



# TRAVEL TIPS

FOR WOMEN

## Travel Options For Those Of The Feminine Persuasion

(NAPS)—While many women love to travel, for those without traveling companions it can be intimidating. That's why tour companies nationwide have begun to create tours specifically for women—and especially tailored to meet the needs of women who do not have a traveling companion.

The tours available range from adventure tours to wine-tasting ventures. One tour company that specializes in women's tours hosts luncheons and dinners in their area, encouraging women to come and learn about their programs, meet some of the women they will be traveling with, and—if they are interested—find a travel partner for the trip.

"Many tour companies are recognizing a need for more options in women's travel," said Hank Phillips, president of the National Tour Association, a professional association of more than 600 tour operators. Tour companies throughout the country are now offering tours designed for women who have wanted to travel, but until now did not have anyone to travel with, Phillips commented.

Women are finding that traveling on a group tour offers several benefits over traveling alone, including:

- Safety in numbers! Traveling in a group is safer than traveling alone.
- Economical travel. Traveling in pairs reduces the overall cost of the tour, allowing travelers to avoid single-room charges. Women who would prefer to have a roommate can find one among the other solo travelers.



### Tour companies now offer trips tailored especially for women.

- Female-focused itineraries. Tours designed specifically for women cater to what women want.
- Ease of travel. Tour companies take care of all of the details of a trip, allowing the travelers to relax. Many tour companies offer trips that include extras, like meals and gratuities.

When selecting a tour company, travelers should always select a company that is a member of a national association that has strict membership guidelines, requires its members to hold professional liability, errors and omissions insurance, and has a Consumer Protection Plan. Members of the National Tour Association are required to hold at least \$1 million in professional liability, errors and omissions insurance and participate in the association's \$250,000 Consumer Protection Plan. To find an NTA member tour operator in your area, visit NTA's Web site at [www.ntaonline.com](http://www.ntaonline.com).