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Solo Travelers Club newsletter

May / June 2020

Travel With Friends



MESSAGE FROM SUE & LYNN

Sue Smith - Program Manager

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WOW ~ who could have ever imagined what times would arise in 2020! This is an unprecedented time for everyone that continues to impact the lives of our family, friends and communities. We want you to know that AAA takes this crisis very seriously - our number one priority has been, and will always be, the health, well-being, and ultimate safety of our members, staff, and their families. Due to the current situation, it has been necessary to cancel several upcoming trips, Solo meetings and special events to help everyone stay safe and do our part to halt this pandemic. As we all know, there are still many uncertainties at this time, but rest assured when things do begin to open back up ~ including the world of travel, AAA will adhere to and follow all recommended CDC and WHO guidelines and restrictions. AAA Administrators are working on creating our own Social Distancing requirements that will be strictly followed when planning future trips – so plan on smaller more intimate group sizes on most trips moving forward.

Our Solo Travelers Club friends continue to be in our hearts and in our thoughts. As we wait and see what lies ahead, we want you to know that we are here to help in any way we can. We are just a phone call away, – give us a jingle on our Solo Exclusive line 1-855-AAA-SOLO (1-855-222-7656). Once this pandemic is behind us, we will move forward, gather, travel again, and of course, CELEBRATE the 10th birthday of our Solo Travelers Club with our STC friends.

From the bottom of our hearts, thank you for your support and positivity. Stay tuned for ongoing updates; we're here to help you be ready to roll when the world re-opens and the travel industry ramps back up. We SHALL see this pass, and we WILL "Travel with Friends" once again and create wonderful new memories TOGETHER.

Until the time comes that we are able to see each other ~ be smart, stay safe, stay healthy, and take care of each other.

Sue & Lynn

"Travel is about the gorgeous feeling of teetering in the unknown."

– Gaby Basora

SOLO MEMBERS WANT TO KNOW COVID-19 FAQ'S:

You asked, and we've listened!

Q: What if I'm booked on a AAA Tour that is cancelled due to the current health situation?

A: Depending on the type of trip, there will always be an option to receive a full refund. If you were booked on a no-fly cruise, the cruise line may offer an option for a future cruise credit (FCC), many times offering a higher value than a cash refund. Your travel agent will reach out and provide details.

Q: My Solo Rewards Membership is up for renewal now, what's the best way to renew so I continue to receive Solo Newsletters and future travel information?

A: At this point, until we know we can safely gather as a group again – hosting our Solo Travelers Club meetings and special events, we are putting STC membership renewals on hold. For those of you that have already renewed, we will be extending your membership accordingly.

Q: I have Solo Reward Certificates that expired during the pandemic, are these going to be extended?

A: Yes, if you have travel certificates that expired this year – hold onto them. These certificates will be extended, however, as it's still uncertain when will begin to operate trips, we don't know the length of the extension at this time.

Q: As a result of COVID-19, we have had to cancel two Solo Travelers Club meetings, will anything be done to accommodate STC members for these missed meetings?

A: Until the time comes when we know we can host Solo Travel Club meetings safely and in compliance with CDC recommendations, we won't make any decisions on missed meetings, however, you can be certain that we will take care of our valued Solo Reward Members with active membership status.

PLEASE NOTE:

Tours listed in this newsletter are operating as of print time. We guarantee AAA will operate any/all tours in strict compliance with CDC recommended guidelines, and with our members health and safety as top priority. Please understand, therefore, the operation of the tour, itineraries and departures are subject to cancellation/change.

MEETING UPDATES:

JUNE MEETINGS - Due to the continuing restrictions on social gatherings, the June meetings have been cancelled.

"VIRTUAL" MEETINGS - We are working on a few fun, virtual meeting ideas - watch for details. Make sure to visit AAA.com/Solo frequently for updates and current information.

2020 SUMMER EXTRAVAGANZA -

Our original plans for the 2020 Summer Extravaganza have been postponed. We are looking into plans to host regional "social distance" gatherings in its place. Stay tuned for more details.

OCTOBER MEETINGS - *Save the date!*

BUFFALO: Tuesday, October 20
Samuel's Grande Manor
8750 Main Street,
Williamsville

ROCHESTER: Wednesday, October 21
Burgundy Basin
1361 Marsh Road, Pittsford

SYRACUSE: Thursday, October 22
Bella Domani
5988 E. Taft Road
N. Syracuse

(RSVP's will not open until September 15th)

FOR MORE INFO:

CALL: 1-855-862-6651

CLICK: AAA.com/Solo

VISIT: YOUR LOCAL AAA

Rates listed are per person, land or cruise only (unless noted otherwise) and based on either double or single occupancy (as indicated). Triple and quad rates may be available - please check with your travel agent.

DEPARTURES: B-*Buffalo*, R-*Rochester*, S-*Syracuse*, D-*Dunkirk*, F-*Fredonia*, OP-*Orchard Park*, C/I-*Cortland/Ithaca*, W-*Watertown*, A-*Auburn*, H-*Hamburg*, G-*Geneva*



2020/2021 FEATURED TOURS

AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY TOUR



SEPTEMBER 7-12, 2020

Join us as we travel to New England and along the coast of Maine. Visits include Acadia National Park, a guided tour of Portland Maine's African-American historical sites, a Bar Harbor nature cruise and a guided tour of the Harriet Beecher Stowe House.

INCLUDES: Roundtrip motorcoach transportation, 5-nights' accommodations, 10 meals: 5 breakfasts & 5 dinners, sightseeing and admissions and more! (B/R/S departures)

Per Person/Single **\$2129** | Double **\$1569**

GARDENS & ESTATES OF THE HUDSON VALLEY



SEPTEMBER 13-17, 2020

Hosted by Sally Cunningham

From Rockefeller's Kykuit to the grandeur of the NY Botanical Gardens and Wave Hill gardens, this tour embraces the history, architecture and horticultural wonders of the Hudson River Valley.

INCLUDES: Roundtrip motorcoach transportation, 4-nights' accommodations, 8 meals: 4 breakfasts, 1 lunch & 3 dinners, garden tours including Kykuit, Untermyer, NY Botanical Gardens, Wave Hill, Stonecrop and much more! (B/R/S departures)

Per Person/Single **\$2279** | Double **\$1849**

FALL ARK ENCOUNTER



SEPTEMBER 21-23, 2020

Prepare to believe as you visit the ARK Encounter and Creation Museum, a one-of-a-kind, historically themed attraction. Explore hundreds of displays and exhibits depicting life on the ARK, along with the Creation Museum, where characters and animals bring the pages of the Bible to life.

INCLUDES: Roundtrip motorcoach transportation, 2-nights' accommodations, 3 meals: 2 breakfasts & 1 dinner, sightseeing and admissions. (B/R/S departures)

Per Person/Single **\$759** | Double **\$589**

SIPS & GIGGLES – RICHMOND & NORFOLK VA



Solo Exclusive!

OCTOBER 14-20, 2020

Travel to Virginia with your Solo friends for this adventure-filled tour including history, gardens, wine tastings and plenty of fun! Visit the National Museum of the Marine Corps, Norfolk Botanical Gardens, plus enjoy the Town Point Fall Wine Festival and more!

INCLUDES: Roundtrip motorcoach transportation, 6-nights accommodations, 9 meals: 6 breakfasts, 1 boxed lunch & 2 dinners, 3 wine tastings & 1 beer tasting plus more. (B/R/S departures)

Per Person/Single **\$1999** | Double **\$1599**

MERRY LIGONIER CHRISTMAS



DECEMBER 2-4, 2020

Travel to Ligonier, PA and experience Overly's Country Christmas with a wonderful train display, bonfire and live Nativity Scene. Plus enjoy a guided candlelight tour of the Compass Inn Museum - a 1799 restored stage coach stop completely decorated for the holidays!

INCLUDES: Roundtrip motorcoach transportation, 2-nights' accommodations, 5 meals: 2 breakfasts, 1 lunch & 2 dinners, sightseeing and admissions and more! (B/R departures)

Per Person/Single **\$639** | Double **\$519**



2020/2021 FEATURED TOURS

CHRISTMAS IN MONTREAL



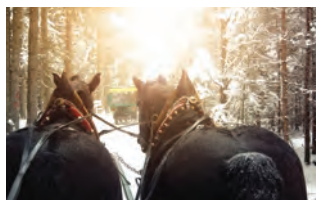
DECEMBER 3-6, 2020

Explore international charm and age-old holiday traditions of this magical destination as the holiday season comes alive with millions of twinkling lights, outdoor markets and carolers. Visit the Nutcracker Christmas Market, enjoy a choir performance at the Notre-Dame-de-bon-Secours Chapel and much more!

INCLUDES: Roundtrip motorcoach transportation, 3-nights' accommodations, 7 meals: 3 breakfasts, 1 lunch & 3 dinners, all sightseeing and admissions. (B/R/S departures)

Per Person/Single **\$1419** | Double **\$1099**

CURRIER & IVES CHRISTMAS – NEW HAMPSHIRE



DECEMBER 6-9, 2020

This New England "Currier & Ives" experience will fill you with the holiday spirit! Enjoy a Christmas tree trimming party, a traditional sleigh ride, holiday shopping at Zeb's Country Store, wreath making at the Rocks Estate and much more!

INCLUDES: Roundtrip motorcoach transportation, 3-nights' accommodations, 7 meals: 3 breakfasts, 1 lunch & 3 dinners, sightseeing and admissions. (B/R/S departures)

Per Person/Single **\$1029** | Double **\$899**

CHARLESTON & SAVANNAH



OCTOBER 20-26, 2020

This incredible journey is full of history, heritage, culture and of course Southern Charm! Visit Charleston's spectacular Magnolia Plantation & Gardens, Audubon Swamp Garden and the Charleston Tea Plantation, plus enjoy a tour of Savannah's Historic District and Low Country including a visit to Ardsley Park!

INCLUDES: Roundtrip airfare from B/R/S to Charleston, 6-night's accommodations, 12 meals: 6 breakfasts, 2 lunches & 4 dinners, sightseeing and admissions.

Per Person/Single **\$3409** | Double **\$2739**

ROSE BOWL PARADE – PASADENA, CALIFORNIA

DECEMBER 29, 2020 - JANUARY 3, 2021

Travel to the west coast where you'll explore Los Angeles, Hollywood, Beverly Hills, Newport and Laguna Beach. Visit the Stars on the Walk of Fame and view the famous Hollywood sign, plus Ring in the New Year before enjoying reserved seats for the legendary Tournament of Roses Parade on New Year's Day!

INCLUDES: 5-night's accommodations, 9 meals: 5 breakfasts, 1 lunch & 3 dinners, sightseeing including a visit to Warner Brothers Studios and much more!

Per Person/Single **\$2999** | Double **\$2559**
(Airfare is additional)

7-NIGHT BERMUDA AND NEWPORT CRUISE

Solo Exclusive!

JUNE 13-20, 2021

NO ✈️ CRUISE

Aboard the *Celebrity Summit*

Hosted by Sue Smith & Lynn Richau

Set sail from Cape Liberty aboard the *Celebrity Summit* on this Solo Exclusive cruise visiting Newport, RI and Kings Wharf, Bermuda. View Newport's amazing mansions – The Breakers, Marble House, Rosecliff and more. Then it's off to Bermuda to enjoy the beautiful pink sand beaches, boutiques and shops and a special party at the Swizzle Inn!

INCLUDES: Roundtrip motorcoach transportation, 7-nights shipboard accommodations, onboard meals and entertainment and special surprises with your Solo friends!

Per Person/Single from **\$3031** | Double from **\$1932**

2020 MOTORCOACH TOURS

Aug 18-21	Cape Cod & Nantucket Summer Escape
Aug 30-Sep 2	Lakes & Lighthouses
Aug 30-Sep 3	Cape Cod & Martha's Vineyard
Sep 7-12	African American History – Maine Coast Tour
Sep 12-13	Whale Watch Weekend
Sep 13-17	Gardens & Estates of the Hudson Valley
Sep 19 or 20	NY Yankees in Toronto
Sep 21-23	ARK Encounter & Creation Museum
Sep 27-Oct 3	Trains of New England
Add: Oct 6-9	Fall ARK Encounter
Oct 8-12	New England Fall Specialty Trains
Oct 14-20	Sips & Giggles – Richmond & Norfolk S
Oct 14-16	An Amish Experience
Oct 21-27	Songs of Shenandoah – Blue Ridge Mountains
Nov 4-6	Foxwoods Casino
Dec 2-4	Merry Ligonier Christmas
Dec 3-6	NYC at the Holidays
Dec 3-6	Christmas in Montreal
Dec 6-9	Currier & Ives Christmas – New Hampshire
Dec 7-9	Gingerbread Christmas - Boston

2020/2021 CRUISES

2020	
Oct 18-26	Mississippi River Cruise – <i>American Queen</i>

2021

Jan 28-Feb 7
Mar 19-27

Eastern Caribbean – *Celebrity Edge*
Eastern Caribbean – *Celebrity Apex*

2020/2021 NO-FLY CRUISES*

2020

Sep 20-27
Oct 4-11

Canada & New England – Norwegian Cruise Line
Fall New England & Canada Cruise – Royal Caribbean

2021

Jan 26-Feb 6
Feb 5-18
Feb 21-Mar 4
May 15-25
Jun 13-20

Winter Southern Caribbean – Royal Caribbean
Southern Caribbean – Royal Caribbean **S**
Southern Caribbean – Norwegian Cruise Line
Bermuda, Newport & Charleston – *Celebrity*
Bermuda & Newport – *Celebrity S*

2020/2021 GROUP TOURS

2020

Sep 30-Oct 8
Dec 7-12
Dec 29-Jan 3

Mighty 5 Western National Parks
Iceland's Volcanoes, Auroras & Glacier Lagoon
Rose Bowl Parade

2021

Mar 3-10
Jun 21-30

Aruba – All Inclusive
Summer in Iceland

S = Solo Exclusive

*No-fly cruise includes motorcoach transportation from B/R/S

FULL LIST OF TOURS AVAILABLE AT **AAA.COM/SOLO**

RECIPE: BANANA BREAD *Easy, one-bowl recipe!*

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 cup sugar
- ½ cup shortening (I use 1 stick of butter)
- 2 eggs
- 3 crushed bananas
- 1 tsp. baking soda
- ¼ tsp. salt
- 2 cups flour
- Optional: add chopped walnuts to the mix, if you like

DIRECTIONS:

- Combine and mix all ingredients in one bowl
- Grease and flour loaf pan - pour mixture into pan
- Bake at 350 degrees for about an hour

*"We travel not to escape life,
but for life not to escape us."*



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

*Wishing you much joy,
sweet moments and
wonderful memories!*

To all our Solo Members
celebrating spring birthdays!

Solo Roommate Connection

This program has been
temporarily suspended.



AAA Travel for
every generation

SOLO TRAVEL CLUB REWARDS PROGRAM MEMBERSHIP

Take Advantage of Exclusive Solo Travel Savings and Benefits!

This exciting rewards program is specifically geared to our Solo Club members who love to travel AND receive EXTRA SAVINGS just for doing what they love! Not only does our STC Rewards Program allow you COMPLIMENTARY admission to 4 standard meetings a year, you also earn travel certificates for attending a meeting and for each day of the trip when you travel! These certificates can be applied towards future travel payments. The more active you are, the more travel certificates you will earn. Join in on the fun and benefits that this program has to offer today!

\$40 per year (membership is valid for 1 year from the time you join!)

AS A REWARD MEMBER, YOU WILL RECEIVE:

- Two (2) \$15 Travel Reward Certificates to use towards future travel
- Solo Travelers Club Rewards Member Lanyard (NOTE: There is a \$5 replacement fee for lost lanyards)
- FREE admission (with your lanyard!) to four (4) standard STC meetings per year (February, April, June and October)
THAT'S A \$80 SAVINGS!
- Earn additional \$2 Travel Reward Certificates: one \$2 certificate for each meeting you attend, plus one \$2 certificate for each day of the trip when traveling! You may combine UNLIMITED \$2 certificates with one \$15 certificate for extra savings!
- Discounted prices for Solo Special events (Summer Extravaganza and Holiday Luncheon)

To request a Registration Form and pamphlet with more information contact Lynn Richau (via email at lrchau@nyaaa.com or by phone at 716-626-3210 or toll free at 1-855-AAA-SOLO (1-855-222-7656).

Join today and let the savings begin!

Moving...new email address...new phone number?

Be sure to let us know your new contact information so we can update our records. You can call our Exclusive AAA Solo Travelers Club phone line – 1-855-AAA-SOLO (1-855-222-7656) with the updated information.

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