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Dear Travelers,

Late Summer and Autumn are, as Dickens said, "The best and the worst of times". Those who did not get away are desperate, those who waited for cool autumn find off-season not "off". Look in the mirror right now. What do you see? A familiar face with humidity's frizz asking: Why did I leave it so late?

The Best of Club Times: We might be able to grab space at Canyon Ranch—discount dates available are 8/19 and 8/22—our initial date is full; The Greenbrier August 9-12; Perfect Peru August 3-14 and Ixtapan de la Sal August 19-26 and Aug 26-Sept 2. We have New York City over Labor Day Weekend.

The Worst of Club Times: Iceland, Turkey and Oman are almost full. We hear Guatemala is the next done deal. Those of you who go to Canyon Ranch annually in October—deposits are due now; we routinely turn away many women as we did this August. If you only dream of changing leaves, you lose. Update on India: get out your magic credit card...I mean carpet. Finally, Berlin: this little trip is a gem—see more inside, and our price is good until September 1.

So what is new? Thanksgiving brings both Tuscany with "Cook Your Own Dinner" again, plus Coastal Algarve of S. Portugal with Lisbon & Seville, Spain. Christmas trips are Greece, with Olympia, Delphi, Athens, a day cruise etc. and magnificent Italian Amalfi Coast with Naples, Sorrento and Capri. Our affiliate brings us a discounted deal to Antarctica in January.

Inside, read more about our "fav" cities: Berlin and New York.

Phyllis Staller



Noteworthy Tours

Perfect Peru in boutique hotels. Special overnight on Machu Picchu, August 3-14. Limited space left.

The Greenbrier Resort welcomes the Club with Golf and Spa, Aug 9-12.

Canyon Ranch Health Resort Aug 19 and Aug 22; Oct 17-21; Oct 24-28. Discount.

Ixtapan de la Sal Mexican Spa deal in the cool mountains of Mexico, Aug 19-26 and Aug 26-Sep 2.

Labor Day in Manhattan Aug 31-Sep 3.

Iceland Getaway Sep 27-Oct 2.

Annual Turkey Trip, Ankara to Istanbul, Oct 5-19.

Deluxe Guatemala, October 12-18.

Northern India Nov 2-16, or add the South until Nov 19.

Thanksgiving in Tuscany, and Algarve, Portugal, Nov 20-26.

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.



Visiting With You...

Phyllis spoke at the Los Angeles NBC Travel Show, and will be in San Diego (Sep 29-30); Chicago (Nov 10-11) and Miami (Dec 1-2). We would love to see you! Come help—we will give you a 2-year renewal.

Heard at the show about travel:

- **"Thate asking my friends"** In our group you have instant travel buddies and never compromise your time doing what your friend wants. Quote from member Joan: "I always found someone to go when there was something else I wanted to do in Australia".
- **"I am on a budget"** Our trips are inclusive with most sightseeing, many meals and guidance on what to tip. Quote from member Cindy: "I always know what my total trip will cost, except for the "stuff" I bring home.
- **"What kind of women are these?"** All kinds! Been everywhere, been nowhere, know it all, just learning, all ages, all backgrounds. Quote from member Ellen: "I made a new friend, then sold her house, as broker, 3 years later!".
- **"Why go in a group, I like to plan my own trips?"** Group travel is more efficient, cheaper, if you calculate the features, and the work is done for you by professionals. Quote from member Nancy: "I work all week, why would I want to work on vacation?"
- Finally, the inevitable 'unasked' question: **"Will I fit in?"** Yes, unless you are always late, always borrow money, always complain, and always bring along "personal baggage".



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

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. Upgraded rooms.

August 31-September 3 Labor Day Weekend in Manhattan, from \$1299.

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, and the jungle ruins of Tikal.

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

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

November 20-26 Tuscany.

November 20-26 The Algarve and Lisbon, and Seville, Spain.

Nov 30-Dec 10 Dubai, Oman and more. Join our Leader on this exciting trip!

December 7-13 Christmas Markets including trendy Berlin.

Dec 23-29 Christmas on the Amalfi Coast, Italy.

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

Here comes 2008...

Jan 12-18 Costa Rica. Early bird till September 1.

Jan 27-Feb 3 and Feb 3-10 Ixtapan de la Sal. Discount Deals.

Feb 3-5 Monarch butterfly migration, add on to Ixtapan.

Feb 8-16 Spiritual Egypt.

Feb 14-22 China Three City Special, 4-night London.

Finally, see site for discounted Antarctica Cruise in **January**.

New York, New York Aug 31-Sept 3 Labor Day

**Price: \$1299 twin + taxes,
\$450 single supplement**

Each NY trip includes a fine hotel, welcome dinner at a known restaurant, 2 famous museums, and a loving view of our marvelous town.

Aug 31: Arrive at The Warwick Hotel, built by William Randolph Hearst in 1927 for his celebrity friends, near all you want to see. Late PM, a walking tour of Rockefeller Center and St. Patrick's Cathedral, ending at welcome dinner in Bond 45, again a historic restaurant serving classic food. D

Sep 1: Meet and transfer to the Met Museum for a tour and exciting free time. (Insiders' suggestion: Go to the roof for a view of Central Park!). On to Payard French Bistro for lunch on Madison Avenue; enjoy cuisine created by this world-famous pastry chef. Walking tour of Carnegie Hill area with its mansions and famous homes—first settled by Andrew Carnegie. Make your way back to our hotel (Insiders' suggestion: wind your way stopping by Frank Lloyd Wright's Guggenheim Museum.) Tonight, a Broadway show! We give you a choice of tickets.

Sep 2: AM begins with a lovely stroll through Central Park to the Museum of Modern Art, MOMA. Enjoy a tour by a professional docent, then time to "do your own thing". (Insiders' suggestion: Lunch in the excellent cafeteria, then walk it off going West to the AOL Time Warner Center.) Tonight free for dinner with Club friends.

Sep 3: After breakfast, check out or extend your stay! (Insiders suggestion: Move here.) Included all above + breakfast daily. Theater choices mailed when you book.



ZEITGEIST BERLIN PLUS POTSDAM, WITTENBERG & CHRISTMAS MARKETS**

December 7-13, 2007

Price: \$1755+taxes till Sept. 1, then air rises as much as \$250.

Deposit: \$400 Single: \$275 and limited

Includes air and fuel surcharges.

December 7 Depart U.S. for Berlin via Paris. D B served aboard Air France flight 7:20 PM from JFK. (Note: JFK was a 'best deal'). Ask about discounts at Hilton Garden Hotel-JFK, if you wish to overnight.

December 8 Arrival Berlin; be met by our representative and transferred to centrally located 4-star Hotel Excelsior. Welcome dinner. D

December 9 Half-day tour of Berlin, including Checkpoint Charlie, The Wall, its museum, plus Museum Gegenwart, fashioned out of a train station. PM Christmas markets with our escort. Our bus will wait until you finish potato pancakes and gingerbread, packing away hand knitted gifts and listening to music from street players. P.S.: The markets are warmed with standing heaters and between the hot wine and elegantly dressed crowds, you will not freeze. B

December 10 Full day Potsdam in our bus, with visits to two amazing palaces: Cecilienhof and Sans Souci, then wander the famous market square with our rep. The city features a series of lakes with wonderful 16-17th c. areas. Sans Souci is another World Heritage site. Cecilienhof was the last palace built by Kaiser Wilhelm II. B

December 11 Wittenberg, home of Martin Luther. Wittenberg was not bombed during WW II so remains an intact medieval town. Our escort will take you around the local Christmas market. We return to Berlin mid-afternoon—you will certainly want more time here. B

December 12 AM Fantastic Pergamon Museum, a UNESCO Heritage Site re-created post unification in 1990. We chose Pergamon, originally built 1910-30, because here reside monumental structures taken from classical sites our Club has visited. The gigantic rooms hold full buildings from the ancient world. This afternoon free, but remember, our escort helps. Tonight, farewell dinner in a local restaurant. B D

December 13 Transfer to the airport for flights home arriving JFK at 3:15 PM. B

Why this trip? Berlin is the third most visited city in the EU: contemporary art, reasonable food, fascinating streets and nightlife and, in early December, full of traditional Christmas events. This is where the creative minds of Germany live today. With a full-time escort to guide you through sizzling food at the markets, your trip price is your budget.

** Berlin is the *zeitgeist* center of Europe: *zeitgeist* meaning "the spirit of our age". It is interesting how cities like New York and Berlin re-awaken and become the "in" spots. NY has provocative new galleries in Chelsea and Tribeca + theater in old dress factories, churches and parks. Berlin has relics of the Nazis and Communists, but The Reichstag is re-formed by architect, Norman Foster, with a huge glass dome, and The Wall has become the East Side Gallery with open-air paintings on remnants. Join us for one or for both, you will not be disappointed.

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



Phyllis Stoller, WTC founder

Award winning Canyon Ranch Health Resort in W. Mass. while the leaves change.

**October 17-21: \$1980 twin,
\$2450 single**

**October 24-28: \$1935 twin,
\$2405 single**

Our deal is so good the Ranch asks you not to tell other guests!

In the 19c the Berkshire Mts. were the vacation place of aristocrats; today, the Ranch treats you like one. New England at its best season. **MEN CAN SNEAK IN ON OUR PRICE. WARNING: OUR AUGUST GROUP SOLD OUT EARLY.** \$300 deposit due now.

A 5-star deluxe resort, with 40-50 daily choices of talks, walks, classes, events, excellent low fat food, incredibly helpful staff in a woodsy setting.

By your first dinner with our group, you 'kinda' like the Ranch. By next morning, you know you are going to leave a different person. By the 2nd night, you realize this 4 night / 5 day stay is the first thing you have done for yourself—just for yourself—in years. By the 3-4-5th day, you and Club friends shine with a new glow and attitude to life's challenges.

Trip includes: transfers Hartford, Albany Airports or Springfield Amtrak, 4 nights/5 days deluxe accommodations, all meals, taxes, gratuities, \$560 extra personal services, all use of the spa and umpteen classes. Your day can start with a walk, hourly classes for every fitness level, talks from experts and personal consultations. Take a stroll into charming Lenox, hike, kayak, try yoga, pilates, hypnosis, learn to sleep, eat and stand better. And, YES, the unfit are most welcome in a comfortable setting to tip-toe into a gym again. P.S.: Wear your oldest work-out clothes—this is a casual group.



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.

Deadlines:

Canyon Ranch for October: \$300 deposit due now.
India for November: Your guru says go!
Berlin and Christmas Markets for December: \$400 due now to catch our price.

Last minute:

Greenbrier, Ixtapan de la Sal in Mexico, and Peru —call after your first cup of coffee today and book!

New Inside:

2008 has begun: new holiday trips to Greece, the Algarve in Portugal, and the Amalfi Coast. And, from our affiliate: Antarctica in January, a Club ABC special.

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

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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!
(Men invited, but dinner is with the Girls.)*

\$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 for 3 days or a credit of \$342 in the Spa. All s.c. and taxes and the resort's fee, and private membership costs.

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.



The Greenbrier

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)

Cool mountain air.

Upgraded pool rooms for these groups.

Airfare and transfers extra but we group you to save \$. 21 services, all meals, 4-star hotel set in the mountains 65 miles from Mexico City: spa cuisine and Mexican/Continental cuisine, 2 pools, adjacent to a charming village. The spa uses organic products, offers bottled water, robes and slippers, and has its own water filtering system, food is fresh and excellent. Nearby are Taxco, Cuernavaca, and other colonial sites.

During the day you enjoy classes in the gym and pool + 6 massages, 3 facials, 3 foot massages, 2 hair and nail treatments, 1 manicure, 1 pedicure, 1 hair styling, 1 loofah scrub, 1 mud treatment, 3 golf or tennis lessons, morning walks, aqua aerobics, yoga, use of all spa facilities, orientation, taxes and tips. (Some women tip extra). Check out Rossy's in town for creams, crafts sold by street vendors, and bring a sweater—it is cool at night.

OUR NEXT GROUP TRIPS TO IXTAPAN DE LA SAL ARE JAN 27-FEB 3 & FEB 3-10. Last year we added a post trip to see the Monarch Butterfly migration. We are planning this phenomenal side trip again FEB 3-5.



Your guru says go to India with us...

November 2-16, 2007

\$4199 North land only \$1450 South India extension
Single: \$1499 & \$424 North and South India

4/5 star hotels, breakfast/dinner daily (beginning November 5 dinner only), November 4 one lunch, private guide and bus, rickshaw ride, elephant ride, boat ride, dinner and dance show in Delhi, sunrise Ganges River ride, escorted in the North, guided in the South.

Nov. 2-3 Flights leave. **Nov. 2** stop in Europe. **Nov. 3** Arrive Delhi early **Nov. 4.** (West coasters arrive **Nov. 4** late afternoon). We have one transfer; individual transfers are \$35-45 each way.

Nov. 4 Arrive Delhi with a special welcome sign on to our air-conditioned vehicle. AM free to rest. PM half day city tour New Delhi, designed and built by the British in the 1920's. Visit Qutub Minar and Humayun's tomb, pass India Gate and Parliament. PM free. D

Nov. 5 Half-day tour Old Delhi, ancient walled city. Start with a rickshaw ride to see Red Fort, palace of the Mughals, main gate and crowded bazaar. Visit memorial of Mahatma Gandhi; Jama Masjid, the largest mosque. Our guide is at your disposal. B D with special dance show.

Nov. 6 Delhi –Varanasi AM flight to Varanasi, Hindu religious center on the Ganges River where 1,000's of pilgrims pray. PM visit Sarnath, where Buddha founded his community. BD

Nov. 7 Varanasi – Agra Early AM tea/coffee before a sunrise boat ride on the Ganges, where funeral pyres light the sky. Visit the monkey temple and sacred Visheshwar. PM fly to Delhi then drive to Agra arriving late. To break up the drive, we dine en route. B D

Nov. 8 Agra – The Taj Mahal, built by an emperor in memory of his queen. The Taj is unique for its proportions and marble exterior with rose and golden tints and precious stones. Visit Agra Fort and royal residence. PM free. B D

Nov. 9 Agra – Jaipur (1-2 hours to Fatehpur Sikri, 3-4 to Jaipur) stopping at Fatehpur Sikri. Fatehpur Sikri, the deserted red city, built by Emperor Akbar is a fairy tale in its 'ruins'. Later, arrive Jaipur, the "Pink City", capital of Rajasthan. You feel you are in a movie. B D

Nov. 10 Jaipur – AM Amber Fort, reflected in the lake. Go up the fort on decorated elephants. The interiors have ivory, mirror and glasswork + exquisite paintings. After lunch visit City Palace Museum, inspiring Jantar Manta (observatory from 1726 AD) then photo visit Palace of Winds—a five storied marvel. B D

Nov. 11 Jaipur – Jodhpur (approx. 7 hrs—note you are now entering the India "less visited"), stopping en route. Upon evening arrival, check into the hotel. PM free. B D

Nov. 12 Jodhpur – Full day tour Jodhpur, home of Rathore Rulers. A high wall protects a fortified hill city, founded in 1459, adorned with panels and latticed windows. We visit Jaswant Thada, a white marble cenotaph, proceed to Mandore Garden, ancient capital. Also included is the local market. B D

Nov. 13 Jodhpur – Ranakpur one of the most important Jain temples in a remote valley. Lunch in a restaurant. Continue to Udaipur. B L D.

Nov. 14 Udaipur – Guided tour of the lake city, an oasis in Rajasthan. The huge city palace towering over Lake Pichola is the largest complex. Proceed to Jagdish temple, surrounded by colorfully dressed pilgrims. Visit the royal garden. PM cruise on Lake Pichola + time in the market. B D

Nov. 15 Mumbai – Home, or to the South! Early breakfast and flight to Mumbai. Check into hotel to freshen up then half day tour. Hotel rooms until 9PM then to the airport for flights leaving 2-3 AM on **Nov 16.** B D Arrive most U.S. cities same day.

If adding **The South of India:** meet our guide on arrival.

Nov. 15 Fly Mumbai to Chennai. After a rest, tour Madras, now Chennai. The cathedral and Fort of St. George are reminders of the British. Visit Fort St. George—from where Clive started the expansion. Return to the hotel. BD

Nov. 16 Chennai – Covelong Full day to Mahabalipuram & Kanchipuram Temples. Mahabalipuram was an ancient port. It is complex, resembles Angkor Wat. The famous Shore Temple is lashed by waves on the beach. On to Kanchipuram, a center of Hindu worship and Tamil history, also famous for silk—we stop at weavers. BD.

Nov. 17 Covelong – Free for optional Ayurvedic and other specialties from sea view rooms in the resort. BD

Nov. 18 Depart for Madras and flights to Mumbai. Check-in to hotel for a freshen up, then half day tour Mumbai. Hotel rooms until 9PM. B D

Nov. 19 Mumbai–Home. Early AM departure for flights arriving back in the U.S. on **Nov. 19** with a stopover in Europe. Our transfer is for flights that leave 2-3 AM.