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July 28, 2007 -- The ladies are doing it for themselves, at least when it comes to vacations, according to a new study that found more women are leaving hubbys or boyfriends behind for the holidays.

Some 24 percent of American women have gone on a women-only leave in the past three years and 39 percent said they are planning on taking one.

"Hotels and resorts need to recognize the impact of the girlfriend-getaway market," said Renie Cavallari, CEO of Aspire, the consulting firm that conducted the study along with the AAA.

The estrogen-heavy vacations are growing in popularity in part because ladies want an escape from professional and personal responsibilities, the study of 2,000 women concluded.

Christine Parsons, who was shopping in Times Square yesterday, said she left behind her husband to come to the Big Apple to celebrate her daughter's high school graduation.

"My mother would never have done this," she said. "She didn't have the chance or the resources. It just wasn't done."



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