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### Solo Travellers Program Newsletter

December 2020



This past month CAA Tuxedo Tours made an exciting announcement about its future. Our passengers love our tours. However, we know that we need to grow and diversify as travellers' interests are changing. We are excited to announce that CAA Tuxedo Tours has grown to become **Journeys by CAA Niagara**. Whether you're dreaming of an overseas vacation, a North American getaway or a day trip in Ontario, Journeys has an itinerary for you. We will continue to offer the full-service itineraries you know and love, as well as 5 travel styles to suit your interests. Join us on a Journey of a lifetime!

Our solo program will continue to offer solo tour options for group travel, with local Meet Me There's, solo socials in the Niagara Area and the bi-monthly newsletter. The Solo program will fall under the Journeys brand name with the expanded travel style options including **Solo Friendly** itineraries and **Solo Exclusive** itineraries. Solo Friendly itineraries are destinations which we believe solos would be interested in traveling to or offer a single promotion such as the Danube Dreams and the Norwegian Cruise

which offers the solo cabins. Solo Exclusive Itineraries provide single room accommodations only, no doubles accommodation option. The Alberta Mountain Lakes and Parks Discovered is an example of Solo Exclusive tour. Make sure to look for the solo symbol on the descriptions!

Thank you to everyone who has donated items to this years Holiday Hygiene Kit drive for United Way. We have collected more than 15 kits so far! Donated items will continue to be collected until December 18th. May the magic of the holiday season fill your home with joy and peace. Warmest thoughts and best wishes for a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year.

-Erin Clarke

### **Meet Me There**

All Meet Me There events require a RSVP



#### **PAL-entines Day**

#### Tuesday, February 9, 2021

Venue TBA

Keep an eye out for the next Meet Me There event in February. Enjoy the company of fellow solo pals to celebrate Valentine's Day.



#### Welland Public Library Canadian Series

#### February 2, 8 and 16 @6:00pm

Welland Public Library is hosting a Virtual Canadian presentation series where the Journeys Team will be guest speakers, featuring our Canadian tour products. For more information or to register visit:

wellandlibrary.ca/programs-events

### **Events**



#### Journeys Virtual Season Preview

#### Wednesday February 24, 2021

Join the entire group tours team to learn about upcoming 2021 tour departures with a look into the highlights and inclusions for each tour. There are two presentation times, one in the afternoon and evening. Register online at

caaniagara.ca/events

## **Upcoming Tours**



#### Alberta Mountains, Lakes & Parks Discovered August 11 to 18, 2021



Explore the Canadian Rockies from lakes to glaciers, waterfalls to wildlife. Begin in Calgary, with a city tour of skyscrapers and architectural gems. Discover the heart of the Canadian Rockies as you journey the Icefields Parkway making stops in Banff and Jasper. Venture through deep canyons and rolling forests, cross the continental divide and enter British Columbia. End your journey in Edmonton. *Solo exclusive.* 

#### Danube Dreams River Cruise September 26 to October 6, 2021





#### Churchill, Manitoba – Polar Bear Capital November 2 to 5, 2021

Located on the western shore of Hudson Bay, Churchill, Manitoba is famous for the many polar bears that move towards the shore from inland in the autumn. Discover the capital city of Winnipeg and travel to Churchill only accessible by air or rail for a full day polar bear excursion. **Flyer available by January 4, 2021.** 



#### Caribbean Cruise sailing from Miami January 29 to February 6, 2022

Island hop the Eastern Caribbean aboard the *Norwegian Encore*. Swim with schools of tropical fish in the waters of Puerto Plata. Once a refuge for pirates, today St. Thomas is an oasis of beautiful beaches and exceptional duty-free shopping. Spend the day kayaking, snorkelling and relaxing in Great Stirrup Cay- Norwegian's private tropical paradise. Norwegian has been voted **Best for Solo Travellers** and **Best Cruise Line for Solo Travellers** find out why.

# Happy 8<sup>th</sup> Birthday!

December 5<sup>th</sup> marks the solo programs 8<sup>th</sup> anniversary! Officially started on December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2012, CAA Niagara held its first Solo Social in our CAA Thorold office. We continue to research the best travel opportunities for our members, focusing on tours and suppliers offering low or no single supplement or destinations where we feel you would want to travel together as a group! Most importantly though, a number of our members have built lasting friendships and the spirit of travelling is shared and continues to grow. Hear from some of our past solo hosts/organizers and their reflections over the past 8 years. "I was lucky enough to have been part of the team who launched the Solo Travellers program. I had a blast planning the first Solo Socials and Meet me There events. We watched the program's success grow quickly with Solo's becoming involved, sharing their stories, and making friends. I am so proud to see what the program has become eight years later."

#### - Lisa Boardman

"I was involved with the Solo Program at its formation in 2012 and remember the very first meeting 90 attendees. I was so excited for solo travellers to come together having the opportunity to travel solo but not alone. Over the years I have met many new people, formed some lasting friendships, and travelled to a number of great destinations. It is all the memories, experiences, people we meet, and places we visit that help make us who we are."

- Marg Davison



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