



THE WOMEN'S TRAVEL CLUB®

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Dear Travelers,

Finally the ice melted and passports see the light of day. Our one year anniversary of joining ABC is here. We invite you to our Paper Anniversary Celebration with prizes.

Current members: A \$100 credit on any Summer trip traveling through August, for you and a new member you bring on the same trip. If you are already booked with us for this Summer, your credit is extended through 2008 AND increased to \$150 as an additional thank you AND held for a friend who joins you on the same trip.**

Past members: Renew by June 30; you get 2 years for \$35 for yourself and for a friend. Please ask us to send her a gift membership with a nice note from you.

**The \$100 credit is not combinable with any coupon or other discount, and not usable for spa, golf and cruise trips.

The Baltics and St. Petersburg is the trip if you have "done" Europe but want a peak behind "the curtain". A cruise does not immerse the visitor in medieval villages, poignant Jewish and Christian history, regal years, sad Soviet days, modern euphoria. The Baltics remain more economic than Western Europe: but they are catching up fast. Go with us this year.

Unbelievable Italy: Rome to Venice and in between. Been before, this is an excellent return to Italy trip. 4 star hotels, full sightseeing, great value. No other Italy trip includes—at this price—the highlights of Rome, Venice and Florence plus Ravenna, Venetian villas, San Marino and all in the company of our lovely Club escort.

Why do we offer Summer trips to Mexico, Canyon Ranch and The famous Greenbrier? The Mexican central plateau is high with a desert climate that delivers cool evenings, minimum humidity. Canyon Ranch offers free tickets to Tanglewood festival and The Greenbrier is one of America's GREAT resorts. These trips each include something special just for us.



Noteworthy Tours

Lisbon Weekend June 14-19 (with our affiliate)

The Baltics, Russia & a whisper of Finland July 12-23

Total Italy, from Rome to Venice, including Ravenna Jul 21-Aug 1

Kenya/Tanzania Safari Jul 30-Aug 13

Canyon Ranch Aug 1-5; Oct 17-21; Oct 24-28. **Deadline June 1 for the discount**

Perfect Peru in boutique hotels August 3-14

The Greenbrier Resort in W. VA Aug 9-12

Ixtapan de la Sal Mexican Spa Aug 19-26 and Aug 26-Sep 2

Labor Day in Manhattan Aug 31-Sep 3

Hudson River Valley Sep 3-5

Iceland Getaway Sep 27-Oct 2

Annual Turkey Trip Oct 5-19

Northern India Nov 2-16

Thanksgiving in Tuscany Nov 20-26
Early Bird till June 1

Waitlist yourself on any trip by faxing in a booking form and writing on it "Waitlist Me".

Fuel surcharges included in all prices. Prices increase as we approach departure dates.

Financial Flying: Hidden Extras

WTClub members have different incomes and habits. Here is our average optional spending:

Extra meals: Club trips have inclusive sightseeing; we do not include all meals on non-exotic trips. Most members go for economic eating. *Advice:* Do not be shy about asking if service is included—ask for tap water, if safe, and remember to check the bill. If you are a bottled water gal, buy it at local food stores not from the hotel.

Shopping: Guides can turn up the shopping faucet. This was an issue on a recent Morocco trip. We feel strongly that shopping is an option, not a travel experience. Don't be concerned if you are not a spender; we now have strict rules on time spent in stores on Club trips.

Tipping: Club prices include service charges and taxes. For tips to our guides and drivers: we recommend but not require \$5 and \$2-3 a day. We ask that you be fair with those who make your journey special.

Options: Sometimes guides offer options not in our itinerary. Often members negotiate a deal price as a group, but never feel obligated to join.

For group size, quality of hotels and meals, we remain by far the price leader in women's trips. Unbelievable Italy and The Baltics with Russia, as examples, are a good \$1000 less than equivalent escorted small group trips.

Are we perfect? NO, but we never hide—feel free to ask for me personally anytime, Phyllis.

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Take a breath...and then book...

June 14-19 Lisbon Weekend \$1049.

July 12-23 The Baltics and Russia. From \$4099 with air, land, much sightseeing, concert, 4-star hotels, train, some meals and 3 nights in Russia.

July 21-August 1 Total Italy: Rome Florence, Siena, San Marino, Ravenna, Venice and Venetian Palladian villas. From \$2999: land with hotels, sightseeing, some meals.

July 30-August 13 Kenya and Tanzania with option to Zanzibar, from \$3999 plus airfare based on your hometown: from \$1200 East Coast.

Aug 1-5; Oct 17-21; Oct 24-28 Group deal at Canyon Ranch Health Resort, Lenox, MA.

August 3-14 Perfect Peru: Lima, Arequipa, Colca, Cuzco, Machu Picchu, Lake Titicaca, 4/5-star boutique hotels.

August 9-12 World-famous Greenbrier Resort in W. Virginia: \$1445 includes hotel, half-board and either golf or spa, plus use of this marvelous classic resort.

August 19-26 & Aug 26-Sept 2 Ixtapan de la Sal Summer discount group.

August 31-September 3 Labor Day Weekend in Manhattan, followed by:

September 3-5 A historic trip up the Hudson River Valley: Rockefeller estate, Culinary Institute, Dia and Storm King Sculpture Center. New York City, from \$1299, and Hudson River Valley \$899

September 27-October 2 Iceland.

October 5-19 Turkey—from Ankara to Istanbul.

October 12-18 Guatemala Deluxe—including Antigua, Chichi—the largest Indian market in South America and the jungle ruins of Tikal.

November 2-16 India: North and add the south optionally.

November 20-26 Tuscany. *Second Thanksgiving trip coming.*

Nov 30-Dec 10 Dubai, Oman and more.

December 7-13 Christmas Markets including trendy Berlin.

Dec 23-29 Christmas in Amalfi Coast-Italy.

Dec 23-29 Christmas in Greece, Athens and beyond.

Upcoming 2008

January: *Born to Shop* in Paris and Madrid with Suzy Gershman. Plus more warm weather getaways.

Jan 27- Feb 3; Feb 3-10 Ixtapan de la Sal. Discount Deal.

Feb: Spiritual Egypt

What you did not know about The Baltics and Russia! A cruise will never do it justice. Price: \$4099 + taxes. Air Inclusive*

1. Soviet? “Castles everywhere, folk costumes out for festivals, countrysides, lakes and forests inhabited by legends and myths. Even trams that rattle around streets which seem out of an earlier age.” —Lonely Planet.
2. Obscure? The Baltics are tucked away in dark ages Europe. Go now for a view of a world in transition.
3. Prices are less but catching up. Weather is a cool 75°.
4. Folk culture survives; credit women with oral traditions that preserved folk art no longer seen in Europe but here in festivals with impromptu music.
5. You find an emotional home. The Balkans were the last areas in Europe to be Christianized, lore remains inter-twined with Baltic beliefs. Jewish history: both joyous and sad, is a lesson to us all.
6. Food: Pancakes, stroganoffs, kebabs and the best cottage and cream cheese are all you need to know eating with Club friends. Most waiters speak English.
7. Put Tallinn in Estonia up there with Lucca, Seville, Rouen, Siena, Bath, the smaller cinematic experience.
8. Riga, Latvia is international: walk side by side with sophisticated Latvians. Attend a concert in the grand Guild Hall.
9. Vilnius brings Jewish history with conversation later over a country lunch. Sharing each other’s ethnic history is part of traveling with women friends.
10. Helsinki—we squeezed in en route to St. Petersburg, which is the end of our unique trip.

*Air subject to availability .

TOTAL ITALY

The best value trip to Italy for women today.

July 21-August 1, 2007

Shares and airfare still available. Guaranteed small group.

Price: \$2999 early bird pricing kept for the next 5 or until full.

Single: \$650

4-star hotels. All sightseeing noted. Services of escort. Private bus. B daily, 2 L and 5 D some with wine. One group transfer on arrival and departure. Not included: airfare-ask us to quote; portage payable at the hotels. Centrally located hand-picked hotels. Fully escorted. Rome, Assisi, Florence, Siena, San Marino, Ravenna, Venice and a tour of a Palladian villa. 3 nights Rome, 3 nights Florence, 1 night Ravenna, 3 nights in Venice. Breakfast daily, 2 country lunches and 5 restaurant dinners. Hotels are centrally located. ASK OUR OFFICE TO BOOK YOUR AIRFARE.

July 21 Depart on flights from the U.S. D B on board flights.

July 22 Arrive Rome and transfer to centrally located Hotel Quirinale. Welcome D with wine. There is one airport transfer for the majority of flights. Individual transfers available optionally at economic prices. We always group our members to save money.

July 23 Full day sightseeing in ancient and modern Rome. B L at a local restaurant.

July 24 Half day tour of Borghese Gallery. PM free for wandering with Club friends B. Rome has taxis and good public transportation or just walk from our hotel. Suggestions: Spanish Steps area, Catacombs, and Villa D'Este and gardens.

July 25 Drive to Florence through countryside with a stop in Assisi, check into the former palace now 4-star Hotel Baglioni. Dinner in a local restaurant B D.

July 26 Guided half day walking tour of Florence with admission to the Academia and Statue of David rooms. PM free B. Suggestions: the outdoor straw market or Farmacia Santa Maria Novella—ask sales staff to show you the original monks' areas behind this elegant perfume shop. Check with the hotel about discount designer mecca called The Mall, an hour from Florence.

July 27 AM tour Uffizzi Gallery—a short walk. PM half day bus tour to magnificent hilltop Siena B D in the Tuscan countryside. Suggestion: check out the hand-made paper while you sip a grappa liqueur, admire the burnt "Siena" colored buildings.

July 28 Continue by private bus, stopping in Ravenna near San Marino. Overnight Ravenna 4-star Bizanzio Hotel. B D. Depending on arrival time, we tour the mosaics of Ravenna and independent San Marino July 28 and on July 29.

July 29 See above. Today we drive to Venice, stopping to view 1-2 Palladian villas built by wealthy traders. Arrival Venice where we stay at charming 4-star Sofitel Venezia. BL

July 30 Half day walking tour! B PM Suggestions: hop a water bus and just look. Visit the Jewish ghetto or Murano and its glass factories, Burano with its quaintly colored houses. Public water buses depart frequently for these islands.

July 31 Full free day Venice B. Suggestions: Peggy Guggenheim Museum of Modern Art. And while you are face full in gelato, get a bit lost on the endlessly winding streets.

August 1 After breakfast, depart for flights home. One transfer early AM to coordinate with most flights B. Note: our group often share taxis for other flight schedules and our escort will assist. And if you wish to stop-over from JFK & Newark, ask about a discount Hilton room at the airport.

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Traveling alone? Our group maintains a 24/7 emergency phone number, so we can assist you anytime, anywhere.



Phyllis Stoller, WTC founder

Spiritual Peru
August 3-14, 2007

The first of upcoming trips with a spiritual experience.

**Unique Peru 4/5 star boutique hotels
+a night on Machu Picchu.**

Price: \$3369 Single: \$999

August 3 Lima, be met, transfer to Swissotel or Los Delfinos (****)

August 4 PM tour. Lima and the museum. Dinner exclusive restaurant on Miraflores beach. B D.

August 5 Fly to Arequipa, at the foot of Misti volcano and full of ancestral mansions, ancient churches and convents. Visit the Valley of the Volcanoes, Colca Valley /Canyon, Salinas and Aquada Blanca, and Lagoons. PM half day city tour and Santa Catalina convent; with beautiful landscape of pre-Incan terraces. Visit the Cathedral and "Plaza de Armas", Jesuit and Santa Catalina Convents Hotel Libertador Arequipa (****) B.

August 6 AM Travel past snow capped volcanoes towards the habitat of vicuñas. We visit villages and enjoy Condor viewing in the deep canyons B L.

August 7 Fly to Cuzco, inhabited 3000 years ago. PM city tour + visit to the archaeological park. Show-Dinner at Tunupa. Libertador Cuzco (****) B D.

August 8 Pisac Market, and tour of ruins in the higher mountains and Olanaytambo, a typical Inca area. Lunch. Tunupa Valley Restaurant B L.

August 9 Travel into Urubamba valley: barren, then jungle-like, then take the train to Aguas Calientes. Small buses drive to Machu Picchu, Lost City of the Incas. Guided visit of ruins. Lunch. Machu Picchu Sanctuary Lodge and Dinner at Hotel.

Overnight at Machu Picchu Hotel or Hotel Machu Picchu Pueblo (**SUP) B L D

August 10 AM free—guide's assistance; watch the sunrise without the tourists. PM train to Cuzco. Libertador Cuzco B.

August 11 Andean Explorer train (Orient Express) to Puno, on Lake Titicaca. The train passes snow-covered peaks. Lunch served on board. Puno was founded in 1668, on the highest navigable lake in the world. Overnight Hotel Libertador Esteves (****) B L.

August 12 Full day boat to Uros Indians, where visitors share food, homes. Lunch in the islands. B L.

August 13 Lima Early departure, visit archaeological Sillustani bordered by Lake Umayo. Nearby are gigantic funerary monuments. Afterwards fly to Lima. Overnight Los Delfinos or Hotel Swissotel (****) B

August 14 Transfer for flights to the U.S. B. (all domestic air included)



Top 10 Reasons to Join:

- 40 trips a year
- First-class/superior first-class hotels, unless noted
- Group airfares (flights from many cities), including 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
- Travel Companion Bulletin Board!

Ask about airfare from your hometown, we are a national group with different time zones and hometowns.

Celebrate with us:

- New discounts \$100 many trips
 - Renewal deals
 - And coupons on our site!
- Baltics and Russia
 -Italy: \$2999 for next five who book
 -Lisbon City weekend June 14, ...eeks... we can try...

Deadlines:

June 1 we lose Canyon Ranch.
 August 1-5 discount rooms with free tickets to Tanglewood.

June 16-17 come work at our booth at the NBC Los Angeles Travel Show and get a free \$65 renewal! (3-hour minimum). Phyllis is a speaker on both days.

All trips are 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 a specific reason! Membership Non-refundable.

The Club was founded in 1992 by Phyllis Stoller, a then banker with a non-traveling husband. We are nationally known and an affiliate of ABC Destinations, a major tour operator. To keep prices fair quality high, we do not maintain a mailing list for non-members. \$35 for 1-year • \$65 for 2-years. Members of less than 3 months pay a surcharge. Membership is non-refundable. Need help with email specials or a password? info@womenstravelclub.com CALL 800-480-4448

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\$4099 July 12-23, 2007

Air inclusive. 4-star hotels, 6 meals,
buffet breakfast daily, escorted.

Wow! 5 countries in one compact trip.

No rushing!

July 12 Depart for Vilnius 5:55PM via Helsinki.

July 13 Arrive Vilnius. Meet our guide and continue to hotel. Welcome dinner D.

July 14 Tour of Vilnius by private coach. Highlights include 17th century Cathedral of Peter & Paul, University and Gothic Church of St. Anna. Stop by Gates of Dawn, former Jewish ghetto, and walk around Old Town. Lunch in the countryside. After lunch visit Trakai, medieval capital and picturesque 15th c. castle. B.L. Overnight Vilnius.

July 15 Tour of Kaunas, 2nd largest city, then visit the Cathedral, Consul Sugihara Museum & Pazaislis Monastery. B. Overnight Vilnius.

July 16 Depart for Latvia, en route visit Siauliai and Hill of Crosses, a symbol of Lithuanian nationalism. Travel to restored Baroque Palace Rundale. Overnight Riga, Latvia. B

July 17 Tour Riga, the 13th c. St. Peter's Church, Power Tower and Dome Cathedral. A concert in the Great Guild Hall included. Dinner in Old Town. BD. Overnight Riga.

July 18 Depart for Estonian capital, Tallinn. Visit fascinating Ethnographical Museum with traditional rural life. Enjoy a brief tour of the resort, Paernu. Arrive Tallinn. B. Overnight Tallinn.

July 19 Sightseeing first by bus then on foot, includes the Song Festival Amphitheater and medieval Upper and Lower Tallinn. PM free Farewell dinner in a restaurant in Gothic Old Town. BD Overnight Tallinn

July 20 Breakfast boxes provided—we ferry early to Helsinki, Finland. Enjoy a city tour. Free time for lunch then Repin Express train for St. Petersburg arriving PM. B. Overnight St. Petersburg.

July 21 AM tour St. Petersburg by private bus, including grounds of St. Peter and Paul Fortress and Cathedral. Restaurant Lunch PM drive to Tsarskoye Selo for 18th c. Catherine's Palace. BL Overnight St. Petersburg

July 22 AM Hermitage Museum. Restaurant lunch. PM Free. B L Overnight St. Petersburg.

July 23 Flights to US. Flight arrives JFK at 4PM. B.

Canyon Ranch Health Resort **Lenox, MA**

Special Group discount, good until June 1, 2007

Free Tickets to Tanglewood music outdoor festival
with transfers

\$2130 twin occupancy August 1-5, 2007

Includes: \$560 of services, meals, gratuities, taxes. 40-50 classes, hikes and talks per day, deluxe accommodations, transfers from Hartford or Albany airports.

Singles: \$2700. \$300 deposit. Balance payable when you leave.

- This is not a trip. It is an investment in your future
- Any fitness level works
- Any age will benefit
- Come with open minds, go home in peace
- No one counts but YOU

The nation's top health resort, set in an elegant 19th c. mansion in the mountains. Part summer camp/part profound experience on lifestyle and health, Canyon Ranch customizes services for you. The day begins with a morning walk, includes classes and talks for every age and finishes with often famous speakers, bingo, movies, or just take a movie back to your deluxe room. Day trips for hiking, canoeing, local museums and sights. Summer at The Ranch is full of flowering color, cool evenings,

Food is low fat yet plentiful. Like a recipe? Ask for it to be mailed to you. 600 staff to 200 guests means as much attention as you want. With your \$560, you can try a few new services not offered at home: hypnosis, mind-body therapy, cranial-sacral massage, or just better make-up for the new you. Currently use a gym at home? Ask staff to help you better utilize the machines you know. Never been in a gym? This is the way to start.

\$50 penalty if canceled after booking, 30 days prior to arrival, your deposit held by the Ranch for up to one year. Within 8 days your deposit is forfeited to them. Balance of your payment is due when you leave the spa. The price is contingent on 8 participants; if we are less than 8, brochure rates apply



Majestic Greenbrier Resort in White Sulfur Springs, W. VA

*For those of us who would love to try a famous resort,
but dare not go alone!*

\$1445 twin \$1974 single
Extra nights available
August 9-12, 2007

3-nights' hotel, Southern breakfast and dinner daily in the main dining room with Club friends. Golf 3-days or a credit of \$342 in the Spa. All security and the resort's fee and private membership costs. Flights available on US Air.

We are thrilled to offer one of America's most famous historic resorts: The resort sits amidst gorgeous mountains adjacent to the Appalachian Trail.

As a National Historic landmark, The Greenbrier's classic architecture, interior design, landscape, impeccable service and outstanding amenities have hosted distinguished guests since 1778. Daily afternoon tea and concerts will remind you of its history.

Guests enjoy over 50 recreational activities including three championship golf courses, indoor and outdoor tennis courts and a 40,000-square-foot spa. Complimentary guided tours of the resort and surrounding estate offer insight into The Greenbrier's rich heritage and history.

And the following, some of which are options, priced by the Greenbrier at reasonable rates:

- Afternoon Tea & Concert
- Alpine Tower Art Colony
- Billiards & Bowling & Croquet
- Bunker Tour
- Carriage Rides
- Culinary Arts Center
- Culinary Demonstrations
- Falconry & Fishing
- Fitness Center
- And WORLD FAMOUS GOLF! We hope members who play will join us—All levels welcome.

Air Subject to Availability.

Ixtapan de la Sal, Mexico **August 19-26, 2007** **and August 26-September 2, 2007**

Discount price \$1157 twin
and \$1310 single
(Based on 5 going in each group)

Deposit \$350. Airfare and transfer to the spa are extra, but we group you to save \$\$\$. 21 services, all meals, 4-star hotel set in the mountains 65 miles from Mexico City, 2 restaurants, spa cuisine and Mexican/Continental cuisine, 2 pools, tennis, golf lessons included, fantastic value, cool evening weather, adjacent to a charming village full of silver and crafts.

Many women come annually as summer temps are lovely and the spa is quiet. We get special treatment because of our long standing relationship with the owners.

Notes on this trip: the spa uses all organic products, offers bottles of water to guests but has its own filtering system, food is fresh and excellent, nearby are Taxco, Cuernavaca, and other colonial sites. The spa offers side trips!



**Come visit us at the Los Angeles
Convention Center June 16/17**

**Help out at our booth and get a \$65 two year
membership plus lots of fun.**