

## Solo traveller-friendly adventures, tours & cruises | Skyscanner Australia

As if solo travel isn't challenging enough without a buddy to share selfies with. Or, more importantly, who's going to watch your luggage while you nip to the bathroom or pick up a coffee? So when tour operators whack on their dreaded 'single supplement' it's enough to break a solo traveller's heart insert sad emoticon. But to help solo travellers, [Skyscanner Australia](#) has tracked down travel companies who don't penalise them for their independence.

### Solo Adventurers

Few countries do outdoor adventures as well as New Zealand. Solo travellers dominate on [Haka Tours](#) adventures – travellers who are passionate about adventure, snow or mountain bike travel. More than 70% of their travellers are typically single, keen to meet like-minded travellers and in their early 30's (though oftentimes up to 50 years too). Trust the Kiwi's to make it easy – they've ditched single person supplements altogether. Heli-mountain biking with your new Bestie anyone?

India has always attracted independent travellers despite a number of challenges (train timetables, for example, are about as reliable as a chocolate teapot). Many of the pesky logistics of solo travel have been ditched by [On The Go Tours](#). With local guides, no single supplements and private hotel rooms on their best selling tour, their Taj Express trip across India's Golden Triangle is a cracker!

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### Solo Surfers

A perennial surf destination, Bali's waves were once the domain of testosterone-fuelled males until female-only surf retreats started popping up. Combining surfing lessons, yoga classes, spa and wellness treatments and healthy eating in a private enclave with plenty of space for lounging pool side, it's a winning formula for solo female travellers.

[Surf Goddess Retreats](#) started it all. They still lead the way with their fabulously supportive, all-inclusive Bali retreat, adding a Japan Snow Retreat a few years back. [SHE Travels](#) runs rustic surf retreats in Bali and is aimed at women travellers who want to learn to surf, do a little yoga and kick back with like-minded women without blowing the holiday budget.

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## Solo Cruisers

[Coral Expeditions](#), welcomes single travellers with no single supplements year-round onboard *Coral Princess*. 3, 4 or 7 night Great Barrier Reef cruises depart from Cairns in an expedition style cruise suitable for water-baby travellers. Once the bane of solo cruisers who were inconveniently paired up to share a cabin with a stranger, solo travellers have a cabin to themselves.

Fiji is another firm cruising ground for solo travellers attracted to the island archipelago's relaxed 'Fiji Time' vibe onboard *Fiji Princess*. [Blue Lagoon Cruises](#) have been dropping anchor in the Yasawa Islands for 60-odd years so they're pretty well up to speed on the best beaches, best snorkel sites and where to swim in safety with sharks and elegantly gliding manta rays. No single supplements apply on any 3, 4 or 7 night cruises between November and March.

[Norwegian Cruise Line's](#) ship *Norwegian Epic* has Studio Cabins created specifically for solo travellers and no single supplements or forced sharing cabins. All Studio guests have exclusive access to the Studio Lounge which features a bar, dining and lounging area – it's an informal, convivial space where solo travellers can meet up for a drink and a chat.

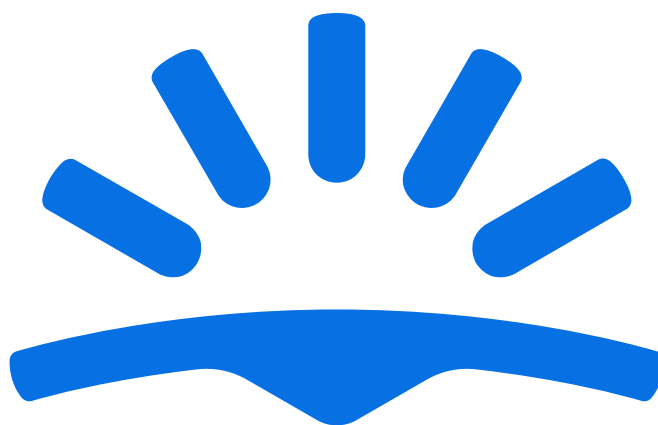
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## Solo Skiers

[Ski Club Freshtracks](#) provides European ski holidays matching skiers of a similar ability and skiing interests with appropriate ski instructors, mountain guides and Ski Club Leaders. This formula is ideal for solo travellers keen to develop their skiing skills, seeking new skiing experiences or those wishing to share their passion for the mountains with like-minded travellers. Dedicated packages catering for solo travellers with no single supplement range from low impact off piste dawdles to action packed heli-skiing adventures.

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## Solo novices

How does the thought of learning a new skill or brushing up on a favourite hobby while based in an Italian country villa sound? Cooking, pilates, photography, painting and Italian language learning holidays are offered by [Flavours Holidays](#) (we love the delicious name!). Devotees bunker down in villas dotted across the Italian countryside with a sociable ambience, and are fully hosted with expert tuition. Naturally, local village visits, along with splendid food and wine is de rigeur for total Italian immersion. Single supplements are conspicuous by their absence.

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