METEOR

41°–74° Club of New York, Inc.

The Premier Association for Professional Women in Travel

41°–74° CLUB YEAR 2026–2027

Note from the President

Sadly, the summer is fast coming to an end. But the good news is that the first meeting of the 41º–74º Club of New York is here — the meeting is scheduled for **September 10th at Fushimi Times Square.** Our sponsor is Ponant Explorations Group — Bliss Bonan, representative. Please RSVP by **September 8th** to secure your spot. Registration closes that evening. We hope to have a great turnout for this inaugural meeting.

We are thrilled to be welcoming seven new members to our club this year: **Marleny Bautista** of Jimmy's Travel, **Francesca Commisso** of Trove Travel, **Kiara DiPaolo** of NYC 4 All, **Laura Fastie** of AMEX GBT, **Geneice Hodge** of Indistar Destinations, **Rosa Lucas** of CaraSouls Travel and **Irene Sino** of Club de Voyage. We look forward to introducing our newest members at one of our upcoming meetings.

The dates of all club meetings are listed here. Please be sure to mark the dates on your calendar and do your best to attend at least two meetings this year so that you can remain in good standing. Remember, only members in good standing are allowed to vote in our club's elections as per club by-laws.

We will keep you posted as we plan special social events during the year.

Of course, our Annual Holiday Luncheon will be the highlight of our year as usual. This year's luncheon is scheduled for **Friday, December 4th at the Lotte NY Palace.** A "Save the Date" flyer was sent to everyone in July. Invitations will go out via Paperless Post on **September 15th** to all members and auxiliaries, who have renewed their membership and paid their dues.

The early-bird price for members will remain the same — **$225** if paid by check, or Zelle; and **$240** if paid by credit card, or wire transfer. All other invitations will go out on **October 16th**, when the price will go to **$250** and **$265** respectively.

One of our Directors at Large, **Astra Williams**, will once again act as Philanthropic Chairperson in charge of identifying and vetting charities to benefit from our fundraising efforts this year. Her committee includes Lisa Orlando, Kelly Sahner and Denise Womble. We appreciate their willingness to share their time and talent in this effort. We will announce the charities for the club's year 2026–27 by mid-September.

Our membership renewal has been a great success. If you have not yet renewed by the time you receive this Meteor, contact Roberta Long-Kelleher immediately: roberta.longkelleher@globaltravelcollection.com.

We also encourage you to sponsor a new member — for anyone interested in becoming a new member, please direct to complete a new member form here.

I look forward to working with you all to keep the 41°–74° club the premiere association for women in travel!

Warm regards,

Corrine Mutarelli

President 41º–74º Club of New York, Inc.
Club Year 2026–27
"The Premier Association for Professional Women in Travel"

SAVE THE DATE!

Urgent Reminder: Renew Your 2026–27 Club Membership

The 2026–27 Club Year is now underway and we kindly remind all members and auxiliaries, who have not yet renewed to please complete membership renewal form and submit annual dues as soon as possible. Please complete the renewal form even if none of your information has changed. Click here to complete the membership renewal form.

MEMBERSHIP DUES CAN BE PAID BY

1. by credit card online: click here
2. by check to the 41°–74° Club of NY, Inc. to be mailed to: The 41°–74° Club of New York, 2032 Williamsbridge Road, Bronx, NY 10461
3. by Zelle to: 4174ny@gmail.com

The Club's new 2026–27 Membership Directory is anticipated to be published in mid-September, so we encourage anyone, who has not yet renewed to take care of their membership as soon as possible.

Please also remember that members are required to attend at least two meetings during the Club Year to remain in good standing. Only members in good standing are eligible to vote in Club elections.

We look forward to welcoming everyone for another outstanding year built around our three core pillars: **Philanthropy, Networking and Professional Development.**

Thank you for your continued support of the 41°–74° Club of NY,

Corrine Mutarelli

President 41°–74° Club of New York, Inc. · Club Year 2026–27

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OPEN MEETING

Thursday, September 10, 2026

5:30 – 7:30 PM

Fushimi Times Square

311 W 43rd St, New York, NY 10036

RSVP here — by September 8th

Fushimi
MODERN JAPANESE CUISINE & LOUNGE

MEETING SPONSOR

PONANT EXPLORATIONS

SAVE THE DATE!

2026–27 Club Meetings & Event Dates

Thursday, September 10, 2026
Open Meeting — Fushimi Times Square, Sponsored by PONANT EXPLORATIONS Group — Representative Bliss Bonan

Thursday, October 8, 2026
Open Meeting — Venue TBA, Sponsored by Emirates Airlines — Representative Vaida Balciute

November 12, 2026
Open Meeting — Venue TBA, Sponsored by Sandals & Beaches Resorts — Representatives Latesha Weller-Santos & Karlene Angus-Smith

Friday, December 4, 2026
Annual Holiday Luncheon

Thursday, January 14, 2027
Venue TBA, Sponsored by Aruba Tourism Authority — Representative Natasha Lee Soy

Thursday, February 11, 2027
Open Meeting — Venue TBD, Sponsored by Kensington Tours — Representative Leigh Sassone

Thursday, March 11, 2027
Open Meeting — Venue TBD, Sponsored by St. Lucia Tourism Authority — Representative Francesca Commisso

April 2027
Special Event — details TBA

Thursday, May 13, 2027
Open Meeting — Venue TBA, Sponsored by Delta Vacations — Representative Lisa Orlando

Thursday, June 10, 2027
Annual General Meeting and Elections — Venue TBA, Sponsored by Innroads Group — Representatives Mari Garcia & Ciso Moreno

SAVE THE DATE!

HSMAI Greater New York Annual Summer Bash — ***RE-SCHEDULED***

Mark your calendars for one of New York City's premier hospitality and tourism networking events! The HSMAI Greater New York Annual Summer Bash brings together more than 15 hospitality and tourism organizations for an evening of networking, entertainment and celebration aboard the Grande Mariner.

As a participating association, members of the 41º–74º Club of New York receive exclusive HSMAI member pricing, making this an excellent opportunity to connect with industry peers while enjoying a memorable evening on NY Harbor.

GUESTS WILL ENJOY

- Networking with hundreds of hospitality and tourism professionals
- International cuisine and beverages
- Live DJ and entertainment
- Silent auction
- A spectacular sunset cruise around Manhattan

EVENT DETAILS

Wednesday, September 16, 2026
5:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Aboard the Grande Mariner
New York City

Sign up here

SAVE THE DATE!

2026 Holiday Luncheon — Sponsorship Opportunities

Friday, December 4 | Lotte New York Palace

The 41°–74° Club of New York invites our travel industry partners and friends to support our annual Holiday Luncheon, one of New York's most anticipated holiday gatherings for travel professionals.

The luncheon supports a local 501(c)3 non-profit organization (to be determined in September). We invite our industry partners to join us in this important philanthropic effort through one of the sponsorship opportunities below.

CO-HOST SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Diamond – $15,000 — includes luncheon for 20 attendees (2 Full Tables), your company's name in the program and a link on our website to your company's site throughout 2027.

Platinum – $4,000 — includes luncheon for 10 attendees (1 Full Table), your company's name on the invitation and in the program as well as the link on our website to your company's site throughout 2027.

Gold – $3,000 — includes luncheon for 5 attendees (1 Half Table), your company listed in the invitation and on the program as well as the link on our website to your company's website throughout 2027.

Silver – $2,000 — includes luncheon for 3 attendees, your company listed in the invitation and on the program as well as the link on our website to your company's website throughout 2027.

Patron – $750 — includes luncheon for one attendee, your company listed in the invitation and on the program as well as the link on our website to your company's website throughout 2027.

Full tables will be available only to Diamond and Platinum Sponsors. Additional tickets will be available for purchase for other sponsorship levels, but we cannot guarantee those guests will be seated at the same table.

*****Space is limited to 200 attendees.**

41°–74° Club of New York
2032 Williamsbridge Road
Bronx, NY 10461
Attn: Holiday Luncheon

Support the 41°–74° Club's Philanthropic Mission

To secure your sponsorship, please reach out to Holiday Luncheon Committee at 4174holidayluncheon@gmail.com. Payment can be made by credit card through the Holiday Luncheon page, or by check payable to the address shown at right. We are deeply grateful to all industry partners for their continued support and generosity.

Corrine Mutarelli

President & Holiday Luncheon Chairperson, The 41°–74° Club of New York

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OUR MISSION

Philanthropy, Networking and Professional Development

WOMEN IN TRAVEL WALKING FOR A CAUSE!

The 41°–74° Club of NY Making Strides Against Breast Cancer

The 41°–74° Club of New York — Women in Travel will once again fundraise and walk at this year's Making Strides Against Breast Cancer® Walk on **Sunday, October 18th**!

As travel professionals, community, connection and global care are at the heart of everything we do. This cause is deeply personal to us, as our club has historically supported numerous individuals within our network, who have been affected directly and indirectly by breast cancer.

This year, we have set an exciting goal to raise **$1,000** to fund lifesaving research and advance health equity through the American Cancer Society. Past President **April Dawn VanWagner** will serve as team leader — feel free to reach out to her directly for any questions.

Whether you are a club member, an industry peer, or a friend of the club, we invite you to make an impact with us:

- Join our walking team and experience an uplifting, high-energy day of community in NYC. (Logistics and meeting spots will be shared closer to the date!)
- Support our campaign with a donation to help us cross our $1,000 finish line.

Every dollar and every step counts. Let's unite to help end breast cancer as we know it, for everyone.

EVENT INFORMATION

Making Strides of Central Park
Location TBA
Sunday, October 18, 2025
Rolling Start: 8:00 AM – 10:30 AM
Ends (approx.) noon

HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED

Join the Team to join The 41°–74° Club of NY — Women in Travel; or/and
Make a Donation

The 41º–74º Club of New York is proud to stand with the American Cancer Society and the wider community in the fight against breast cancer! Thank you so much for all your support and I look forward to Making Strides together.

April Dawn VanWagner
Past President, The 41º–74º Club of New York, Inc.

Join Team Super Deo!

Join our fellow 41º–74º Club member and support CaringKind's Alzheimer's Walk & Brain Health Day on **Saturday, October 17th, 2026**, at Central Park's Naumburg Bandshell.

Registration is free and donations help support individuals and families affected by Alzheimer's disease as well as other forms of dementia.

Saturday, October 17, 2026 | 9:30 AM
Central Park – Naumburg Bandshell

Come walk, connect and make a difference! Join Team Super Deo HERE — we hope to see you there!

Ana Schuetz
Member 41º–74º Club of New York, Inc. · Club Year 2026–27

MEMBER NEWS

Happy Birthday, September Members!

Happy Birthday to Dear Members of The 41°–74° Club of New York celebrating birthdays during the month of September!

Valerie Blasi

Cathy Chiappa

Robert Aaron

Cynthia Brown

Michele Fazio-Weis

Charles Dunwoodie

Jill Carhart

Kristen Hardy

Gina Miller

May your day be filled with joy, laughter and everything you wish for! Warmest wishes for a fantastic year ahead.

The 41°–74° Club of New York

Celebrating our New Members of The 41°–74° Club of NY

Marleny Bautista — Co-Owner, Manager at Jimmy's Travel Service

Kiara DiPaolo — Owner and CEO at NYC 4 All

Geneice Hodge — Certified Travel Advisor at Indi Star Destinations

Irene Sino — Owner, Manager at Club de Voyage

Francesca Commisso — Director, Travel Trade at Trove Tourism Development Advisors

Laura Fastie — Head of Supplier Relations at AMEX GBT Ovations

Rosa Lucas — Owner, Manager at CaraSouls Travel Service

We are most delighted to extend a warm welcome to ALL our newest members of the 41°–74° Club of NY. Your presence strengthens our community and we look forward to sharing great times, building friendships and creating lasting memories together. **Welcome aboard!**

Stay Connected with the 41°–74° Club of New York!

We encourage all Members to follow us on LinkedIn, Facebook, and Instagram by scanning the QR codes. Joining us on all three platforms ensures you never miss important Club news, upcoming events, industry updates, philanthropic initiatives and member highlights.

Connect with us — engage with us. Grow with us! Every follow, like, comment and share helps strengthen our community and expand the reach of our organization.

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FROM MEMBERS' DIARIES

Discovering the Dolomites

by Roberta Long-Kelleher, The Vice President of the 41°–74° Club of New York

GLOBAL TRAVEL COLLECTION

A June journey to the Dolomites offered a spectacular showcase of dramatic mountain landscapes, picturesque valleys and charming alpine villages. Around every corner, breathtaking scenery revealed another reason to fall in love with this remarkable corner of Italy.

The region is an ideal destination for adventure travelers, hikers, skiers and cyclists, with a wonderful selection of intimate and character-filled hotels nestled throughout the villages and valleys.

For those looking to explore the Dolomites, **Dolomite Mountains DMC** is the local expert, offering destination knowledge and personalized experiences throughout this extraordinary region.

Sometimes, the best way to experience a destination is simply to see it for yourself!

Roberta Long-Kelleher · Luxury Travel Advisor

Underrated Destinations, and a Milestone Worth Sharing

by Kiara Di Paola, Member of The 41°–74° Club of New York

NYC 4 ALL

Bhutan and Nepal rarely make it onto client itineraries — and that's exactly why I said yes when the Department of Tourism, Bhutan invited me as a media partner for a trip this October. If you've ever pitched a client on a destination they'd never considered and watched them fall in love with it, you know that feeling — it's one of my favorite parts of this work.

It's also been a milestone month on the business side: **New York City 4 All is now MWBE-certified at both the City and State level.** After 12 years and 11,000+ guests, it feels like proof that staying independent and woman-owned in this industry pays off. For anyone unfamiliar, New York City 4 All offers culturally immersive, storytelling-driven tours, consultation and travel services across NYC — the kind of experience that turns first-time visitors into people who, actually, understand the neighborhoods they're walking through. And we do all things social media reaching over 540,000 people interest in cultural travel and all the things NYC.

On a related note, I'm also developing an "A-Round-The-World" experiential workshop for NYC public schools — bringing that same storytelling approach into classrooms. If any of you know principals, or education contacts, who might be interested, I'd love an introduction.

If any of this resonates, ties to Nepal/Bhutan, or other off-the-beaten-path destinations, your own MWBE journey, or connections in NYC education, I'd love to hear from you.

Grazie, **Kiara Di Paola | MWBE Certified** · New York City 4 All

FROM MEMBERS' DIARIES

AmaWaterways Melodia on the Magdalena River

by Loretta Carson, Member of The 41°–74° Club of New York

I had the privilege of sailing aboard the AmaWaterways Melodia on the Magdalena River in Colombia last week.

This was a wonderful experience. The ship (there are two of them) is new and very spacious. The cabins are very beautifully decorated. There is a small balcony, two sinks in the good size bathroom, lots of closet space and great linens.

The staff is all Colombian and very well trained to give top-notch service in every respect. This is a Nature cruise and geared towards getting to know the locals and their offerings as well as seeing all of the magnificent birds. The river isn't beautiful, it's brown, but calm and scenic.

Food was exceptional and plenty of variety, except for breakfast which was the same every day but with many options.

Clients on board were very friendly, as they are on most river cruises. The ship holds 64 and we had 52 passengers on board. Very harmonious atmosphere. Not much to do after dinner but play Rummy Q, or have a cocktail with new friends in the lounge.

It was very hot and humid, but the air conditioning on board was excellent.

Any questions: please email me.

Warmest, **Loretta Carson | ATC** · Luxury Travel Advisor

Darley Newman Hits the Road Again

by Darley Newman, Member of The 41°–74° Club of New York

Darley Newman, host and executive producer of ***Travels with Darley***, is back on the road, filming the 100th-episode season of the award-winning travel series across the United States, including Route 66 and into Québec.

Premiering in January 2027, the new season will also celebrate a remarkable 10 years of ***Travels with Darley*** on PBS. The series now reaches audiences through PBS, Scripps News, Tubi, Amazon Prime, six airlines and YouTube, inspiring travelers and industry professionals alike.

Thanks, **Darley Newman** · Host & Executive Producer

Darley has also released her new book, ***Revolutionary Road Trip: Hidden Stories of America's Founding Journey***. The book explores fascinating American Revolution destinations, while uncovering lesser-known stories and experiences along the way. Through her book tour and online itineraries, Darley continues to inspire authentic, history-rich journeys across America.

Learn more and explore the book and itineraries: Darley Newman – Revolutionary Road Trip

MEMBER UPDATES

Fall Foliage is Calling at Omni Bedford Springs

by Claire Gallagher, the Regional Account Director at the Omni Hotels & Resorts

There's no better time to experience the beauty of the Pennsylvania countryside than fall at Omni Bedford Springs Resort & Spa. As the leaves transform into brilliant shades of red, orange and gold, our historic resort becomes the perfect backdrop for a memorable autumn escape.

Guests can enjoy championship golf, unwind at the Springs Eternal Spa and take advantage of a variety of outdoor activities, including numerous hiking trails, that offer the perfect way to experience the spectacular fall foliage.

And there's still time to experience one of the region's premier fall celebrations! We have limited availability remaining for the **Bedford Fall Foliage Festival October 3rd & 4th as well as October 10th & 11th.** The festival features more than 400 exhibitors, an antique car parade and plenty of seasonal fun. Your clients won't want to miss what ***Oprah Daily*** has called tone of the top fall festivals in the country.

For additional information, please feel free to reach out to me.

Regards, **Claire Gallagher** · Regional Account Director, Luxury & Leisure – East Coast

OMNI HOTELS & RESORTS

GIVE YOUR CLIENTS A REASON TO ESCAPE THIS FALL

Omni Bedford Springs is happy to extend consortia amenities on our Best Available Rate including:

- $100 resort credit;
- Breakfast for two daily
- Upgrade based on Availability
- Early Check-In/Late Check Out based on availability

***Amenities offered on Best Available Rate only.
***Must be booked with hotel directly by a Travel Advisor, accredited with a valid IATA.
***Not valid on promotional rates.
***Other terms and conditions may apply.

Free Weddings in Jamaica

by Karlene Angus-Smith, Associate Director Industry Affairs

Jamaica Weddings are back. Yours is soon come!

Say "I do" in Jamaica and receive a free Sweetheart wedding package for up to 50 people plus waived Jamaica marriage license and administrative fees.

Available at Sandals Montego Bay, Sandals Caribbean Cay and Sandals South Coast for 2027 bookings, when staying 5 nights or longer in a Club, or Butler category room.

Book Now – December 31, 2026 for travel January 2nd to December 20th, 2027.

Click here for more details, or visit TA Portal here

Regards, **Karlene Angus-Smith** · Associate Director Industry Affairs · @sandalsresorts @beachesresorts

Beaches

MEMBER UPDATES

UNICO Montego Bay is officially on the map for 2027

by Ellyn Gerstel Kuck, Regional Director Business Development

UNICO Montego Bay is now open for sale for arrivals beginning **March 1st, 2027**, and wedding bookings will begin **April 1st, 2027.**

We're bringing the soul, vibe and hospitality, Jamaica is known for, to a stunning new 451-room resort. This is going to be an incredible addition to the UNICO portfolio and one I definitely recommend starting to include in your 2027 proposals.

SELLING WEDDINGS? Wedding bookings begin April 1st, 2027, with group pricing available starting at 10 rooms — for group pricing and wedding information, please reach out to me directly.

For now, UNICO Montego Bay is available exclusively through Power Agent. Tour operators will begin adding the resort to their programs over the next couple of months.

Regards, **Ellyn Gerstel Kuck** · Regional Director Business Development

SAMPLE RATES

Alcoba Swim Up King Bed | Double Occupancy | USD

March 25–30	**$3,418.25**	April 8–13	**$4,101.90**
May 2–9	**$5,655.54**	May 20–25	**$4,101.90**

***Rates are examples only and are subject to availability and change.
***If you have clients looking for a new luxury all-inclusive experience in Jamaica, or you're building your 2027 destination wedding proposals, this is one to add to your list!

DID YOU KNOW?

New International Routes Coming This Fall

Coming this fall — get ready for an explosion in new international airline routes.

Starting October, Delta is introducing six new routes, including New York's LaGuardia to Bermuda, Atlanta to Tel Aviv, Detroit to Aruba and Riyadh to Los Angeles.

American Airlines also upping the ante with five new nonstop routes, including Naples, Italy, Copenhagen, and…Frontier is also adding routes — Fort Lauderdale to Denver and Detroit to Los Angeles, Houston to San Juan.

DID YOU KNOW?

Industry Intelligence for Travel Advisors

Global Airline Capacity Is Growing, But Disruption Risks Are Shifting

Global airline capacity has increased **2.6% year over year in August 2026**, adding approximately 14.2 million seats. However, growth is far from uniform, with geopolitical instability and regional capacity reductions reshaping the global travel landscape.

The Middle East remains the largest disruption hotspot, with capacity down 57% compared with August 2025. Capacity has also declined across the Caribbean, Southwest Pacific, and South Asia, while Northeast Asia and Western Europe have recorded significant growth.

For the travel industry, the figures highlight the importance of flexibility, alternative routing, and proactive disruption management, particularly as changes in airline capacity can affect connectivity, delays, cancellations, and missed connections.

Read the full article: Global airline capacity rises 2.6% as regional disruption reshapes travel

The Rise of the "Unstoppable American Tourist"

American travelers continue to demonstrate remarkable appetite for international travel. A recent ***Wall Street Journal*** feature highlights the growing global influence of US travelers, noting that approximately **50% of Americans now hold a passport**, compared with fewer than 5% in 1990.

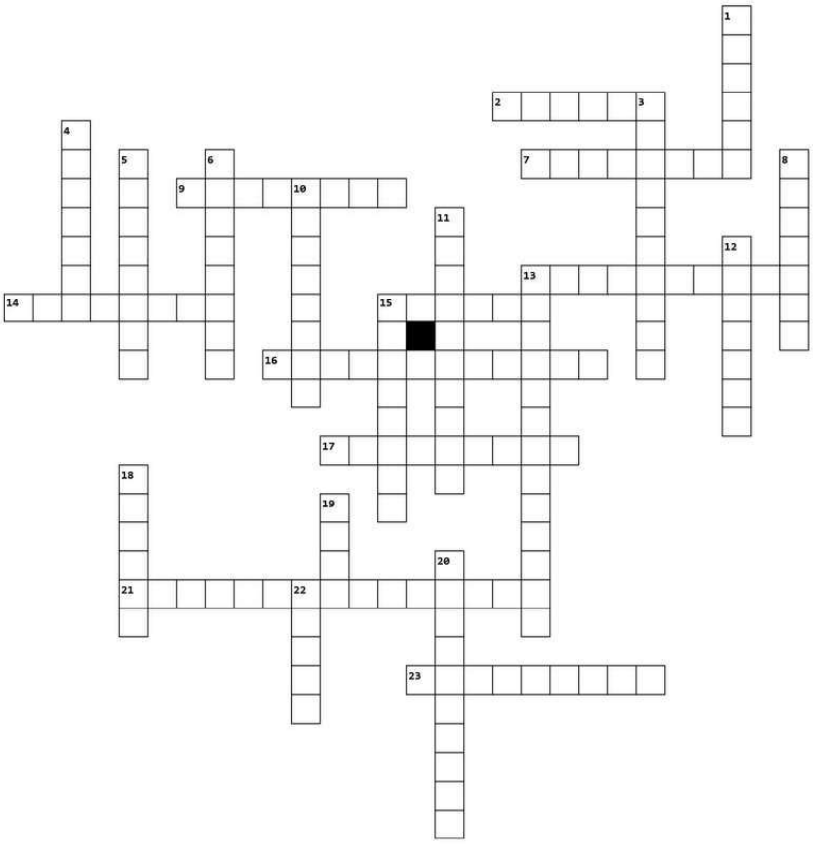
The article also explores the extraordinary spending power of affluent American travelers, including some households spending six figures annually on travel. For the global travel industry, the trend reinforces the importance of understanding the US market, not only in terms of passenger volume, but also its significant contribution to luxury, cruise, aviation, hospitality and experiential travel.

As international travel continues to evolve, the American traveler remains one of the industry's most important and influential customer segments.

Read the full article: The Wall Street Journal – The Rise of the Unstoppable American Tourist

IN BETWEEN MAPPING TRIPS

Take a Break with Our Crossword Puzzle about… Travel!



ACROSS

2. Goats

7. MGM Casino

9. Target

13. Animal style

14. Twin Towers

15. Gate San Franscico

16. Kelowna

17. Harry Potter

21. Big Trees

23. Murals

DOWN

1. Indoor jungle

3. Flip Flops

4. Magnet

5. Family Dinner

6. Agassiz

8. Museum of Flight

10. Champagne, water, music and the view

11. Noodle soup

12. Our subway meeting place in Seoul

13. Our last ride at Disney

15. City of stars

18. Canals

19. Study in LA

20. Fossils

22. Mountain Three Sisters