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Finger Lakes offer women-only escapes

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(February 18, 2007) — Are you sick of housework, helping with homework and slogging away at your day job? Sounds like time for a weekend getaway with the girls.

In the past year, more Finger Lakes hotels, inns and bed-and-breakfasts have begun to pitch "women only" packages. For harried women, these deals offer close-to-home getaways free of the stress of planning — or family obligations.

From girl-bonding at a cozy bed-and-breakfast to mingling at hotel-based events, the possibilities suit a variety of styles. Some candidates:

Spoiled rotten: If you like the intimacy of a bed-and-breakfast but don't like the idea of sharing your vacation experience with complete strangers, pitch in with your girlfriends and rent an entire inn.

The Spoiled Girls package at Auburn's 10 Fitch Inn includes exclusive accommodations for six, wine and munchies on arrival and breakfast each morning. The damage: \$800 for one night (about \$130 per guest for a party of six) or \$1,400 for two nights.

Or splurge on the Pajama Party getaway, which includes luxuries such as a seven-hour limousine tour with a picnic lunch, massages, a private cookout and daily breakfast. Cost: \$495 per person for a party of six, including two nights' lodging. .

Call 10 Fitch Inn at (315) 255-0934 or go to www.10fitch.com.

Theme weekends: For the girl who doesn't need luxurious Egyptian cotton sheets to make her happy, the Steuben County Conference & Visitors Bureau promotes some thrifty deals on behalf of its partner hotels. Themes include "Sensational Spa Experience" (at the Holiday Inn in Corning/Painted Post), "Wine Lovers Get-



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The 10 Fitch Inn in Auburn offers Spoiled Girls getaway packages designed for one or a group.

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Planned for you

Former innkeeper Suzanne Wright organizes customized Finger Lakes vacations targeted to women through Simply Just for the Girls. Call (585) 393-9365 or go to www.SimplyJustforTheGirls.com. fingerlakeswine.com

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away" (at the Bath Days Inn) and "So You Want to Be a Star" (at the Corning/Painted Post Hampton Inn).

For details and contact information for participating hotels, go to www.womenonlyweekends.com. You can also call the Steuben County visitors bureau at (607) 936-6544 to have information mailed to you.

Slumber party scene: Building on the women-only weekend idea, Ambroselli's Villa Serendip, a bed-and-breakfast in Cochocton, Steuben County, has several Girls Getaway packages that include two nights' lodging, breakfast each morning, one dinner and extras depending on which theme you pick (spa, wine tour or an Insomniacs Slumber Party, for example). Cost generally runs around \$250 per person. Innkeeper Fran Ambroselli can also arrange a murder mystery party for your sleepover.

Call (866) 205-6913 or go to www.villaserendip.com.

No men allowed: A couple of hotels throw annual events advertised as "girls only."

"This One's for the Girls" will be held March 23-24 at the Holiday Inn Waterloo/Seneca Falls. The one-night package, priced at \$89 per person (double occupancy), includes lodging on Friday night (March 23), appetizers, musical entertainment, brunch on Saturday, a fashion show and a Cayuga Wine Trail tasting pass. Space is limited, so booking early is recommended.

Holiday Inn, Waterloo/Seneca Falls, (315) 539-5011, ext. 2016, or www.hiwaterloo.com.

"Girls' Night Out" at The Inn at Glenora is sold out for this March 2, but you can plan ahead for next year's celebration — it's typically scheduled for the first Friday in March. (The inn has only 30 rooms, so reservations as early as mid-summer are strongly encouraged.) The event includes a wine-tasting, dinner, dancing and a late snack, plus the chance to indulge in manicures and massages. This year's price was \$40 plus the room rate, which starts around \$150.

The Inn at Glenora, (800) 243-5513 or www.glenora.com.

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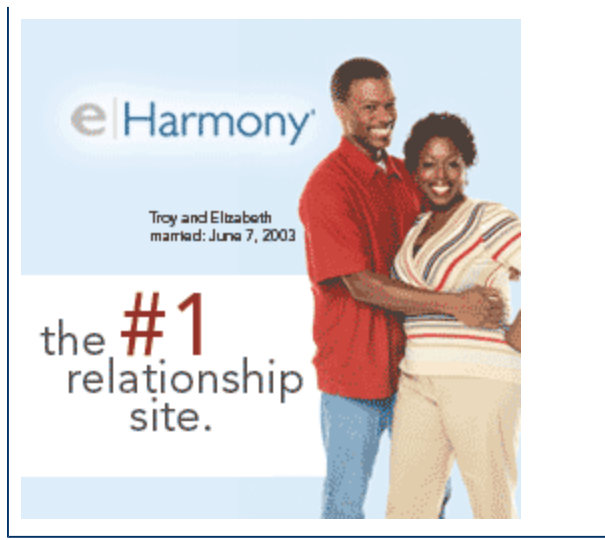


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