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# The Women's Travel Club

*"designed by women for women"*



**PUBLIC SERVICE WARNING. IF YOU ARE HOLDING DELTA MILES FROM THE OLD DELTA FFLIER PROGRAM YOU MUST USE THEM BY JAN. 1, 2007 OR YOU WILL LOSE MUCH OF THEIR VALUE. IF YOU ARE HOLDING MILES ON BANKRUPTED AIRLINES (USAIR DELTA AND NORTHWEST), USE THEM NOW!!!**

Dear Members,

There is a sense that if we do not feature a trip in a full newsletter page, it is not booking now. **FALSE.** Our newsletter has space limitations; we include a few trips in each issue as samples. We tell you, contact us if you need more info. We will fax, email, mail, send by carrier pigeon or even float it in a bottle. The scenario is you contact us when a trip is full or we have given up space. And you are surprised even as one said "put out" that space was not waiting. **Please realize that currently: Greece, Rome, Thailand, Ixtapan in Mexico and Libya are booking or almost full.**

**Greece for Thanksgiving Nov. 22-28** Due to requests from members we are now offering direct flights from other cities besides New York. We have women coming from Philadelphia, Chicago, Los Angeles and more so get your reservation NOW. Prior year groups have loved this destination for Thanksgiving and you will also. On the free day, members usually get together and plan something. Often the group will ask the driver and guide to stay on and they will pay them for the extra service. Otherwise this is a fairly inclusive trip so don't bring the family fortune with you. **ASK FOR EARLY BIRD PRICE WHEN YOU BOOK.**

**Rome for Christmas Dec. 22-28.** We have to brag about this hotel. Renovated in 2002 from a classic hotel, The Grand Palazzo Villa Carpegna is set in a park surrounded by an ancient church and cloisters. The elegant Saturnia Spa offers an indoor pool, classes, treatments, gym and not just Turkish bath but Roman one!! Its products are famous under the label Terme di Saturnia. For evenings with optional dinners, try one of the excellent Italian restaurants or lively piano bar. But we have you busy during your stay so don't delay and come along, religious or not, this is a deal.

**Thailand and More! January is apparently bargain time** this trip is our Oriental Overture. Winter warm friendly foray to an exotic exciting SE Asian country. What makes Thailand special is its diversity (scenery, temples, saffron robed Buddhist monks, gem and silk markets, gourmet food, hills, beaches, winding rivers full of tribal life. First Class and Deluxe Hotels And all for **\$1050** plus air on the what is considered the best airline: Singapore Airlines for \$1040 from E. or W Coast. Singapore stopovers for a trifle and Anghor Wat's Unesco Heritage Fantasma all nearby. Don't miss out on any of the excitement. The right trip for your first friends in Asia.

**Dec. 1-7 Born To Shop Hong Kong** Suzy Gershman takes you shopping. Best Hotel / personal service. Open to couples.. Discounted airfares.

**Rome for Christmas Dec. 22-28 or stay on.** *Discounted Airfares available*

**Radisson Low Single Supplement Christmas Cruise/ Mexico. ASK**

**Thailand 11-22 2006** plus Anghor Wat in Cambodia, and more.

**Annual Ixtapan de la Sal discount spa week Jan. 29-Feb. 5**

**Libya and Malta Feb. 12-March 5, the one trip with men invited along**

**Portugal for a fling: Feb. 23-March 1, a new destination with mild winters.**

*Phyllis Stoller*

Reasons to go to Greece and Rome with The Club for The Holidays...**GREECE 11/22-28**

**Where** else can you admire snow-capped mountains while people swim at the beach?

**Athens** had a face lift for the 2004 Olympic Games and you will benefit **Say** your thanks at the Acropolis a place fo worship 2500 years ago.

**Listen** carefully and the ghost of Socrates will join you in thanks.

**The central zone,** Plaka, awaits with shops, tavernas playing Greek music and winding streets without the tourists who clog Athens in Summer.

**Shed** your winter coat for a few days in this moderate climate

**ROME 12/22-28**

**Why not** go where Christmas was first celebrated in the 4<sup>th</sup> century?

**What is wrong** with Pannettone, with bubbly white Italian spumante? **Or Tortellini** filled with meat another seasonal favorite.

**Rome** is a small big city but its history is long but short distances away. And try modern Rome: main streets dressed with lights and wreathes.

**The Piazza Navona** has a market not to be missed and the St. Peter's Square has a tree which makes Rockefeller Center shrink.

**Not Christian?** Visit the elegant 19<sup>th</sup> c. synagogue or the Jewish Quarter. Spend time in a church for the music and atmosphere. After all holidays are about tolerance and learning about each other. What better year to reach out starting with new Club friends.

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**Thailand January 11-22, 2006 ADD ANGHOR WAT in Cambodia, VIETNAM AND SINGAPORE AMAZING PRICE**

**Jan 11** Depart JFK or W. coast on Singapore Airlines.  
**Jan 12** En route to Singapore, enjoy the hospitality for which this carrier is renowned. **Jan 13** Arrive Singapore, connect with flight to Bangkok. You are welcomed on arrival and escorted to deluxe Royal Orchid Sheraton Hotel. Rest of day at leisure. PM enjoy a Thai dance & music performance, with exquisite costumes and delicious Thai cuisine at enchanting Pimarn Restaurant. (D)  
**Jan 14** After breakfast take a boatride thru canals, "klongs," stopping at stupendous Wat Arun and Royal Barges & Grand Palace home to the Monarch and sacred Emerald Buddha. Also Golden and Reclining Buddha and Marble Temples. (B, L)  
**Jan 15** Travel NW of Bangkok to Kanchanaburi to visit the Allied soldiers cemetery. A scenic train along the "Death Railway" and a crossing of the bridge on River Kwai are highlights. Visit the War Museum. (B,L)  
**Jan 16** Transfer to airport for the flight to Mae Hong Sorn via Chiang Mai. Upon arrival visit Wat Phra Thad Doi Kong Moo, a hill-top temple offering a panoramic view of beautiful mountains. Next visit Wat Chong Klang, a temple with historic glass paintings and woodcarvings from Burma, followed by a visit to the prehistoric Fish Cave, with hundreds of multi-colored fish. Continue to the Imperial Tara Mae Hong Sorn Hotel. (B,L,D)  
**Jan 17.** Today, experience verdant forest on elephant back, followed by a long-tailed boat ride on the Pai River to the Shan village of Baan Nai Soi on the Myanmar border. Visit exotic Long Neck Karen hill tribe. (B,L,D)  
**Jan 18** AM at leisure. Early afternoon, depart Mae Hong Sorn for Chiang Mai by flight. Transfer to hotel. PM enjoy a Kantoke Thai dinner with dancing and a special show by the Karen tribe. Overnight Sheraton Chiang Mai Hotel. (B,L,D)  
**Jan 19** Drive past old city walls, gates and moats, markets and residential areas. Up to Doi (Mount) Suthep to visit Wat Phra Thad Doi Suthep, 3,500 feet above sea level. The most sacred temple in N. Thailand, it contains a relic of Buddha. PM Visit silk and cotton looms, paper and umbrella making, Celadon kilns, with stoneware, lacquer ware, teak carving, jewelry, silverware. (B,L)  
**Jan 20** Day at leisure Chiang Mai. Or enjoy a 10-4PM cooking course \$50  
**Jan 21** Transfer flight to Bangkok, then to Singapore. In Singapore, we have dayrooms at the Ambassador Transit Hotel. Depart Singapore to JFK. Arrive **Jan. 22.**

**\$1050 twin Single: \$650. Airfare from \$1040** 1<sup>st</sup> class/ deluxe hotels Meals above. Touring as specified Entertainment as indicated. Special meals as above Entrance Fees Escort / Guide Airfare based on current tariff. Airline taxes not included.  
**SHARES GUARANTEED FOR 1<sup>ST</sup> TEN TO BOOK.**

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**2006**

**Thailand  
Ixtapan Spa, Mexico  
Libya**



**Ixtapan Spa Jan. 29 -Feb. 5** is the spa we visit every January for a week but you can add more. What is special? **The setting:** mountains and valleys. **The services:** 21 for you from massages to loofah, manicure, hair conditioning, facials etc. **The amenities:** 3 pools, golf, gym, classes and walks. **The rooms:** modern with tv, hair dryer and robes, slippers. **The spa:** every possible service you can think of and done to the nth: ie a massage is a real hour and staff charming. **Products:** natural and organic, you will love the almond cream left in your room. **The extras:** with 30 going we get a free trip to silver center, Taxco. Other colonial towns are nearby for optional excursions but frankly, you will be too busy. **Food:** spa cuisine or try the elegant Mexican restaurant. **The nearby town:** charming with shops and pharmacies selling everything from collagen creams to 'magic potions'. **The Price:** \$1125 twin and \$1275 single (includes all taxes and sc.) which is a **group discount**. Transfers from the airport at Mexico City are extra but we combine you with others to share. Deposit \$350 due now.

**Libya Feb. 24-March 5 and Malta afterwards.** For many years we have wanted to visit the fantastic Roman cities and exotic desert oases. We go via London and visit Tripoli, The Sahara, the ruins of Leptis Magna, Roman Sabratha and more. You can add Malta via Sicily, or stop over in London Most trips to Libya are 2x the price. We copied a university trip and offer it here!  
Price: \$2075 plus air from any British Airways gateway. **ALMOST FULL**

**THIS TRIP IS OPEN TO MEN FRIENDS. Our policy on men is we usually do one trip each year that includes men. It will be exotic or remote such as Libya.**

Men may also come when we get a group discount at a spa or on a cruise. They benefit from the price but do not intrude on our trip. It is a way to offer discounts to men friends of the Club.

**Secrets of our Roman Holiday.** Cardinals buy their habits from Arredamento Liturgico Slabbinck and red and lavender socks from Ghezzi. Raincoats for brothers and bathrobes for nuns come from Barbiconi. The Barneys of Rome is called TAD, the hippest store in town. Aerial views of Rome are also available at the Hotel de la Minerve, Eden, Raphael, Splendide, Royal Atlante Star, Hilton Cavalieri So how about a drink on Christmas day? Macdonalds in Foro Termini has large pieces of a 4<sup>th</sup> c. wall downstairs. Food you may bring home without a customs problem: hard cheeses, olive oil, wine, truffles, pasta, candy. Best gelato: SanCrispino, Ciampini, Giolitti's, Al Settimo Gelo. Wanna see more? Ask for information on walking and other tours?

**Hannukah in Rome: Jewish sites:** The first Jewish settlement in Europe was in Rome. Do a walking tour thru the Ghetto and have a Jewish Roman lunch at La Taverna del Ghetto with traditional fried artichokes. This area was created in 1555 and still holds many Jewish sites and wall inscriptions. There are 4 temples in the Ghetto including the magnificent 1904 Synagogue Major with its museum. A do not miss. An ancient Jewish cemetery near Porta Portese and many monuments carry pictures of Jews in the Bible and in history. Holiday Kosher food to try: fried cod with mozzarella balls, roasted vegetable pasta, short bread tort, and agnolotti stuffed with meat. So come along whatever your religion. **FIRST TEN TO BOOK GUARANTEED SHARES ASK FOR SPECIAL AIRFARES TO ROME. JFK FROM \$400 AND MIAMI FROM \$535 BOTH PLUS TAXES.**

***Last Chance*** Greece for Thanksgiving, Rome for Christmas. Thailand and Ixtapan de la Sal January and Libya February. NOW BOOKING Portugal, Tuscany, Provence and Paris.

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