This first-year seminar considers how gender, global travel, and tourism come together in the contemporary world. We will examine gender differences (as well as differences of race, class, sexual orientation, national origin) in the experiences of travelers as well as of those who work in the service industries that accommodate travelers’ needs. We will also examine the gendered and racialized ways in which travel destinations are represented and marketed. Among the questions we will ask are the following: How are “exotic” locations portrayed as feminine? How are men and women treated differently as they participate in transnational currents of tourism? When and where are gender and sexual identities turned into commodities through tourism? How are power relations negotiated and what prospects are there for communities of women and men in the global South to actively construct the terms of their engagement with travelers from the global North?