

41°-74° CLUB OF NEW YORK, INC.



The Premier Association for Professional Women in Travel

Note from the President:

41°-74° CLUB YEAR 2025-2026

The 41°-74° Club of NY held a special social event on *Thursday, November 13*, at Rosie Dunn's Rooftop (Third Avenue, NYC). The event was a tremendous success as thirty-three people attended representing Members, Auxiliary Members and some other friends and colleagues of ours. We had a 50/50 raffle at the event that raised USD 330.00. Valerie Blasi was the winner getting USD165.00 and the other half will be going to the designated charity for this club year.

Many thanks to the special committee whose tireless efforts made this event happen - **Valerie Blasi, Denise Kahoud, Ramona Manzi** and **Lucille Putza**. This Special Events Committee also did all the planning for the upcoming *December special event - the Dyker Heights Lights*. Those who are attending will be meeting at Ramona Manzi's house for some holiday cheer and then walking through the Dyker Heights neighborhood to view the beautiful holiday lights ending with dinner at *Annabelle's Pastaria, 717 86th St, Brooklyn, NY 11228*.

The 41°-74° Club of NY *Holiday Luncheon* will be taking place on *Friday, December 12* at the *Lotte New York Palace*, 12noon - 3pm. We will be welcoming 180 people to this wonderful annual event including many of our Members and Auxiliary Members, as well as family, friends and colleagues.

This year the event will benefit the **4Bronx Project**, a community-based program providing assistance and resources to families in great need. We look forward to raising a substantial amount to present to the project's founder, **Laura Levine-Pinedo**.

We also look forward to beginning the new year with the Special Spa Event on *January 8, 2026*, to be held at the *Lotte New York Palace*. Full details will be emailed to the membership after the Holiday Luncheon.

On behalf of the entire Board of Directors of the 41°-74° Club of NY, I want to express my warmest wishes for a happy, healthy and prosperous holiday season and the New Year!

Warm regards,

Corrine Mutarelli

President 41°-74° Club of New York, Inc.

Club Year 2025-26

"The Premier Association for Professional Women in Travel"

Save the Date!

Save the Date!

**41°-74° CLUB OF NEW YORK ANNUAL HOLIDAY
LUNCHEON
DECEMBER 12, 2025**



Benefitting - 4Bronx Project

**December 12, 2025
12 noon - 3 PM**

@Lotte New York Palace, 455 Madison Avenue, NY 10022

FOR TICKETS AND SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES [HERE](#), OR VISIT:
[HTTPS://WWW.4174CLUB.ORG/HOLIDAY-LUNCHEON](https://www.4174club.org/holiday-luncheon)

41°-74° Club of New York Book Club

January 2026 book discussion will be on "*The Amalfi Curse*" by
Sarah Penner

Time/Date: **Tuesday, Jan 20, 2026, @06:00 PM EST**
Zoom Link: TBA

Regards,
Roberta Long-Kelleher
The 41°-74° Club of New York Vice President



2025-26 41°-74° Club Meetings/Events:

Thursday, December 4, 2025 - Special Event - Dyker Heights Lights - beginning at Ramona Manzi's home in Brooklyn, followed by a festive walk through the lights and dinner at Annabelle's Pastaria, 717 86th St, Brooklyn, NY 11228.

Friday, December 12, 2025 - [Annual Holiday Luncheon](#)

Thursday, January 8, 2026 - Special Spa Event sponsored by ila Only Spa, Lotte New York Palace (9th Floor)

Thursday, February 12, 2026 - Open Meeting - Omni Berkshire Place - (sponsorship opportunity!).

Thursday, March 12, 2026 - Open Meeting - Fushimi Times Square - *Sponsored by American Cruise Lines* - Representative April Piazza.

April 2026 - Open Meeting - *Sponsored by Kensington Tours* - Representative Leigh Sassone - (venue TBA).

Thursday, May 14, 2026 - Open Meeting - (details TBA).

Thursday, June 11, 2026 - *Annual General Meeting and Elections* - (details TBA).

**41°-74° CLUB OF NEW YORK - SPECIAL EVENT -
DECEMBER 4, 2025**



**December 4, 2025 @4:00 PM Ramona Manzi's
8205 10th Ave Brooklyn, NY 11228**

OR

**December 4, 2025 @6:00 PM Annabelle's Pastaria
717 86th St, Brooklyn, NY 11228**

SIGN UP HERE: [HTTPS://WWW.4174CLUB.ORG/UPCOMING-EVENTS](https://www.4174club.org/upcoming-events)



Happy Birthday to our Dear Members
celebrating birthdays during the month
of December!

Phyllis Kushner

Ashley Ganz

Monica Castro

Adele Black

Norma Spadola

Chuck Bentivegna

Ricardo Fernandez

Vaida Balciute

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

41°-74° CLUB AND TRAVEL COMMUNITY IN ACTION: HOLIDAY SUPPORT FOR THE 4BRONX PROJECT & SANCTUARY FOR FAMILIES...

As part of the 41°-74° Club's longstanding commitment to community service, we are proud to continue strengthening our philanthropic efforts this holiday season. Our club has always believed in giving back to the communities where we live, work and gather - and this year, that spirit of generosity is more important than ever.

Supporting The 4Bronx Project

This season, we stand with The 4Bronx Project, a grassroots organization dedicated to providing food, clothing and essential resources to families living in four Bronx shelters.

With recent funding cuts to SNAP and the federal shutdown impacting thousands of households, many families are facing even greater financial strain. The 4Bronx Project has stepped up in remarkable ways, ensuring that vulnerable families continue to receive nourishment, support and a sense of stability during incredibly difficult times.

Your kindness can make an immediate and meaningful impact. Every contribution, big or small, helps deliver hope to children and parents who need it most. At our upcoming holiday luncheon, we encourage all members and guests to join us in supporting 4Bronx Cares and extending warmth to our neighbors this season.

A Special Collection for Sanctuary for Families

In addition to supporting The 4Bronx Project, we are also collecting donations for Sanctuary for Families, an organization that provides critical services for survivors of domestic violence, human trafficking, and related forms of gender-based violence.

We invite you—and any guests you bring—to donate an unwrapped toy or a pair of children's pajamas to help brighten the holidays for the families they serve. A designated donation table will be conveniently located near the sign-in area at the luncheon.

Your generosity helps ensure that children facing incredibly challenging circumstances can experience joy, comfort and a sense of normalcy during the holiday season.

Together, We Make a Difference!

The 41°-74° Club is deeply grateful for the ongoing support and compassion of our members. By standing together, we can uplift those in need and bring the true meaning of the season to life.

Thank you for sharing your spirit of giving and for helping make this year's holiday outreach our most impactful yet...

FROM MEMBERS' DIARIES:

*Affluent Hospitality FAM trip to Malta by Corrine Mutarelli, The President 41^o-74^o Club of NY
Club Year 2025-26*

November 2025

One of our club's Past Presidents, **Adele Black**, is the owner of **Affluent Hospitality**, a multi-liner that represents amazing properties in countries throughout the world. One such country is **Malta**, the small but vibrant island nation in the southern Mediterranean just south of Sicily.

We were fortunate to accompany Adele on a FAM trip to Malta in early November along with another member, **Sadie Longobardi**, and some other Travel Advisors. Our guide for the 5 days we spent in Malta was Stanley and he was unbelievably knowledgeable, interesting and funny while sharing the rich history and culture of this ancient island and its smaller neighboring island of **Gozo**.

A highlight of the trip was a visit to the **Megalithic Temples of Malta** which are several prehistoric temples, some of which are **UNESCO World Heritage Sites**, built during three distinct periods approximately between 3600 BC and 2500 BC.

The good news is that Delta Airlines will begin non-stop service to Malta from JFK in June. We highly recommend a visit for those who love history, culture and excellent cuisine!



FROM MEMBERS' DIARIES:

Travels to Buenos Aires, Argentina
by **Jackie Stevens**, Member at Large

*Argentina was never at the top of my bucket list. In fact, if it hadn't been for a ticket I unexpectedly won, I might never have gone at all. My knowledge of the country was limited to its fierce love of soccer, football to many of us and, of course, the legendary story of **Evita**. Yet from the moment I arrived, Argentina surprised me in the best possible ways. It is a country of striking beauty, deep history and some of the warmest, kindest people. Even without speaking Spanish, I always found someone willing to help, often with a smile and a few words of English. I felt safe everywhere I traveled, both in Buenos Aires and beyond.*

Arriving in Buenos Aires

*It takes about an hour to reach the city from **Ezeiza International Airport**, traffic being the main culprit. In contrast, **Aeroparque**, the city airport used for domestic flights is only 10 to 15 minutes away. Something visitors should know: some hotels are tucked within pedestrian areas, so you may need to walk a short distance with your luggage. A quick check with the hotel so we can notify our clients that helps avoid surprises.*

Argentina's dining schedule is a cultural adjustment worth noting. Many restaurants close around 2 p.m. and don't reopen until 7 or 7:30 in the evening. But once dinner hours begin, the city buzzes with energy well into the night.

Exploring the Neighborhoods

*Buenos Aires is a city of grand boulevards, intimate cafés and neighborhoods that each carry a distinct personality. **Avenida 9 de Julio**, one of the widest avenues in the world, cuts dramatically through the city and is lined with important landmarks and hotels. Not far away is **San Telmo**, the oldest neighborhood, where cobblestone streets and a bustling covered market bring you back in time. On Sundays, its famous flea market fills the streets with antiques, crafts, dancers, and musicians. Many historic **pensión** boarding houses once stood here simple accommodations built for early immigrants—one of which has been beautifully transformed into a **Hyatt hotel**.*

*To the south lies **La Boca**, the colorful immigrant district founded largely by Italians from Genoa. It's home to **La Bombonera** stadium, where soccer isn't just a sport it's a way of life. **Caminito Street**, with its brightly painted houses and tango performers, is one of the city's most photographed spots. It's lively, joyful and full of character, though it's wise to keep your backpack in front of you and ask dancers about photo prices before snapping pictures. Don't miss trying local favorites like chorizo and empanadas while wandering. On the waterfront, **Puerto Madero** tells a different story. Once used for storing crops headed to Europe, it is now a sleek district of modern architecture, high-end restaurants, and luxury hotels. It's also considered one of the safest parts of the city.*

History in the Heart of the City

*At the center of the capital lies **Plaza de Mayo**, the stage of many of Argentina's most important political moments. Here stands the **Casa Rosada**, the iconic pink presidential palace featured in the film **Evita**. The building is for government work only, the president does not live there and locals say that if the balcony windows are open, the president is inside. This square also carries a somber chapter of Argentina's history. During the military dictatorship from 1976 to 1982, an estimated 30,000 people disappeared. The **Mothers of Plaza de Mayo**, wearing white scarves, marched silently here to demand answers for their missing children. Their presence has become a symbol of courage and remembrance.*

Culture, Cafés, and the Tango Spirit

*Buenos Aires is a city that breathes culture. It has the oldest subway system in Latin America **Line A**. **Café Tortoni**, founded in 1858, remains the city's most beloved traditional café, and **Corrientes Avenue** dazzles with theaters, bright lights, and a nightlife that rivals Times Square.*

Tango, the soul of Argentina, began as a dance between men before evolving into the passionate, dramatic partner dance that captivates the world today. Its music blends European, indigenous, and African influences—an echo of the city's layered past. More than just a dance, tango tells stories of longing, heartbreak and human connection.

Green Spaces and Grand Homes

***Palermo**, one of the city's most charming districts, feels like strolling through an enormous urban park. It was once home to some of Buenos Aires' wealthiest families, but after the stock market crash of the 1940s, many mansions were sold several becoming embassies. The **Río de la Plata** flows beside the city, wide and deep enough for cruise ships and plays an important role in water purification for Buenos Aires.*

*Across 15 districts, the city comprises 48 diverse neighborhoods, including the largest Chinatown in Latin America. And in elegant **Recoleta**, known for its food and fashion, grand hotels like the **Alvear Palace** host visiting dignitaries. One thing that touched me everywhere: the respect shown to dogs. Whether pets or strays, they are treated with affection and dignity.*

A Journey I'm Grateful For

What began as an unplanned trip became one of the most enriching experiences of my travels. Argentina welcomed me with beauty, history and humanity. I left with a deeper appreciation for its people their warmth, generosity and with the feeling that I had stepped into a place both vibrant and unforgettable.

I arrived knowing almost nothing.

I left carrying stories I'll treasure forever...

DID YOU KNOW?

Women-only and women-tailored tours are expanding fast - the new major booking platform launched!

As of November 2025, TourRadar and JourneyWoman announced a partnership to create the world's largest organized-travel booking resource tailored to women. The platform offers thousands of curated trips for women and solo travelers – a powerful new tool for women seeking curated, safe and empowering travel experiences.

Directory will be the world's largest resource for women to inspire and book travel.

Two of travel's most innovative companies have joined forces to offer women a trusted platform for finding and booking organized travel experiences. With more than 6,600 curated trips for women available now, the JourneyWoman Travel Directory, powered by TourRadar, is the first and largest resource for women to inspire and book travel, providing travelers with experiences to choose from vetted JourneyWoman partners. In addition to search criteria such as destination, type of travel, budget and date, women will be able to search for trips run by women-owned small businesses, women-only groups, find companies that offer no, or low, single supplement, last-minute deals and more.

"From JourneyWoman's research, we know that the women 50+ and solo travel market is one of the fastest growing in the world and will more than double to US\$519 billion by 2035," says Travis Pittman, CEO, TourRadar. "We admire what JourneyWoman has done to support women travelers and women-owned businesses for more than three decades with its existing Women's Travel Directory. With more than 50,000 trips online and 2 million people using TourRadar on a monthly basis, we can provide the technology platform to scale this Directory and make it easier and more affordable for women to book trips from trusted suppliers and find experiences they even didn't know existed."

"This partnership is a win-win for both the traveler and the travel company," says Carolyn Ray, CEO, JourneyWoman. "For decades, our Women's Travel Directory has been a trusted resource for women to find companies to travel with, rather than rely on a general Internet search. TourRadar's technology platform will make it even easier and more affordable for our partners to scale and grow their businesses, while providing women with a trusted one-stop resource to find and book some of the world's most unique travel experiences."

Women over 50 make 98% of all travel decisions, research says.

Women are the most important decision makers in travel, with JourneyWoman's research, "Invisible No More: The Ageless Adventuress", showing that 98% of women over 50 make their own travel decisions and book travel independently. The study, which was completed in March 2025, shows that 61% of women 50+ market prefer to travel solo and will spend US\$152 billion in the US and Canada, growing to US\$363 bn or 25.2 million women by 2035. This represents a 138% spending increase in solo travel from 2025 to 2035. TourRadar also sees this trend in its data, with half of its bookings on the platform coming from solo travelers.

For travel companies, the Women's Travel Directory powered by TourRadar will offer an Operator Dashboard designed to simplify daily operations, enabling partners to efficiently manage their tour inventory, view and respond to enquiries and bookings, access in-depth analytics, provide a third-party review platform and process payments seamlessly. Furthermore, operators can benefit from TourRadar's global presence and extensive customer base, gaining access to new markets that help boost brand awareness and increase bookings. TourRadar continues to invest heavily in social media, search, AI and other advanced technologies to ensure all partners benefit from increased visibility, efficiency and growth opportunities on the platform. JourneyWoman will work closely with TourRadar to create marketing campaigns targeting the woman 50+ traveler.

To become members of the JourneyWoman's Travel Directory, businesses must undergo JourneyWoman's comprehensive verification process, which includes a business review, leadership interview and other criteria. There are four levels of membership, ranging from startups to large global companies, each with associated brand-building benefits.

About TourRadar

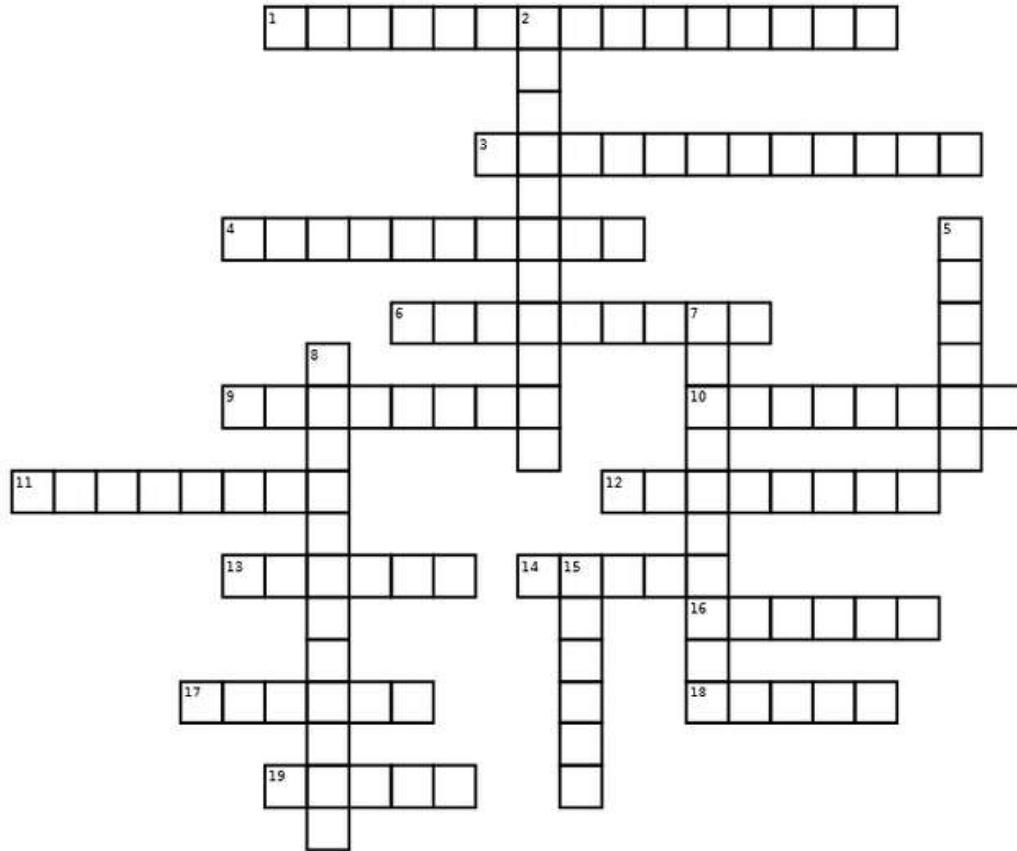
TourRadar is an organized adventure platform connecting travelers and 20,000+ travel agents and affiliates with 2,500+ operators, offering 50,000+ adventures across 160+ countries.

About JourneyWoman

Founded in Canada in 1994, JourneyWoman is the world's first solo female travel resource and one of the most trusted women's travel brands in the world. In addition to creating award-winning editorial for women 50+, JourneyWoman also offers brand building, research and consulting services to travel companies to adapt to the female traveler. The JourneyWoman Women's Travel Directory is a free service to women, providing hundreds of curated and vetted women-friendly tours, retreats, small ships and safe places to stay while supporting small tourism businesses around the world.

by JourneyWoman, November 12, 2025

In Between Mapping Trips: Take a Break with Our Crossword: Holidays Celebrated all over the World!



ACROSS:

1. Which lantern lit holiday marks the end of the Chinese New Year celebrations?
3. What holiday is celebrated on the fourth Thursday in November in the US?
4. What country celebrates "Seollal," its version of Lunar New Year?
6. Which middle eastern holiday marks the end of Ramadan?
9. Which country holds "Up Helly Aa" a Viking fire festival?
10. Which African country celebrates "Timkat"?
11. Which Jewish holiday involves lighting a nine branched menorah?
12. The festival of "Songkran" is New Year in which country?
13. In what country is "Bastille Day" celebrated?
14. Which country celebrates "Holi" the festival of colors?
16. In what country is the Day of the Dead (Dia de los Muertos) traditionally celebrated?
17. What Hindu festival celebrates the victory of light over darkness?
18. 'La Tomatina' is held in which country?
19. Which country celebrates "Obon", honoring ancestors with lanterns set afloat on rivers?

DOWN:

2. Which European country celebrates 'St Nicholas Day' with shoes for gifts?
5. Carnival' is famously celebrated in Rio de Janeiro. What country is it in?
7. What Caribbean Island is famous for its Boxing Day Junkanoo parade?
8. What holiday marks the start of the Jewish year?
15. Where is "Burning Man" celebrated?

METEOR

From the Archives: The Legacy of Giving and how the 41°-74° Club Turns Fellowship into Impact

The 41°-74° Club has never been just a social club. From its earliest days, philanthropy has been at the heart of its identity.

While bringing together travel-industry professionals for networking and camaraderie, the Club has consistently leveraged its collective strength to provide meaningful support to children and families in need.

Over the decades, this balance of professional fellowship and social responsibility has defined the Club's character. Each event, each gathering, carries forward a tradition of generosity that extends well beyond the walls of any meeting space.

This holiday season, that legacy continues in action. By supporting The 4Bronx Project and bringing toys or children's pajamas for Sanctuary for Families, members and guests are living the Club's historic mission - turning connection into compassion, and professional networks into a force for good.

It's a reminder that the 41°-74° Club isn't just about where we meet—it's about the positive impact we create together...



This Is an Open Space – Specifically Left Blank for Your Story!

Do you have a story to tell, an experience to share, or exciting news about your company? This space is for YOU!

The METEOR of the 41°-74° Club is your platform to connect, inspire and promote within our vibrant community of travel professionals. Whether it's a memorable trip, an educational insight, a personal milestone, or an update from your business, your contribution adds color, energy and inspiration to our pages.

★ Let's make this newsletter truly ours – together!

To submit your story, spotlight, or company feature, please email to: 4174ny@gmail.com for inclusion in an upcoming issue.