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**Leaves**

# The Women's Travel Club



**Dear Members,**

The new travel spots!! Read away and you will find that certain travel destinations become "in". Do these places arise from the earth? Is there a pattern? Are we just victims of marketing?

**New places:** We hear from some of you: I've been "everywhere so what is new?" Iceland is a 21<sup>st</sup> c. destination. Only 5 or so hours from the NE, Iceland is in the news. The NYTimes did a 2 page feature in the Sunday Travel Section on Iceland in July with a gorgeous photo, putting this remote island on the tourist trail.

**New experiences:** Travel has become more than sight-seeing. Travelers want hands on experiences in their trips: tango lessons, cooking, wine tasting, festivals, lectures. You will notice in our trip to Argentina, tango lessons and a day at a hacienda with optional horse-back riding, hiking or lounging. In Italy for Thanksgiving, we cook our Thanksgiving meal in a farmhouse villa and in many places we visit families, and see how they create local crafts.

**Countries become more accessible:** Take India. There are today many more airlines, in and out of the country. Air France, whom we use, has excellent service. Luxury hotels abound and, Indian food, ayurvedic medicine, spiritualism, vegetarianism have become popular in The West. Finally the tourist authority has created an excellent promotion called *Incredible India*. New popularity means higher \$\$, so if thinking of India, make it our trip- Nov. 5-20 for North and South or Nov. 17 N. India only. In a country where tourism is a priority, any problem is quickly solved. India is booking quickly!

**Places become newsy:** Today's traveler wants the newest in medical, fitness, and stress relief. Canyon Ranch Oct. 18 and 25 perfected alternative medicine, biological benchmarking to measure health, mind body therapy and much more. The Ranch offers traditional classes + services, but there is a new lifestyle to take home. Improve the way you deal with life's little bumps and stresses.

**There are themes in travel:** A new segment of the golf market is women. Learn it for networking, low impact exercise and dare we say, for meeting guys. The Club will be offering golf trips.

**The media:** there are times when the media falls in love with catch phrases the latest being: 'girls' getaways. Hotels with a spa falsely call themselves a girls' getaway. But we are the real girls' getaway, not just a free treadmill. We customize the whole trip for you and your interests.

Checked our site? **SPECIALS** *ROME \$999 + taxes 5 nights great hotel!! Stockholm \$499 + taxes add Helsinki for \$250 more. London \$439 everyday are wows. All with airfare inc.*

**Deadlines:**

**Canyon Ranch Health Resort: we lose discounted rooms August 15, come as the leaves change. Oct. 18-22 and 25-29 \$300**

**deposit. Balance when you leave.**

**Iceland Oct. 5-10 limited space left**

**New York City Oct. 20-23**

**India Nov. 5-17 or 20**

**Argentina and Brazil Nov. 30-Dec. 12**

*Phyllis Stoller*

Add NY to  
Canyon  
Ranch

## The Biggest News. OUR NEW FAMILY: ABC DESTINATIONS

The Women's Travel Club is 15 years old. For years we have offered fine, small group trips for you. And TAA DAA The Club has become part of a new "family". Phyllis has known our new family for years, as personal friends and quality tour operators. We have worked with them on a number of trips with fantastic reviews from members.

The Women's Travel Club is proud to announce that we have become a division of ABC Destinations, itself an affiliate of one of the largest private travel clubs in the US. ABC Destinations provides value driven, 4/5 star hotel journeys with world wide itineraries. You will see our prices drop and our destinations increase with more local expertise.

ABC is the first national group to recognize the importance of women travelers! Phyllis stays on as our leader so call and say hi. We welcome Michelle to our Club staff.

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MORE than 1 departure  
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25-30 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 new: 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 60 days of departure, prices increase And sometimes so does airfare!**

**Summer 2006**

**Last Call !**

August spa trips are cool, calming, cultural and a comfortable way to meet for the 1st or 10th time. **Canyon Ranch** is a health resort. You concentrate on your life style not just on relaxation. Ixtapan in Mexico is a family owned 4 star resort. Prices are AMAZING and August 13-20 group includes 2 trips also.

If you miss this one, grab a LAST SPOT ON one of our October groups. >>>>>

**OFF TO THE AUTUMN.**

**Oct. 1-15 Turkey** Ankara to Istanbul. \$1750 + air – WAIT LIST

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

Like sitting on top of a bubbling pot, full of geysers, steam seeping from underground. No wonder the Vikings had such good skin. From JFK or Boston, we fly to where E / W. Hemispheres meet. We are planning a series of excursions priced on a group so you save again. 5+ hr flight, casual clothes, the whole country is a like a national park. You will dream about your dip in the Blue Lagoon. Garrison Keillor just broadcast from Iceland and next month Animal Planet will feature it. Finally USA Today picked its capital as the new “it” place. Iceland’s motto is ‘clean, natural unspoiled, The Way Life Should Be.’

**Deposit Due Now.\$350**

**ALMOST FULL**

**Autumn and Winter**

**Oct. 18-22 and 25-29 Canyon Ranch** Lenox MA group deal. **GOOD TIL mid AUGUST then you pay more \$\$\$.** **The Club has been sending groups to Canyon Ranch for 15 years. You get a special price,a gift from the Ranch and arranged shares. We book group dinners so you can compare what you loved each day. We mail you a list of others going to help new comers feel welcome.** **MEN MAY USE OUR DISCOUNT ALSO.**

**AUGUST 18- WE LOSE DISCOUNT. \$300 DEPOSIT . \$1910 10/18 AND**

**\$1850 10/25. Limited singles**



**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.  
**Nov. 5-17 or 20** North and South India,  
**Nov. 21-27** Thanksgiving: cook dinner in a farmhouse villa, Assisi, Cinque Terra Montecatini. \$1499+ taxes air inc.  
**Nov. 30-Dec.12** Argentina/ Brazil booking now \$3149 air inc.  
**Dec. 24-30** Madrid / Barcelona. \$1455 air inc. Early bird til 9/1 CONTINUE TO  
**Dec. 29-Jan. 5** Canary Is. \$1499, air inc.  
**Jan. 28-Feb 4** Ixtapan group deal.  
**Feb:** stay tuned for a Mexican cruise and warm weather golf weekend.  
**Feb 22-27** London getaway:\$deal  
**March 16-24-** Florence/ Tuscany and Oman Dubai coming. **April** France  
**May 11-26** Thailand, China, Hong Kong And Red Mt. Spa, our annual.  
**40 trips in 2007**  
**INTERNET SPECIAL ROME \$999 Oct. 28-Nov. 3, air from NY area. Single \$299. 5 other specials just posted. Stockholm London Culinary Asia**

**New York City Oct. 20-23.**

**Our 3<sup>rd</sup> trip to the Big Apple. This year is the biggest year for NY ever. Why?** Is it the fabulous Broadway and off Broadway theater? New MOMA? The renaissance of Central Park? New neighborhoods like Chelsea and Tribeca? The amazing Apple store on Fifth Ave.? The Chihuly glass exhibit in the botanical gns? Reopened museums like the Morgan Library? New places to have a sunset drink: roof of the Metropolitan Museum, Mandarin Oriental Hotel overlooking Central Park, The Boat House in Central Park?

**Oct. 20** Arrive in NYC. Meet at our hotel, Milford Plaza. Welcome dinner in a good restaurant. **Oct. 21** AM tour of Manhattan ending at the Museum of Modern Art. You have a ticket to the museum and time to tour. Tonight you will have a ticket to a Broadway play-choice of many. **Oct. 22** We enjoy a walking tour of the NY wealthy in the area around Rockefeller Center. **Oct. 23** After breakfast, free until departure.

***A Club rep is on hand daily to make sure you love our city.....so ask her for tips.***

Join us! \$1099 twin \$499 single. Broadway choices sent with your \$350 deposit.

NY area women come along!!! Ask for a price to join the group and meet some members.

Ask for a free tour from Big Apple Greeter, for services of a

**Argentina and Brazil Nov. 30-Dec. 12, 2006 \$3149 air inclusive**

**Nov 30** Depart for Buenos Aires at 7PM **Dec 1 (B/D)** Arrival transfer to hotel. Early check in. After a rest. City Tour, then continue to historic San Telmo and colorful La Boca. Passing Colon Theatre, one of the greatest opera houses, we continue to Palermo with its beautiful parks, zoo, gardens and polo fields. We visit elegant Recoleta, and the cemetery with the grave of Eva Perón (Evita). Welcome dinner at Spettus in Puerto Madero **Overnight Americas Tower \*\*\*\* Dec 2 (B / L)** AM at Leisure. Midday, enjoy lunch in Recoleta then a guided visit of Evita's Museum and the Teatro Colon. PM at leisure. **Overnight Americas Tower Dec 3 (B / L / D)** AM San Telmo Flea Market a must for visitors. After lunch at La Raya de San Telmo and Tango Lessons at the Café Tortoni, one of the most celebrated cafes. Professional dancers teach us tango steps, then a snack is served. PM Dinner and a Tango Show. **Overnight Americas Tower**

**Dec 4 to gorgeous BARILOCHE (B)** AM Transfer for flight to Bariloche, located in the Andean foothills, Bariloche rivals the Alps. The town, surrounded by lakes and parks, is a favorite resort, renowned for chocolate and chalets and perched on a glacial moraine. Enjoy the tour along the lake on a winding road. After crossing the residential Melipal, we arrive at Playa Bonita then the base of Campanario Mountain, for an optional ride to the summit. After descending, we travel to Llao Llao peninsula, where are the delicate St Edwards Chapel and Llao Llao Hotel. We cross the River, at the foot of the mountain, for views towards Moreno Lake. **Overnight Llao Llao Hotel. \*\*\*\*\* Dec 5 BARILOCHE (B / L)** Full Day Puerto Blest and Cantaros Cascade. This tour, is on a catamaran. From Puerto Pañuelo west we are in the Patagonian rain forest, and the arm of the lake is a fjord carved out of glaciers. The scenery of the fjord is similar to Tierra del Fuego Island. We continue by bus to Puerto Alegre on the Frias Lake. Lunch is at the Blest Hotel. After lunch we cross to Port Cantaros, from where a boardwalk follows a scenic cascade in natural rain forest. **Overnight Llao Llao Hotel. Dec 6 (B / L)** Enjoy the Llao Llao resort: health club,-pool, sauna, gym, walks, tennis, mountain bikes Optional golf. **OR at no extra cost Visit Estancia Fortín Chacabuco.** This beautiful hacienda was built in 1880, between the pre-cordillera and the steppe. In this estancia watch wild stags, birds and reptiles, go hiking or riding, fishing, or observe the sheep shear. You can also go for a relaxed walk admiring the incredible pine plantation or the 300 year old cypress. **Lunch:** Argentine barbecue. **Overnight Llao Llao Hotel. (mountain view rooms)**

**Dec 7 BUENOS AIRES (B)** Transfer for flight to Buenos Aires **Overnight Americas Tower Dec 8 (B)** free day then 9:30PM flight to Rio. OR take optional Tigre River Cruise (\$49).

Fly to Rio, one of the most attractive cities in the world, with the Corcovado Mountain and its statue of Christ the Redeemer, Tijuca Forest, Sugar Loaf and lovely beaches. Overnight Hotel Premier or similar \*\*\*\*. **Dec: 9 TIJUCA (B/D)** 4 hour jeep ride through the lush rainforest, the largest urban forest. Stops are at the monkeys' waterfall, the "Vista Chinese" for a breathtaking view at the "Cascatinha" and the "Mayrink Chapel" that houses beautiful "al frescos" of one of Brazil's modern masters. We walk through the forest, learning about the ecosystem. Return though "Açude da Solidão" towards São Conrado, passing beaches of Leblon, Ipanema and Copacabana Dinner is a Brazilian Feijoada! **Dec: 10 (B)** Half day tour of Copacabana, Ipanema, Leblon, circling the Rodrigo de Freitas Lagoon. Visit the modern cathedral, passing Flamengo Park and World War II Memorial. The finale is: a thrilling cable-car ride to the top of Sugar Loaf and a breathtaking view of Guanabara Bay. **Dec 11:** Transfer for flights arriving early **Dec. 12** into JFK at 7:30AM. **BOOKING \$500 deposit. LIMITED SPACE. LIMITED AIR**

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

**Argentina and Brazil con'd. Nov. 30-Dec. 12.**



This trip combines 2 of the great cities in South America, plus mountains, beach, a hacienda and an opera visit, history, tango show, Evita, old and new culture, wild life and sun. Price includes what is usually very \$\$\$ airfare, 4-5 star hotels, meals as listed, tango lessons, tours, airfare throughout Argentina and Brazil, full day boat trip and full day hacienda tour. What a deal!

Weather that time of year is Spring as we are south of the Equator. Clothes are casual as usual, but we do include some evening entertainment. Even if you hate shopping you might be tempted by the deals on leather shoes and clothes in BA. And gems in Brazil.

Note: on NY flights. We offer you other cities but prices are so good from NY, we suggest you take this flight. For other cities, ask for the airfare, and the cost of transfers.

No visas for US citizens before the trip. Brazil entry visas are done on arrival >> \$150 pp. Brazil hotel taxes are not included as they change constantly and we cannot estimate them prior to departure. \$3-4 a night is average for our 3 nights in Rio..

**Club rules for this trip:**  
**NO EENTSY WEENTSY POLKA DOT BIKINIS.**  
**NO CARMEN MIRANDA HATS WITH BANANAS ALOFT.**  
**NO TIMID TANGO-ERS.**  
**NO HACIENDA HOUSEFRAUS.**

**JUST OUR GROUP OF CLUB MEMBERS. NEW COMERS ALWAYS WELCOMED. SHARES AVAILABLE TO SAVE ON THE \$850 single supplement. First come first served.**

**DEPOSIT \$500 due now. Within 90 days, price goes UP UP UP**

## NEWS FLASH

Welcome to new our family

### **ABC DESTINATIONS**

who bring The Club more world wide experience, lower prices and importantly, who respect the uniqueness of women. See inside.

**40 new trips to include all inside** plus Canary Islands, Dubai and Oman, France and Paris, London getaway, Lakes of Italy, golf getaways, Far East and Kenya Safari, Morocco, Norway. BEGINNING OCTOBER, TRIPS BOOKED WITHIN 90 DAYS WILL CARRY AN AIR SURCHARGE. BOOK EARLY TO SAVE.

**Warning** as we were featured on Peter Greenberg's Travel Talk Radio and shortly will be in Travel & Leisure, do not miss out. Turkey and Iceland filled quickly so grab a spot on Rome, India and New York the next 3 journeys.

**REMEMBER our deadline for losing rooms on October Canyon Ranch is mid August. Oct. 18-22 AND OCT. 25-29 discount available.** "Going to Canyon Ranch was a benchmark in how I treat myself!" Said one member. A great way to join a Club trip for the first time.

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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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