June 4 2011 and Dec 10-17 (From \$1999+taxes)**

Ltd space left. Air/land From \$2199+ taxes. Casablanca, Rabat, Fez, Marrakech and souks in between. This country is progressive. There is a real opposition party. Women earn the same as men and in the same jobs. 18 is the minimum marriage age. Property is equitably divided and laws control polygamy. Bring film, lots.

#### **Tips from a Morocco veteran:**

- Bring items to trade with women: hair barrettes or scarves.
- Photos of your own children are always a way to communicate.
- See Lawrence of Arabia again; much filmed in Morocco.
- May weather ideal. Bring a sweater and sun proof hat to protect your hair color.
- Bubble wrap from Staples will come in handy for your ceramics cache.
- White men's shirts in the market make great women's summer garb.

### **Turkey May 11-25 2011 and Thanksgiving Nov. 16-30 2011 (Turkey for Turkey?). Air/Land From \$2599+taxes in May and \$1999+taxes, November.**

This wide swath trip goes from Istanbul, to Gallipoli and Troy, to Ephesus, and Pamukkale, then the aqua coast of Antalya. We move inland with Konya, then Cappadocia and end in Istanbul. A civilization from Greece to Rome to Byzantine to Christian to Slavic to Bulgarian to Seljuk Turk to Ottoman Turk offers unmatched variety.

#### **Tips from a Turkey Trotter:**

- Write down a time line to better understand the 3000 + year history.
- Dress conservatively, pants ok at sites for Christian, Jewish and Islamic faiths.
- Read Turkish Reflections by Mary Lee Settle, a classic
- Get ultra clean in the hotel's hamman (steam bath) and go for a massage
- Try Turkish dried fruit, nuts + Turkish Delight a rosewater sugar dusted gum drop.

Missed the Royal Wedding? Ask about deals to London, Paris, Lisbon etc. via Club ABC. Most can be done for a minimum of 2 going.

**Watch for us in Woman's Day May issue!**

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## NEWS FROM THE OFFICE

Everyone booked to Egypt was refunded promptly. Some events are totally out of our control, but we thanked the women who booked, with discounts on replacement trips. Check out our site for **lower prices** despite, some higher fuel surcharges. As prices change, we try to post them quickly, but reservations will always honor a lower price if valid and not on our site yet. Lower prices on Rome/Venice/Florence, Ireland, Spain, Turkey (Nov.), South Africa and others.

As noted, we will be in Woman's Day Magazine. Phyllis also answered travel questions for Pink Magazine and is in touch with many women's groups. Need a speaker for an event? Phyllis is happy to oblige. Need some travel tips for your organization's newsletter?

A big thank you goes to Kathleen Thomas for a photo of her group in China. Please send more for our Facebook page. Email them to [info@womenstravelclub.com](mailto:info@womenstravelclub.com).

Our new fav ultra light luggage: **IT-01** The 25 inch bag weighs 5.5 Lbs and a carry-on only 3lbs. No more struggling. Great colors also, so you recognize your bag from afar. For those of you going to Africa, try **RIT clothes sun block**. You wash your clothes with it, to block them for months. A final favorite: The **Swiss Card**-like a credit card with finely honed tools



Courtesy of Kathleen Thomas-China next trip Oct 2011

**South Africa: Our Featured Trip of a Lifetime this Summer August 11-19 From \$3299+ taxes + Victoria Falls from \$1400 WITH 2 GOING, more DATES CAN BE BOOKED CALL 800-480-4448.**

A South African trip is one of natural beauty, animals and unique European/African scene. The first leg is in Cape Town, a sophisticated city resplendent with summer foliage. European history began with Dias and Da Gama looking for the Indies, then the Dutch East India Co. and its Asian workforce. A struggle ensued between British, French and Dutch for diamonds, gold and the coast. 1948-1992 Apartheid isolated South Africa. Tourism is not even 20 years old. Today we walk in the footsteps of Mandela.

Our tour includes Table Mountain, Malay Quarter, Bo-Kaap ethnic area, 1666 Castle, waterfront, and a diamond experience. Our 1st night enjoy a special dinner + African show at the Gold Museum. We continue to Cape Point and Cape of Good Hope Nature Reserve: zebra, baboon, buck, ostrich, penguins. You will love the wine day at an old Dutch estate. Suggestions for 2 free afternoons are Greenmarket Square for African arts and crafts. And Robben Island with its story of slavery and apartheid.

Our game portion is at Hanglip Mountain Lodge in private malaria-free Entabeni Game Reserve. We sleep in luxury tented suites, furnished in African Baroque, enjoy private decks with breathtaking views. Enchanting gardens, pool and spa and The Big Five await. Extensions to Victoria Falls follow with the largest single sheet of water in the world. A walking safari allows views of the cataracts + unique plants and birds. End with a Sunset Cruise on the Zambezi! Full details on our site.

**Also booking now:**

**Kenya Sept. 1-11**

**China Oct. 13-21**

**Ireland Oct. 15-23**

**Italy Oct. 18-27**

**India Nov 6-20 and this year including Nepal.**

**Reasons to add NY:**

**biggest musical hit: "Book of Mormon". The High Line. Gourmet Eataly. The Statue of Liberty to remind us of how lucky we are.**

**My vacation was Portugal: beautiful street scenes, fine wine and great values. Surprises were the castle-topped villages and Roman ruins. We ate the best chicken with piri piri, sweetest oranges and freshest fish. It was the Atlantic cliffs and walled Evora which did it for me. Come with us next year.**

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when they take a trip, you will earn  
\$100 as a thank you.**



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## BEING A GROUP LEADER



Free Travel as a Group Leader

- Chose an intriguing place India?
- Collect 200 emails - do not be shy.
- Create a friendly note with dates, price, photographs and a welcome to join you.

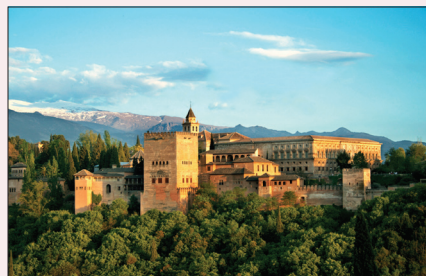
- Make it YOUR trip with a home visit, shopping excursion, yoga class, charity visit, dinner speaker-ask us for help.
- Invent goodies: bring a friend, early bird price, charity donation, a guarantee that you deal with details. Do not underestimate the your value.
- Drop flyers everywhere.
- You need ten + to get a special \$.

### Examples of successful women:

1. Woman added NGO visits in Cairo.
2. Fitness guru who did am walks on a European trip.
3. Garden lover who combined London with 3 gardens.
4. Moms and teens who went to Italy. We included the pizza restaurant in Naples from 'Eat Pray Love.'
5. Retreat for leadership group at a spa.

We have seen women make a part time business as group travel leaders.

**Look for new travel book by club member -Jane Wooldridge: The 100 Best Affordable Vacations. In bookstores April 19. Excellent gift.**



Alhambra Palace

**Christmas 2011**, Spain once again. See new trips on our Calendar. Christmas is Costa del Sol and October is Madrid, Barcelona.

**Why India? NEW TRIP WITH NEPAL India and Nepal. Nov 6-20 2011 and Jan. 15-29 2012. Air/Land from \$3449+ taxes.** Single: \$1020. Includes r/t air from EWR, 4 star hotels- Delhi, Jaipur, Agra, Khajurahu, Varanasi, Kathmandu. Extensive sightseeing including boat on the Ganges, elephant to Amber Fort, rickshaw Old Delhi and a walk through Durbar Square in Nepal. Nothing is usual in magical India or royal Himalayan Nepal- keep your eyes and camera on the ready.

### Tips from our In House Maharani

- Make sure your passport has empty visa pages.
- Start reading: books on India are endless as are movies.
- Learn to string beads; you will -I repeat ,will buy them.
- Try an ayurvedic massage and at least 2-3 yoga classes.
- List some of the gods you will see on temple walls: Rama, Krishna, Hanuman, Shiva, Ganesha, Kali, Lakshmi. You will soooo impress the others.

**Sicilian Sensations: Sept 11-20**, Pizza and Luxury. 5 star trip to the highlights of this mountainous island. May Bon Appetit is all about Italian cuisine and travel.

**Ireland, Italy, India?** Green grass or pesto? Brown bread or tartuffo? Whiskey or wine? Book of Kells or Vatican Library? Irish welcome or Italian? [www.womenstravelclub.com](http://www.womenstravelclub.com) has it all.

*More Tips: After booking airfare, look at the on-line seating chart of your airline daily. 24 hrs before the flight, some airlines release emergency rows after you fill out a form saying you speak English (a requirement).*

*The Kindle. Don't travel with heavy books. And don't buy many electronic ones. I went on line to find: "best free books for the kindle" and there they were many classics I slept through in high school, which make wonderful travel reading now. Henry James is perfect for American women who live to travel.*