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Allison O'Sullivan, WTC Managing Director

Hello Ladies,
Thank you for all the warm wishes so many of you have sent to welcome me at WTC. Your emails, calls and notes are greatly appreciated.

In just two months I have come to know a number of you and I look forward to contacting each and every member in the coming months. Getting to know you, asking where you've already traveled to, hearing your feedback on tours taken, and getting your ideas for future destinations is what I love about my job. What's important is knowing that WTC is exciting to our club members by offering the best possible value-added travel opportunities for women, with their unique interests always in focus and with special attention to the solo traveler.

Last month our newsletter was introduced in its redesigned 1-page "highlights" format, and published inside the Club ABC brochure to reach our shared membership. That plan will continue, with encouragement to draw your attention to the WTC website. There, complete tour details, colorful photos, and last minute specials will be updated frequently. However, with my arrival here and new changes in the works to enhance club offerings, I felt the need to publish this special edition in our traditional format to be sure our good news reached everyone. Look also for our occasional eBlast announcements when travel specials and other great offers become available.

Don't miss our *What's New* section and especially note your **NEW** personalized password/code for login on our website. We're also squeezing in a few more trips for the fall that you'll see inside. Our entire 2009 schedule will be posted online by the end of August. So have a great rest-of-the-summer. And anytime you want to reach me, just call or email. I love hearing from you.

Warmest regards,

Allison O'Sullivan
Managing Director

Where in the World was WTC?

On Monday, April 28, the *Today* show's Matt Lauer revealed his whereabouts while broadcasting from a field of magnificent orange tulips. And where was WTC? Right there in Holland as well!



Tulip fields of Keukenhof Park and Gardens

It couldn't have been a more perfect time of year for our Tulip Tour. Our 4-nights in Amsterdam included all the best of that magnificent city: The Haarlem Flower Parade, with flower-decorated floats and festivities; a scenic canal cruise with visit to Anne Frank's House; the Van Gogh Museum; the famous Rijksmuseum with its special exhibit on the Golden Age; the satellite exhibit from The Hermitage in St. Petersburg with gorgeous Art Nouveau objects; and Keukenhof Park, one of the largest open-air flower exhibitions in the world with over 7 million tulip bulbs in bloom every spring. Needless to say, it was a breathtaking experience. Thank you, Annika, for the gorgeous photographs!

Words of Praise for WTC...

Here are some of the glowing comments from our Holland travel mates:

To our Holland guide, MaryAnn – "Thank you so much for the wonderful work you did during our trip. You were so well organized and kept things running smoothly. Your answers to our questions and your explanations of every day life in Holland help us realize how similar life is in both our countries. Hope to see you again sometime in Amsterdam, a beautiful, vibrant, friendly city".

—Sharon M, Tarpon Springs, FL

About that Cosmo mailing...

Mistakes happen, and this was a biggie. WTC was approached by *Cosmopolitan* magazine to participate in a special free subscription offer. It was intended for a junior audience of women travelers who were targeted as potential subscribers. Due to an error at our distribution center, the entire membership of the Women's Travel Club was accidentally included in the mailing. Needless to say, we were horrified. First and foremost, we want to apologize for offending anyone. We assure you that we did not sell your contact information to *Cosmopolitan* or any other marketing agency. For ease in cancelling, we have set up a special page on our website that links directly to the magazine's cancellation service. Go to:

www.womenstravelclub.com/mag

All of us at WTC want to reconfirm our dedication to providing our members with travel and related opportunities that are in keeping with our gold standard. Thank you for your understanding.



Annika & Marlene at Keukenhof Park

"Amsterdam was a magnificent trip. The 5 days were action packed, yet also giving us enough time on our own to experience it for ourselves. I felt completely safe and welcomed in their beautiful country. I would recommend this trip to anyone seeking a quick taste of Europe with all the beauty it has to offer. The first thing I wanted to do was buy a bouquet of flowers upon my return, but my husband beat me to it. I don't know if he got tired of hearing how beautiful the flower parade and tulip fields were, or if it was his way of saying he "really" missed me. Thanks again for offering such a lovely trip."

—Annika S., New Port Richey, FL

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WHAT'S NEW AT WTC

New password: *your WTC member #*
New code: *your zip code*

Effective immediately, please use these codes to login. Your WTC member # can be found in your address block on the back of your Newsletter and any Club ABC brochure.

'MEMBERS ONLY' SPECIALS

We are constantly updating our specials and want to be sure you are aware of our latest offerings:

\$169 Discounted Room Rate at JFK Airport – Our contract with The Hilton Garden Inn offers a great deal to WTC members. Call us to book this unpublished rate when you need an overnight at Kennedy Airport. City, state and occupancy taxes are additional.

\$120 Canyon Ranch Coupon – Good for additional spa services at either Lenox, MA or Tucson, AZ! This is a higher discount for us and is valid for non-group dates through November 30th. Contact us and we'll mail the coupon to you.



\$5 Special Subscription to TravelGirl Magazine – Because WTC is an advertiser (Yes! we've gone national), you can subscribe to TravelGirl for this cut-rate price. Many of you will recognize magazine Co-Founder and Editor-in-Chief, Stephanie Oswald, from her many years on CNN as travel correspondent. It's a fun magazine. Check out the WTC ad on page 43 of the current June/July issue... look for Fran Drescher on the cover.

Refer a Friend, Earn \$100!

Here's how to get a double reward when you refer a new member: Simply have them provide your name and address when they enroll in WTC. You earn a FREE 1-year membership extension. When that new member travels with WTC within the first year, you earn a \$100 travel voucher reward. Your support of the Women's Travel Club is greatly appreciated. Spread the word!

WTC AND CLUB ABC TOURS — Perfect Together



We recently announced that your annual WTC benefits now give you dual membership in 2 clubs! With Club ABC Tours, you can enjoy considerable savings on over 250 great travel packages. To view rates and book a tour, you will need your personal WTC member number and zip code.

Visit www.ClubABC.com and enjoy the extra benefits of your WTC membership!

DON'T MISS OUR eBLASTS!

We want to stay in touch with you and paperless communication is certainly the best way. Occasionally we will send out an eBlast announcement when travel specials and other great offers become available. However, we are missing a number of member's email addresses . . . over 1,000 of you! If you do not recall getting our last blast in December, please use your member # to update your record on our website and we'll add you to our circulation.

Club member Sherry Davis writes. . .

"When I travel I like to purchase souvenirs that I can use or wear everyday. I found this Golden Trinity Cross necklace designed by Asgeir Gunnarsson on my trip to Iceland with the Women's Travel Club. It is three crosses—yellow, white and pink gold and depicts The Father, The Son and the Holy Ghost. The original design was blessed by Pope John Paul II and the Bishop of Iceland. The cross is sold to benefit the blind in Iceland. Not only is it beautiful but it makes me feel good that the proceeds are going to a good cause."



Sherry Davis of GA

Iceland was such a hit with our members that we're offering it again, October 9 – 14!

WTC ON TV



As previously reported, The Women's Travel Club was invited to be a feature segment on the May 20th program of The Balancing Act, an Emmy-nominated series on the Lifetime Television network. For anyone who missed the segment (it aired at 7:00 am), we invite you to view Allison's interview by clicking the video link on the home page of the WTC website: www.womenstravelclub.com

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

Yes, there ARE still places in Europe with a great exchange rate.

Prices are per person based on double occupancy with the additional cost for single supplement. Note that the dates include your first night in the air on overnight flights from JFK. See our website for in-depth information on these and other tours through the end of the year.

October 9-14 Iceland

**5 Nights \$1,695 with AIR!
+ \$400 single supplement**

A short, non-stop flight from JFK to Reykjavik with 4-night stay at the **** Radisson SAS 1919 Hotel. With just 88 modern-style rooms, this boutique hotel is located right in the heart of the city. Within walking distance to shops, restaurants and charming streets to explore at your leisure. Includes airport transfers, breakfast daily, and 2 tours – The Northern Lights on one evening and a full day Golden Circle Trip that will show you the strange and beautiful scenery of this island. Full of volcanoes, geysers, lava flows, and waterfalls, Iceland's tectonic plate shifts have created unique landscapes, some of which are now UNESCO heritage sites.



Reykjavik, Iceland

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS (cont'd)

October 24-30 Costa del Sol

6 Nights \$1,839 with AIR!

+ \$450 single supplement

Fly non-stop from JFK to Malaga. 5-night hotel accommodations at the **** Melia Costa del Sol in Torremolinos, a seaside paradise with beautiful beaches, lovely restaurants and cute shops and boutiques. Includes airport transfers, breakfast daily, 2 dinners, and 3 days of tours, to Malaga, The Alhambra in Granada and to Ronda, one of the most scenic "white villages" of Andalucia.



Costa del Sol, Spain

November 7-14 Budapest & Prague

7 Nights \$1,999 with AIR!

+ \$575 single supplement

Fly non-stop from JFK to Budapest, return out of Prague, and includes the domestic flight between the two cities. Upgraded accommodations at the ****^{1/2} Corinthia Grand in Budapest and the **** Paris Hotel in Prague with daily buffet breakfast. Half-day tours in each city.

Budapest highlights: Buda Castle, Mount Gellert, Fisherman's Bastion and the world-renowned Opera House, as well as a night cruise on the Danube.

Prague highlights: Prague Castle with St. Vitus Cathedral, Old Royal Palace, Little Quarters and Old Town Square where we can take in an optional concert of music by, of course, Mozart.



Prague

Want Value AND an Exotic Locale?

November 28-December 8 Dubai and Oman

10 Nights \$3,975 with AIR on Delta non-stop from Atlanta

+ \$795 single supplement

Book by August 1 and save \$100!

We cover a lot of ground, staying in 6 top class hotels, but you come back having had the adventure of a unique Arabian experience.

Dubai highlights: Jumeirah Mosque, the spice souk, a stop for shopping at the gold souk (the most famous landmark of Dubai), desert safari ride to a camel farm, full day tour along the east coast to Masafi, the Hajar mountains, picturesque fishing villages, a relaxing swim in the Indian Ocean, if you wish, and a visit to Al Badiyah, the oldest mosque in the Emirates.

Oman highlights: We visit the town of Sohar, birthplace of Sindbad the Seafarer (or so the legend goes), stop at the oasis of Birkat Al Mauz, visit Nizwa, former political capital and the most important town in Oman's interior. At Jabrin, we see one of the most beautiful castles in all Oman, well known for its wall and ceiling murals. In Muscat, we visit the Sultan Qaboos Grand Mosque, a splendor of unique Islamic architecture.

Of course there will be plenty of time throughout the tour to experience one of the area's greatest attractions, the shopping! With low import duties and no taxes, Dubai and Oman offer the bargain hunter unbeatable value on major brand names, jewelry, craft shops, perfumes, souvenirs and much more.



Palm Island, Dubai

December 23-January 2 China

10 Nights \$2,599 with AIR!

+ \$500 single supplement

Many extras in this tour, including meals, air travel overseas and within China, and a special visit to a home in Shanghai with the women of the family regarding their daily life.

Beijing highlights: Tian'anmen Square, Forbidden City, the Summer Palace, an evening at the Peking Opera, the Great Wall, Changling Tomb, the Temple of Heaven, and Olympic sites.

Xi'an highlights: Full day tour of the Terra Cotta Warriors Museum, Provincial History Museum and Tang Dynasty Show.

Guilin highlights: Tour of Reed Flute Cave, and full day Li River Cruise.

Shanghai highlights: Tour of the waterfront Bund area, Yu Garden, Xintiandi area and Shanghai Museum.



Forbidden City, China

Spa Getaways that won't break the bank (Land only)

August 3-7 Canyon Ranch, Lenox

Bask in the summer glow of the Berkshires.

4 Nights \$ 2,350

+ \$750 single supplement

Includes \$480 worth of spa services.

August 10-17 Ixtapan

Our ever popular Mexican Retreat.

7 Nights \$1,250

+ \$260 single supplement

Many spa services included.

October 10-14 Canyon Ranch, Tucson

Enjoy the Columbus Day Weekend in the Desert.

4 Nights \$ 2,900

+ \$850 single supplement

Includes \$515 worth of spa services.

Please see our website for all the details on these and other tours.



Women's Travel Club: Why Join?

The Women's Travel Club is designed for women who love to travel. Our groups are small and include top executives, working professionals, full-time moms and adventurous retirees. Some come with a companion; others opt to come solo and experience the joy of new adventures...all in a safe and welcoming circle of new friends. So as long as you're female, you're destined to fit in!

If you're used to going solo, you're in for a treat. Traveling in a group means all the arrangements, itineraries and logistical details are taken care of for you. Everything is planned by our WTC travel experts who know their destinations inside and out. All you have to do is pack your bag and get to the airport on time! Want to save some money? Share a room with an equally enthusiastic traveler and make friends fast. We even provide a list of women in the group beforehand so you can contact fellow travelers and get to know each other before your journey begins.

Our exciting menu of 60 tours a year features cultural, adventure, spiritual and spa experiences that last from three days to three weeks. We keep the groups small and the hotels top-notch (with mainly four- and five-star ratings). Once you reach a destination, you'll be met by an experienced local guide with an expertise in that specific region. All guides are qualified in history, art or nature and will make you feel at home no matter where your travels take you.

And whether you're headed to a cosmopolitan city like London, Paris, Hong Kong or Dubai, or are trekking off the beaten path to more adventurous destinations, there are plenty of itineraries to choose from.

So call now and sign up for the adventure of a lifetime!

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.

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• 2-years for \$45

• 1-year for \$30

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