

Widowed since last year, I need to get out socially now. Suggestions? MPJ, Cleveland OH

A: A good way to shake off the loneliness is do a cruise. One of the best lines for special sailings is Holland America. It caters to solo travelers via its Single Partners Program, featuring hosted events for onboard singles, and special singles-themed cocktail parties and games.

Holland America also groups singles together at meals and other shipboard schedules. On sailings of 40 days or longer, the line provides male hosts to accompany single women to dinner and social events. When booking, consider the roommate matching service with fellow solo travelers of the same sex. Two Holland America ships offer dedicated singles cabins: Koningsdam has 12, and Prinsendam has three.