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The Barber Pole Or Once Over Lightly

Every other month, we compile some of our most important "news" items, and share them with you on the front page of our newsletter. Contributions are always welcome...



Get Clayton and/or Mark to Speak to Your Club/Group

If your organization is looking for a speaking program, why not invite us to come and regale your group with **Stories from the Road**. We have a 20-to-40 minute presentation (depending on your available time) full of humorous travel experiences and tips for getting the most out of your travel. There is no sales pitch involved. Members of your group are offered a complimentary six-month trial membership in the Travel Club and we'll provide a nice door prize or two. Early reservations are recommended, because we both travel a lot. It would be an

honor to speak to your group. All it takes is a call to Mark or Clayton at the **Sports Leisure** office.

Notes From All Over

I returned from a road trip, a week or so after **Tour Preview Day**, to find a wonderful computer-generated photo collage of the event. It was beautifully prepared and a copy was left for me at the office. It was a wonderful souvenir of our efforts that day and I want to personally thank **Chris and Ralph Bunn** for such a thoughtful gift...

Pattee Thorpe sends along an article about **Castello di Amorosa**, the new "Castle in Calistoga," and asks if we are planning a visit. The "castle" is actually a wonderful new winery. We have visited previously, and just by coincidence, Pattee's letter arrived as **Kevin Murphy** was putting together a wonderful overnight trip to Calistoga and Lake County for April. Read about it in the next newsletter. Imagine touring a 121,000 square foot castle with 107 rooms, followed by a wine tasting paired with gourmet chocolates...

The Capitolaires, Sacramento's singing chorus, will be presenting their Christmas show on Saturday, December 5th, at 2 and 7pm at the Waldorf School, on Bannister Road in Fair Oaks. For only \$12, you will hear a wonderful assortment of quartets and choruses singing holiday favorites. There is no better way to get into the holiday spirit. The Sacramento Valley Chorus, featuring the Sweet Adelines, are also part of the program. For tickets, call **888-877-9806...**

From **Beth Luser** comes a note about her hometown of **Portola**, and the nearby community of Graeagle. Beth is a 1936 graduate of Portola High. Little did she know that almost as her note was being written, we had a group touring parts of Plumas County and her hometown. Beth is an original **Sports Leisure** traveler and it's always nice

to hear from her. Ideas for future trips were noted... **Joy Forsberg** passes on a brochure mentioning the **Canadian Empress**, a small ship that has been cruising the St. Lawrence River for many years. It was a **Sports Leisure** favorite many years ago. Pricing in Canada (particularly hotels) has been a deterrent to travel in recent years, but the week I got Joy's letter, an old friend who has gone to work for the cruise line called, so perhaps there is a St. Lawrence River cruise in our future. Thanks to all (including the many not mentioned here) for your suggestions and ideas.

Changes at Tavern on the Green

After 75 years, Tavern on the Green may be no more. The family that has run the restaurant for many years has lost the concession contract to the owner of Central Park's Boathouse Restaurant. But the name belongs to the departing operator. "Tavern" will still be there, but will it still be "Tavern?" Stay tuned next issue for the exciting conclusion...

Baggage Charges Continue to Rise

Airlines continue to turn to added fees as a source of revenue. Baggage fees are rising. This might be a good time to remind you that your first bag is FREE of any fees on any **Sports Leisure** tour (this additional service is based on fees as of August 15, 2009).

It's also a good opportunity to remind you that Southwest Airlines does not charge any fees for your first two checked bags. Apparently, you don't have to nickel and dime your customers at every turn, because Southwest consistently reports a profit... One last reminder about extra service. As announced at Tour Preview Day, home pick-up is now included on nearly every trip, including motorcoach tours. Call our office for details. You also have the option of meeting the coach at our office and receiving a credit.

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Just One Man's Opinion



How's Business?

In the circles I run/walk in, there's pretty much one question that rises to the top of every conversation.

How is business?

Friends, relatives, travelers, fellow tour operators, everyone

who knows you are in business for yourself wants to know the answer. They anticipate the worst, good news is not expected.

But indeed, good news is what you get if you ask that question of me. Business at **Sports Leisure Vacations**, in the heart of the worst recession in modern times, is solid. Because many of our clients have not lost their jobs, or had their homes go into foreclosure, we have not been as seriously impacted as many. For this, myself, all those who draw a paycheck here every two weeks (and the landlord) are grateful.

Just two short months ago, before three virtually sold out shows at the Marriott Hotel, our annual **Tour Preview Day** and new 2010 tour catalog **Imagine** were met with rave reviews. Headliners at the show were **Jessie Norman**, our **Chuck Evans Scholarship** winner from last year (granddaughter of TC Member **Marian McCarthy**); and **Chris Chisholm**, who executed a live cooking demonstration on stage.

Jessie, fresh off a year at the American Musical and Dramatic Academy in New York, performed a medley of Broadway show tunes to perfection. Dare I say she brought down the house. What a treat to know that together we have impacted the life of a young person destined for stardom. Yes, she was **that** good. Chris offered up a garlic and bacon spinach salad with a warm dressing. Sounds simple until you try to do it with 200+ people watching (three times). Two lucky

members of the audience were selected to sample his creation at each show.

Capacity was 225 for each of the three performances and there were very few empty seats. Thanks to the \$5 donation made by those in attendance, donations of over **\$3,000** were given to three very deserving causes. Recipients were The Mustard Seed School (part of the Loaves and Fishes Ministry), our own Chuck Evans Scholarship Fund and a special donation was made to Lori Brandon. Lori has been a performer at many **Sports Leisure** events through the years. Now she is in a fight for her life against cancer, and as an independent musician has little in the way of insurance. We decided helping one of our family was appropriate, so we sent a check to Lori to help with her medical expenses.

Speaking of the Chuck Evans Memorial Scholarship, we awarded our fourth stipend to a deserving student. This year's winner was **Morgan Sommer**, granddaughter of Travel Club Members Bob and Amylou Rath. Once again, we were able to "keep it in the family" and help a young person accomplish her dream. (If you know of a college student who would like to apply for our \$2,000 scholarship for 2011, contact Clayton or myself for details.)

Tour Preview Day was filled with laughter and entertainment, with short seminars highlighting our planned adventures for the next 12-15 months. It was, by any measure, a huge success. Hundreds of hugs were exchanged among friends (our hug counter lost track, there were so many reunions of traveling friends). Sales after the event, from our new catalog **Imagine**, were record setting.

So I guess the answer to that little question is, business is good at **Sports Leisure Vacations**. Our members and their friends are traveling. Lifeseeing continues on a daily basis. We thank you for your patronage and your referrals to friends and family. They are the backbone of our success.

Work has already begun on next year's Tour Preview Day. "A Taste of North America" will debut at next year's shindig, your chance to

sample some goodies from the destinations we visit; and we'll have a special guest folk singer to share tales of Yellowstone and Montana country.

The 31st year at **Sports Leisure Vacations** is in high gear. The schedule is full of adventures for everyone. Short, inexpensive getaways, many without a plane flight, if that's your desire. Longer, further from home vacations, highlighting big cites and the best off-the-beaten-track destinations. Selected international tours, including **Japan, Italy, Scandinavia and even Greenland** are also featured.

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Back last spring I wrote a personal letter to my father, who is battling cancer, and published it on these pages. Many of you wrote him cards and notes. Dad continues the battle. Treatments and medications have left him a little the worse for wear, but tough as ever. We enjoyed the first game of the World Series together over homemade spaghetti at his home in Kansas. To those of you who sent cards and have asked about dad, we both send our heartfelt thanks. You never really understand the value of friendships until you need them. That, is just one man's opinion. And so it goes...

Mark Hoffmann, CTP

Owner/Founder

Does Your Group or Organization need a Speaker?

Let Mark or Clayton share humorous travel stories and tips for avoiding hassles on the road. Door prizes and complimentary Travel Club Memberships are provided.

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Dear Friends:

I'm writing you on the last day of my vacation. Just a week off to rest, do some work around the house, and see friends and family I've lost touch with during the busy fall

tour season. This year, autumn tours took me to Michigan, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Illinois. Then there was Wisconsin. Whether you are a regular Mystery Tour taker or not, I find folks are usually interested in learning the unknown destinations. In mid-October, a hearty group of brave **Sports Leisure** travelers headed off for a week in southern Wisconsin. "**How Great Are These Lakes?**"

Mystery Tour featured the capital city of Madison and the home of the beer barons, Milwaukee, along with Ripon, Fond du Lac, Kohler, Greendale, Genesee Depot and Racine. Highlights included a visit to the Wisconsin State Capitol, touring a Clydesdale horse farm –home to many national and international Grand Champions, seeing toilets and tubs being made on a tour of the Kohler Factory, staying in the five-diamond American Club Hotel, attending a traditional Friday night fish-fry in Greendale, seeing the home of the famous acting duo Alfred Lunt and Lynn Fontanne where many a Hollywood and Broadway legend enjoyed a Midwestern holiday, touring the Calatrava-designed Milwaukee Museum of Art, seeing the oldest lighthouse on Lake Michigan, and taking a wild ride – not literally – through the new Harley-Davidson Museum, located adjacent to their World Headquarters in Milwaukee. Featured destinations were located along four "Great Lakes" including Wonona, Wendota, Winnebago and one of the greatest of them all, Lake Michigan.

Our final stop was at the home of Fred Hermes just outside Racine. Now Fred is not your average collector. Ladies, imagine if your husband collected organs. Big organs. Really big theatre organs. The organ Fred has

in his basement is one of the largest five-rank Wurlitzer theatre organs ever made – one of only two still operational in the US. Fred loves to entertain visitors with a concert of old favorites, some providing the sound effects for silent movies shown on a screen above the console. His attraction is appropriately called the Basement Bijou.

Mystery Tours operate throughout the year, spotlighting lesser-known, out-of-the-way destinations both near and far. They could be as short as a day or as long as a week. And yes, sometimes a passport is required. But don't worry about the details. Important facts are given when you make your reservation, then, a couple weeks prior to departure, you'll receive your Final Tour Notes containing all the information you'll need to pack and prepare for a wonderful adventure!

We have a few exciting Mystery Tours currently on the calendar and awaiting your reservations. Mark's ever-popular **Christmas Lights Mystery Tour** has become an annual tradition for many. And I must tell you: This year's is the best yet. If you are looking for a traditional holiday experience taken straight from a Norman Rockwell painting, this is it!

Our 2010 dream book, **Imagine**, is your source for future Mystery Tours. You can check them out on pages 22-23. Three exciting spring departures include **Born in the USA**, an 8-day all-American vacation, also coming to you from the wild and wacky mind of Mark. Gamers will enjoy **Rich Man, Poor Man, a Casino Resort Mystery** in March or the short **Casino Mystery Overnighter** in April. (Another tour, **Spring Histories and Mysteries** has been moved to the fall. Watch *The Traveler* for details!)

I look forward to seeing you on the road again – be it known or a mystery – soon!

"Your Tour Guy,"

Clayton Whitehead, CTP
Vice President

Postscript: Are you an out-of-towner who enjoys **Sports Leisure** vacations AND our signature limousine service? As you know, sometimes using this service is time, distance and/or cost prohibitive depending on your address and the hour of our departure. I'm happy to announce a new arrangement with a local hotel to help get your future vacations off to a great start!

The newly-remodeled **Red Lion Sacramento Inn** at Arden Fair Mall (Arden Way at Business 80, across the parking lot from Sears) is your new address for overnight accommodations. For a reduced \$89 per night (plus tax) you can enjoy a comfortable night's sleep, and your car can be left in their well-lit parking lot without charge for the duration of the tour.

At present, reservations can only be made through our local contact, Katy Schaefer, at (916) 649-4754. Soon, we expect to have this **Sports Leisure** special set up so that reservations can be placed by calling a toll-free number, 1-800-RED-LION (733-5466).

UPDATE ON A DEAR FRIEND

Our 2010 Dream Book is dedicated to our friend and consummate entertainer, Lori Brandon. We received an update on her condition only an hour before press time, and we wanted to share it with all of you. Her husband Dave writes, (following a trip to UCSF on October 30th) "the doctor used the word 'miracle' concerning Lori's progress, but she is not home safe yet." It appears the removal of the tumor is difficult due to its location where it "presses on so many things (veins, tailbone, rectum, etc.)." He says a surgical team of four specialists will be required to remove it. Please join us in keeping Lori and Dave in your thoughts and prayers in the days ahead. If you'd like to send her a note, the address is P.O. Box 1118, Jamestown, CA 95327.

The Human Side

Life's Definitions

ADULT:

A person who has stopped growing at both ends and is now growing in the middle.

BEAUTY PARLOR:

A place where women curl up and dye.

CANNIBAL:

Someone who is fed up with people.

COMMITTEE:

A body that keeps minutes and wastes hours.

DUST:

Mud with the juice squeezed out.

HANDKERCHIEF:

Cold Storage.

MOSQUITO:

An insect that makes you like flies better.

INFLATION:

Cutting money in half without damaging the paper.

RAISIN:

Grape with a sunburn.

SECRET:

Something you tell to one person at a time.

TOMORROW:

One of the greatest labor saving devices of today.

YAWN:

An honest opinion openly expressed.

WRINKLES:

Something other people have, similar to my character lines.

Remember these?

For those who never saw any of the Burma Shave signs, here is a quick lesson in our history of the 1930s and '40s. Before there were interstates, when everyone drove the old 2 lane roads, Burma Shave signs would be posted all over the countryside in farmers' fields. They were small red signs with white letters. Five signs, about 100 feet apart, each containing 1 line of a 4 line couplet... And the obligatory 5th sign advertising Burma Shave, a popular shaving cream.

Here are some of the actual sign slogans:

DROVE TOO LONG
DRIVER SNOOZING
WHAT HAPPENED NEXT
IS NOT AMUSING
Burma Shave

BROTHER SPEEDER
LET'S REHEARSE
ALL TOGETHER
GOOD MORNING, NURSE
Burma Shave

THE MIDNIGHT RIDE
OF PAUL FOR BEER
LED TO A WARMER
HEMISPHERE
Burma Shave

AROUND THE CURVE
LICKETY-SPLIT
BEAUTIFUL CAR
WASN'T IT?
Burma Shave

CAR IN DITCH
DRIVER IN TREE
THE MOON WAS FULL
AND SO WAS HE.
Burma Shave

And one of the the all time favorites:
PASSING SCHOOL ZONE
TAKE IT SLOW
LET OUR LITTLE
SHAVERS GROW
Burma Shave

Excuse Me?

At a time when our president and other politicians tend to apologize for our country's prior actions, here's a refresher on how some of our former patriots handled negative comments about our country.

When in England, at a fairly large conference, Colin Powell was asked by the Archbishop of Canterbury if our plans for Iraq were just an example of empire building by George Bush.

He answered by saying, "Over the years, the United States has sent many of its fine young men and women into great peril to fight for freedom beyond our borders. The only amount of land we have ever asked for in return is enough to bury those that did not return."

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There was a conference where a number of international engineers were taking part. During a break, one of the international engineers came back into the room saying "Have you heard the latest dumb stunt Bush has done? He has sent an aircraft carrier to Indonesia to help the tsunami victims. What does he intended to do, bomb them?"

A Boeing engineer stood up and replied quietly: "Our carriers have three hospitals on board that can treat several hundred people; they are nuclear powered and can supply emergency electrical power to shore facilities; they have three cafeterias with the capacity to feed 3,000 people three meals a day; they can produce several thousand gallons of fresh water from sea water each day, and they carry half a dozen helicopters for use in

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My American Dream

By Kamil Zelezik

Folks, do some of you still remember **Sports Leisure Vacations** (Mark actually) bringing an international student from Poland to study here in USA??? That was 10 years ago, and that student is still here, doing just fine.

My dear friend Mark, who had met me in Amsterdam, Holland, 2 years prior to my arrival in the States, asked me once what would be the greatest dream of my life. I said: "coming to the States and studying at an American college." A year later, Mark called me on the phone and said: "OK Kamil, how do we make your dream come true?"

I think most of Mark's friends and coworkers thought he was out of his mind, bringing some 21 year old from Eastern Europe, who he barely knew, and helping him through school. To many, it probably sounded like a bad idea; too much liability and potential problems that Mark didn't need in his life. But he had faith in me and seemed to be the only person in the world who had no doubts that I would succeed.

On August 28th, 1999 I arrived in Oakland, CA full of hopes and dreams. With \$300 in my pocket I was ready to conquer America. A day later, Mark's friend and employee, Scott Farrell, flew me to Palm Desert, CA and help me get set up and ready for my first semester at College of the Desert.

Two years later I was awarded my first degree: Associates in Liberal Arts; and then I transferred to University of California, Riverside, where I studied

History with a minor in Law and Society. I graduated from UCR in 2005 with honors and then I was ready for another challenge. In 2006 I signed up for flight training to become a helicopter pilot. After receiving all my FAA ratings I became a flight instructor and I taught at the helicopter flight school in Long Beach, CA getting the hours and experience I needed to fly big commercial helicopters. In the meantime I received a permanent residence card, and applied for US Citizenship. In 2006 I was hired as a helicopter captain in the Gulf of Mexico, where I flew off shore for oil companies transporting personnel and cargo to the oil platforms and drilling rigs. Finally in 2008 I got my dream job with EagleMed – a company based in Wichita, KS – where I work as an EMS helicopter pilot, flying search and rescue missions, interfacility transports and freeway accident victims to hospitals.

Three months ago, on August 28, 2009, on the **exact day** of the 10th anniversary of my coming to the United States, I received my US Citizenship, at the Los Angeles Convention Center. That day without any doubt was the happiest day of my life.

To all of you customers, friends and employees of **Sports Leisure Vacations**, I would like to say thank you with all my heart for supporting Mark and his company. You helped change my life. Without you Mark would not be able to do the thing he does best; helping make others' dreams come true. Thank you Mark! You are my Angel.

Yours truly,
Kamil Zelezik



One of the newest citizens of these United States



Kamil in the cockpit of his Medevac helicopter

Excuse Me?

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transporting victims and injured to and from their flight deck. We have eleven such ships."

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Robert Whiting, an elderly gentleman of 83, arrived in Paris by plane. At French Customs, he took a few minutes to locate his passport in his carry on.

"You have been to France before,

monsieur?" the customs officer asked sarcastically.

Mr. Whiting admitted that he had been to France previously.

"Then you should know enough to have your passport ready."

The American said, "The last time I was here, I didn't have to show it."

"Impossible. Americans always have to

show your passports on arrival in France!"

The American senior gave the Frenchman a long hard look. Then he quietly explained, "Well, when I came ashore at Omaha Beach on D-Day in 1944 to help liberate this country, I couldn't find a single Frenchman to show a passport to."



The Customers Always Write

Hi Mark & Clayton,

My husband and I just came back from the 42nd Street show at the Eldorado. It was a very enjoyable trip. I just want you to know that Joey really outdid herself this trip. Usually we have a light snack along with a drink on the way up. This time she served small croissant sandwiches (Turkey, Ham, or Beef) from Raley's and they were a real pleasant surprise and hit the spot. This would be a very nice addition to any trip even if you have to increase the price. Joey and Greg did an excellent job as always. Keep up the good work. Sincerely,

Willie & Nancy Fong

Mark,

Thank you for sending your guests to the Cafe. I had a good time and I think we made everyone happy. They stepped back sixty years when they left their modern coach and walked into our living museum. I didn't do myself any favors when on the bus RoseMarie asked about my menu and I had to brag about our hand packed milkshakes. I didn't believe we could make forty milkshakes in twenty minutes, but we did. RoseMarie and Lenny were great. I look for the opportunity of serving you again.

*Cruising on a sunny 101,
John*

Hi Mark,

I would have strong interest in seeing the areas hardest hit by Katrina in NOLA as I have given significant amounts of money to Make it Right NOLA (Brad Pitt's project) and to Habitat for Humanity & the Musicians' Village. Maybe it could be included as part of a city tour, or I understand there are special tours that take people around the 9th ward, etc. This is not a ghoulish wish to see devastation, but I would like to see what progress has been made with the money and volunteer labor people have given. Has SLV ever gone to the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame in Cleveland? I was reading about it the other evening and it sounded interesting.

The article said that Cleveland is a very nice city on Lake Erie with lots of museums and cultural events. Have never been there. Maybe it could be included as part of trip sometime in the future. Thanks,

Reggie Ruhstaller

Hello Clayton,

My dad and I want to send you, Mark, and **Sports Leisure** a special thank you for your kind gesture giving us complimentary tickets to a great baseball game. Life is short and my father and I had a tremendous day.

It was nice to live the "**Sports Leisure** experience" getting pampered and having everyone else take care of things for a change. Joey was great and made a nice mention of our presence on the bus. Greg was a trustworthy driver and a likeable guy. He even gave us a free mystery tour of Yerba Buena Island that we didn't expect. After all these years I had never been on the island!

The folks on the bus were all nice and we had time to talk to an old friend who sat close to us who is a **Sports Leisure** traveler, Elizabeth. I don't remember her last name, but she worked for the Bee for years and has been a customer for us too. We really like her and she is a serious Giant's fan too.

I won't bore you with the details of the game, but even if you don't know baseball, it was a great finish and a well played game. What a day! Thank you very much,

Jon and Warren Holloway

Mark,

John and I attended the Preview Day on August 29. It was a lot of fun. When the video screen announced the review of the last 30 years, *imagine* my surprise when the first 2 pictures were of my Mom and Dad (Ray and Sophie Carter) taken while on your first trip to Hawaii!!! They looked so happy, just like they always were (they are both gone now). I could feel the tears starting and it took everything I had to control myself. You turned a great day into a wonderful day for me. Could I possibly get a copy of those 2 pictures for my album?

Thank you in advance for them, and thank you again for a great Preview Day.

Liz Hartmann

Hi Mark and Clayton,

I want to thank you and let you know that I was one of the winners of your prizes on Tour Preview Day.

Today, Elda and I had a very nice lunch at Formaggio thanks to **Sports Leisure**. We talked about all the wonderful trips we have had. Thank you for doing an excellent job!

I applied the \$25 gift certificate to the "Mainly Maine" trip. I'm really looking forward to the trip. I have already ordered my map of Maine! Take care and keep traveling,

Penny Helfrich

Acknowledgements to the **Arizona Route 66 Association**, who sent a note thanking us for renewing our chapter membership. (Did you know **Sports Leisure** belongs to every state chapter on Route 66 and the Lincoln Highway?) To **Janet Green** and the **Mustard Seed School**, for their note thanking you for your Preview Day donations of \$1,020.

I also wish to thank **Doris Del Bene**, **Joanne McKee** and **Doris Oakberg** for their "retirement" letters. You know, the one you write to say goodbye to your traveling friends when you feel you can no longer join them on the road? I thank each of them for taking the time to share their thoughts on our travels together over the years. Your traveling days may be over, but the friends you've made here will be yours for the rest of your lives. **Thank you.** Be well.

If you have a comment, suggestion or tour idea, we invite you to drop us a line. Due to space limitations, not all letters can be printed (others may be edited). Mail to:

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Day Trips and Theatre Outings

Beach Blanket Babylon

Club Fugazi in San Francisco

Sunday, November 29 or December 27

It's back for the holidays and both relevant and irreverent at the same time! *Beach Blanket Babylon* takes on a festive atmosphere but the spoofing and lampooning take a back seat to no holiday! After all, this is the show that makes fun of everyone – actors, politicians, and countless other public figures. Lunch is included prior to the 2pm matinees at Viva Restaurant. **\$164**

An Irish Christmas

Gallo Center for the Arts

Sunday, December 6

With glorious music, dance, storytelling, laughter and plenty of Irish soul, come join us 'round the hearth' and celebrate the wonder and beauty of *An Irish Christmas* at the Gallo Center for the Performing Arts in Modesto. An included Champagne Sunday Brunch Buffet at popular Galletto's Ristorante precedes the 2pm matinee. **\$156**

King Tut at the de Young Museum in SF

Thursday, December 10

Returning to San Francisco for the first time in 30 years, this exhibition presents more than 130 artifacts and objects from the tomb of King Tut and the tombs of his ancestors. This impressive and extensive collection includes many pieces new to the traveling exhibit and provides insight into the daily life of the 18th Dynasty, Egypt's Golden Age. An audio-guide of the collection is included for your enjoyment. Lunch is at your leisure in the museum café. **\$96**

Sacramento's Second Saturday

Featuring a holiday twist on a new favorite

Saturday, December 12

Experience Sacramento's monthly Second Saturday celebration of the arts ahead of the crowds during this afternoon guided visit. Stop at Zanzibar Trading Company

(owned by former *Sports Leisure* staffer Scott Farrell), the Blooming Art Gallery, the Kennedy Gallery, and the Art Foundary. Meet the owners, the artists and enjoy holiday refreshments and cheer along the way. A special price is being offered for this last excursion of 2009! **\$49**

The Great Dickens Christmas Faire

Cow Palace in SF

Saturday, December 12

Victorian England comes to life at the Cow Palace in San Francisco. Enjoy live music, theatrics, and costumes or learn to waltz! Holiday crafters will be on hand selling their wares and you can sample delicious foods from all over the world, including fish and chips and enticing holiday desserts. **\$84**

Merle Haggard

Gallo Center for the Performing Arts

Sunday, January 3

The word "legend" couldn't be more apt for Merle Haggard. It's a tribute to his incredible commercial success and to the lasting mark he has made, not just on the country genre, but on American music as a whole. A co-founder of the "Bakersfield" sound with Buck Owens, Haggard writes lyrics for exceptionally listenable music. In songs like "Okie from Muskogee," "Mama Tried" and "Sing me Back Home" there is truth in the stories he tells. Lunch is included at Dewz Restaurant in Modesto prior to the 3pm matinee. **\$175**

Florence Henderson

Hotel Nikko in San Francisco

Wednesday, January 6

Television's favorite mom and musical star Florence Henderson brings her new cabaret show "All the Lives of Me" to The Razz Room in San Francisco for a 2pm matinee performance. Featuring songs from her musical roles in *Oklahoma*, *South Pacific*, *The Sound of Music*, and *Annie Get Your Gun*, the singing actress will also offer highlights

and anecdotes about her life on Broadway and the many years as mother to The Brady Bunch on television. Lunch is included at nearby Café Mason before the show. Return to Sacramento immediately following the performance. **\$125**

Wicked

Orpheum Theatre in SF

Saturday, January 9 or

Wednesday, January 13

With its timeless story of friendship and good and evil, audiences of all ages embrace this precursor to *The Wizard Oz* that centers on the early lives of the witches. Seating is in the orchestra for the 2pm matinees. Our Wednesday trips include a light lunch served en route to San Francisco with dinner-on-your-own at Fisherman's Wharf/Pier 39 following the show. Our Saturday trips leave a little earlier and allow you time for lunch at your leisure in the area of Union Square prior to the performance. **Wednesday – \$140, Saturday – \$157**

The Ozark Jubilee

Woodland Opera House

Thursday, January 21

Whether you like Country, Bluegrass, Gospel or just like to laugh, you need to see this musical event of the year at the Woodland Opera House! The Jubilee features several entertainers from Branson including comedian and world-class fiddler Doofus Doolittle. Doofus will have you rolling in the aisles with his unique style of "Hillbilly Humor" and some of the best fiddle music you've heard anywhere! Dinner is included after the 2pm matinee at *Sports Leisure* favorite Morrison's Upstairs. **\$99**

Cirque du Soleil

AT&T Park in SF

Thursday, January 21 or

Saturday, January 23

The always exciting *Cirque Du Soleil* troupe returns to San Francisco with its newest show *Ovo*. Presented in its own blue and yellow



tent adjacent to AT&T Park, each production offers a new story, music, costumes, and artists that stun and amaze with their physical feats. Enjoy lunch at your leisure in Union Square before the 4pm performance. **As tickets must be ordered soon, early reservations are mandatory. Thursday – \$130, Saturday – \$170**

Fiddler On The Roof

Golden Gate Theatre in San Francisco

**Saturday, January 30 or
Wednesday, February 3**

This classic musical returns to San Francisco with acclaimed Chaim Topol, star of the original production in London and Academy Award nominee and Golden Globe award winner for his performance in the motion picture. An audience favorite since it first opened, "Fiddler" tells the story of enduring family bonds expressed with wit, wisdom, and memorable music. Enjoy the unforgettable score of "Sunrise, Sunset," "If I Were a Rich Man," "Matchmaker," and "Traditions" sung by the man who made them so famous and endearing. Seating is in the orchestra for the 2pm matinees. The Saturday itinerary provides time for a no-host lunch in the area of Union Square before the performance. The Wednesday itinerary includes a box lunch en route to San Francisco with a no-host dinner stop at Pier 39/Fisherman's Wharf following the show. **Wednesday – \$138, Saturday – \$158**

The Merry Widow

Gallo Center for the Arts

Sunday, January 31

Join us for this light-hearted, whimsical operetta about a temperamental widow of an outrageously wealthy man in search of a new husband. But there's a catch: if she marries a man from another country, her country will go bankrupt! Watch as an embassy plot to keep her in the country gets tangled by secret affairs and mistaken identity. With lavish parties and political intrigue, this is an entertaining operetta not to be missed! Sunday lunch is included at Dewz Restaurant prior to the 2pm matinee. **\$141**

Cartier & Quilts

Legion of Honor Museum in San Francisco

Tuesday, February 9

Creative genius for the courts of Europe and the rich and famous of America, the name Cartier is synonymous with the ultimate in exquisite and beautiful jewelry. This special exhibit of *Cartier in America* celebrates the imagination and creativity of the master in the 20th century and includes jewelry and art pieces from his own private collection. An audio-guide is included. Remain at the Legion to explore its permanent collection or visit the de Young Museum for its exhibit of Amish Abstraction Quilts. This temporary show features full and crib size quilts made by women of the Amish Communities that use bold patterns and rich colors, highlighting the beauty and complexity of abstract patterns. Lunch is on your own at either of the museum cafés. **\$89**

The Academy & The King

Wednesday, February 10

Combine a visit to the new California Academy of Sciences with the de Young Museum's King Tut exhibit. *Tutankhamun and the Golden Age of the Pharaohs* presents more than 130 important objects, including 50 from the tomb of King Tut. At the Academy of Sciences, explore a rainforest, coral reefs, and the African savannah. An audio guide is included for your enjoyment of the King Tut exhibit. Lunch is on your own in any one of the museum cafés. **\$116**

Les Ballets Trockadero de Monte Carlo

Marin Center in San Rafael

Saturday, February 13

Fabulous, fun, and en pointe, the internationally famous ballet troop Les Ballets Trockadero de Monte Carlo performs with impeccable skill and comic timing. For more than three decades, these professional male dancers combine classic dance, technical mastery, tulle, tutus, and toe-shoes, into delightful entertainment, parody, and hilarity. Seating is in the orchestra for the 8pm performance. Treat yourself to an enjoyable evening including dinner at Le Chalet Basque Restaurant before the show. **\$145**

Guys & Dolls

East Sonora Theatre

Saturday, February 20

On the side streets of NYC, small-time gambler Nathan Detroit bets his big-time pal Sky Masterson that he can't win over the next doll he sees. When she's neighborhood missionary Sarah Brown, the stage is set for high-rolling fun. Bursting with song-and-dance hits such as "Luck Be a Lady Tonight," "Sit Down You're Rocking the Boat," and "Guys and Dolls," it's no wonder this Frank Loesser show has been called the greatest of all American musicals with the finest blend of memorable tunes, witty lyrics, robust humor, tender romance, streetwise sass and overall style. Lunch is included at the venerable National Hotel in Jamestown prior to the 2pm matinee. **\$121**

In the Mood

Gallo Center for the Arts

Wednesday, February 24

Much more than a concert, *In the Mood* presents a retro 1940's musical featuring the *In the Mood Singers and Dancers* with the sensational *String of Pearls Big Band Orchestra*. Relive a time when all America was listening and dancing to the same kind of music, a time when music moved a nation's spirit. KVIE Channel 6 is a proud media partner of this performance. Dinner is included at a new favorite, Dewz Restaurant in Modesto, prior to the 7pm show. **\$162**

Curtains

Leshner Center, Walnut Creek

Saturday, February 27

From the creators of the Broadway megahits *Cabaret* and *Chicago*, comes their newest musical for its first showing on the West Coast. Presented by the Diablo Theatre Company, *Curtains* is a comedy mystery whodunit that tracks the backstage misadventures of a stage-struck detective called in to solve the murder of the star of the show just before its opening. This musical mystery will delight you with its humor, songs, dance, and intrigue as the detective is divided in his attempt to solve the murder and still assure that "the show will go on." Seating is in the orchestra and enjoy an



included lunch at Massimo Restaurant before the 2pm matinee. Return to Sacramento following the show. **\$130**

Chinese New Year in San Francisco

Sunday, February 28

Our always popular celebration takes us to Buddha's Universal Church to celebrate the coming Year of the Tiger and for its new production, *Change of Heart*. Presented in Cantonese and English and set in the time of ancient China, the show tells the story of three families who become entangled in a web of love, wealth, and deceit. With beautiful costumes, staging, and surprises, this annual tour is a **Sports Leisure** favorite. Before the 2pm performance, enjoy an included lunch served family-style at the historic Cathay House in Chinatown. **\$94**

Band of the Irish Guard & Royal Regiment of Scotland

Marin Center, San Rafael

Friday, March 5

Enjoy all the color, music, pomp, and pageantry of two of the most famous British regiments in one exciting performance. Formed on the expressed wish of Queen Victoria in 1900, the Band of Irish Guards and Royal Regiment of Scotland continue to play for British ceremonial occasions as well as entertain audiences throughout the world. Seating is in the orchestra. Before the 8pm performance, dinner is included at Ristorante La Toscana in San Rafael. **\$163**

The Way to San Jose

Sunday, March 14

We've combined three special elements to create an all new tour! Begin with a Sunday morning journey to one of our favorite spots for Sunday Brunch, the Dolce Hayes Mansion in San Jose. A feast for the eyes as well as the stomach, the buffet includes all your favorites! Next pay a visit to the Winchester Mystery House where we will learn the *real* story behind Sarah Winchester and the impressive home she built on to continuously for over 20 years. Return home in style aboard Amtrak's *Capitol* train in the afternoon, arriving back in Sacramento around 5:30 pm. **\$165**

San Francisco's 49-Mile Scenic Seagull Tour

Featuring lunch at the historic Cliff House

Tuesday, March 23

This daytrip sold out earlier this year and so did the second departure. Featuring local expert Craig Smith, be treated to all the important attractions and beauty of "The City" on a tour that was designed for visitors to the 1939 Golden Gate Expo & Fair. See Little Italy, North Point, Presidio National Park, Fort Point, Sea Cliff, Land's End, Union Square, Chinatown, and Golden Gate Park. Savor a magnificent ocean view and a hosted lunch at the historic Cliff House Restaurant. **\$129**

Movies & A Mission

Wednesday, March 24

This new daytrip features a visit to the small community of Niles, now a part of the city of Fremont. Back in the early days of motion pictures, Niles was home to a silent movie empire famous for its westerns starring Gilbert M. "Broncho Billy" Anderson. Visit the Niles Essanay Silent Movie Theatre for a tour and a showing of several silent film classics that were filmed in Niles. A short walking tour delivers you to lunch at the Essanay Café. Returning home, pause at the Mission San Jose, established in 1797 as the 14th of California's historic missions. **\$111**

San Francisco Flower & Garden Show

Thursday, March 25

This annual show resumes at its new location in San Mateo with its spectacular wonderland of home and garden ideas to awe and inspire you. Experience beautiful full-scale gardens, attend seminars by master gardeners, and enjoy the vast marketplace filled with thousands of plants, gardening tools, and products to take home for your own garden. Lunch is on-your-own from the onsite vendors or in the garden café. **\$90**

Spring in Sonora

Sunday, March 28

Your journey through the foothills begins with a tour of the imposing Preston Castle, a remnant of earlier times. Farther up in the hills, brunch awaits you at the Union Hill Inn surrounded by acres of gardens for your strolling pleasure after you have dined. More springtime blossoms and beauty awaits at the landscaped grounds of La Bella Rosa Winery where you can choose to sip some wine or wander the grounds smelling the flowers. **\$111**

Getting Around San Francisco

Thursday, April 1

This **Sports Leisure** original has been around a long time! Begin with *SuperCoach III* service to the East Bay to meet our buddy BART (Bay Area Rapid Transit). A short time later emerge from under the bay in downtown San Francisco and board a cable car that will whisk you over the hills to Fisherman's Wharf for an included lunch at the venerable Franciscan Restaurant. After some time to explore the wharf, board the Vallejo Ferry for a cruise across San Francisco and San Pablo Bays where *SuperCoach III* will be waiting to return you home. **\$130**

Broadway Today!

Gallo Center for the Arts, Modesto

Saturday, April 3

The only thing better than spending an evening at a current Broadway show is spending an evening with ALL of them! Seasoned performers David Burnham, Julia Murney, Lisa Howard and Jason Graae let you experience *Wicked*, *MAMMA MIA!*, *Jersey Boys*, *Spamalot*, *The Producers* and more, all in one show! Enjoy dinner at new Modesto favorite Dewz Restaurant prior to the 8pm performance. **\$163**

REMEMBER MEAL CHOICES

When you receive your itinerary/confirmation for a trip, check to see if a meal choice is needed and take a minute to make your selection by calling our office or returning your choice with your payment. Thank you.

Notes from the Road

From www.sportsleisure.com, Sports Leisure on the web, excerpts from Mark's Travel Blog... to read more, go to www.sportsleisure.com and click on "The Traveler Online."

Posted September 9, 2009

Airlines Continue to Goose the Flying Public, or, Grab Your Ankles, Here Come the Airlines Again

Airlines continue to tack on fees and added charges anywhere they can in what seems to this observer to be a remarkably effective way to aggravate even the occasional traveler. In fact, if you are flying one of the "legacy" carriers (United, American, US Air, Delta/Northwest and Continental), taking a short trip and checking two bags, it's entirely possible that the government-imposed taxes on your ticket, combined with the charges to check your bags, could end up being more than the cost of the actual transportation!

Airlines have taken the same view as rental car companies, who for years have been tacking on everything from the fees they pay the airport to do business there (my landlord calls it rent, they call it a "concession fee" on the bill), to property taxes (I kid you not, take a look at the invoice) to ridiculous charges to refill the gas tank (\$5, \$6 even \$7 a gallon). It took the airlines a little while to figure out how to play this game, but greed is helping them close the gap quickly, and it's not good news for travelers.

There seems to be no end in sight to the fee-free-for-all. Ryan Air, a low-cost carrier in the UK, is installing one pound coin slots in the toilets on board their planes. Don't have correct change you say? Hmm, guess it will be a long trip. Which US airline will be the first to add this insult to previous injury? Stay tuned, and keep your hand on your wallet, especially on your way to the airport. Or the john.

Posted September 19, 2009

The End of An Era...Peter, Paul and...

This post has very little to do with travel. It has a lot to do with life. Mary Travers passed away Wednesday, September 16th. Many don't know her by her last name, but rather by her first. For the last 4+ decades, she has been the "Mary" of one of America's legendary folk trios, Peter, Paul & Mary.

For some, they were three people who wrote songs protesting the war in Vietnam and other social injustices. Some probably considered them left-wing wackos (and still do). But I suggest to you they were (and still are) the conscience of the country, often during times of great social stress and disagreement.

They wrote of real places like El Salvador, and of magical characters like Puff, The Magic Dragon. People say to be at one of their concerts was like taking a trip through time, through our country in the last 40 years. That's what people say. Personally, I don't know. For despite the fact that **Sports Leisure Vacations** took people to see the famous trio in concert many times, I was never able to tag along. You know, one of those things you keep putting off, thinking there will always be another chance. This time there won't be another chance. It makes me sad.

Peter and Paul have indicated they will carry on. It's reassuring to know they will continue to carry their message of social justice

and hope. They have entertained countless millions of people in their careers as musicians. I hope it will be the same, but I know it will not.

Never put off until tomorrow what you can do today. Farewell Mary Travers. Thank you for the joy you brought to our lives. Amen.

Posted October 2, 2009

Welcome to Abilene, Kansas, home of President Eisenhower and Glenda, The Good Witch

While on a scouting trip last week to finalize plans for our upcoming **Paths of the Presidents** tour, we made a stop in Abilene, Kansas. A town of about 6,000, it has the distinction of being the hometown and the final resting place of President Dwight D. Eisenhower (his wife Mamie was also laid to rest in Abilene). The first thing that strikes you about Abilene is that it is definitely a "Main Street of America" town. It has that wonderful small town feel. As you drive through the main residential area, you find beautiful modest homes, each looking like it came from the 1950's (indeed, many did). It's as though time has stood still in Abilene, and that's not a bad thing.

A stop at the Convention and Visitors Bureau office turned out to be a treat. We were warmly welcomed and our questions about potential dining spots for our small band of travelers in October were discussed. That's when we met Glenda, the Good Witch. Actually, she's Glenda Purkis, Director of the CVB. On her desk, next to her business cards, is a miniature reproduction of Glenda, the Good Witch from *The Wizard of Oz*. After all, this is Kansas.

Thanks Glenda, for the warm welcome. We'll be back soon.

Posted October 18, 2009

On the road in search of Mystery (and discovery)...

...Across this great land, I come home with the knowledge that another of our popular Mystery Tours is going to be a big hit with our more adventurous travelers. For the past five days, two of us (Ryan Quinn, the man who is redesigning our web site and updating it to be as user-friendly as possible, served as navigator) have wound our way through two states, in search of the perfect additions to our spring Mystery Tour, Born in the USA.

We found some wonderful places to eat, things to see, places to discover. But since it's a mystery tour, I can't tell you about them. At least not completely. But what if you could spend a week on the road (ok, technically 8 days) and learn how things are made, how our country grew to take its place in the world, and be treated to a variety of cultural and fun experiences along the way? **What if I told you you would stay in one of the finest and most exclusive resorts in the country, enjoy the chance to sample wonderful foods and see things you never knew existed? Would that spark your interest?**

You missed Lewis and Clark's expedition, you didn't sail with Columbus, but that doesn't mean you can't go in search of discovery...

New Vacations and Getaways

Vicki Lawrence and Mama in San Diego

At the Welk Resort Theatre

2 Days • January 30-31

Fresh from the success of our recent trip to spend an evening with Carol Burnett, here's a chance to see one of Carol's co-stars from her wonderful variety show. Vicki Lawrence thrilled us during her eleven seasons on the *Carol Burnett Show* followed by six seasons on her own sitcom, *Mama's Family*. Vicki's live show chronicles those remarkable years and beyond as she sings, performs stand-up comedy and, of course, portrays her alter ego "Mama," the cranky, acid-tongued curmudgeon with politically incorrect observations about life.

1. Be greeted at your door by Carey Transportation this morning and enjoy door-to-door service to Sacramento Airport. Fly to San Diego and pay a visit to Little Italy. An authentic Italian lunch and a personal tour of this thriving neighborhood are both unique experiences. After checking into your hotel, journey to nearby Escondido, home of the Lawrence Welk Resort. Dinner is included at the resort's Canyon Grille, followed by *Vicki Lawrence & Mama* in the Welk Resort Theatre at 8pm. **Hilton Garden Inn (L,D)**

2. Explore the *USS Midway* this morning. Moored along San Diego's beautiful waterfront, the history of this vessel is a long and storied one. Ham's Lighthouse is **always** a great place for Sunday Brunch and located close to the airport for your return flight to Sacramento where cars from Carey Transportation are ready to deliver you home. **(BR)**

The tour includes door-to-door service, roundtrip airfare from Sacramento to San Diego, deluxe motorcoach transportation, all attractions as listed in the itinerary, 3 meals (1BR,1L,1D), and the services of a **Sports Leisure Vacations** Tour Director.

\$805 p.p./dbl.occ., \$855 single
Save \$25 until December 8

Diva Nation in Redding

Featuring the popular *Four Bitchin' Babes* at the Cascade Theater

2 Days • May 1-2

After seven recordings and nearly 20 years, the *Four Bitchin' Babes*, the multi-talented gal pals, unveil their new show – *Diva Nation*... where music, laughter, and girlfriends reign! With their whimsical, hip and sophisticated girl-group harmonies, these hysterically funny and multi-talented musicians let loose and take you to a magical place where chocolate is a vegetable, wine is in the food pyramid, shopping for shoes is medicinal, and a girl can safely admit that she wears 100% cotton underneath it all! Don't miss this return trip to the beautifully restored Cascade Theatre!

1. Board *SuperCoach III* this morning bound for Chico where a quick stop for lunch at your leisure and shopping precedes an early arrival in Redding. Our 4pm show at the historic Cascade Theater features the *Four Bitchin' Babes* whose repertoire includes such memorable songs as "Viagra in the Water," "Toe to Toe with the HMO," "Microwave Life," and "New Shoes, New Tools." Following the late afternoon show, enjoy a wonderful dinner, overlooking the Sacramento, at Rivers Restaurant. **Red Lion Hotel (D)**

2. Enjoy an early Sunday Brunch at Marie Calendar's before visiting the McConnell Botanical Gardens and Arboretum. Located on the north side of the famous Sundial Bridge designed by famed architect Santiago Calatrava, the gardens comprise 20 acres of Mediterranean-climate display gardens, a children's garden, a medicinal garden, and two beautiful and unique water features. Return to Sacramento in the afternoon. **(BR)**

This tour includes deluxe motorcoach transportation, accommodations, all attractions listed above including orchestra seating for the show, 2 meals (1BR,1D) and the services of a **Sports Leisure Vacations** Tour Director.

\$445 p.p./dbl.occ., \$490 single
Save \$15 until December 8

Celebrate Shakespeare!

Featuring the 75th Anniversary of the Oregon Shakespeare Festival in Ashland

4 Days • June 22-25

★ Highlights ★

- Watch three performances, *Hamlet*, *Twelfth Night*, and Jane Austen's *Pride & Prejudice*. Want more? Enjoy an optional performance of the romantic comedy *She Loves Me*
- Behind-the-scenes tour of the festival grounds and theaters
- Dinner with a guest speaker from the festival, Backstage Tour of the festival grounds
- Visit historic Jacksonville with lunch at the Jacksonville Inn
- 3 nights accommodations at the Plaza Inn & Suites on Ashland Creek
- 7 meals: 3 expanded continental breakfasts, 3 lunches, 1 dinner
- Deluxe motorcoach transportation on board *SuperCoach III*
- Door-to-door service from your home

Our annual trip to Ashland to visit the Oregon Shakespeare Festival returns in 2010 to celebrate 75 years of Shakespeare in Southern Oregon. The festival pays tribute to its heritage by staging the two plays that started it all: the king of all dramas, *Hamlet*, and the treasured comedy *Twelfth Night*.

1. Be met at your door by Carey Transportation and be delivered to **Sports Leisure's** office. Once on board *SuperCoach III*, head north pausing in Redding for lunch at Rivers Restaurant. Arrive in Ashland in the mid afternoon. Dinner tonight is at the historic Winchester Inn with a guest speaker from the festival. Speakers in the past have included wardrobe managers, guests artists, and actors in residence. Your accommodations for the next three nights are among the best in town where an expanded continental breakfast is included each morning and peanut butter and jelly sandwiches are available before bedtime! **Plaza Inn & Suites on Ashland Creek – 3 nights (L,D)**



2. Join us for a special behind-the-scenes tour of the festival grounds and theaters this morning. Your guide is always happy to share information about the new season and, in fact, may be a familiar face in one of the upcoming performances you are here to see! After lunch at your leisure, your first show is considered Shakespeare's dramatic classic, *Hamlet*. In Denmark, a king is dead. His brother, Claudius, has snatched the throne and the widowed queen. Life goes on – for everyone but Prince Hamlet who is haunted by the ghost of his father and is told to avenge his murder. Following dinner at your leisure enjoy a staged performance of Jane Austen's *Pride & Prejudice*. Mrs. Bennet will stop at nothing to obtain advantageous matches for her five middle-class daughters. Elizabeth, however, as the witty and outspoken child, might be more difficult to marry. Can Elizabeth's dislike of the eligible Mr. Darcy be overcome? **(ECB,L)**

3. Enjoy a late morning trip to historic Jacksonville with lunch included at the Jacksonville Inn. After some time to browse the shops, return to Ashland for an optional matinee performance of the romantic comedy, *She Loves Me*. Based on the play that also inspired the film, *You've Got Mail*, the story concerns two anonymous pen pals who are very much in love. Little do they know that by day they are quarreling clerks in the same shop who can't stand each other! The cost of this optional show is \$55. This evening, our final performance is another romantic comedy, *Twelfth Night*. Both Orsino and Olivia's households have love on the brain. When Viola, a shipwrecked castaway, disguises herself as a boy and finds work as Orsino's servant, she becomes entangled in an awkward love triangle in a story that ends happily for (almost) everyone. **(ECB,L)**

4. Heading home today, pause in the small community of Weed to visit the town's pride and joy, the Lumber Museum. Learn about the role that big timber played in the founding of the community and then enjoy lunch at String's Pasta Café in the town of Mount Shasta. Arrive back in Sacramento in the late afternoon where cars from Carey Transportation will be waiting for you. **(ECB,L)**

\$1345 p.p./dbl.occ., \$1610 single
Save \$50 until December 8

TEASERS – Tours we are considering...

Searching for Lake Wobegon, Minnesota's Mythical Town

Not only is the town's whereabouts unknown, the tour's dates are too!

5 Days • Spring 2010

★ Highlights ★

- See a live performance of **A Prairie Home Companion** in St. Paul's Fitzgerald Theater, starring Garrison Keillor
- Take the "Gangster Tour" of St. Paul, historical sites dating back to the days of the Roaring 20's
- More entertainment: a night of local comedy theater, The Spamettes in Austin, German singers in New Ulm
- Explore rural Minnesota and "find" the places that make up mythical Lake Wobegon – New Prague, New Ulm, St. Cloud, Austin
- 8 meals: 2 exp. continental breakfasts, 1 breakfast, 3 lunches, 2 dinners
- Round trip airfare to Sac/Minneapolis
- Door-to-door airport service
- Tour Director: **Mark Hoffmann**

For over three decades, National Public Radio has aired **A Prairie Home Companion** on Saturday nights across this country. It is the second longest-running radio program, after the Grand Ol' Opry. It stars Garrison Keillor, hosting a weekly montage of Americana. On our last visit, we ran into the annual "joke show." It was indeed, a riot of laughter. This tour includes tickets to see a performance of **A Prairie Home Companion** at the Fitzgerald Theater in St. Paul.

Each week, during the show, Garrison talks about his "hometown," a mythical village in Minnesota named Lake Wobegon. The town doesn't actually exist, but it's one of the most famous places in the United States. At least, it didn't exist until **Sports Leisure Travelers** went looking for it. That was back in 2005. Now it's time for the second trip, another **Searching for Lake Wobegon**. In truth, you'll see some of Minnesota's neat small towns, and spend a day looking for the landmarks Garrison talks about each week.

Our challenge: The show is done at its "home" theater for 4-6 weeks in the spring and fall. Schedules are announced

2-3 months in advance. We have already solicited names in the past, and do so again now here, because when the dates become known in the spring, we will have to put our group together in a matter of days to secure show tickets and airfare.

Call today to place your name on the **Priority Notification List!** We will notify you when the tickets become available and the trip is scheduled.

Classic Ballparks

Unique baseball venues and experiences

7-9 Days • Summer 2010

Here's our dream. A ballpark trip that includes all sorts of unique baseball experiences. Like watching a game from atop the Green Monster at Fenway Park, or a visit to the new Yankee Stadium (and maybe the Mets' new digs if we can swing it), a stop at the Yogi Berra Museum in Hoboken, a chance to share an evening with baseball's more ardent fans in St. Louis' new park, a night of luxury in a box directly behind home plate in Seattle. The 7-9 day thing is with the thinking we might make the trip to the Hall of Fame in Cooperstown an option, as many have been there before (but many will go again). **Call today with your interest!**

Future Holland America Cruises

Here are two Holland America cruise destinations we are considering for our schedule in late 2010 or early 2011. Please call our office and ask to be put on the **Priority Notification List(s)**. Prices with air will be in the **\$4,000-\$4,500** range (p.p./dbl.occ.).

(1) Southeast Asia, 12-days Hong Kong to Singapore, November 2010. This cruise visits China, Vietnam, Bangkok, Thailand and Cambodia. What a wonderful way to visit Southeast Asia, with your own floating hotel. Vietnam is the focus, but the itinerary offers you the opportunity to visit a variety of countries.

(2) Brazil & Argentina Discovery is 14 days from Rio de Janeiro to Buenos Aires and back to Rio in March of 2011. This cruise makes eight stops in Brazil, Uruguay and Argentina.

Our Holiday Season for 2009

Very Limited Space – Call NOW for reservations

A Small Town Christmas

Featuring the warm hospitality, charm and bounty of the Central Valley during the holidays

3 Days • December 4-6

If you enjoy wonderful dining and nostalgic Christmas experiences then this is the trip for you! See the lights of Christmas Tree Lane at night, an old-fashioned community parade where everyone comes out to watch, and small towns that have Main Streets decorated for Santa. And did we mention dining at several of the valley's best restaurants? And there will be plenty of time for picking up a few unique gifts too!

You'll enjoy holiday entertainment at the Reedley Opera House and wonderful accommodations for two nights at the Marriott Hotel in Visalia. Traverse Fresno's beautiful Christmas Tree Lane, a tradition begun long, long ago. Be introduced to the fine crafting of olive oil, and explore historic Exeter, a hidden gem of a town. In Kingsburg, witness the annual Christmas Lights parade, featuring decorated vehicles of all types! There are lots of shopping stops and a general holiday spirit on this inexpensive outing. Call for the complete day-by-day itinerary.

The tour includes door-to-door transfers, deluxe transportation on board *SuperCoach III*, accommodations, all attractions and 6 meals, and the services of **Sports Leisure Vacations** Tour Director **Ramona Goodge**. 800/900 Gold Passport Points

\$795 p.p./dbl.occ., \$880 single

Christmas Boats in Seattle with Captain Jeff

Featuring the Holiday Parade of Boats, a unique way to get into the holiday "spirit"

3 Days • December 11-13

1. Enjoy transportation from your home to the airport and depart Sacramento for Seattle. The *Island Spirit* and our good friend Captain Jeff Behrens is waiting to greet you with a welcome luncheon. Cruise Lake Union with its floating homes and houseboats and

then east to view Bill and Melinda Gates' home followed by cruising the exclusive waterfront of Medina and Meydenbauer Bay. Afterwards, enjoy an included cocktail hour followed by a wonderful shipboard dinner. Tonight we anchor in a quiet Lake Washington cove at Seward Park. **(L,D)**

2. Enjoy a morning stroll around the deck or relax before Sunday Brunch. Today we visit the Kirkland wharf and the shops on the east side of Lake Washington. There's time to shop and explore before continuing to the Seattle waterfront to rendezvous with the special parade of Christmas Ships. We'll fall in line with carolers and brightly lit boats of every shape and size. **(BR,D)**

3. After a hearty breakfast we say bon voyage to Captain Jeff and the crew of the *Island Spirit*. Spend the day in Seattle, enjoying High Tea this afternoon before returning to Sacramento. **(B,HT)**

The tour includes door-to-door transfers, round trip airfare from Sacramento to Seattle, accommodations on board the *Island Spirit*, all attractions and meals listed in the itinerary, and the services of a **Sports Leisure Vacations** Tour Director. 1000/1300 Gold Passport Points

\$999 p.p./dbl.occ., \$1299 single

Christmas Celebrations at the Davenport Hotel

Featuring the holiday lights on Lake Coeur d'Alene

3 days • December 12-14

★ Highlights ★

- Enjoy 2 nights of elegance and comfort in the accommodations of the historic Davenport Hotel
- Feast upon the bounty of the lavish Davenport Sunday Brunch
- Bask in the festive spirit of lights with an evening cruise on Lake Coeur d'Alene
- Visit the Chocolate Apothecary, sure to fill all your chocolate prescriptions
- Tour the Greenbluff area visiting local

farms and artisans

- 4 Meals: 1 Brunch, 2 Lunches, 1 Dinner
- Round trip airfare: Sacramento/Spokane
- Door-to-door airport service
- 1250/1400 Gold Passport Points

The historic Davenport Hotel is one of the grand hotels of America. You will find her in downtown Spokane. This phoenix of hotels has quite a story within her walls and you will have an opportunity to spend two nights basking in the opulence and comfort of this grand lady while she is decked out for the holidays. Upon your arrival the first night, a Christmas tree auction will be in full swing, so the public areas will be decorated with a variety of trees for viewing. On Sunday, the Gingerbread House contest begins with confectioners working to create dozens of spectacular houses and scenes out of icing and edibles. These will be on display in the Grand Pennington Ballroom and throughout the Mezzanine on Sunday.

Speaking of fine eats, the Davenport has one of the finest Sunday Brunches and a reservation has been made for you in the Isabella Ballroom! Enjoy a lavish spread of salads, baked goods, carved meats and entrées. The highlight is the towering fountain streaming with chocolate! Won't you come along for this festive vacation at the Davenport? We'll also take you to the nearby Couer d'Alene Resort for a Christmas Light Cruise to Santa's Village and learn the history of the Davenport on a private tour. A special "chocolate" stop highlights day three, prior to your return flight.

\$1240 p.p./dbl.occ., \$1385 single

Reagan and The Rose Parade

Featuring the 121st Pasadena Rose Parade

2 Days • December 31 – January 1, 2010

One seat available at press time. Call for more information.

\$875 p.p./dbl.occ., \$950 single



A Day at the Villa, a Night in Vienna

Featuring the Walt Disney Concert Hall and The Getty Villa

3 Days • January 2-4, 2010

1. Start with a quick one hour flight to Southern California. Santa Monica Pier is the home of The Lobster Restaurant, and your host for lunch today. Nearby in Malibu, visit the Getty Villa, original home of the Getty Collection of Art. Today, the Villa houses the Getty's Greek and Roman antiquities. Across the Los Angeles Basin, Pasadena is your home for two nights and your hotel is a delightfully boutique experience, right in the heart of downtown Pasadena. **Courtyard By Marriott Old Town – 2 nights (L)**

2. Pasadena is one of the most overlooked destinations in Southern California. Learn

about the arts, cultural and diverse dining destination the city has become on a personalized tour. A Sunday Brunch buffet at the Twin Palms Restaurant follows, featuring brunch classics as well as new takes on American cuisine. This afternoon, celebrate the New Year in Viennese style with *A Salute to Vienna* at that acoustic gem, the Walt Disney Concert Hall. Modeled after the traditional New Year's concerts in the grand city of Vienna, the performance includes an international cast of musicians, singers and dancers performing in dazzling splendor! Following the matinee concert, enjoy an early dinner at another Disney landmark, the Tam O'Shanter Restaurant. Walt and his crew ate here so often, the "Tam" was often referred to as the Walt Disney Studio's commissary. **(BR,D)**

3. Just south of Pasadena proper in San Marino, the Huntington Library is set amid 120 acres of beautiful botanical gardens, including the newly opened Chinese Garden. It's also home to one of the most impressive collections of rare books and manuscripts and fantastic art objects. Experience an introductory tour this morning followed by a High Tea luncheon buffet and then time to explore the library, art galleries, and grounds on your own. A late afternoon flight returns you to Sacramento in the early evening. **(HT)**

The tour includes door-to-door transfers, round trip airfare, deluxe transportation, accommodations, all attractions and meals listed in the itinerary, and the services of a **Sports Leisure Vacations** Tour Director. 1250/1400 Gold Passport Points

\$1245 p.p./dbl.occ., \$1375 single

CASINO OVERNIGHTERS

A Classic Christmas Celebration

John Ascuaga's Nugget Hotel/Casino

2 Days • December 13-14

This holiday show will captivate you with its multi-talented cast decked out in a dazzling display of fabulous costumes. Experience the treasured sights and sounds of your favorite holiday songs. Your accommodations will be at the Nugget where you will receive a \$5 bonus as well as a \$3 food credit. There will be a three hour stop at the Silver Legacy in downtown Reno where you will receive an additional \$5 bonus. 175/200 Gold Passport Points **\$169 p.p./dbl.occ., \$185 single; \$145 p.p./dbl.occ., \$161 single without the show**

Take the Snow Train to Reno

February 11-12

Last year two sold-out groups experienced our snow train trips to Reno on board Amtrak's *California Zephyr*. The train departs Sacramento at 11am and arrives in Reno around 4pm. The scenery should be beautiful with snow-capped mountains and gorgeous views of Donner Lake from high above its southern shore. Watch the scenery from your reserved seat or from the domed observation car. We'll include a box lunch for you to take on board so you won't miss a thing! Once in Reno, stay at the Silver Legacy where you'll enjoy a \$5 cash bonus and \$3 food credit. An optional stop at the Nugget in Sparks on the second day will be offered and includes a \$5 bonus if you participate. The package includes passage to Reno on the *Zephyr*, a boxed lunch, accommodations, casino bonuses, and return transportation to Sacramento on board *SuperCoach III*. 225/250 Gold Passport Points **\$209 p.p./dbl.occ., \$229 single**

CASINO DAYTRIPS to Lake Tahoe return in February. Please watch the next newsletter for future dates.

Abbacadabra – The Ultimate ABBA Concert

Harrah's Hotel & Casino in Reno

2 Days • March 18-19

With the resurgence of the 1970's, the music of ABBA is finding its way back into the hearts of those who lived it and taking over the hearts of those who are experiencing it for the first time. The tribute show is authentic in music and dress and is performed to live music. "S.O.S.", "Super Trooper" and "Dancing Queen" are re-created with such precision you'll swear you were listening to the original band members themselves. Your overnight accommodations will be at Harrah's in Reno. If including the show in your package, you will receive a \$24 food credit and a bonus coupon book. There is no bonus at Harrah's for those not including the show. There will be an optional four hour casino stop on day two at The Silver Legacy with bonuses of \$6 cash and a \$2 food credit. 175/225 Gold Passport Points. **\$170 p.p./dbl.occ., \$205 single with show, \$130 p.p./dbl.occ., \$165 single without show**

The Rat Pack

At the Eldorado

March 21-22

This Las Vegas production is a glorious live tribute to three of the greatest entertainers in show business history and has proved to be one of the most popular of all the "Rat Pack" style shows anywhere. The three world class impersonators include all of Frank, Dean and Sammy's most popular songs in this show and features a live band on stage. Your accommodations will be at the Silver Legacy where you will receive \$5 cash and a \$3 food credit. There will be an optional casino stop on day two at John Ascuaga's Nugget; those who go will receive an additional \$5 cash bonus. 200/225 Gold Passport Points **\$189 p.p./dbl.occ., \$209 single; \$149 p.p./dbl.occ., \$169 single without show**

Where the day-by-day itinerary is not listed, please refer to our 2010 Tour Catalog, *Imagine*; contact our office, or visit our web site at www.sportsleisure.com for complete details. All tours in this section now include door-to-door service, with the exception of Springtime in Yosemite and if you prefer to meet SuperCoach III at our office, you will receive a credit of \$50 per person.

Whales and Wild Things

Featuring two nights at the Clement Monterey Intercontinental Hotel on Cannery Row

3 Days • February 16-18

★ Highlights ★

- Fine dining at the Sardine Factory
- Movie tour or whale watching
- Behind-the-scenes tour at the Monterey Bay Aquarium
- Meet the exotic animals of Wild Things
- Door-to-door service to and from the **Sports Leisure** office
- Travel in comfort on *SuperCoach III*
- 4 meals: 3 lunches and 1 dinner
- 1050/1200 Gold Passport Points
- See page 10 of *Imagine*, our 2010 catalog

\$1045 p.p./dbl.occ., \$1170 single

Save \$10 per person until December 8

Spring Blossoms in the Valley

Featuring the blooms of the fruit and nut orchards in the central valley

3 Days • February 25-27

1. Depart Sacramento this morning after enjoying door-to-door transportation to the **Sports Leisure** office to meet *SuperCoach III*. On our drive down the valley, enjoy the signs of spring and life as the fruit and nut trees burst forth in a riot of color. Even the roadsides and fields offer up a variety of spring blossoms. Following a delicious, authentic Greek lunch at the St. Nicholas Ranch, visit the Life-Giving Springs Monastery, a Byzantine-inspired architectural "gem" located in the Sierra foothills. Enjoy a short tour of this amazing church, with Greek

coffee prepared especially for you by the Sisters, with time to visit their tiny gift shop that supports their work. In the afternoon, relax at the Squaw Valley Herb Gardens with an informal talk and demonstration about the history and folklore of herbs. Herb grower Rosemary will share her insights, recipes and remedies with you as you immerse yourself in the beauty of the gardens. An inviting and comfortable room awaits you in Visalia, after an inspiring and delicious adventure in the Sierra Foothills. **Visalia Marriott – 2 nights (L)**

2. From research to how it is really grown, it is all about life down on the farm today. Begin with a visit to the UC Lindcove Research Station, a 175-acre farm dedicated to citrus research. We will have a chance to talk with the agricultural researchers and then we'll go to the Seven Sycamores Ranch to chat with a citrus grower. We'll spend our day out and around the valley surrounded by the snow-capped Sierra Nevada, California poppies and miles and miles of blossoms. This evening, enjoy a walk down Visalia's Main Street where you can dine at one of the many fine restaurants of this charming community. **(B,L)**

3. Our journey through the valley continues this morning as we meander north, stopping in Kingsburg to learn about dried fruits and nuts, and perhaps even mix up a batch of

your own personal trail mix. After lunch, visit the Fresno Metropolitan Museum, which has just re-opened after being closed for several years. The Fresno Met houses a nice collection of Ansel Adams photos as well as a selection of 19th and 20th century California landscape paintings. Return to Sacramento in the early evening. 700/800 Gold Passport Points. **(B,L)**

\$699 p.p./dbl.occ., \$789 single

Save \$10 until December 8

Putting on the Ritz in New Orleans and the Gulf Coast

America's most exclusive accommodations and finest food are calling you back to the Gulf Coast!

6 Days • February 28 – March 5

★ Highlights ★

- 3 nights in the Iberville Suites by Ritz Carlton in the French Quarter
- 2 nights oceanfront at the luxurious Beau Rivage in Biloxi
- Scenic tours of each destination
- Visit Long Vue House and Beauvoir, the Jefferson Davis Shrine
- Sunset cruise on the Gulf of Mexico
- 11 fabulous meals including the Court of Two Sisters and Brennan's, 3 breakfasts, 2 expanded continental breakfasts, 1 lunch, 5 dinners
- Round trip airfare Sacramento/New Orleans



Marvel at the orchards along the Blossom Trail

- Door-to-door airport transportation
- Tour Director: **Clayton Whitehead**
- 2100/2300 Gold Passport Points
- See page 37 of *Imagine*, our 2010 catalog

You're invited to witness the rebirth of a region. It's time to go back to New Orleans and the Mississippi Gulf Coast. Our timing at the start of the spring season assures cool breezes and low humidity. Of course, real Southern Hospitality knows no season. You can expect that served up daily in heaping portions! **This has been one of the most popular tours for 2010.**

\$2080 p.p./dbl.occ., \$2295 single

Death Valley National Park and the Sierra Nevada

Featuring Manzanar National Historic Site, Scotty's Castle and Highway 395
5 Days • March 7-11

★ Highlights ★

- Visit Manzanar National Historic Site, situated at the base of the Eastern Sierra Nevada
- Spend 2 days touring in Death Valley National Park, visiting Scotty's Castle, Ubehebe Crater, Zabriskie's Point, the Devil's Golf Course and Badwater Salt Flats
- Travel along Highway 395 enjoying the spectacular Eastern Sierra Nevada
- 10 meals: 1 expanded continental breakfast, 2 breakfasts, 1 brunch, 4 lunches, 2 dinners
- Round trip transportation on *SuperCoach* III

- Door-to-door transportation
- 1300/1550 Gold Passport Points
- See the complete itinerary on page 13 of our *Imagine* catalog

Death Valley... its name alone conjures up all sorts of images. It is one of California's hidden treasures; one of her most misunderstood natural beauties; home to one of California's most colorful and loveable scoundrels. Early seekers of gold found it by mistake, and over the years Hollywood adventurers, international scientists and tourists have come to experience the wonders and beauty of the region. Won't you join us as we rediscover the magnificence of Death Valley? You are sure to be surprised by the beauty, intrigued by the stories and awed by the splendor that is Death Valley National Park and the Eastern Sierra Nevada.

\$1295 p.p./dbl.occ., \$1510 single

Rich Man, Poor Man, a Casino Resort Mystery

5 Days • March 21-25

One of the most unique casino mysteries we have ever offered. You will stay two nights at two completely different resorts. The first, well think Laughlin. No, we are not going to Laughlin. For the second, think the Beau Rivage on the Mississippi Gulf Coast (or just think luxury).

Okay, the clues. Annie Oakley would be right at home here with the desperado and a bottle of whiskey. Walk down cobblestone

streets with old world charm. Are we in Europe? Maybe Boston? No, we are much closer to home than that. There are plentiful gaming opportunities, of course, as well as excellent shopping, spa treatments and even golfing. (You think Scott planned this one?) The tour includes door-to-door airport service, direct air to and from your destination, two nights at two different resorts, 7 meals (4B,2L,1D) and service of a **Sports Leisure** Tour Director. 1400/1550 Gold Passport Points

\$1365 p.p./dbl.occ., \$1510 single
Save \$35 until December 8

Planes and Trains of Southern California

A host of fun and interesting aviation and rail experiences in the Golden State

5 Days • March 25-29

★ Highlights ★

- Tour Union Station in Los Angeles, experience lunch at Traxx Restaurant and ride the Red Line to Hollywood
- Discover the recently renovated Griffith Observatory
- Ride the rails of the Fillmore and Western Railroad and visit the Orange Empire Rail Museum in Perris
- Visit the Flight Path Learning Center and have lunch at Encounter at LAX
- Explore the famous Planes of Fame in Chino, the aircraft of March Field Air Museum, and Van Nuys Airport
- Tour Pasadena's Jet Propulsion Lab (JPL), home of NASA's robotics program
- Round trip air Sacramento/Burbank
- 8 meals: 3 breakfasts, 1 brunch, 4 lunches
- Door-to-door airport service
- 1500/1750 Gold Passport Points
- See page 16 of our 2010 tour catalog *Imagine*

Our tours that include rail and aviation experiences continue to be in high demand. Join us on this **new** tour to Southern California and visit several never-been-there-before destinations that celebrate the history of planes and trains in the Golden State.

\$1485 p.p./dbl.occ., \$1725 single
Save \$25 until December 8



Scotty's Castle is a much visited spot in Death Valley

Palm Springs and The Glory of Easter

Featuring the Fabulous Palm Springs Follies and the Crystal Cathedral's Glory of Easter

4 Days • March 31 – April 3

1. Be picked up from your home by Carey Transportation and taken to the airport for your morning flight, arriving in Riverside in time for lunch at the historic Mission Inn. This Southern California landmark has an incredible history, truly one of presidents and paupers. Continue on to your desert hotel, which is located in the heart of downtown Palm Springs, convenient to all the boutiques and restaurants on Palm Canyon Drive. Enjoy the evening at your leisure. **The Spa Hotel and Casino – 2 nights (L)**

2. A morning tour acquaints you to the lifestyle of Palm Springs. Lunch at The Kaiser Grill is included before the matinee performance of the *Fabulous Palm Springs Follies*.

This year the *Follies* will celebrate its 19th season with a “happy days” musical-themed show, “Let the Good Times Roll!” The “long-legged lovelies and follies gents” (55 to 85 years young) will be kicking up their heels to the good time music of the 40’s, 50’s, and 60’s... from the Big Bands and Swing to Doo-Wop, through Motown and Pop, they will be singing and dancing the songs of the jukebox and radio. The special guest star is Mary Wilson and your seats are right down front. Tonight, stroll throughout Village Fest as downtown is closed to motor traffic and local artists and food vendors sell their wares. Enjoy the festive atmosphere of the evening market. **(L)**

3. Ride the circular gondolas of the Palm Springs Aerial Tramway to the top of Mt. San Jacinto for lunch. The gondolas have windows all around and the floor rotates slowly so, as you travel up the mountainside, you get a 360-degree view of the valley below. Following lunch, travel to Anaheim, checking into your hotel before the early evening performance of *The Glory of Easter* at the famed Crystal Cathedral. **Embassy Suites – North Anaheim (L)**

4. This morning, visit San Juan Capistrano, the birthplace of Orange County and home to its oldest traditions. It has swallows,

history, legends and storybook heroes and beautiful archeological monuments. Most of the lore is wrapped up and epitomized by its famous historic landmark, the best known of the California missions, Old Mission San Juan Capistrano. A guided tour brings the mission alive. Conclude your stay in Southern California with a walk through peaceful gardens as we make one last stop with a visit to the Sherman Gardens and Library. Enjoy the serenity of the Japanese garden, or the exotics in the tropical conservatory or see what’s blooming in the central flower garden... with roses and herbs, succulents and ferns, annuals and perennials there is plenty growing in these gardens! An afternoon flight from Orange County returns you to Sacramento by 6:30pm. 1400/1600 Gold Passport Points. **(B,L)**

\$1395 p.p./dbl.occ., \$1575 single
Save \$25 until December 8

New York Your Way (A Little Cheaper, Too!)

No one does New York City better than Sports Leisure Vacations. This value-priced trip is no exception!

5 Days • April 7-11

★ Highlights ★

- 4 nights at the Sheraton Manhattan, located in the heart of Times Square
- Tickets to 2 Broadway shows, including one of your choosing and one of ours – the new musical comedy, *The Addams Family*, starring Nathan Lane and Bebe Neuwirth
- Hop-on, hop-off city tour by double-decker bus
- Tour the United Nations or Top of the Rock
- Visit Liberty and/or Ellis Islands
- 4 meals: 1 brunch, 1 lunch, 2 dinners
- Round trip airfare to/from New York’s LaGuardia Airport
- Door-to-door airport service
- 2400/2800 Gold Passport Points

Some of our more independent travelers have asked for a New York vacation with a lower price point and more freedom, but the same great **Sports Leisure** service we’re famous for. Your wish is our command. “New York Your Way” offers a streamlined itinerary

and countless choices, but all the fun and security of our longer, more expensive departures.

\$2395 p.p./dbl.occ., \$2795 single
Save \$75 until December 8

Casino Mystery Overnighter

2 Days • April 7-8

A new casino destination for **Sports Leisure** and three casinos in two days! Here’s an area we’ve been to before but never have we stopped at the casinos along the way. Sure, there’s “gold in them thar hills” but what you really want is cold hard cash, right? We’ll journey over rivers, around a mountain range, and all through both days we’ll be going native. Not enough clues? Sorry, this tour is only an overnigher!

The package includes deluxe motorcoach transportation on board *SuperCoach III*, hotel accommodations, stops at three casinos, and the services of a **Sports Leisure Vacations** Tour Director. 200/225 Gold Passport Points

\$189 p.p./dbl.occ., \$219 single

Trains, Trains, Trains II

Three adventures by rail across the West

8 Days • April 11-18

★ Highlights ★

- Ride the *California Zephyr*, *Southwest Chief* and *Coast Starlight*
- Tour the city of Chicago and have lunch at famous Pizzeria Uno
- Stay 2 nights in downtown Chicago
- Visit the Pullman Historic Site, lunch at Lawry’s, The Prime Rib Restaurant
- Tour Los Angeles and experience the new LA Live
- Stay one night at the Sportsmen’s Lodge, an oasis in the heart of LA
- 15 meals: 4 breakfasts, 6 lunches, 5 dinners
- Door-to-door service
- 2800/4000 Gold Passport Points
- See page 48 of our *Imagine* catalog

Following up our last all-train itinerary in 2009, we’ll head back to Chicago once again but from Sacramento aboard the *California Zephyr*, through the Sierra Nevada and the Rockies. After two nights in Chicago, it’s all aboard the *Southwest Chief*, to pass through



the heart of the Southwest en route to Los Angeles. An overnight stay is included in Studio City. We'll complete the journey home along the coast and through the rich valleys on the *Coast Starlight*.

\$2765 p.p./dbl.occ., \$3985 single
Save \$75 until December 8

The Lincoln Highway – Part I: New York to South Bend

The first leg of a three-part classic highways adventure

10 Days • April 13-22

★ **Highlights** ★

- Visit Princeton and Notre Dame Universities
 - Picture stop in Times Square, the ceremonial start of the highway
 - 2 nights Gettysburg, learn about the man for whom the highway is named at the new NPS Visitors Center, tour the battlefield, meet a famous celebrity
 - Dozens of “off-the-beaten-track” stops
 - Lunch at the Latrobe Country Club, home of Arnold Palmer
 - Explore Ohio’s Amish Country
 - Learn the story of Johnny Appleseed from the legend himself
 - Round trip airfare: Sacramento/NYC, Chicago/Sacramento
 - Door-to-door airport transportation
 - 20 meals: 1 expanded continental breakfast, 8 breakfasts, 6 lunches, 5 dinners
 - Tour Director: **Mark Hoffmann**
 - 3100/3650 Gold Passport Points
 - See page 43 of our *Imagine* catalog
- From buildings shaped like shoes and teapots, to stately universities that have stood for centuries, down the road we go: To explore Ohio’s Amish communities; to the battlefields of Gettysburg, where the historic highway’s namesake had one of his greatest moments; to the country of Johnny Appleseed lore our adventure leads us. From the lights of Times Square to the Studebaker Museum and the campus of Notre Dame in South Bend, Indiana we travel, following the old Indian trail that became America’s first “good road,” **a slice of Americana at it’s best.**

\$3100 p.p./dbl.occ., \$3630 single
Save \$75 until December 8

Tulips and the San Juan Islands With Captain Jeff

Featuring a tour of the New Dungeness

Lighthouse

5 Days • April 21-25

★ **Highlights** ★

- Tour 2 lighthouses
- View the tulip fields in La Connor
- Visit the towns of Friday Harbor and Port Townsend
- Crew gratuities and cocktails before dinner included
- 13 meals: 4 breakfasts, 5 lunches, 4 dinners
- Round trip airfare to/from Seattle
- Door-to-door airport service
- 2500/2600 Gold Passport Points
- Refer to page 20 of our *Imagine* catalog

All aboard the *Island Spirit* for a delightful four night cruise among the small towns of northeastern Puget Sound. Enjoy Captain Jeff’s famous hospitality, with all your shore excursions, on board meals and even cocktails included. And if you love tulips, you’ll be right at home in the Holland-like climate of northern Washington.

\$2465 p.p./dbl.occ., \$2565 single
Save \$100 until December 8

On The (Pismo) Beach

Spend three nights at the water’s edge

4 Days • April 24-27

1. You’re picked up at your home this morning and delivered to the **Sports Leisure** office, where *SuperCoach III* is waiting to take you in comfort to Pismo Beach. The route to Pismo takes you through Stockton and over Pacheco Pass to Salinas. Pause for lunch and then you’re off to the beach, arriving in late afternoon. For the next three nights, you’ll be partners with the Pacific, as the waves softly crash into the surf. We’ll celebrate our arrival with dinner at a popular local restaurant. **Sea Crest Resort – 3 nights (L,D)**

2. Enjoy Sunday Brunch this morning and then have some time to enjoy the beach before one of Pismo’s most popular events. “A Taste of Pismo” is an exclusive (ticketed) event, where local restaurants and wineries showcase their offerings. It is held from 1-4pm at a community park. Only 500 tickets are sold, so it truly is an exclusive event.

Spend the afternoon sampling the best Pismo Beach has to offer. (A Taste of Pismo is lunch today.)

Tonight, kick up your heels at the Great American Melodrama in Oceano. Boo and hiss and cheer... and, well it’s best to wait until the show starts, but still, it’s ok to have fun! Casual food is available for those who get the hungries. **(BR,L)**

3. The Central Coast Lavender Farm has a special program to offer you this morning, showing you how lavender oil is distilled and how lavender candles are made. A most interesting twist to an old favorite (touring a lavender farm). Back at the beach, a fun afternoon with kites, horseshoes, croquet and a picnic lunch. Ah, this is the life! Conclude your stay tonight with a brief visit to a **Sports Leisure** institution. How about **dinner at the Apple Farm**, anyone? I thought so... **(B,L,D)**

4. Time to leave our beach retreat and head for the valley. Depart after breakfast this morning, stopping at the historic Steinbeck House for lunch, a little shopping at Casa de Fruita and on to Sacramento, returning about 5pm. **(B,L)**

\$1099 p.p./dbl.occ., \$1279 single
Save \$20 until December 8

Born in the USA, a Mystery Tour

Featuring classic hotels, factory tours and special dining experiences

8 Days • April 27 – May 4

Our featured **Mystery Tour** for the first half of 2010, this tour was spawned by visits to nearby communities. Over time, it became obvious that this area held a treasure trove of new and exciting attractions, and an abundance of classic and historical accommodations. Not to mention a stay at a five-star hotel that will be one of those special experiences you’ll long remember.

Now, we bring all these components together to create a Mystery Masterpiece. Years ago, we visited Ohio on a mystery tour. Certainly, they make a lot of things in Ohio. Which is why **this** mystery tour is not going to Ohio. Sometimes, we find clues to the destinations can be a help. Allow us to give you some gentle hints as to this destination.

Peddlers can often be found here, offering

their wares for sale. Some say it's sort of like an old sofa, it's so cozy and comfortable. Waterfalls are beautiful wherever you find them, most people believe. Did I hear someone say chocolate? Yes, I did and indeed, there is a chocolate stop on this trip that will make your head spin. Or is it your tummy? It's as simple as apple pie, a tour with history and heroes, and we guarantee you will come home with an extra pound of two. We recommend a diet **before** you leave. Oh, and before we go, a special guest is coming out of retirement to join our team for this special adventure. Who could **that** be?

The package will include round trip airfare to our "sister city," returning from the community that has changed its face considerably in the past 20 years. In between, there's a wealth of knowledge, fun, food and frivolity. Accent on the frivolity. We wouldn't have it any other way! Includes 15 meals (6 breakfasts, Sunday Brunch, 2 lunches and 6 dinners), along with the services of a **Sports Leisure** Tour Director. Seats will go fast. Don't be left out. 2800/3300 Gold Passport Points.

\$2790 p.p./dbl.occ., \$3255 single
Save \$75 until December 8

Washington, DC and Gettysburg

You've asked for springtime in our nation's Capital City, and here it is!

7 Days • April 29 – May 5

★ Highlights ★

- 5 nights at the Crystal City Marriott Hotel, overnight in Gettysburg
- Guided DC tour by day and by night
- Visit the US Capitol and Jefferson, Lincoln, FDR, WWII, Vietnam, Korea and Iwo Jima Memorials
- Exclusive wreath-laying ceremony and tour at Arlington Cemetery
- Tour George Washington's Mt. Vernon and Alexandria
- A full day to explore the Smithsonian Institution at your leisure, including the recently reopened Museum of American History
- Tour the new Visitors Center, Cyclorama complex and the battlefields of Gettysburg with a certified guide
- 13 meals: 6 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 5 dinners



Explore the monuments of Washington DC, including the FDR Memorial

- Round trip airfare to Reagan National/ from Baltimore
 - Door-to-door airport transportation
 - Tour Director: **Clayton Whitehead**
 - 2900/3200 Gold Passport Points
 - See page 39 of *Imagine* for details
- \$2860 p.p./dbl.occ., \$3195 single**
Save \$75 until December 8

Getty, Renoir and da Vinci

Three days, four world-class museums

3 Days • May 4-6

1. Fly to Southern California and enjoy lunch on your own at the famous LA Farmers Market before visiting the Los Angeles County Museum of Art. Enjoy several wonderful exhibits including *Renoir in the 20th Century* and *American Stories: Paintings of Everyday Life 1765-1915*. The Renoir exhibit examines the last three decades of his career when he left impressionism and turned to art that was more decorative and classical. *American Stories* will feature nearly 100 narrative paintings by American masters such as Thomas Eakins, Mary Cassatt, and John Singer Sargent. You can also spend part of the afternoon exploring the nearby Page Museum at the La Brea Tar Pits or the Peterson Automotive Museum. Check into your hotel in the late afternoon. **Hotel Angeleno – 2 nights**

2. Your hotel is a part of the popular Joie de Vivre chain of boutique hotels and is

located very close to the J. Paul Getty Center. The hotel offers a shuttle to the center throughout the day so you can come and go as you please. Take in the many exhibits and be sure to save time for *Leonardo da Vinci and the Art of Sculpture: Inspiration and Invention*. The first Da Vinci exhibit to visit Los Angeles in decades includes original drawings and other items by artists that inspired Da Vinci, or were inspired by him. Enjoy lunch at either of the two cafes or in the full service restaurant at the Getty on your own schedule. **(B)**

3. Travel to San Marino to visit the Huntington Library and Gardens. The new Chinese Garden is exquisite and so is the recently expanded Galleries of American Art. Lunch is, again, at your leisure, allowing you to explore on your own time. Nearby in Pasadena, make one final stop at the Norton Simon Museum. The museum is known for its fine collection of European and Asian art by such masters as Reuben, Rembrandt, Monet, and Degas alongside the vibrant palettes of van Gogh, Cézanne and Gauguin. Your return flight departs in the late afternoon. 900/1050 Gold Passport Points **(B)**

\$885 p.p./dbl.occ., \$1010 single

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Springtime in Yosemite

Featuring a two-night stay in the valley

3 Days • May 12-14

★ Highlights ★

- Stay in the park with rooms at Yosemite Lodge, convenient to Yosemite Falls, the village, and all valley sites
- Enjoy lunch at two National Historic Landmarks: the Ahwahnee Hotel and the Wawona Hotel
- Learn about history and geology during a guided two-hour valley tour
- Visit the Ansel Adams Gallery, the museum and other park sites on your own during ample free time in the afternoons and evenings
- 3 included lunches
- Round trip transportation on *SuperCoach III*
- Door-to-door service additional charge
- 900/1050 Gold Passport Points
- The day-by-day itinerary is on page 12 of our *Imagine* catalog

NOTE: This tour does not include home pick-up (it was announced before that service was expanded)

\$899 p.p./dbl.occ., \$1049 single

Canada Coast to Coast by Rail

Featuring three rail experiences across Canada aboard VIA Rail

11 Days • May 16-26

★ Highlights ★

- First class train accommodations aboard VIA Rail as you travel throughout the provinces of British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario, Québec, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia
- Seattle/Vancouver – Lunch on the water at Ivar's, visit Mukilteo Lighthouse
- Toronto – 2 nights at Fairmont's Royal York Hotel, city tour, lunch at the CN Tower and Casa Loma
- Montréal – Overnight at the Fairmont Queen Elizabeth Hotel, sightseeing by coach with a visit to Vieux Montréal (Old Montréal), the Basilica of Notre Dame, a luncheon cruise on the St. Lawrence River and Biodome Montréal
- Halifax – 2 nights at the Delta Barrington Hotel, city sightseeing including Citadel

Hill and Peggy's Cove

- 18 meals: 4 breakfasts, 9 lunches, 5 dinners
- Round trip airfare to Seattle/from Halifax
- Door-to-door airport service
- 5200/5600 Gold Passport Points
- The complete day-by-day itinerary can be found on page 32 of our *Imagine* catalog

\$5195 p.p./dbl.occ., \$5620 single

Save \$150 until December 8

Dreaming of Santa Cruz

Featuring the new *Dream Inn* and the *Castroville Artichoke Festival*

2 Days • May 16-17

1. Your overnight tour to the cool California Coast begins with door-to-door pickups at your home by Carey Transportation to meet *SuperCoach III* at our office. Travel in comfort to Castroville for its 51st annual Artichoke Festival. See this interesting vegetable cooked and prepared in every way imaginable. You'll also find arts, crafts, and entertainment. Up the coast, explore the Seymour Marine Discovery Center with a private tour, including some time with the center's dolphins. Your home for the evening was recently renovated when it was taken in by Joie de Vivre Boutique Hotels (the same group that opened the new Citizen Hotel in downtown Sacramento). The **Dream Inn** has been restored to the days when she was the Queen of the Beach in Santa Cruz. Every room has a view of Monterey Bay to watch the waves and the sunset! The hotel's restaurant, *Aquarius*, has been redone as well

and is one of your options for dinner at your leisure this evening.

2. Enjoy a late morning checkout today and a leisurely breakfast and time to explore your surroundings. Take a walk on the beach or down the historic boardwalk, as both are just outside the door of the hotel. A short drive east to Livermore finds Wente Vineyards, California's oldest continuously operated, family-owned winery. Enjoy lunch inside the popular restaurant before a tour. Return to Sacramento in the late afternoon. 550/600 Gold Passport Points (L)

\$535 p.p./dbl.occ., \$585 single

Save \$10 until December 8

Japan, Land of the Rising Sun

Featuring visits to Osaka, Kobe, Mt. Fuji, Tokyo and an array of cultural activities

10 Days • May 18-27

★ Highlights ★

- A comprehensive look at Japan including visits to Osaka, Awaji, Kobe, Kyoto, Nara, Nikko and an extended stay in Tokyo
- All sightseeing as listed in the itinerary highlighted by visits to Mt. Fuji (Fifth Station), Hakone National Park, and numerous Shinto shrines and holy sites
- A leisurely pace with time for shopping and relaxation
- Fully escorted by **Chris Galloway**, your **Sports Leisure** Tour Director, and a Japanese guide (Note that Chris is an Asian Studies major at The University of Colorado, exposing him to many aspects



Watch the spectacular scenery of Canada as it moves past the window of your private compartment on VIA Rail

of the Japanese culture – a valuable addition to your travels!)

- Stay in first class hotels
- 16 meals including full American breakfast daily and traditional Asian dinners
- Door-to-door airport transportation
- Round trip airfare to Osaka/from Tokyo
- 4900/5600 Gold Passport Points
- Find the day-by-day itinerary on pages 24-25 of our 2010 catalog

\$4895 p.p./dbl.occ., \$5590 single

Not included are fuel surcharges currently estimated at \$380 p.p.

This vacation requires a valid passport!

Save \$125 until December 8

Monuments and Mesas

Featuring the View Hotel in Monument Valley

8 Days • May 19-26

★ **Highlights** ★

- Stay 2 nights at the Far View Lodge in Mesa Verde National Park
- Tour Monument Valley with a Navajo guide
- Stay 2 nights on the banks of the Colorado River in Moab
- Tour Arches National Park
- Enjoy the spectacular view of Canyonlands National Park from Dead Horse State Park
- Door-to-door airport transportation
- 14 meals: 7 breakfasts, 4 lunches and 3 dinners
- Tour Director: **Scott Angeletti**
- 2300/2750 Gold Passport Points
- Complete itinerary on page 42 of our *Imagine* catalog

\$2285 p.p./dbl.occ., \$2720 single

The Romantic Rhine River

A scenic river cruise from Switzerland to Holland aboard the ms Avalon Felicity

11 Days (7 night cruise) • May 20-30

★ **Highlights** ★

- 7 nights aboard the intimate *ms Avalon Felicity*
- Rhine River ports of call in France, Germany and Holland – all shore excursions included!
- See the great cathedrals of the Rhineland
- Visit famous Heidelberg Castle
- Tour Amsterdam by canal boat

- 2 night pre-cruise stay in Zurich
- City tours of Zurich and Basel, Switzerland
- 23 meals: Daily breakfast, 6 lunches, 8 dinners with wine included onboard
- Round trip airfare: SFO/Zurich, Amsterdam/SFO
- Door-to-door transportation
- Gold Passport Points based on cabin selection starting at 4650 points
- See more details on page 28 of our 2010 catalog

Prices based on cabin category, starting at \$4625 p.p./dbl.occ., \$5960 single (Limited single cabins available)

This vacation requires a valid passport!

Save \$100 until December 8

The Lincoln Highway – Part II: Chicago to Cheyenne

Follow America's first "good road" across the Heartland – our 31st Anniversary Tour

10 Days • June 1-10

★ **Highlights** ★

- Tour Ronald Reagan's boyhood home, Mamie Eisenhower's birthplace and Boys Town in Omaha
- Visit The Great River Road Monument in Kearney, NE
- Go in search of the Pony Express, the Oregon and Mormon Trails and other historic sites – lunch at Buffalo Bill State Park
- **Sports Leisure** 31st anniversary celebration in Cheyenne
- Round trip air, Sacramento/Chicago and Denver/Sacramento
- Dine in funky roadside diners and the finest restaurants – 20 meals: 3 expanded continental breakfasts, 1 brunch, 5 full breakfasts, 7 lunches, 4 dinners
- Travel the historic Lincoln Highway America's first "good road"
- Deluxe motorcoach transportation throughout the tour
- Door-to-door airport service
- Tour Directors: **Mark Hoffmann & Clayton Whitehead**
- 2850/3200 Gold Passport Points
- See page 44 of our *Imagine* catalog for itinerary details

\$2820 p.p./dbl.occ., \$3175 single

Save \$75 until December 8

Mainly Maine

Featuring Boston and a night at the Pops!

7 Days • June 1-7

★ **Highlights** ★

- 2 nights each on Boston's historic Back Bay and in Bar Harbor along the rugged Maine coast
- Overnight in Kennebunkport and Portland
- Tickets to see the Boston Pops Orchestra at Symphony Hall
- Guided tours of Boston, Kennebunkport, Portland and Acadia National Park
- Visit the Maine Lobster Museum, Abbe Museum, Portland Harbor Museum and a private lighthouse
- Take a cruise on a real lobster boat
- 12 meals include daily breakfast and dinner, 2 with lobster on the menu
- Round trip air to Boston/from Portland
- Door-to-door airport transportation
- Tour Director: **Clayton Whitehead**
- 3100/3600 Gold Passport Points
- Complete itinerary on page 50 of our 2010 catalog

\$3055 p.p./dbl.occ., \$3560 single

Save \$100 until December 8

Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks

Featuring the ancient giants, alpine meadows, and the canyon of kings

3 Days • June 1-3

★ **Highlights** ★

- 2 nights at the Wuksachi Lodge, within Sequoia National Park
- Sightseeing including General Grant Tree, General Sherman Tree, Kings Canyon National Park, Zumwalt Meadow
- 6 meals: 2 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 1 dinner
- Transportation on *SuperCoach III*
- Door-to-door service
- Tour Director: **Ramona Goodge** (Ramona was once general manager of Giant Forest Lodge and is the ultimate Sequoia guide)
- 1000/1200 Gold Passport Points
- Find the complete itinerary on page 12 of the *Imagine* catalog

\$965 p.p./dbl.occ., \$1155 single

Save \$20 until December 8



Virginia City Sunshine Boys Overnighter

You have an opportunity to stay in historic bed and breakfast on this unique getaway

2 Days • June 13-14

1. Climb aboard our exclusive *SuperCoach III* for a ride “over the hill” to Carson City where you’ll board the historic Virginia and Truckee Railroad and enter Virginia City in style. Check-in to bed and breakfast accommodations at the recently restored **Tahoe House Hotel** built in 1859 or the beautiful 1876 **Cobb Mansion**. Or if you prefer, standard hotel accommodations are available at the **Silverland Inn**. After hosted drinks and dinner, laugh along with a troupe of local actors as they present their rendition of *The Sunshine Boys*. (D)

2. Following breakfast, a driving tour of the town includes tales that put the *wild* in “Wild West” and includes a visit to the Fourth Ward School. Rustle up your choice of grub at lunchtime while also enjoying the shops, saloons and casinos on C Street. Don’t miss a taste of the city’s famous (infamous?) drink, Cemetery Gin! Return to Sacramento in the early evening. Gold Passport Points based on package price. (ECB)

B&B Suites (3):

\$539 p.p., dbl. occ., \$619 single

B&B Superior Rooms (7):

\$499 p.p., dbl. occ., \$569 single

B&B Standard Rooms (7):

\$469 p.p., dbl. occ., \$519 single

Silverland Inn:

\$459 p.p., dbl. occ., \$499 single

Note: All B&B rooms are appointed in antiques and configurations vary greatly. Each has a private bath. All have only one queen or double bed. If a party can’t share a bed, they must sign up as single occupancy travelers. Rooms will be assigned based on the order reservations are received. Historic accommodations require that you take at least one flight of stairs to reach your room. The Silverland Inn (the former Ramada Inn) offers modern hotel accommodations and is elevator equipped. Rooms at the Silverland have a single queen or two double beds.

The Black Hills of South Dakota

Featuring Mt. Rushmore, Crazy Horse and Badlands National Park

7 Days • June 14-20

★ Highlights ★

- Only unpack twice: Stay at the newly renovated Historic Alex Johnson Hotel, Rapid City (3 nights) and the **Sports Leisure Vacations** favorite Palmer Gulch Lodge, Hill City (3 nights)
- Visit the National Shrine of Democracy, Mt. Rushmore during the day and for the poignant evening lighting ceremony
- Tour through awesome Badlands National Park and visit Wall, SD, home of the famous Wall Drug Store
- Ride to the top of Crazy Horse Mountain and learn about the monumental project that is being created right now
- In Custer State Park, jeeps carry you into heart of the range where buffalo really do roam free
- Visit the *Tatanka: Story of the Bison* sculpture and Boot Hill in Deadwood
- 12 meals: 6 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 3 dinners
- Round trip air Sacramento/Rapid City
- Door-to-door airport transportation
- Tour Director: **Ramona Goodge**
- 2650/3000 Gold Passport Points
- Day-by-day itinerary on page 52 of our *Imagine* catalog

\$2610 p.p./dbl.occ., \$2975 single

Save \$75 until December 8

Crater Lake and The Cascades

Featuring Crater Lake National Park and Lava Beds National Monument

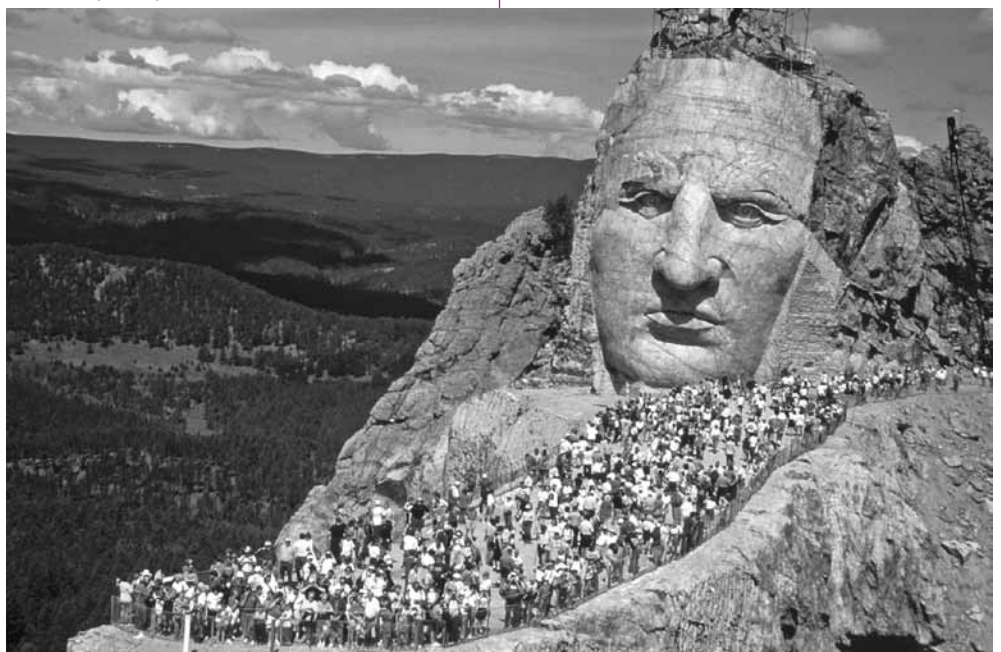
4 Days • July 2-5

★ Highlights ★

- Enjoy a guided rim tour of Crater Lake National Park
 - Experience lunch at Crater Lake Lodge
 - Visit Lava Beds National Monument and the tiny town of Tulelake
 - 3 nights in the same hotel, unpack once
 - Travel in comfort on *SuperCoach III*
 - Door-to-door service to and from the **Sports Leisure** office
 - 8 meals: 3 expanded continental breakfasts, 4 lunches, 1 dinner
 - 1000/1100 Gold Passport Points
 - See the full itinerary on page 11 of the *Imagine* catalog
- Visit a part of California and Southern Oregon rarely seen by travelers. Featured attractions include a unique National Park and an even more unique National Monument. Add the small towns of Tulelake and Klamath Falls, plus 4th of July fireworks, and you have the perfect close-to-home holiday getaway for every budget.

\$985 p.p./dbl.occ., \$1055 single

Save \$20 until December 8



Get up close and personal with Crazy Horse as you visit the top of the carving

The Fourth in Philly

Including a bonus night to take a bite of the Big Apple in Times Square!

6 Days • July 2-7

★ Highlights ★

- 4 nights in the downtown Philadelphia Embassy Suites
- Overnight on Times Square in the exclusive Marriott Marquis Hotel
- Enjoy Fourth of July festivities in the city where Independence was born: Parade, concerts and fireworks
- Philadelphia tour by double-decker bus, Franklin Institute or Philadelphia Museum of Art, Independence Hall and the Liberty Bell
- Tour the campus of Princeton University
- New York mini-city tour with lunch at historic Fraunces Tavern
- Round trip airfare to Philadelphia/from New York LaGuardia
- 8 meals: 4 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 3 dinners
- Door-to-door airport transportation
- Tour Director: **Mark Hoffmann**
- 2550/2850 Gold Passport Points
- See page 51 of the *Imagine* catalog for complete details

\$2525 p.p./dbl.occ., \$2835 single

Save \$75 until December 8

Please note: We are taking part in *Welcome America!* This is a public special event featuring elements provided by several different organizations and underwritten by numerous sponsors. **Also note:** Many events and activities are held outdoors and subject to weather conditions.

Calgary Stampede and the Canadian Rockies

Featuring two nights at Emerald Lake Lodge

7 Days • July 6-12

★ Highlights ★

- Stay at the Emerald Lake Lodge in Yoho National Park
- Visit the town of Banff and tour the Castle in the Rockies
- Ride the *Ice Explorer* onto the Athabasca Glacier
- Enjoy high tea at Chateau Lake Louise
- 2 days at the Calgary Stampede – see the rodeo and the famous Chuckwagon Races

Holland America Cruises for 2010...

Featuring two unique itineraries which can be combined into one fantastic voyage

See pages 26-27 in our catalog *Imagine* for the complete itineraries...

About Holland America:

Founded in Rotterdam in 1873, Holland America Line has been a part of the rich European tapestry for over 135 years. Enjoy an uncommon European cruise experience at an exceptional value. Elegant ships with affordable verandah staterooms, expert lectures and culinary events, one-of-a-kind shore experiences and longer days in port combine to give you a vacation beyond compare. All meals are included on board.

The Ship:

Launched in July of 2008, the *ms Eurodam* marks Holland America Line's new Signature-class ships. It furthers the evolution of the line's sophisticated mid-sized ships with 11 passenger decks, a new topside Pan-Asian restaurant and lounge surrounded by panoramic views, an Explorer's Lounge bar, a new Italian restaurant, an elegant luxury jewelry boutique, a new atrium bar area, an enhanced and reconfigured show lounge, and a new photographic and imaging center.

The Cruises:

We have chosen two extraordinary cruises that sail one after the other. Select either sailing or combine them for a 32 day adventure!

Scandinavia and Russia Discovery

14 Days • August 6-19

Alongside its graceful canals and gabled houses, **Amsterdam** offers such world-class sights as the Van Gogh Museum and the Rijksmuseum. In **Copenhagen** the Little Mermaid greets you at the harbor. At its center is Tivoli, whose gardens, lakes and fountains are said to have inspired Walt Disney. **Stockholm** was founded as a fortress in the 13th century. Spanning 14 islands it is considered one of the world's most beautiful capitals. In **Helsinki** expect stylish and sophisticated shops on

Esplanade Street. **St. Petersburg** has a rich and exciting history, full of dramatic events and major historical figures.

Inside from:

\$4415 p.p./dbl.occ., \$5420 single

Outside from:

\$4665 p.p./dbl.occ., \$5795 single

This vacation requires a valid passport!

The Baltic, Scotland and Newfoundland

21 Days • August 17 – September 6

In **Edinburgh**, see the Scottish crown jewels at Edinburgh Castle and the Royal Mile, anchored by the royal family's official residence. In **Reykjavik**, geysers, hot springs and fields of cooled lava are testament to Iceland's volcanic origins. Explore the small town of **Qaqortoq, Greenland** and learn how people survive on this immense, remote island administered by the Danes but desperate for individual recognition of its distinctive culture. **St. Johns, Newfoundland** is North America's oldest city. It is a mix of colorful wooden houses, stately brick churches and colonial-style buildings. **Sydney, Nova Scotia** is located on the shores of vast Sydney Harbor. This historic community is a mainstay of the legendary Cape Breton region. **Halifax** is ocean scenery at its best. Here find craggy coastlines, fabled Peggy's Cove, and the striking German village of Lunenburg, so meticulously restored it has been designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Visit the ramparts of the Citadel and a museum commemorating the Titanic.

Inside from:

\$6395 p.p./dbl.occ., \$7895 single

Outside from:

\$7045 p.p./dbl.occ., \$8870 single

This vacation requires a valid passport!

COMBINED TRIP:

Scandinavia and Russia Discovery AND The Baltic, Scotland and Newfoundland

32 Days • August 6 – September 6

Call for GREAT pricing on a combined cruise. Please note: All cruises are subject to fuel surcharges.

- Door-to-door airport service
- 13 meals: 1 expanded continental breakfast, 5 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 1 high tea, 4 dinners
- 3550/4350 Gold Passport Points
- See page 34 of *Imagine* for the itinerary

\$3545 p.p./dbl.occ., \$4330 single

**This vacation requires a valid passport!
Save \$100 until December 8**

Around the Sound – Victoria and Vancouver

Featuring the best of British Columbia and the 20th Annual Festival of Light

6 Days • July 24-29

★ Highlights ★

- 3 nights at the Chateau Victoria, a terrific location in the heart of Victoria Harbor
- Tour Victoria by double-decker bus
- Have high tea with the “Queen” at the Empress Hotel
- Enjoy an elegant luncheon at Butchart Gardens
- 2 nights in Vancouver at the Lonsdale Quay on the water
- City Tour of Vancouver with visits to Stanley Park & Granville Island
- Dinner Cruise during the festival of light, Vancouver’s Annual Fireworks Spectacular
- Ride the ferry across Puget Sound twice
- 5 meals: 1 high tea, 4 lunches, 1 dinner
- Round trip air to/from Seattle
- Door-to-door airport service
- 2500/2950 Gold Passport Points
- Day-by-day itinerary on page 35 of the *Imagine* catalog

Celebrating its 20th anniversary, the Vancouver Festival of Light invites countries from all over the world to compete with fireworks and pyrotechnics above English Bay in Vancouver Harbor. Each night of the festival a different country puts on its own unique show. Experience your night of the festival on board a dinner cruise watching the activity. This is Canada’s Winter Olympic city (Vancouver) and once you’ve seen its beauty on television we know you’ll want to visit in person.

\$2485 p.p./dbl.occ., \$2910 single

**This vacation requires a valid passport!
Save \$100 until December 8**

The Oregon Trail – Boise to Portland

Featuring the Columbia River Gorge, Walla Walla and Mt. Hood

7 Days • August 17-23

★ Highlights ★

- 2 nights Boise – Birds of Prey Center, Basque dinner, city tour
- Oregon Trail Interpretive Center – Baker City
- Historic hotels – The Geiser Grand in Baker City, The Marcus Whitman in Walla Walla
- Pendleton Underground tour, Maryhill Museum of Art, Hood River Berry Trail
- Sunday Brunch train ride to Timberline Lodge on Mt. Hood
- Round trip airfare, Sacramento/Boise and Portland/Sacramento
- Door-to-door airport service
- 14 meals: Sunday Brunch, 5 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 5 dinners
- 2350/2650 Gold Passport Points
- Complete itinerary on page 14 of the *Imagine* catalog

\$2335 p.p./dbl.occ., \$2645 single

Save \$100 until December 8

Planes and Trains of the Pacific Northwest

Featuring rail and aviation adventures in Oregon, Washington, and British Columbia

6 Days • August 24-29

★ Highlights ★

- Ride Amtrak’s *Cascade* (twice), and the *Whistler Mountaineer*
- Visit the Evergreen Aviation and Space Museum and see Howard Hughes’ famous *Spruce Goose*
- Tour Boeing’s Widebody Jet Manufacturing Plant, Future of Flight Aviation Center, Restoration Center & Museum of Flight
- Explore British Columbia’s Western Railway Heritage Park, home of the *Royal Hudson*
- Lodging in Vancouver, WA (1 night), Seattle, WA (2 nights), and Vancouver, BC (2 nights)
- 9 meals: 2 expanded continental breakfasts, 1 breakfast, 4 lunches, 2 dinners

- Round trip air to Portland/from Seattle
- Deluxe motorcoach transportation
- Door-to-door airport service
- 2650/3050 Gold Passport Points
- Complete itinerary on page 17 of our *Imagine* catalog

This tour continues to be popular since we first introduced it several years ago. Better still, you will travel in comfort aboard our own *SuperCoach III* which will meet you in Portland and be with you throughout the tour.

\$2630 p.p./dbl.occ., \$3020 single

**This vacation requires a valid passport!
Save \$100 until December 8**

Mackinac Island and the Falls

This Two-Nation Vacation brings together two of your favorite destinations for the first time

7 Days • September 12-18

★ Highlights ★

- 2 nights each on Mackinac Island and in Niagara Falls – stay on Mackinac Island and enjoy falls view rooms at Niagara, both tremendous enhancements to the itinerary
- Overnight in Bavarian Frankenmuth and riverside Pt. Huron
- Mackinac Island tour by horse and carriage, featuring lunch at the Grand Hotel
- Frankenmuth tour and Bronner’s Christmas Wonderland
- See Niagara Falls up close on the *Maid of the Mist*
- Enjoy the rollicking dinner show *Oh Canada, Eh?*
- 12 memorable meals include daily breakfast, 3 lunches, 3 dinners
- Round trip airfare to Detroit/from Buffalo
- Door-to-door airport transportation
- Tour Director: **Clayton Whitehead**
- 2650/3000 Gold Passport Points
- Find the itinerary on page 54 of the *Imagine* catalog

\$2645 p.p./dbl.occ., \$2955 single

**This vacation requires a valid passport!
Save \$50 until December 8**

Highway 101, The Spectacular Pacific Coast

Featuring the California, Oregon and Washington coastline and the Olympic Peninsula

10 Days • September 14-23

★ Highlights ★

Since our first Highway 101 journey in 2003 encompassed the "Kings Highway," **Sports Leisure Travelers** have been enjoying the Pacific Coast on this relaxing trip. Four nights in ocean view accommodations, great dining, generally perfect post-Labor Day weather without the summer crowds! See page 18 in our catalog *Imagine* for the complete itinerary.

\$2880 p.p./dbl.occ., \$3305 single

Save \$100 until December 8

Flying High Over Cowboy Country

Featuring the 2010 Ruby Mountain Hot Air Balloon Festival in Elko

4 Days • September 22-25

★ Highlights ★

- Ride the *California Zephyr* to Elko, Nevada
- Tour the Newmont Gold Mine and the Fire Science Academy
- Visit the Northeastern Nevada Museum
- Experience a Dutch Oven Dinner at the new California Trail Interpretive Center
- Explore Lamoille Canyon with lunch
- 6 meals: 4 lunches, 2 dinners



Explore the Nevada Fire Science Academy in Elko and meet a new friend

- Door-to-door transportation
- 1100/1200 Gold Passport Points
- Complete itinerary on page 15 of the 2010 catalog

\$1070 p.p./dbl.occ., \$1180 single

Save \$20 until December 8

Old Man River

Explore the Mighty Mississippi from St. Louis to St. Paul at the height of the fall color season

10 Days • September 24 – October 3 ★

★ Highlights ★

- Drive the most scenic stretch of the Great River Road between Missouri and Minnesota
- Experience the Mississippi River from the Quad Cities to Dubuque by sternwheeler
- 2-night stays in Hannibal, Rock Island, Dubuque and St. Paul
- 20 meals: 6 breakfasts, 3 expanded continentals, 5 lunches, 6 dinners
- Round trip airfare to St. Louis/from Minneapolis-St. Paul
- Door-to-door airport service
- Tour Director: **Clayton Whitehead**
- 2800/3200 Gold Passport Points
- See page 55 of the *Imagine* catalog for the day-by-day itinerary

\$2765 p.p./dbl.occ., \$3190 single

Save \$40 until December 8

The Backroads of Vermont

A traditional New England fall foliage experience

7 Days • September 30 – October 6

★ Highlights ★

- Friesians of Majesty Horse Show and Carriage Ride
- Arrival overnight in Albany, 2 nights Rutland, 2 nights Stowe, overnight Basin Harbor
- Tour Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream, Morse Farm Maple Sugarworks, Green Mountain Coffee, Rock of Ages Granite Quarry
- Harvest Table cooking demonstration or beer/ale tasting
- See the "Sound of Music" Lodge
- 14 meals: 1 Expanded Continental Breakfast, 5 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 6 dinners, 1 Harvest Feast
- Round trip airfare, Sacramento/Albany
- Door-to-door airport service
- 2500/2750 Gold Passport Points
- See page 56 of the *Imagine* catalog for details

\$2500 p.p./dbl.occ., \$2705 single

Save \$60 until December 8

Route 66, The Main Street of America

The repeat of a classic Sports Leisure adventure

Select your travel options for 2010...

Entire route: **Chicago/Santa Monica •**

16 Days • October 1-16

Eastern side: **Chicago/Oklahoma City •**

10 Days • October 1-10

Western side: **Oklahoma City/Santa**

Monica • 9 Days • October 8-16

★ Highlights ★

- 3 itinerary choices – take the entire trip, or choose from two half-route versions
- Despite the length of the trip, it's a leisurely pace, averaging only 170 miles a day, with **LOTS** of stops en route
- Featuring 2-night stays in Springfield, IL, Claremore, OK and Oklahoma City
- Meet the people of Route 66 – special speakers and guests
- Includes airfare: To Chicago, to/from Oklahoma City (for those taking a half route), from Burbank/Long Beach
- 32 meals on the full trip: 19 on the Eastern section, 17 on the Western side
- Door-to-door airport transportation

- Gold Passport Points based on itinerary selected
- Find more information on pages 46-47 of the *Imagine* catalog

A journey down **Route 66** is like cutting yourself a slice of All-American Pie. You'll discover people and places you didn't know existed – like the old Cadillac Ranch in Amarillo, the Mediocre Music Makers in Erick, Oklahoma, Ted Drewes Frozen Custard in St. Louis, the magnificent new Lincoln Presidential Library & Museum in Springfield, IL, the historic El Rancho Hotel in Gallup, the list goes on and on. Stay in historic hotels and the finest modern accommodations. You'll be riding on our own *SuperCoach III* (yes, it meets us in Chicago), with extra legroom. Your Tour Director will be **Sports Leisure** owner, **Mark Hoffmann an experienced Route 66 traveler.**

Full 16 Day Tour: Chicago to Santa Monica
\$4495 p.p./dbl.occ., \$5195 single
Eastern side: Chicago to Oklahoma City
\$3095 p.p./dbl.occ., \$3570 single
Western side: Oklahoma City to Santa Monica
\$2795 p.p./dbl.occ., \$3130 single
Save \$125 (full route) or \$60 (either half)
until December 8

Santa Fe and San Antonio

Two of the most historic and best-loved cities in the American Southwest are paired for your pleasure

7 Days • October 5-11

★ Highlights ★

- 3 nights each in Santa Fe and San Antonio at fine Hilton family hotels
- Santa Fe walking tour and visits to the Loretto Chapel and St. Francis Cathedral
- Bandelier National Monument and El Santuario de Chimayo
- San Antonio city tour and visits to historic missions (including the Alamo), Institute of Texas Culture and IMAX Theater
- New Braunfels and Gruene
- 13 meals: Daily breakfast, 5 lunches, 2 dinners
- Door-to-door airport transportation
- Round trip airfare to Santa Fe/between cities/from San Antonio
- 2600/3050 Gold Passport Points

- Complete details on page 58 of the *Imagine* catalog
\$2575 p.p./dbl.occ., \$3015 single
Save \$100 until December 8

Cruising the Columbia River with Captain Jeff

Small ship cruising at its best, along with a variety of shore excursions

9 Days (7 night cruise) • October 13-21

★ Highlights ★

- 7 nights on the *Island Spirit*, expert commentary on board, all rooms with private facilities
- All shore excursions, meals on board and evening cocktails included
- Post-cruise overnight at the elegant Davenport Hotel in Spokane
- Gratuities included for cruise staff
- 24 meals: 8 breakfasts, 8 lunches, 8 dinners
- Round trip air to Portland/from Spokane
- 4100/4300 Gold Passport Points
- See page 21 of the *Imagine* catalog for details

The *Island Spirit* is your floating hotel, providing your accommodations, all your meals, as well as all shore excursions. Captain Jeff also hosts a cocktail hour with hors d'oeuvres each night where you can share your day's adventures.

\$4095 p.p./dbl.occ., \$4295 single
Save \$100 until December 8

Italy, That's Amore

Italy's greatest cities are yours for the taking: Rome, Florence and Venice

9 Days (7 Nights) • October 26 – November 3

★ Highlights ★

- 3 nights Rome, 2 nights Florence, 2 nights Venice
- Tour Vatican City, St. Peter's Basilica and the Sistine Chapel
- Witness Rome's ancient monuments from the Forum to the Colosseum
- Visit the medieval hill town of Assisi
- Explore Florence's Ponte Vecchio, Uffizi Gallery and beautiful Duomo
- See the Doge's Palace and St. Mark's Square in Venice
- 12 meals: breakfast included daily, 1 lunch, 4 dinners
- Services of a **Sports Leisure** Tour Director and a certified Italian Guide throughout the tour
- Round trip airfare to Rome/from Venice
- Door-to-door airport transportation
- Tour Director: **Clayton Whitehead**
- 4000/4600 Gold Passport Points
- See page 30 of the *Imagine* catalog for details

\$3985 p.p./dbl.occ., \$4570 single
Prices subject to air surcharges.

This vacation requires a valid passport!
Save \$100 until December 8



The Island Spirit is your home away from home as you cruise up the mighty Columbia River



Sailing away in Key Largo

Key West, Key Largo, Land of Sunshine

Featuring four nights in Key West

7 Days • January 15-21, 2011

★ Highlights ★

- 4 nights in Key West at the Crowne Plaza La Concha, a perfect location in the heart of town
- Overnight in Miami – city tour featuring South Beach and Coral Gables
- Overnight in Key Largo – glass bottom boat cruise
- Visit Florida Everglades National Park and experience an air boat ride
- History abounds in Key West – visit the Hemingway Home, the Pirate Museum, Truman's "Little White House" and the Shipwreck Museum
- Tour Key West aboard the famous *Conch Train*
- Day Cruise on an authentic Clipper Ship
- Explore the Butterfly and Nature Conservatory
- Cabaret Dinner Show at La Te Da, a Key West landmark
- 13 meals: 4 breakfasts, 2 expanded cont. breakfasts, 2 lunches, 5 dinners
- Round trip airfare to Miami/from Key West
- Door-to-door airport transportation
- 3400/4000 Gold Passport Points
- Find the itinerary on page 36 of the *Imagine* catalog

Our January 2010 departure is already sold out, so we are giving you the opportunity to get the jump on our 2011 trip. It's a unique experience for those of us from California, a visit to the Florida Keys. Warm weather (yes, even in January the average high temperature is 76, the average low 66) is the norm, and there are attractions galore to visit. Our accommodations are in the Old Town section of Key West on famous Duval Street, the best location on the island. Believe it or not half of the space for our 2011 departure is already spoken for!

We fly to Miami, where a tour gives us a glimpse of this interesting city, and enjoy a side trip to the Everglades and an overnight in Key Largo as we make our way to Key West. Our return is by air via Miami and Dallas (from Key West). Limited to just 25 participants.

\$3375 p.p./dbl.occ., \$3975 single*

***Pay a \$100 per person deposit upon registration. No further payment is due until May 1, 2010, when you'll have payment options, including the Early Registration Discount.**

Oberammergau Passion Play

Introducing our partner in travel, Oberammergau experts Ed-Ventures

Summer/Fall 2010

More than once over the past couple of years, we've asked if you were interested in visiting Germany in 2010 for the once-a-decade presentation of the Oberammergau Passion Play, a tradition dating back to 1634. Many of you said yes! We pursued putting the vacation together on our own, as well as working through European-based tour companies for a departure exclusive to **Sports Leisure** travelers. Overall, we found prices to be high and contractual arrangements to be unsatisfactory. Quite frankly, we didn't want to take the risk.

Enter **Ed-Ventures**, one of the newest members of Travel Alliance Partners. Ed-Ventures is based in Minnesota, so they speak our language and their tours are priced in US dollars. No more worrying about misunderstood translations or the fluctuating exchange rate! And best of all, Ed-Ventures specializes in European travel for Americans, especially tours to destinations with a religious theme.

We've worked closely with Ed-Ventures owner Larry Larsen to understand their offerings and level of service. Of their numerous departures, all of which include at least one night in Oberammergau and tickets to the Passion Play, we recommend the following for your consideration:

Germany and the Passion Play

Visiting Rudesheim, Rothenburg, Fussen, Munich, Neuschwanstein Castle and a Rhine River cruise

8 Days • June 6-13, July 18-25 or

August 29 – September 5

\$2279 p.p./dbl.occ., \$2779 single

The Passion Play with Germany, Switzerland and Austria

Visiting Altotting, Oberndorf, Salzburg, Liechtenstein, Sarnen am Sarnesee and Lucerne

10 Days • September 16-25

\$2869 p.p./dbl.occ., \$3369 single

For complete information and itineraries, contact **Kevin** or **Clayton** at the **Sports Leisure Vacations** office. Above prices are LAND ONLY and do not include air. Our

Travel Agent, **Diane**, is happy to confirm your flight and even include our signature door-to-door airport service. Though you will not be joined by a **Sports Leisure** Tour Director, the vacation is fully-escorted by an English-speaking guide in Europe. We hope you'll find your vacation with Ed-Ventures to be every bit as satisfying as your past and future travels with us. They have our full seal of approval! If you'd like to access complete itineraries online, visit www.ed-ventures.com. Follow the AVAILABLE TOURS link, then select EUROPE.

The Reformation and the Passion Play

Visiting Berlin, Wittenberg, Leipzig, Erfurt, Coburg, Rothenburg, Heidelberg and Worms

11 Days • September 6-16

\$2889 p.p./dbl.occ., \$3529 single



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Early Registration Discounts listed here are per person and will expire on **December 8, 2009**; or may be withdrawn when 50% of the available space has been reserved. To receive the discount, you must pay in full within ten days of registration. If you accept this option, the monies paid, including the cost of Cancellation Protection; are returned if you cancel more than: 60 days in advance (U.S. & Canadian tours) or 75 days in advance (International Tours) of departure date, regardless of the reason for cancellation. Within the time limits listed above, restrictions on refunds apply. See the Special Tour Notes brochure for complete details.

- Jan. – Vicki Lawrence & Mama in San Diego – **Save \$50**
- Feb. – Whales & Wild Things – **Save \$10**
- Feb. – Spring Blossoms in the Valley – **Save \$10**
- Mar. – Rich Man, Poor Man, a Casino Resort Mystery – **Save \$35**
- Mar. – Planes & Trains of Southern California – **Save \$35**
- Mar. – Palm Springs & The Glory of Easter – **Save \$25**
- Apr. – New York Your Way – **Save \$75**
- Apr. – Trains, Trains, Trains II – **Save \$75**
- Apr. – The Lincoln Highway Part I – **Save \$75**
- Apr. – Tulips & The San Juans with Captain Jeff – **Save \$100**
- Apr. – On the (Pismo) Beach – **Save \$20**
- Apr. – Born in the USA, a Mystery Tour – **Save \$75**
- Apr. – Washington DC & Gettysburg – **Save \$75**
- May – *Diva Nation* in Redding – **Save \$15**
- May – Canada Coast to Coast by Rail – **Save \$150**
- May – Dreaming of Santa Cruz – **Save \$10**
- May – Japan, Land of the Rising Sun – **Save \$125**
- May – The Romantic Rhine River Cruise – **Save \$100**
- Jun. – The Lincoln Highway Part II – **Save \$75**
- Jun. – Mainly Maine – **Save \$100**
- Jun. – Sequoia & Kings Canyon National Parks – **Save \$20**

- Jun. – The Black Hills of South Dakota – **Save \$75**
- Jun. – Celebrate Shakespeare! – **Save \$50**
- Jul. – Crater Lake & The Cascades – **Save \$20**
- Jul. – The Fourth in Philly – **Save \$75**
- Jul. – Calgary Stampede – **Save \$100**
- Jul. – Around the Sound, Victoria & Vancouver – **Save \$100**
- Aug. – The Oregon Trail, Boise to Portland – **Save \$100**
- Aug. – Planes & Trains of the Pacific Northwest – **Save \$100**
- Sep. – Mackinac Island & the Falls – **Save \$50**
- Sep. – Highway 101, The Spectacular Pacific Coast – **Save \$100**
- Sep. – Flying High Over Cowboy Country – **Save \$20**
- Sep. – Old Man River – **Save \$40**
- Sep. – The Backroads of Vermont – **Save \$60**
- Oct. – Route 66, Main Street of America (entire tour) – **Save \$125**
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- Oct. – Santa Fe & San Antonio – **Save \$100**
- Oct. – Cruising the Columbia with Captain Jeff – **Save \$100**
- Oct. – Italy, That's Amore – **Save \$100**

VALUABLE COUPON

Save \$10–\$40 per person on Cancellation Protection

Valid only when used with the adjacent coupon, on the tours listed. Your savings depend on the price of your tour. Save \$10 on tours priced from \$451–\$800, Save \$20 on tours priced from \$801–\$2250, Save \$30 on tours priced from \$2251–\$3500, Save \$40 on tours priced at \$3501 or more. The regular cost of this protection is \$15–\$295, depending on the tour price. To receive the above discounts, you must pay in full within ten days of registration and purchase the protection at the time you pay for your tour. Within 60/75 days of departure (see adjoining coupon), coverage is limited to verified medical emergencies. Please refer to the Special Tour Notes brochure for details, or call our office.