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CREATING MEMORABLE TRAVEL EXPERIENCES SINCE 1979

The ultimate moment while traveling...

I believe people travel for different reasons. Some travel to get away from their daily lives, to relax and unwind. Some go in search of adventure, from mild to wild. Many, particularly mature travelers who make up the majority of our clientele, love to learn while they are traveling.

It's the moment when everything in your world aligns perfectly. At that moment, life feels perfect. You are looking at a spectacular monument to humanity or nature (think **Crazy Horse**), listening to an amazing speaker share experiences or just enjoying the moment so much you can't imagine being in a better place.

Those of us who strive to create those moments for you feel the same way you do when it happens. It can be as small as the feeling on the bus when it pulls through the entrance to Disneyland (yes, even *older kids*... wait **especially older kids**, really get excited and you can *feel* the excitement on the bus).

We work really hard to create situations where those moments can happen, either for the group as described above, or for you personally. I've felt for many years that one of the quickest ways to a traveler's heart is to recreate a piece of their childhood. Take them someplace physically, or mentally, which reminds them of days long ago. Disneyland is a perfect example of this phenomenon.

We call these the "ah-ha" moments. Not sure where that name came from, but it's common in our industry. Every tour operator knows what it means. Nirvana. Perfection. Joy. Happiness.

Just after the first of the year, we will announce the **Ah-ha Moments Contest**. We'll invite you to share your favorite **Sports Leisure** moments with us. The grand prize will be a **\$2,500 Tour/Travel Certificate**. Watch for the contest details in our January newsletter.

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"Small Company Survives Among Giants for 4 Decades"

If you asked me for a headline to describe our four decades here at **Sports Leisure Vacations**, I think that would be it. Who was to know, back in June of 1979, when our first bus headed up the hill to a casino in Tahoe, or down the freeway for a Giants game, that we would still be here 40 years later.

Some of you reading these words are **second generation Sports Leisure Travelers**. Your parents, a family member or a friend traveled with us previously, and you travel with us because of the positive reference you got along the way. (In fact, we have at least one **third** generation traveler.)

Your loyalty has been a huge part of our success. I have been blessed with an amazing staff for all of these years. Our current crew might very well be my best, but that doesn't mean we haven't had a host of superstars here through the years, making your travel dreams come true.

It's a combination that has been magical. Loyal clients who, through word of mouth, let others know we are here. Hard working, dedicated staff who love what they do. In a world of giant hotel chains and corporate influence impacting travel experiences at every corner, somehow together we have beaten the system. We create innovative trips to wonderful destinations. You travel with us and tell your friends. At **Sports Leisure Vacations**, we don't do "cookie cutter" tours. We create travel experiences with memories attached.



As our 40th anniversary approaches, we humbly thank everyone reading this who has contributed to our success. After 39 years, I still have the best job on the planet. With all my heart, thank you.

Mark

Mark Hoffmann, CTP
President

ACTIVITY METER



As part of our commitment to helping you select the right tour for your interests and physical abilities, check out the Activity Meter for each tour to get a feel for how it matches your interests, energy and fitness. It's important to note that more than one level may apply to a tour. For example, some will enjoy a visit to a national park by spending time in the visitor's center and taking a seat with a view. Others might prefer to hike on a nature trail. Same destination, same tour, two different levels of activity.

The letter abbreviations for each departure can be found in the Table of Contents listing for the tour. Where you see two letters, that indicates the ability to add activities or do optional things which increase the amount of physical activity (standing, walking, climbing stairs, etc.). The meter is a guideline. It is impossible to predict every situation on tour, since conditions may change before or during a trip which require itinerary adjustments.

L Leisurely – A tour that can be enjoyed by all. A minimal amount of required walking on city streets or generally level surfaces, with few stairs. A theater day trip might be an example.

M Moderate – A tour with some walking activities, and standing/strolling at attractions and museums and possibly some stair

A good problem to have?

The world of retail is all about supply and demand. Merchants create or acquire inventory based on an educated guess regarding not only what will sell, but how much. Consumers don't want last year's hot sneaker today, so retailers have to work to have just the right amount – too few and you have disappointed customers. Too many and you have a warehouse full of the once-popular neon green and purple striped tennis shoes with pink polka dots and yellow laces that no one wants. Did we ever *really* think those were stylish?

Merchants must also consider quality. As a general rule the better the quality, the higher the price. Sneakers made by companies who employ environmentally sustainable methods and fairly compensate their workers cost more. Likewise hotels in prime locations or that offer a view come at a premium price. Memorable meals and other inclusions that enrich the visitor experience are often not inexpensive. Smaller group sizes mean you pay more per person to cover all the extra elbow room, but don't you like the additional space, smaller lines and shorter waits (especially when in the all-important queue to use the restroom)?

Here at **Sports Leisure Vacations** we don't sell shoes. We offer experiences designed to make your travel dreams come true. From educational to life-changing to just plain fun, our tours are the product of weeks, months or sometimes even years of hard work in the planning phase, each employing a great deal of time, money and intellectual equity before the departure is ready to hit the road, water, rails or air. We sell what is referred to as a Perishable Commodity. Unlike last year's sneaker which will end up on the aisle of a discount store, we cannot sell yesterday's departure today.

climbing. A daytrip to the ballpark or a short regional trip (Monterey, CA Coast) might be examples. A moderate trip could include air transportation and navigating through airports.

A Active – A tour which includes longer walks (3-5 city blocks). Shorter walks could be on uneven surfaces. Days could be longer (including longer travel days with layovers). **Some of the trip could be at high altitudes.**

This would be the level for most of our longer distance domestic and Canadian tours, the minimum level for an overseas international tour. Tours which mention the ability to walk 3-5 city blocks **in a timely fashion** a couple of times a day fit into this category, as would most of our national park tours. You could find a flight of stairs without handrails. A tour with a seaplane or jeep ride, and the ability to climb into the plane/jeep, would be found in this category. Longer rail tours fit in this category.

E Energetic – A tour with an accent on opportunities for walking and other physical activities. Many overseas tours would fit in this category. Long plane flights, perhaps standing or walking longer distances. You might have to climb into a zodiac boat if you are with Ramona. If you need wheelchair assistance at the airport or other places, you should not consider a tour on this level.

C Challenging – Tours like these are designed with daily physical activities like hiking and other vigorous activities and can be great travel experiences, **but they are not typical of Sports Leisure Vacations trips.**

That empty seat in the bus, plane or theatre can never be filled. Our investment in that seat will never be compensated.

We are a specialty tour company which means, among other things, we usually create singular departures to some of the world's greatest destinations each year. Our inventory is based on educated guesses, yes, but also a host of other more tangible factors like staffing; air, train and cruise schedules and availability; and having enough sedans to take you to and from your home. Equally important is your valuable input on what incredible journeys you're dreaming of.

In 2018 and 2019 we have been and remain challenged by what most retailers would consider a good problem to have: A shortage of inventory. Never has the old adage about the early bird getting the worm been more true. Whether a frequent or occasional traveler, you've probably called our office in the past year and been told, "Sorry, that tour is sold out." So what's a traveler and travel company to do?

For our part know we are working to offer more inventory without compromising the quality experiences we're famous for. In other words, we're not planning to pack the bus just to accommodate a few more passengers. Rather, we're looking at multiple departures on the same or different dates to accommodate demand. So what's the best thing for you to do? If you're not the early-enough bird, put your name on the waiting list even if it's long. A long list cues us to get to work on an additional departure, at which point you'll be contacted. Many new tour ideas are introduced as Teasers. If you see one that interests you, call and place your name on the Priority Notification List. In many cases you'll have a chance to register for the tour before it's offered to the Travel Club.

Forty years of making travel dreams come true is a great honor, but also a great responsibility – and we don't take either lightly. It is thanks to you and because of you that we're here. We enter our fifth decade with a keen eye on the future and where it may take us: New ways to explore the land. Under water adventures. How about space travel? Wherever we go, we won't be alone. Thank you most sincerely for coming along on the ride!

"Your Tour Guy,"



Clayton Whitehead, CTP
Vice President

LEARN MORE!

Some tours are accompanied by a selection of websites that will help satisfy your appetite for more information on our destinations before you travel. Check them out and let us know what you discover. Remember, a wealth of knowledge is always available at www.sportsleisure.com including company information, expanded tour itineraries, current publications and a link to the **Travel Guys Radio Show**.



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Ice Magic Festival in the Canadian Rockies

Featuring three nights at the Chateau Lake Louise

6 Days • January 17-22



1. Fly to Calgary via Seattle, arriving early afternoon. Lunch is hosted before traveling into the Rockies and Canada's first national park, Banff. In 1883, three railway workers discovered a natural hot spring, and from there the park was born. Nowadays Banff National Park is one of the world's premiere destinations with unparalleled majestic mountain scenery. Your accommodations are at the iconic **Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise – 3 nights (L)**

2-3. Over the next two days experience Lake Louise at its winter finest during the Ice Magic Festival. Watch in amazement as internationally renowned professional ice carvers have 34 hours to work sculpting towering one-of-a-kind works of art from imposing blocks of solid ice on the shores of Lake Louise. With each ice block weighing a daunting 300 pounds, this exceptional art form involves grueling physical labor in a delicate balancing act with precision artistry. Other attractions include an old-fashioned horse drawn sleigh ride along the Lake Louise shore; and travel through the forest with a dog sled team, an incredible ride – one you will not forget any time soon. **(2FB)**

4. Depart Lake Louise for the town of Banff. A guided tour of the village includes a gondola ride. Sit back and relax in a 4 passenger, glass enclosed gondola. Marvel at the unsurpassed view of Banff, the Bow Valley and a 360-degree view of six scenic mountain ranges from 7,486 feet above sea level. You will feel like you're on

HIGHLIGHTS

- Stunning park lodging with 3 nights at Chateau Lake Louise, and 2 nights Banff
- Watch ice carvers at work as they create incredible ice sculptures
- View Banff National Park from high above the ground from the new gondola
- Enjoy horse-drawn sleigh ride at Lake Louise
- 7 meals: 5 full breakfasts, 1 lunch, 1 dinner
- Door-to-door service
- Roundtrip airfare to/from Calgary
- 2900/3450 Gold Passport Points

top of the world when you are standing on the spacious main level observation deck.

Banff Park Lodge – 2 nights (FB)

5. During our last day in this winter wonderland you will have a free day to visit local museums, shop or perhaps take a dip in the hot springs. Your Tour Director will have plenty of suggestions for you on how to maximize your time in Banff. Gather tonight for a hosted dinner at a favorite eatery. **(FB,D)**

6. After breakfast, travel back to Calgary for an afternoon flight that returns you to Sacramento early evening. **(FB)**

Note: You must be prepared for cold weather 0-30 degrees. Average daytime high is 22 degrees.

\$2890 p.p./dbl occ., \$3420 single **A E**

This vacation requires a valid passport

LEARN MORE!

Go to Google Images and type in
"Banff Ice Magic"

Florida, It's All About the Water

Explore the beauty of the Gulf Coast

6 Days • February 3-8



Florida's Gulf Coast has a laid-back vibe, beautiful scenery and powdery white sand. Influenced by Southern culture, time moves a little slower here allowing a chance for relaxation and exploration.

1. On arrival, travel the causeway across Tampa Bay to Clearwater Beach, onto Sand Key to your all-suite waterfront accommodations. A fine steak and seafood dinner is served waterside. **Marriott Suites on Sand Key – 3 nights (D)**

2. Have your cameras ready, and keep your fingers out of the enclosures at the Big Cat Rescue! Meet the lions, tigers, and cheetahs that call the sanctuary home. In Tarpon Springs, a thriving Greek community,

take a cruise out to a small key in the middle of the Gulf of Mexico to hunt for seashells. The dolphins love to hitch a ride in the boat's wake and play in the waves! Back at the hotel, watch as the sky changes brilliant shades of orange and pink at sunset while you relax on your patio. **(FB,L)**

3. With a local guide, we go back in time to Ybor City, a Cuban enclave that was once the Cigar Capitol of the World. Visit a cigar manufacturer where you can pick up a Cuban-style stogie for yourself or a friend. En route back to your hotel, make a stop at Ron Jon's for fun T-shirts and beach gear, an East Coast institution known by every surfer dude! **(FB,L)**

4. Head to Sarasota and The Ringling Museum. Does that name sound familiar? It should! Take a guided tour of the circus museum and see Mr. Ringling's private train car. Enjoy free time to explore the lovely grounds or take in the amazing to-scale model of the traveling circus. Lunch is at the museum restaurant before continuing to the Edison-Ford Winter Estates in Ft. Myers. Henry Ford utilized Thomas Edison's invention, the light bulb, on his automobiles and the two shared a great friendship. On Sanibel Island, your hotel is situated between two bodies of water, hence the name. **'Tween Waters Resort – 2 nights (FB,L)**

5. The tranquil waters of Tarpon Bay host all kinds of wildlife, even the elusive manatee. You might just see them playing off the

HIGHLIGHTS

- 3 nights all-suite waterfront Marriott hotel
- 2 nights 'Tween Waters, a quirky fun island resort
- Meet the furry residents at The Big Cat Rescue
- See the local wildlife on two nature cruises
- Visit the Ringling Circus Museum
- Learn of Florida's Gulf Coast ecology
- 11 meals: 5 full breakfasts, 4 lunches, 2 dinners
- Door-to-door service
- Roundtrip airfare to Tampa/from Ft. Myers
- 3350/3650 Gold Passport Points

docks at your hotel. Aboard a pontoon cruise, your naturalist guide will point out the many different birds and bring the ecology of the bay to life. Stop for lunch at an island favorite before visiting the Bailey-Mathews National Shell Museum. The afternoon is yours to spend as you wish. Relax on the beach, by the pool or take an optional excursion to the Sanibel Historical Village for a glimpse of island life 100 years ago. Tonight, place your bets and cheer loudly during the crab races. You read that right, crab races. It's truly one of the silliest, yet most fun events! **(FB,L,D)**

6. Enjoy a leisurely morning before flying from Ft. Myers in the early afternoon. **(FB)**

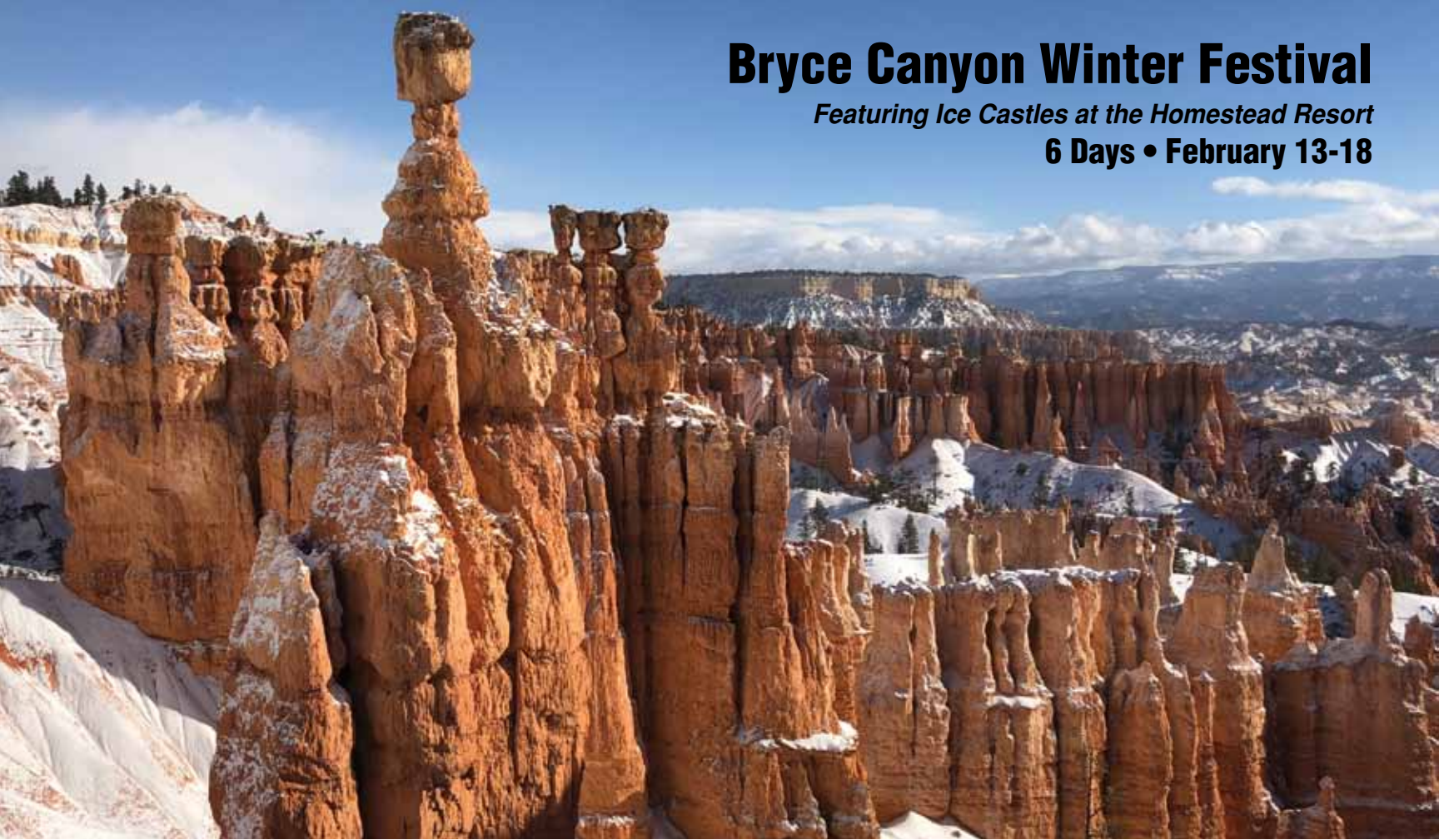
\$3030 p.p./dbl occ., \$3625 single **A**



Bryce Canyon Winter Festival

Featuring Ice Castles at the Homestead Resort

6 Days • February 13-18



1. Fly direct on Southwest Airlines to Salt Lake City. Travel through the Wasatch Mountains to the town of Midway. Your resort features a unique attraction, the one-of-a-kind Homestead Crater. Take a soak in this geothermal spring, hidden within a 55-foot tall, beehive-shaped limestone rock. Tonight, also on property is the Ice Castle featuring ice-carved tunnels, frozen thrones, and towers that reach astonishing heights. LED lights frozen inside 25 million pounds of ice twinkle, add a magical ambience to the already awe-inspiring structures.

Homestead Resort (L)

2. Travel south into the beautiful red rock canyonlands of southern Utah. Learn about the first man to raft the Colorado River through the Grand Canyon at the John Wesley Powell Museum. **Holiday Inn Express, Green River (B,L)**

3. We make our way to Bryce Canyon National Park today on one of the most scenic roads in the state! First stop is Goblin Valley with its landscape covered with bizarre sandstone formations. Pass through Capitol Reef National Park, over Boulder Mountain and travel scenic Highway 12 en route to Bryce. A day you will not soon forget. **Bryce Canyon Grand Hotel – 3 nights (B,L)**

4-5. The next two days will be spent at the Bryce Canyon Winter Festival. There will be many options to choose from including

HIGHLIGHTS

- Walk through an ice castle with tunnels and towers
- Soak in the geothermal spring of a crater
- Travel through Capitol Reef National Park
- Enjoy the activities of the Bryce Canyon Winter Festival
- 9 meals: 5 breakfasts, and 4 lunches
- Door-to-door service
- Roundtrip airfare to Salt Lake City/from Las Vegas
- 1900/2150 Gold Passport Points

park ranger walks along the rim of Bryce Canyon to photograph the amazing contrast of the white snow covering the colorful sandstone formations called Hoodoo's. Maybe you would like to try snow shoeing? How about a geology talk or nighttime star gazing with a ranger? Outdoor activities will be dependent on weather and snowfall. There will also be indoor clinics and demos, photography workshops, family search classes, line dancing at Ebenezer's Barn and Grill and watercolor classes to name just a few. When the schedule comes out you will get to choose your activities. **(2B)**

6. Today we head to Las Vegas for our flight home, stopping in St. George for a hosted lunch along the way. **(B,L)**

\$1885 p.p./dbl occ., \$2140 single

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Winter at the *Majestic* Ahwahnee

Featuring an overnight stay in Yosemite National Park

2 Days • February 24-25



The focus is all about the Ahwahnee Hotel... re-named *The Majestic Yosemite Hotel* several years ago. However, for this writer, and many others, it will always be *The Ahwahnee*. Enjoy brunch in the grand dining room, and spend one night in what Stephen Mather, first Director of the National Park Service, called the Grand Dame of National Park hotels. This trip is a **Sports Leisure Vacations**' favorite!

1. Arrive in time for a late seating at the Sunday Brunch, in the Ahwahnee Dining Room, with 34 foot high ceilings and floor-to-ceiling windows. Later a guided tour of the public areas deepens your appreciation for the architecture and interior design of this grand structure. Pause for a cup of tea in the Grand Lounge while awaiting check-in at 5pm. The evening is yours to enjoy the surroundings. **Ahwahnee Hotel (BR)**

2. Exploring the valley during the winter is very different than during other times of the year; perhaps you will wake up to a fresh dusting of snow. Learn more about winter in Yosemite and enjoy the spectacular views as you explore from one end of the valley to the other from the comfort of a heated coach with a local guide this morning. There is time for lunch on your own in the valley; then enjoy a brief stop at the Hilmar Cheese Company before returning home.

This package includes motorcoach transportation, accommodations, 1 brunch, all tours and attractions as listed above and the services of a **Sports Leisure Vacations** Tour Director. 750/950 Gold Passport Points

\$730 p.p./dbl.occ., \$920 single M

Itzhak Perlman

An Evening of Virtuosity

2 Days • January 12-13

What an amazing opportunity! Attend a performance by the world's reigning virtuoso of the violin, partake of an exclusive dinner served on the stage of the Foster Family Theatre, and enjoy a special appearance by Itzhak Perlman for a meet and greet after the performance. The dinner is limited to only 100 people, and **Sports Leisure Vacations** has 45 tickets. Recognizing that it is January, and an evening performance, we have decided to make this an overnighter so that the lateness of the event and weather do not become a factor. Package includes pre-concert dinner at the Gallo Center, rear orchestra seating for the 8pm performance in the Mary Stuart Rogers Theatre, overnight accommodations at the SpringHill Suites by Marriott, a hearty breakfast and a visit to the Hilmar Cheese Company for some local goodies before returning to Sacramento early Sunday afternoon. 600/675 Gold Passport Points

\$590 p.p./dbl.occ., \$655 single L



Turn that pile of old coins into travel cash...

Almost everyone has a bag or a box or a sack of coins, often left by a relative who collected them. Why take them to someone you don't know and allow them to value your treasures? Years ago, **Sports Leisure** Owner Mark Hoffmann was a coin collector/dealer. Now he's getting back into the hobby and would be delighted to appraise your old U.S. and Canadian coins and currency and in most cases, make you an offer to purchase them. Or, you can keep your treasures, with the knowledge of what their value is. Call to set an appointment at the office, or for collections too large to transport, Mark is willing to come to your home for the appraisal. Call Bob or Mark at the office at (916) 361-2051 to schedule your appointment.





Tonopah and Laughlin with Just a Glimmer of Vegas

A Spring "all coach" trip through the desert

6 Days • March 3-8



You said "no Vegas" and we listened! For many years we have stayed in Las Vegas but now traveler comments ask for more time in Laughlin, and less in Vegas... We will still stop on "The Strip" for several hours to satisfy your curiosity, and then continue to your hotel on the Colorado River.

1. Our convenient limousine service brings you to the **Sports Leisure Vacations** office. Depart in *SuperCoach III* for the south shore of Lake Tahoe for the popular Forest Buffet at Harrah's. Continue your travels down Hwy. 395, crisscrossing California and Nevada as you make your way to Tonopah. Indulge yourself at the Mizpah Hotel, a landmark of luxury since 1907. Its origins date back to the days when Tonopah was the last of the Wild West boom towns, bustling with those seeking fortunes in the silver mines. Due to a limited number of two-bedded rooms at the historic **Mizpah Hotel**, additional double rooms will be

provided at the nearby **Best Western High Desert Inn. (BR)**

2. Heading south this morning, stop at the candy store in Beatty to pick up some treats for the week. A quick stop in Las Vegas is just enough to whet your appetite; next, drop by another **Sports Leisure** favorite, Sam's Town, for a dinner buffet. Arrive Laughlin early evening with three nights to enjoy the river view from your hotel. **Golden Nugget – 3 nights (D)**

3-4. With two full days in Laughlin, you have several options. Travel the Colorado River by jet boat to Lake Havasu, home of the famous London Bridge; and view breathtaking Topock Gorge, only accessible by river, along the way. Enjoy a hosted lunch and some free time in Lake Havasu before returning to Laughlin via *SuperCoach III*. (If you opt out of the jet boat ride and lunch at Lake Havasu, you may deduct \$100 from the price of the tour. This must be done at time of making your reservation.) Or maybe you'd rather visit Oatman, a Route 66 landmark and home to the famous burros. Have lunch at the Oatman Hotel; tho' a word of warning – watch out those burros don't steal your ice cream! (Opt out at time of booking, and receive \$25 credit.) (2L)

5. Depart Laughlin this morning for the trip back towards Sacramento. Stop in Yermo for lunch at the fabulous and fun Peggy Sue's, then continue on through

HIGHLIGHTS

- 3 nights next to the Colorado River with river view accommodations
- Optional side trips to Oatman, AZ and Lake Havasu
- 1 night Tonopah, home of the Mizpah Hotel; and 1 night at Tachi Palace
- Door-to-door service
- 6 meals: 1 brunch, 4 lunches, 1 dinner
- 1600/1850 Gold Passport Points

Mojave and Bakersfield to Tachi Palace for one more opportunity at the slots. This beautiful hotel is one of the finest casino hotels in California. **Tachi Palace (L)**

6. Enjoy a relaxing morning before traveling north, arriving in Sacramento early afternoon. Your transportation waits at the office to take you home. (L)

\$1599 p.p./dbl.occ., \$1810 single **M**



Alaska's Aurora Borealis

Featuring small group travel with unique winter attractions

7 Days • March 8-14

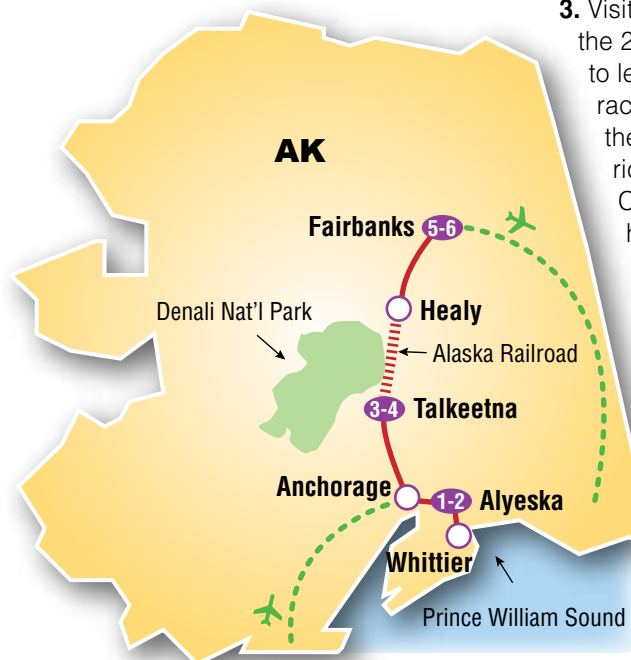


1. We start the tour with lunch in Anchorage then a scenic drive down the Turnagain Arm, one of the most scenic byways in America! This all-American road will be a highlight today as we travel between the ocean and the towering Chugach Mountains before we check into our overnight accommodations. The

Alyeska Resort is a beautiful property; amenities include several restaurants, spa and an indoor saltwater pool and whirlpool. They also have an aerial tram with fine dining at the top of the mountain. **Alyeska Resort – 2 nights (L)**

2. This morning we will explore the Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center, a 200-acre rescue and rehabilitation center for Alaskan wildlife. Meet the moose, wood bison, musk ox, caribou, and other Alaskan animals that call the Portage Glacier Valley home. The afternoon takes us on an adventure in Prince William Sound's Blackstone Bay. Our journey takes us close to shore admiring the sheer cliff walls and tumbling waterfalls en route to the Blackstone tidewater glaciers. You will soon be sitting face to face with an expansive wall of ice. **(FB,L)**

3. Visit the homestead of Dallas Seavey, the 2012, 2014-2016 Iditarod Champion to learn what it takes to train and race in the Last Great Race. Tour the kennel, and go for a wilderness ride on a real dog sled with Iditarod Champion sled dogs! Lunch will be hosted before we travel to the town of Talkeetna, a quaint town featured on several TV shows for good food and fun personalities. Enjoy the Star Lady Aurora presentation this evening. She will share with you her knowledge of constellations, aurora activity, and the Alaskan night sky before we head outside on the lodge deck to look for the Northern Lights! **Talkeetna Alaskan Lodge – 2 nights (FB,L)**



HIGHLIGHTS

- View the Aurora Borealis in the dark skies outside of Fairbanks
- Tour of the BP Ice Art Championship sculptures
- Stay at the spectacular Alyeska Resort, charming Talkeetna Alaskan Lodge and Pikes Waterfront Lodge
- Travel on the Alaska Railroad from Talkeetna to Healy
- Dogsled at Dallas Seavey Kennel, home of the Iditarod Champion
- Exclusive cruise in Prince William Sound
- See all the big land mammals at the Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center
- Star Lady Aurora presentation
- 9 meals: 4 full breakfasts, 3 lunches, 2 dinners
- Door-to-door airport transportation
- Roundtrip airfare to Anchorage/ from Fairbanks
- 4550/5100 Gold Passport Points

4. Today wake up and look out your window and hopefully view the majestic Alaska Range and North America's highest mountain Denali! Breakfast is at the famous Talkeetna Roadhouse followed by a tour of the town and an optional (extra cost) flightseeing tour. **(FB)**

5. After breakfast journey on the Alaskan Railroad. We will depart the train near Denali National Park and continue by bus to Fairbanks. After checking into our hotel enjoy a hosted dinner followed by aurora viewing this evening. The remote location will allow us to get away from the city lights of Fairbanks to enjoy the aurora and photograph this spectacular show! NOTE: The aurora is weather and solar flare dependent – it takes clear skies and active solar activity combined to make for a great viewing experience. **Pikes Waterfront Lodge – 2 nights (FB,D)**

6. Sleep in this morning. This afternoon stop at the Trans Alaska Pipeline. At the BP World Ice Art Championships you'll be amazed by the single and multi-blocks of ice sculpted into exquisite masterpieces. Following dinner return to the Ice Park to see the sculptures all lit up! **(D)**

7. You will not soon forget the magic you experienced in the Great North. Depart Fairbanks International Airport for Sacramento.

Please note: You must be prepared for cold weather (0 to 25 degrees Fahrenheit is typical) throughout this tour. Winter jackets, snow pants and boots may be rented for extra cost.

\$4550 p.p/dbl.occ., \$5085 single **A E**



Take the Snow Train to Reno

Ride Amtrak's California Zephyr through the Sierra Nevada
2 Days • January 14-15 or March 11-12

Experience a High Sierra winter wonderland as Amtrak's *California Zephyr* climbs through the mountains, providing magnificent winter vistas. Your journey begins from one of our convenient pickups and the train departs from Roseville. Don't worry about your luggage – it will travel on board our motorcoach which will meet you in Reno!

Once on board the *California Zephyr*, enjoy relaxing views from your seat or from the domed observation car. A box lunch is included for you to take on the train so you won't miss the scenery! Your accommodations are at the **Silver Legacy Casino/Resort**. Enjoy a free morning at leisure on the second day before returning home by motorcoach.



The package includes one-way rail passage on Amtrak's *California Zephyr*, a boxed lunch, hotel accommodations, casino bonuses (subject to change), and return transportation by motorcoach. 300/350 Gold Passport Points

\$285 p.p./dbl.occ., \$335 single M
Add door-to-door service for \$107 p.p.



Cirque du Soleil's *Volta*

Under the Big Top in San Jose
2 Days • March 15-16

Volta literally means an abrupt change of direction, and that's what you're going to get in Cirque du Soleil's newest production. Expect a modern twist on Cirque's well-loved formula of acrobats, clowns, music and lighting in *Volta* with the introduction of BMX bicycle stunts, bungee jumping, chandelier swinging and a modern, electronic musical score. The production loosely tells the story of Waz, ridiculed and bullied all his life because he was born with a head of blue feathers rather than hair. Along the way he meets a series of equally

unusual, but incredible performers who help him "change directions" by accepting and even reveling in his uniqueness.

Your accommodations are at the beautiful **Biltmore Hotel** in Santa Clara. The tour also includes deluxe motorcoach transportation, 2 meals (FB,D), show ticket and a **Sports Leisure** Tour Director. 600/650 Gold Passport Points

\$575 p.p./dbl.occ., \$645 single L
Add door-to-door service for \$107 p.p.

Travel Club Gold is our bonus rewards program and the most valuable benefits of membership in the **Sports Leisure Travel Club**. A member is elevated to Gold status upon completion of 20 days on the road. That can be twenty 1-day trips, four 5-day trips or whatever – just do the math. Keep track of your days by having the Tour Director sign your Travel Club Gold Registration Card on every trip.

Gold Passport Points are accrued depending on the dollars you spend at a ratio of roughly one-to-one. Your points are kept and automatically tabulated within our database. You'll find your points balance is printed on the second page of every Trip Invoice. Points can be "cashed out" at a number of levels awarding from \$50 to \$3000 in travel credit! Plus Gold members may double the member discount on every reservation.

There is an additional benefit for those who remain frequent travelers, defined as traveling at least 8 days per year. Our bimonthly newsletter, *The Traveler*, will be sent by first-class mail giving you the best chance to get the tours and seats you want!

Spring Training

*The Cactus League in Arizona
with the Giants and A's*
5 Days • March 7-11

Each spring we head to Arizona for 5 days to catch Cactus League baseball in the sunshine. Tickets go on sale November 1, so it is important to register before that date. **Those registering by November 1 are guaranteed space.** Spring games (particularly the shaded seats we covet) often sell out quickly.

Tentative Game Schedule

Thur., Mar. 7	A's vs. Giants at Scottsdale
Fri., Mar. 8	Giants vs. Cleve. Indians at Goodyear
Sat., Mar. 9	San Diego Padres vs. A's at Mesa
Sun., Mar. 10	Giants vs. A's at Mesa
Mon., Mar. 11	Giants vs. L.A. Dodgers at Glendale

Generally games are during the day, but increasingly teams are scheduling games under the lights. We won't know how many day/night games are on our itinerary until the schedule is finalized.

We have some dining traditions on this trip. Many of us come every year, or on a regular basis, and we have a couple of favorites. Dine one evening at **Rustler's Roost**, a fun, cowboy-style eatery with a great view of the Valley of the Sun from its porch. **Sunday Brunch** is at the Wrigley Mansion. Mr. Wrigley was one of the "inventors" of Spring Training, and dining at the mansion is really a treat.

Guest Speakers – One morning and one evening, we invite a former player, coach, manager, umpire or current team official to speak to our group after a private dinner. We always have great story-tellers to tickle your baseball fancy.

Beautifully refurbished Marriott Hotel – We have a convenient location between all eight parks, just north of the airport. No park is more than an hour from our headquarters. Enjoy a great buffet breakfast every morning (except Sunday) at the Marriott.

The package includes 7 meals, roundtrip air to/from Phoenix, 4 nights at the Marriott, game tickets in premium (and generally shaded) locations, the services of a **Sports Leisure** Tour Director and 2400/2800 Gold Passport Points for qualified travelers.

\$2395 p.p./dbl.occ., \$2760 single **A**



All About The Ballparks, Southern Style

Off to Florida, with stops in Houston and Atlanta

9 Days • May 26 – June 3

Each year, we offer an opportunity to visit some of America's baseball diamonds. This year's trip features four indoor games in Florida, visits to a couple of baseball landmarks, with pre/post Florida games in Houston and Atlanta. Because the Major League Baseball schedule was released just days before the catalog went to press, the attractions listed should be considered tentative, because game times have not been finalized at this point.

We have stepped up the seating for this trip. All seating will be field or club level, within the bases. We know how much you like walking to the stadium from your hotel, and that is possible in Houston and Atlanta. The Marriott in Tampa/Clearwater is a spectacular hotel. If you are worried about the summer heat in Florida, keep in mind both parks are indoors with air conditioning.

1. Fly to Houston, departing midday and arriving in the evening. **Hampton Inn Downtown – 2 nights**

2. Sightseeing today features Space Center Houston and the Houston Museum of Natural Science. The Space Center is the official visitors headquarters for NASA, and our exploration of space, the moon and other planets. The museum is one of the country's finest, with a planetarium and giant screen theater. Tonight, it's **Cubs vs. Astros** at Minute Maid Park. **(B)**

3. Fly to Miami, arriving mid-afternoon. Your accommodations for **3 nights** are at the **Marriott Miami Airport** (about 3-4 miles from the stadium) Tonight it's **Giants vs. Marlins** in the first of three games. **(B)**

4. See Miami Beach and the lavish homes in Coral Gables on a morning tour. The excursion also features a couple of special baseball related stops. The Miami Hurricanes college team is consistently one of the best in the country. Ever since the Miami Magicians took the field in 1912, the state has had a colorful baseball history. Tonight, game 2 of **Giants vs. Marlins**. **(FB,L)**

5. Relax at your hotel before the day game between the **Giants/Marlins**. After the game, it's dinner at our favorite South American Steak House.

6. A short midday flight brings you to Tampa. Accommodations for **2 nights** are at the **Clearwater Beach Marriott**, beautiful rooms, beautiful view. Tonight, the **Minnesota Twins** play the **Rays** at Tropicana Field. **(FB,L)**

7. Do a little Tampa touring today, with the featured stop being Ybor Square. Watch cigars being hand-rolled, capture the Cuban heritage and learn about the (baseball) history of the area. There have been more Spring Training games played in St. Petersburg than in any other city. The 1912 Tampa Smokers started it all. **(FB,L)**

8. Leave the Florida portion of our travels today and fly to Atlanta. Tonight's game at America's newest ballpark is between the **Tigers/Braves**. **(FB)**

9. Leave for home with a host of memories. 4800/5350 Gold Passport Points **(FB)**

\$4790 p.p./dbl.occ., \$5310 single **A**



Hawaii is calling and we need your input on our next visit...



With Southwest Airlines becoming a player in the Hawaii market sometime in the coming months, Alaska and Hawaiian Airlines are trying to get the jump and nail down some business. That has caused fares to drop, particularly in the "shoulder season," spring and fall. Our trip to **Kauai/Maui** to watch the whales in January is sold out, so we are looking at adding a Hawaii package for next spring.

We'd like to get your input (because that's the way we like to do things, with your input/opinions) on what type of Hawaii package would interest you. Since our last two trips have been **Kauai/Maui** combinations, we will leave that one out. Take a look at the options below, then call us at 916-361-2051 (M-F, 9am-4:30pm); or send an email to res@sportsleisure.com.

Please tell us your favorite itinerary, along with any others you are interested in. We will note your interest and have an update, hopefully in the November newsletter. Thank you for participating.

Possible Attractions

Oahu: Pearl Harbor, Shangri-La (Doris Duke's former home), Iolani Palace, visit President Obama's neighborhood, Dolphin Cruise, sightseeing tour of the island, lots of shopping

Maui: O'o Farms (farm to fork lunch), Surfing Goat Diary, Slack Key Guitar Concert, Maui High Country tour, Lahaina, Maui Plantation

Kauai: Steelgrass Chocolate Farm Tour, flightseeing over Waimea Canyon and the Napali Coast, tour of the island including Hanalei Bay, foodie tour, Sunday Brunch at Gaylord's

Big Island of Hawaii: Sea Horse Ranch, luau, Hawaiian Vanilla Company lunch and tour in Panilolo Country, Hawi, volcano flightseeing, Parker Ranch, Macadamia Nut tour

Key West, Miami & The Everglades

**Key Largo & 4 nights in Key West
7 Days • January 25-31, 2020**

Annually this is one of our most popular tours. Limited to 27 travelers, it is an early sellout. Pricing for this tour will be available in the **March 2019** newsletter. You can place your name on the priority list now, and we will notify you in advance and give you a chance to register. **We expect 2020 pricing to be ROUGHLY:**

\$4500 p.p./dbl.occ., \$5100 single E

HIGHLIGHTS

- Visit Florida Everglades National Park, experience an air boat ride and meet an alligator or two up close
- History abounds in Key West – visit the Hemingway Home, The Aquarium, Truman's "Little White House," tour the island aboard the famous *Old Town Trolley*
- Lunch on private Sunset Key at Latitudes, a short ferry ride from Mallory Pier in Key West, a **Sports Leisure** exclusive
- A "Taste of Key West" food tour by trolley, where you sample lots of local culinary treats (including Key Lime Pie, Conch Fritters, and Cuban Sandwiches)
- Day cruise on an authentic clipper ship (optional, included), Butterfly and Nature Conservatory
- Cabaret Dinner Show at *La Te Da*; lunch at famous Sloppy Joe's, a local landmark
- 4 nights in Key West at the Crowne Plaza La Concha, in the heart of town on Duval Street
- Overnight Ft. Lauderdale – Miami city tour featuring South Beach and Coral Gables; overnight in Key Largo
- Enjoy a tour at The Sea Turtle Hospital in the Florida Keys
- Roundtrip airfare to Ft. Lauderdale (United), return from Key West (Delta)
- 13 meals: 2 breakfasts, 4 full breakfasts, 2 lunches, 5 dinners
- Door-to-door airport service

Itinerary Options

**#1 9 Days – Oahu (Honolulu)/Maui,
4 nights on each island**

**#2 7 Days – Oahu/Maui,
3 nights each island**

**#3 9 Days – Oahu/Big Island of Hawaii,
4 nights each island**

**#4 7 Days – Oahu/Big Island of Hawaii
3 nights each island**

**#5 10 Days – Oahu/Maui/Big Island of
Hawaii, 3 nights each island**

**#6 10 Days – Oahu/Kauai/Big Island of
Hawaii, 3 nights each island**

**#7 10 Days – Kauai/Maui/Big Island,
3 nights each island**

**#8 7 Days – Kauai/Big Island of Hawaii,
3 nights each island**

**#9 9 Days – Kauai/Big Island of Hawaii,
3 nights each island**



Alaska's Kenai Peninsula

Featuring bear viewing in Lake Clark National Park and riding the Alaska Railroad

7 Days • August 30 – September 5



HIGHLIGHTS

- Lake Clark National Park bear viewing aboard private pontoon boat (pictured on right)
- Kenai Fjord's National Park catamaran tour with park service ranger
- Scenic flight tour to Lake Clark National Park
- Enjoy GoldStar service on the Alaska Railroad
- 11 meals: 5 breakfasts, 1 full breakfast, 4 lunches, 1 dinner
- Door-to-door transportation
- Roundtrip airfare to/from Anchorage
- 6000/6800 Gold Passport Point

1. Fly into Anchorage via Seattle. Enjoy a historical tour of Anchorage en route to your meet-and-greet reception featuring hors d'oeuvres highlighting locally-sourced ingredients as well as craft beer and wine. **Voyager Hotel (L)**

2. Take a 70-minute scenic flight tour from Lake Hood (home to the world's busiest seaplane airport and base) to Lake Clark National Park, situated at the headwaters of Bristol Bay in the remote Alaskan wilderness! Upon arrival at the lodge, enjoy an up close brown bear viewing tour from the comfort of the private covered pontoon boat. Watch bears feed on spawning salmon and frolicking in the water. Relax and enjoy lunch at a rustic Alaskan lodge. Fly to Homer and settle in to your hotel. Each room provides views of the ocean. **Land's End Resort – 2 nights (B,L)**

3. Spend the day cruising Kachemak Bay. Our first stop is Gull Island seabird rookery, home to thousands of seabirds. Then we venture towards Eldred Passage where our onboard host will share history, geography and wildlife biology. Keep your eyes open

for sea otters, humpback whales and orca whales en route to the seaside town of Seldovia. After lunch stroll the boardwalk and visit the museum. Return to Homer. **(B)**

4. This morning explore the famous Homer Spit; visit the various galleries filled with local art that line the geographical landmark. This afternoon take the picturesque drive to Seward, the gateway to the Kenai Fjords National Park. **Harbor 360 Hotel – 2 nights. (B)**

5. Explore the community of Seward which will include a visit to the Alaska SeaLife Center, Alaska's only marine mammal rehabilitation facility and wildlife rescue center. After lunch visit the Kenai Fjords National Park Ranger Station at Exit Glacier. Take an interpretive walk to witness up close how glaciers have re-shaped this valley during the glacier's great retreat. **(B,L)**

6. Venture on an unforgettable cruise into Kenai Fjords National Park. Visit an active tidewater glacier, and discover the abundant wildlife while the national park ranger interprets the area's ecology, history and geology. A salmon and prime rib lunch is included on-board while cruising the fjords. Upon return from our day out on the water, take the iconic Alaska Railroad from Seward to the mountain town of Girdwood. GoldStar Service



provides dinner served in the dining car, complimentary nonalcoholic beverages, two adult beverages, and elevated viewing in glass dome cars, as well as access to an open air viewing platform. Overnight Girdwood. **Hotel Alyeska (B,L,D)**

7. In the morning transfer to the Anchorage airport for your flight home. **(FB)**

\$5995 p.p./dbl.occ., \$6780 single **E**





Desert Beauty: Anza-Borrego and Joshua Tree National Park

Springtime wildflowers, majestic landscapes, and splendid beauty
5 Days • March 18-22



The desert is a place of silence, light and space with beauty in its arid landscape, and wildflowers tucked into its crevices. Spend enough time here and the desert will weave



a spell upon you. Experience the beauty and grandeur for yourself in this springtime expedition.

1. A late-morning flight delivers you to San Diego for lunch in the beautiful Old Town. After lunch, enjoy the view of the Pacific Ocean from Point Cabrillo, a monumental site commemorating the first European explorer. This evening take in the sights and sounds of San Diego from your bayside rooms. **Embassy Suites (L)**

2. Travel from the seashore into the mountains to Julian, a small mining town known for apple pies. A quick lunch and you are off to Anza-Borrego Desert State Park, California's largest. Famous for its springtime display of wildflowers, this desert park has so much to offer: dramatic mountains and vast arid landscapes punctuated by oases prolific with all types of flora and fauna. Traverse the park with a guide to learn more about this "desert beauty." Our late afternoon drive to Rancho Mirage, home to a "hot water" resort, provides insight into the agriculture of the Coachella Valley. **Agua Caliente Casino Resort Spa – 3 nights (FB,L)**

3. Climb into one of the famous "red jeeps" for a trek into slot canyons and an open air ride through the desert landscape. With a local guide explaining the history, culture and legends of the Cahuilla people, the beauty of the desert comes alive with your driver's interpretation. And besides, the ride is just plain fun as the wind flies through your hair! This afternoon ascend two-and-one-half miles through multiple life zones aboard the world's largest rotating tramcar

HIGHLIGHTS

- Anza-Borrego State Park, Joshua Tree National Park and the gardens of the Living Desert provide spectacular examples of desert beauty
- Experience the desert first hand with a jeep ride, tram ride and guided tour of the region
- Stay 3 nights at the Agua Caliente Resort
- Door-to-door airport service
- Roundtrip airfare to San Diego/from Ontario
- 5 meals: 1 full breakfast, 3 lunches, 1 dinner
- 2350/2600 Gold Passport Points

to witness the diversity of the desert and amazing views of the Coachella Valley.

4. Another "desert beauty" awaits you this morning. Two distinct desert ecosystems, the Mojave and the Colorado, come together in Joshua Tree National Park. Forests of trees and jumbles of massive rocks make this an enchanting place – a land sculpted by strong winds and torrents of rain. The surreal geologic features add to the mystique of this vast wilderness. This evening you have the option to stroll through Village Fest, a menagerie of crafts, art and music on Palm Canyon Road, in downtown Palm Springs. It's a fun evening out with the locals and visitors alike. **(L,D)**

5. Desert beauty comes in many forms. This morning, go behind-the-scenes for a private tour at The Living Desert Zoo and Gardens, providing insight to the survival of life in many deserts around the world. An afternoon flight from Ontario returns you home.

\$2335 p.p./dbl.occ., \$2585 single **A**



Delightfully Danish!

Solvang and The Lompoc Valley Flower Festival
4 Days • June 27-30

It's been a year or two since we last made our way to the charming town of Solvang in the Santa Ynez Valley. On this close-to-home and no-fly journey we are including a day in Lompoc to celebrate alongside the locals at the annual flower festival.

Solvang is all about the Danish with it's many bakeries, restaurants and merchants offering a taste of Denmark in California. The architecture of many of the façades and buildings reflects traditional Danish style. There is a copy of the famous Little Mermaid statue from Copenhagen, as well as another statue featuring the bust of the famed Danish fable writer Hans Christian Andersen.

1. We depart from the **Sports Leisure Vacations** office onboard *SuperCoach III*.

Your Tour Director will serve coffee and light morning snacks onboard as we embark on our travels south. Stop for an included lunch at Awakenings in the central valley town of Salinas. Upon our arrival in Solvang, check into our hotel for **two nights**, the **Hotel Corque**. It's central location has made this a popular place with **SLV** travelers. We want to really get into the proper mood tonight, and that means dinner at a local Smorgasbord – that's Danish-speak for buffet! After dinner, you'll have time to enjoy the town and walk back to your nearby hotel. **(L,D)**

2. With so many bakeries in town, we thought it best to give you the option to try the bakery of your choice this morning. So grab something for breakfast from the place that caught your fancy. After you've had

HIGHLIGHTS

- 2 nights in the charming Danish-themed village of Solvang
- Enjoy the festivities in Lompoc celebrating decades of growing flowers
- Dining events: Brunch at the elegant Hayes Mansion and a traditional Danish Smorgasbord
- 5 meals: 1 brunch, 1 lunch, 3 dinners
- Door-to-door service
- Deluxe motorcoach transportation
- 1500/1700 Gold PassportPoints

your morning coffee and danish, we will visit Global Gardens in the nearby town of Los Olivos. Award-winning olive oils, balsamic vinegars, snacks and gift baskets await you. A stop at J. Woeste Home and Garden Treasures is next. Then it's back to Solvang for a horse and carriage tour of town. After the tour you'll have the rest of the day to explore, until we meet for an included dinner at a local restaurant. **(D)**

3. We leave Solvang and head northwest to the city of Lompoc, home of the annual Lompoc Valley Flower Festival. The parade and festival – with arts, crafts and food booths – are yours to enjoy today. This afternoon we arrive and settle in at The **Paso Robles Inn** with an included dinner on site. After dinner, why not do some exploring in town? **(D)**

4. We will make our way back home today and one last treat awaits you: Sunday Brunch at the Dolce Hayes Mansion in San Jose! A wonderful way to end your quick getaway. **(BR)**

\$1455 p.p./dbl.occ., \$1675 single **M**

Skagit Valley Tulip Festival

Spring into Easter in the beautiful Pacific Northwest

3 Days • April 18-20

1. In Seattle ascend the newly renovated Space Needle for sweeping views of Puget Sound and surrounding Olympic Mountains. Back on ground explore internationally-acclaimed glass artist Dale Chihuly's Garden and Glass. His work intermingles perfectly with nature. It's a must see! Glimpse into the mind of a genius during lunch at Collections Café which houses Dale's personal collection of oddities. Dinner is in Mukilteo perched on a hill overlooking the lovely seaside town. **Silver Cloud Inn – Mukilteo – 2 nights (L,D)**

2. Everything is coming up... tulips and daffodils! The rich fields of the Skagit Valley host the annual Tulip Festival. Visit two very

different farms: a commercial operation growing large plots of colorful blooms which create a patchwork quilt on the valley floor. The second farm is a smaller family-owned operation. Imagine 28 different varieties of tulips all lined up in a row! Stroll through the display gardens before stopping at the gift shop. Perhaps some bulbs for your home garden? After lunch browse the eclectic mix of boutiques with the most unique offerings. Dinner is on your own tonight in Mukilteo. Ivar's clam chowder, anyone? **(FB,L)**

3. Board the ferry, bus and all, for a scenic cruise across Puget Sound to Whidbey Island. The idyllic coastal community of Langley is your destination. Visit a local

HIGHLIGHTS

- Ascend Seattle's iconic Space Needle and visit Chihuly's Garden and Glass
- Spend 2 nights in lovely seaside Mukilteo, WA
- Tour 2 flower farms awash in brilliant blooms
- Hop the ferry to Whidbey Island for shopping and lunch
- 6 meals: 2 full breakfasts, 3 lunches, 1 dinner
- Roundtrip airfare included
- Door-to-door airport service
- 1500/1700 Gold Passport Points

chocolate shop known for truffles using locally sourced berries and a boutique that features all things flowers and chocolate combined! Make the return sailing to the mainland after lunch to catch an early evening flight. **(FB,L)**

\$1495 p.p./dbl.occ., \$1695 single **M**

On the Central Coast

Featuring oceanfront accommodations in Avila Beach

4 Days • April 1-4



1. Meet your fellow travelers at the **Sports Leisure** office before traveling in comfort to Avila Beach. Pass through the Salinas Valley, known as the “Salad Bowl of the World.” Pause for optional wine tasting at a beautiful sculpture garden before settling into your oceanfront suite just steps away from the sand and surf of the majestic Pacific Ocean. **Avila Lighthouse Suites – 3 nights (L)**

2. Travel back in time in a classic trolley to the historic Point San Luis Lighthouse

Park. Enjoy dramatic vistas where whales are frequently seen. Experience a rich history on the grounds and in the lighthouse during your tour which includes lunch. The afternoon is at your leisure to enjoy the picturesque town and coastline back in Avila Beach. **(B,L)**

3. Morro Bay is home to Morro Rock, the last of nine extinct volcanic peaks that begin in San Luis Obispo. The 576 foot landmark stands at the mouth of the harbor and is home to nesting Peregrine Falcons.

HIGHLIGHTS

- San Luis Lighthouse tour
- Visit Morro Bay and Morro Rock
- Enjoy seaside dining with live entertainment in Pismo Beach
- Tour the Covell's Clydesdale Ranch
- 8 meals: 3 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 1 dinner
- Door-to-door service
- 1600/1900 Gold Passport Points

Lunch is hosted with free time scheduled for shopping. Not a shopper? No problem! You have the option to view otters and maybe spot a falcon down on the beach. Your Tour Director will lead the way! Tonight we gather for a special seaside dinner in Pismo Beach. Listen to a live band play smooth jazz while watching the sun set over the Pacific. **(B,L,D)**

4. Visit the Covell's Clydesdale Ranch this morning. Get a history lesson, learning about a celebration that took place in the 1800's. Learn about the pristine Monterey Pine Forest and of course see herds of beautiful Clydesdales living like wild horses in meadows overlooking the Pacific. Turn toward home and enjoy a wonderful lunch hosted in Paso Robles and a stop at Casa de Fruita to pick up a few fresh foods. Arrive in the early evening. **(B,L)**

\$1570 p.p/dbl.occ., \$1855 single **L M**

A Taste of Healdsburg

A close-to-home culinary adventure

2 Days • February 5-6



On this overnight, close-to-home, no-fly trip we venture to northern Sonoma County to the quaint town of Healdsburg, a “foodie paradise”, with a walkable downtown, over 30 wine tasting rooms and a vibrant food scene.

A family-style lunch in downtown Healdsburg welcomes us, followed by a walking tour with sips and tastes along the way. I even heard they have a “pie bar”! You'll have some free time later to explore on your own (translation: shopping time!).

We will stay at the **Hotel Trio**, a brand new hotel just outside of town. Tonight a fabulous dinner awaits you, served at one of the new establishments from the Sonoma County farm-to-table movement.

We continue our tasty adventures the next day with a visit to The Shed, a unique place where you can shop for various items, from chic kitchen gadgets to unique garden ornaments. Stop into the Fermentation Bar for a beverage, of the non-alcoholic variety (think kombucha); which are gaining in popularity around the world. After lunch, visit a local olive orchard for more... tastings! Return to Sacramento late afternoon.

This brief vacation includes pick-ups at three convenient locations in Sacramento area, deluxe motorcoach transportation in **SuperCoach III**, all activities and accommodations as described, 4 meals: 1 breakfast, 2 lunches, 1 dinner; and the services of a **Sports Leisure Vacations** Tour Director. 800/900 Gold Passport Points

\$780 p.p/dbl.occ., \$885 single **M**



Beautiful Bodega Bay and The Coast

Fort Ross, Armstrong State Parks, and the Sonoma Coastline

3 Days • April 28-30

As you walk along Bodega Head, listen for the barking of the sea lions; and as you relax in your room, the sound of the fog horn. There is something special about the Sonoma Coast: beaches that stretch for miles, remnants of rocks forming striking sea stacks, and ah... the sound of the ocean. This leisurely visit to the coast allows you time to sit back and enjoy springtime on the coast.

1. Travel through Sonoma County to Santa Rosa for brunch at a **Sports Leisure** favorite, the Flamingo Hotel. After brunch,

travel to Bodega Head to catch sight of the Pacific Ocean. Your hotel is one of the finest, four-diamond lodges in Northern California. Overlooking Dorian Beach, every room looks out over the gardens of the lodge towards the water. **Bodega Bay Lodge & Spa – 2 nights (BR)**

2. This morning enjoy a drive up the Sonoma Coast, with stunning vistas and windswept prairies capturing the imagination, to the historic site of Fort Ross, one of the first European settlements in Northern California. Lunch is included

HIGHLIGHTS

- Relax in comfort and enjoy the hospitality of Bodega Bay Lodge & Spa, overlooking Dorian Beach
- Step back in time at Fort Ross, the Russian fur trading outpost
- Dine at the historic Occidental Union Hotel
- Stroll through the ancient giant redwoods at Armstrong State Woods
- 5 meals: 2 full breakfasts, 1 brunch, 2 lunches
- Door-to-door service and deluxe motorcoach transportation
- 1150/1300 Gold Passport Points

at The Tides, a Sonoma Coast landmark. Return to the hotel for an afternoon of leisure... a full service spa awaits, along with a pool, hot tub, and bocce ball court; or maybe a walk to the beach is more your style. **(FB,L)**

3. Retrace the road along the coast, catching another glimpse of the spectacular scenery, and then turn into the forest. Choose to join a docent-led stroll through the ancient giants of Armstrong Woods or perhaps just sit and enjoy the beauty that surrounds you. A short drive from the park brings you to Occidental, a gem of a community tucked into the redwoods for an Italian meal served family-style. After a brief time to browse the quaint shops located in Occidental, return to Sacramento in the late afternoon. **(FB,L)**

\$1120 p.p./dbl.occ., \$1285 single **A**

Missions III: The Last Stops Along *el Camino Real*

Visit the famed Mission Inn

3 Days • May 1-3

History unfolds along the *el Camino Real* in sunny Southern California. Visit three missions and the only surviving Asistencia, Mission San Antonio de Pala.

1. Arrive in Orange County and travel down the coast to Mission San Luis Rey, the King of the Missions. After a casual lunch, tour and explore the museum focusing on the Luiseno culture and their contributions. The historic cemetery dates back to 1797 and the arrival of Spanish missionaries. Visit the only surviving Asistencia in the Mission System, Mission San Antonio de Pala founded to serve the local tribes, work that continues today. Arrive at your hotel in time for complimentary cocktails and nibbles. Dinner is on your own at the hotel or one of the many nearby restaurants. **Embassy Suites – Downey – 2 nights (L)**

2. Mission San Fernando Rey, still an active church, had many troubles yet persevered over the centuries. Its story will inspire! Lunch is at a long-time favorite, The Tam O' Shanter known for its prime rib. Mission San Gabriel, the midpoint between San Diego and Carmel, is your next stop. What a gift shop! Dinner is at the Anaheim White House, a local institution with a charitable heart. Over the years they have fed over two million needy children! **(FB,L,D)**

3. The Mission Inn, built in 1903, intended to draw tourist, still does today! After an architectural tour enjoy lunch in a beautiful Spanish setting. The missions had olives and so shall we! But not just any olives:



Graber Olives! Stop for a tour, tasting and shopping. Logan's Candies makes us a sweet souvenir to take home before an early evening flight home. 1500/1700 Gold Passport Points **(FB,L)**

\$1475 p.p./dbl.occ., \$1665 single **M A**



Making Our Way Around Monterey Bay

Featuring two nights at the Dream Inn Santa Cruz

3 Days • May 19-21



1. Start your trip with the **Sports Leisure** difference... a courtesy car will pick you up from your home and deliver you to the **Sports Leisure Vacations** office where you will board *SuperCoach III* for San Jose. Enjoy the lavish award-winning Champagne Sunday Brunch at the popular Dolce Hayes Mansion. Travel to the coast for an

interesting guided tour of an abalone farm before checking into your ocean view rooms in Santa Cruz. **Dream Inn – 2 nights (BR)**

2. Moss Landing is our destination today. View playful sea otters, curious harbor seals, sea lions and hundreds of bird species as you explore the Elkhorn Slough,

HIGHLIGHTS

- Brunch at the Dolce Hayes Mansion
- Boat tour of the Elkhorn Slough
- Visit the Shakespeare Society of America
- Tour the American Hat Makers factory
- Taste juice at Martinelli's
- 5 meals: 2 full breakfasts, 1 brunch, 2 lunches
- Door-to-door airport service
- 1300/1550 Gold Passport Points

one of California's most spectacular wetlands, aboard a pontoon boat. After a hosted lunch at a famous seafood restaurant you will be treated to a most fascinating talk at the Shakespeare Society of America. The museum houses thousands of rare books and memorabilia. **(FB,L)**

3. In Watsonville we tour the American Hat Makers, handcrafting hats for over 40 years for every occasion; whether it be a functional hat for everyday work, or a stunning fashion accessory for the red carpet. Next we stop at Martinelli's store to taste premium juice as they celebrate 150 years of growing apples in Watsonville. A stop at Casa De Fruta on the way home rounds out your trip to the coast. **(FB,L)**

\$1280 p.p./dbl.occ., \$1515 single **M**

Lassen Volcanic National Park

Featuring rivers, lakes and waterfalls

3 Days • June 3-5



Lassen Volcanic National Park is home to one of the mighty volcanoes along the Pacific Rim of Fire. Jagged peaks tell the story of its eruptive past while hot water continues to shape the land. From the bubbling mud pots to the pristine lakes and meadows; Lassen National Park is a hidden jewel of California, tucked away in the mountains east of Redding.

1. During this brief three day vacation, travel to Redding for an afternoon at the Turtle

Bay Exploration Center. Located on the Sacramento River, the center features the spectacular Sundial Bridge, the Museum at Turtle Bay, and the always popular Butterfly House. **Sheraton Hotel at the Sundial Bridge – 2 nights (L)**

2. Travel east today into the Shasta Cascade Mountains. Your first stop is at Burney Falls, for a quick peek at the powerful force of water on the landscape. Continue east into Lassen National Park.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Stay at Redding's newest hotel located on the banks of the Sacramento River
- Visit the Sundial Bridge and Turtle Bay Exploration Center
- Travel along the scenic Volcanic National Highway, with views of Manzanita Lake, Lake Almanor and Chaos Jumbles
- 4 meals: 3 lunches, 1 dinner
- Door-to-door service
- Motorcoach transportation on *SuperCoach III*
- 1150/1400 Gold Passport Points

The 30-mile Lassen Volcanic National Highway meanders through the park connecting Manzanita Lake region to the southwest entrance. Pass through dense forest, traverse a ridge with views of Lake Almanor, and descend through steep volcanic slopes with names like Chaos Jumbles. Your final stop in the park is at the Kohm Yah-mah-nee Visitors Center. **(L,D)**

3. This morning, enjoy a scenic catamaran cruise across Lake Shasta; and a peek into Lake Shasta Caverns National Natural Landmark before returning to Sacramento in the late afternoon. **(L)**

\$1145 p.p./dbl.occ., \$1355 single **A**

Catalina Island Dreamin'

"26 miles across the sea"

4 Days • May 5-8 or October 20-23



Catalina is a state of mind... with mild temperatures the spring and fall are perfect times to visit this iconic California island. Our annual escape features **three nights** at the **Pavilion Lodge**, right on the harbor and within walking distance of countless shops and restaurants.

After a short flight to Southern California, enjoy an amazing Sunday Brunch aboard the historic *Queen Mary*. A tour following brunch covers the history of this elegant

ship and her sister ships of an era long since gone. A high-speed ferry carries you 26 miles across the sea to Catalina Island. At your hotel, relax and enjoy a wine and cheese reception each afternoon; and breakfast each morning with a build-your-own omelet bar.

The itinerary includes several adventures on the island as well as plenty of free time to enjoy additional activities or simply relax on your own.

HIGHLIGHTS

- 3 nights at the Pavilion Lodge in the heart of Avalon
- Sunday Brunch at the elegant *Queen Mary*, moored in Long Beach Harbor
- Be whisked away to Avalon on the high-speed *Catalina Express*
- *Twilight in the Casino* tour features wine and cheese on the balcony
- An *Evening Avalon* scenic tour aboard an electric bus
- 6 meals: 3 full breakfasts, 1 brunch, 1 lunch, 1 dinner
- Door-to-door service
- Roundtrip airfare to/from Long Beach
- 2000/2350 Gold Passport Points

Included in the package is the *Twilight in the Casino* tour which showcases the Avalon Ballroom, big band dancing and wine and cheese on the balcony! Experience the *Evening Avalon* scenic tour aboard a state-of-the-art electric bus. Finally, catch a glimpse of the underwater world surrounding the island on board a semi-submersible vehicle. A final night dinner just steps away from your hotel completes your time on this special island. Return to the mainland mid-morning, with lunch included at Parker's Lighthouse prior to your late-afternoon flight home.

\$1970 p.p./dbl.occ., \$2350 single **A**

Southern California Presidents

Visit the Nixon and Reagan Presidential Libraries

3 Days • February 4-6

Southern California is host to two of our nation's presidential libraries. In this quick getaway vacation, visit both the Richard M. Nixon and the Ronald Reagan Libraries. The Huntington Library, repository for rare and exquisite works is an added attraction.

We take a late morning flight to Southern California arriving in time for lunch at world-famous Philippe's "French Dipped Sandwich" shop.

Then a short drive to Yorba Linda and visit the Richard M. Nixon Library and Museum which features 22 unique venues that tell the story of the Nixon Presidency. The library is filled with multimedia and interactive exhibits, plus several permanent galleries in the "Wave of Change" which covers a period of great upheaval throughout the 1960's and during the months leading up to the November 1968 presidential election. The journey through his story ends with Richard Nixon's post-presidency period and his contributions

as elder statesman, and his impact on American culture. Check into your hotel. Then it's off to dinner at the White House, the Anaheim White House Restaurant, that is. The Anaheim White House is a long-time **Sports Leisure** favorite. **LA Hilton North/Glendale – 2 nights**

The next day, visit the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library perched on a 300 acre mountaintop site with sweeping views of the surrounding mountains, valleys and the Pacific Ocean, this is truly one of California's most beautiful and unique destinations. After a library tour we will have our lunch under the wings of *Air Force One*.

On our last day we will visit the Huntington Library and Botanical Gardens. The main gallery showcases some of the world's rarest books and manuscripts including: the Gutenberg Bible, Chaucer's *Canterbury Tales* and first editions and manuscripts by authors such as William Blake, Jack



London, Alexander Pope, Percy Bysshe Shelley, Henry David Thoreau, Mark Twain, and William Wordsworth. Have a quick lunch at the LA Farmers' Market prior to a later afternoon flight.

This vacation package includes door-to-door service, roundtrip airfare to/from Southern California, all attractions, accommodations and meals described (2L, 1D); along with the services of a **Sports Leisure Vacations** Tour Director. 1350/1500 Gold Passport Points

\$1350 p.p./dbl.occ., \$1500 single **M**

Laguna Beach and The Pageant of the Masters

One of our annual favorite summer getaways to Southern California

3 Days • August 4-6 or August 25-27



Presented in an outdoor theatre in Laguna Beach, *The Pageant of the Masters* uses live people to re-create well-known pieces of sculpture and art. The staging, the costuming, and the effects created by make-up and lighting make it surrealistic and words fail to describe the pageant to others. You have to see it to believe it!

1. Your tour begins with a morning flight to Southern California. Upon arrival, depart for Corona Del Mar and The Sherman Library and Gardens for a Sunday Champagne Brunch. Ranging from desert regions to exotic vegetation, the gardens of living

plants are displayed amidst a park-like setting of fountains, sculptures, and seasonal flowers. Following brunch and garden visit, a short ride takes us to our hotel in Newport for a two night stay. With full-service amenities, plus Fashion Island Shopping Center and variety of restaurants within walking distance, the Marriott provides a convenient, well-located and pleasant stay. Please note: the hotel is not on or within walking distance to the beach. You will likely have a view of the distant beach from your room. Having said this, it is a beautiful place to stay and has been our exclusive Pageant hotel for over a decade.

Marriott Newport Beach Hotel & Spa – 2 nights (BR)

2. This morning we depart for Mission San Juan Capistrano founded in 1776 by Father Junipero Serra. With the chapel thought to be one of the oldest buildings in California, mission docents will be our guides through the historic buildings and gardens. Enjoy some exploration on your own before returning to the hotel to ready for your evening in Laguna Beach and *The Pageant of the Masters*. A tour of the Festival of Arts is followed by dinner at the adjacent Terra Restaurant and additional time to browse the activities and art show before the pageant begins at 8:30pm. Reserved Loge seating in the amphitheater provides excellent viewing. **(D)**

3. Return to Laguna Beach this morning for a presentation by a representative from the pageant providing insight and answers to all your questions about the memorable show you experienced and enjoyed last evening. Lunch is included before an afternoon flight home to Sacramento. **(L)**

This tour includes door-to-door airport service, roundtrip air to/from Southern California, deluxe motorcoach service, accommodations, all attractions listed, 3 meals (1BR, 1L, 1D), and the services of a **Sports Leisure Vacations** Tour Director. 1550/1750 Gold Passport Points

\$1525 p.p./dbl.occ., \$1750 single **M**

The King and Di

Diana, the new musical based on the life of the Princess of Wales

4 Days • February 24-27, March 17-20 or March 24-27

1. A morning flight to San Diego arrives in time for the Sunday Brunch cruise on San Diego Bay. Let the champagne pour! In the afternoon visit Balboa Park for a concert on the historic open-air Spreckles Organ. Your downtown accommodations are convenient to Seaport Village and feature the popular Manager's Reception each evening at 5:30pm. **Embassy Suites San Diego Bay-Downtown – 3 nights (BR)**

2. You'll be treated like a King (or Queen) on a full day's excursion to Coronado starting with a guided island tour. Literally meaning "crown," the island is best known for the famous Hotel del Coronado built in 1888. Simply called "The Del" by those in the know, you'll take a guided tour of the historic building and grounds including an alfresco lunch served oceanfront. Be sure to

check out the crown chandeliers designed by none other than frequent guest Frank Baum, author of *The Wizard of Oz*. **(FB,L)**

3. Here's your chance to see San Diego your way. Start the day with a private, non-stop city tour aboard Old Town Trolleys. Once you know the lay of the land you can retrace your steps using one of the popular hop-on/hop-off trolleys. Maybe you'll wish to further explore Balboa Park or visit the San Diego Zoo. The choice is yours... just be back home in time for the drive to dinner and the world-premier of *Diana!*

From the La Jolla Playhouse website: It's 1981 and the world is ready for a royal wedding – but is the 20-year-old bride ready for what comes after? Following her fairy-tale union, Princess Diana faces a

HIGHLIGHTS

- 3 nights at the Embassy Suites in downtown San Diego
- See a new musical on the life of Lady Diana
- A royal tour of Coronado Island and The Del
- Experience San Diego aboard an Old Town Trolley
- 6 meals: daily breakfast, 1 brunch, 1 lunch, 1 dinner
- Roundtrip airfare to/from San Diego
- Door-to-door airport transportation
- 1350/1550 Gold Passport Points

distant husband, an unmovable monarchy and constant media scrutiny. But her unabashed honesty, modern perspective and gentle compassion galvanize a nation, even as they threaten the royal family's hold on England. **(FB,D)**

4. Have a relaxing morning before your mid-day return flight. **(FB)**

\$1315 p.p./dbl.occ., \$1550 single **M**

Mystery Tour Anyone?

Wild and Woolly, It's Just Fun, Fun – A Mystery Tour Revisited

Going back to a place we've been before on a Mystery Trip

6 Days • May 19-24

For those of you looking for clues, there are not one but **two**, right there in the title! This is a regional trip, so while we are flying to our destination, we aren't crossing the mighty Mississippi. Or the Missouri River either, for that matter. But wait, our trip does have a tie to Missouri. Well maybe not a tie, perhaps an entire suit!

Why would we return to the site of a previous Mystery Tour? Has that ever happened before? Second question first. Yes, it has. This is the third Mystery Tour Revisited. Has to be an area we haven't been to since the original tour. Has to have been well received (strong ratings on evaluations) the first time. The itinerary should offer a variety of attractions, since people have different interests and on a Mystery Tour, you can't check out the offerings ahead of time. Indeed, we've found the location we've described.

What if a small town created a scavenger hunt in its shops, just for us? There's a



mission walk and a historic train depot, a tour that dips into the underground and lunch at a café made famous by beer. Not necessarily the beer it serves...

Meet a cowboy, taste some chocolate and be "charmed" along the way. 11 meals

and airfare are included. 2400/2700 Gold Passport Points.

\$2385 p.p./dbl.occ., \$2670 single **M**

"Meet Me at the Fair..." – A Mystery Tour

6 Days • September 21-26

A line from the old show, **Meet Me in St. Louis**, "meet me at the fair..." fits this trip perfectly. Actually, we are attending two different fairs/festivals on this itinerary. One is a bit upscale, the other more for "common folks." In between, there's a visit to an island. Sort of a poor man's island, in the shadow of others far more famous.

Famous you say? Oh, many of the people you see would **like** to be famous, they just haven't made it yet. With prayers and providence, perhaps someday it will all come true, surely it will. If not, we'll gather up all our marbles and break with tradition. All wonderful clues to where you are going...

Airfare, 10 meals and 3200/3700 Gold Passport Points.

\$3170 p.p./dbl.occ., \$3675 single **A**

Blueberry Photographic Society

The **Blueberry Photographic Society** is happy to reward member **Rick Maness** for taking our Photo of the Year – *Remember Blueberry at the Alamo!* In the words of the photographer...

"For far too long, the heroic exploits of the bluest of the Alamo's defenders have been overlooked. As the mascot of the tourist armies from Sacramento, Blueberry has boldly paraded headlong into the fray, advancing with never a thought for himself straight into the face of cameras shooting from every point in the compass, patrolling at all hours, upholding the Alamo's place in history. His welcoming arms, his comforting gaze, and his fabled ability to charm any army and out-cuddle any musketeer keeps regiments of Sacramento visitors coming back again and again to relive the memories of the Alamo's storied past. Remember the Alamo tour!"

Well said, Rick. Thanks for your long friendship and support! It is with this winning photo that the BPS will take its final bow. Blueberry has become an endangered



species! Our herd (inventory) has gotten extremely small and they aren't reproducing as they once did (we can't buy any more). So until we stumble upon the Next Big

Thing, thanks to all who have submitted photos over the years and congratulations to all our winners.



Moab, Gateway to Arches National Park

Featuring four nights at the spectacular Red Cliffs Lodge on the banks of the Colorado River

5 Days • May 4-8



1. Fly direct to Salt Lake City. Board your motorcoach, pausing for lunch en route to Moab and your absolutely stunning hotel. **Red Cliffs Lodge – 4 nights (L)**

2. With over 2,000 naturally occurring arches (the greatest concentration in the world), Arches National Park is a photographer's dream. Explore the park during a guided tour stopping at several arches. It's a day you won't soon forget!

After lunch it's time for a different view of the scenic beauty – from the Colorado River with a narrated jet boat tour along a calm section of the river. **(FB,L)**

3. The mighty Colorado and Green Rivers divide Canyonlands National Park into three sections. Millions of years of erosion have formed a maze of canyon arches and spires. Soar through the park on a one hour charter flight today, over the Colorado River, past Island in the Sky and The Maze, a hideout of famous outlaws Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid. Near The Needles, fly over the confluence of the Green and Colorado Rivers, absorbing awesome breathtaking beauty. Later travel by coach to one of the best vistas in the west at Dead Horse Point State Park, where you will be 1,500 feet above the Colorado River before heading back to the resort. **(FB,L)**

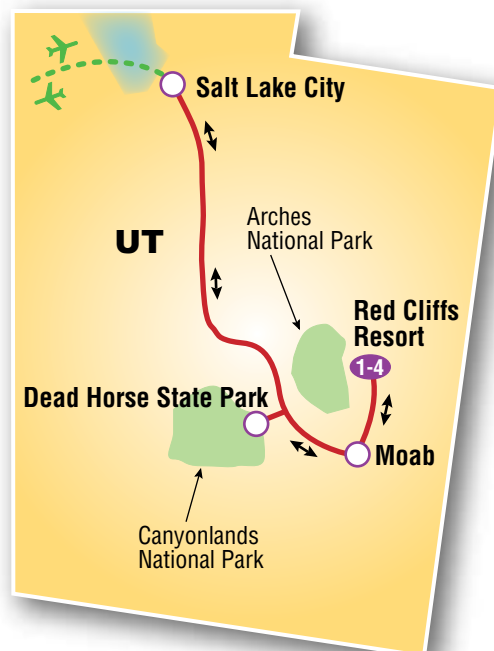
4. Enjoy a free morning at your resort which houses a movie museum and a winery. This afternoon head to town for lunch and shopping before an exciting 4x4 jeep ride takes you into the back country. **(FB)**

5. No one ever wants to leave the Red Cliffs but it's your final day. Travel back to Salt Lake City for your return flight home. **(FB,L)**

\$2610 p.p./dbl.occ., \$2970 single **A**

HIGHLIGHTS

- Explore majestic Arches National Park
- Visit Dead Horse State Park (the most amazing view in the Southwest!)
- Thrilling jet boat tour on the Colorado River
- Experience flightseeing over Canyonlands National Park
- 4x4 jeep tour through the red rocks of Moab
- 8 meals: 4 full breakfasts, 4 lunches
- Door-to-door airport service
- Roundtrip airfare to/from Salt Lake City Utah
- 2650/3000 Gold Passport Points





Ferries and Towns of Puget Sound

Ride ferries, explore unique small towns, enjoy a room with a view
5 Days • July 7-11

HIGHLIGHTS

- 4 ferry rides on Puget Sound, including the longest routes, Seattle/Bremerton and Seattle/Bainbridge Island
- Visit the villages of Poulsbo, Port Townsend, Sequim, Port Gamble, Mukilteo and Langley as you make your way around the sound
- Guided tours: Poulsbo, learn about the town's Norwegian heritage; Port Townsend, this was once a bawdy port on the sound
- 4 nights Clearwater Casino Resort in Suquamish – gaming for those who enjoy it, beautiful views for those who don't – the hotel and casino are in separate buildings
- Visit the Mukilteo Lighthouse Park, the birthplace of Chief Seattle and Bainbridge Island Japanese American Exclusion Memorial – local landmarks you might otherwise miss
- 9 meals: 4 full breakfasts, 3 lunches, 2 dinners
- Door-to-door airport service
- Roundtrip airfare to Seattle
- 2350/2650 Gold Passport Points

1. Fly non-stop to Seattle, arriving at 10am. Enjoy lunch at Salty's on Alki, featuring spectacular views of downtown Seattle. The afternoon ferry ride to Bainbridge Island is the second longest (35 minutes) and one of the most scenic on the sound. Suquamish is the home of the late Chief Seattle, the Native American who convinced his people to accept the coming of white settlers. Visit the museum and the Chief's grave and hear his unique story.

Your lodging for **four nights** is at the beautiful **Clearwater Casino Resort**, overlooking the waters of Puget Sound. Dinner is at your leisure and there are several choices on property. There are places to sit outside, a fire ring in the evening; it's really one of the most wonderful

accommodations in our entire catalog. For the second year in a row, we have lengthened the trip due to traveler response (so you'll have more time to enjoy this beautiful resort). **(L)**

2. Just down the road from our waterfront home is Poulsbo. Founded by Scandinavian immigrants in the 1880's, today it's a popular tourist destination. We've arranged a short guided walking tour, along with a visit to Sluy's, the town's legendary bakery, where you can pick out a **FREE** treat!

Next village on our itinerary is Sequim. Enjoy lunch in town at a favorite local hangout, then visit the Purple Haze Lavender Farm. Let us treat you to some lavender ice cream! **(FB,L)**

3. Once a bustling port town, Port Townsend and its historic district are now a National Landmark, laced with old Victorian homes, "painted ladies," and buildings from long ago. A guided tour by coach shows you "up" town and "down" town Port Townsend. Enjoy lunch and check out the shops.

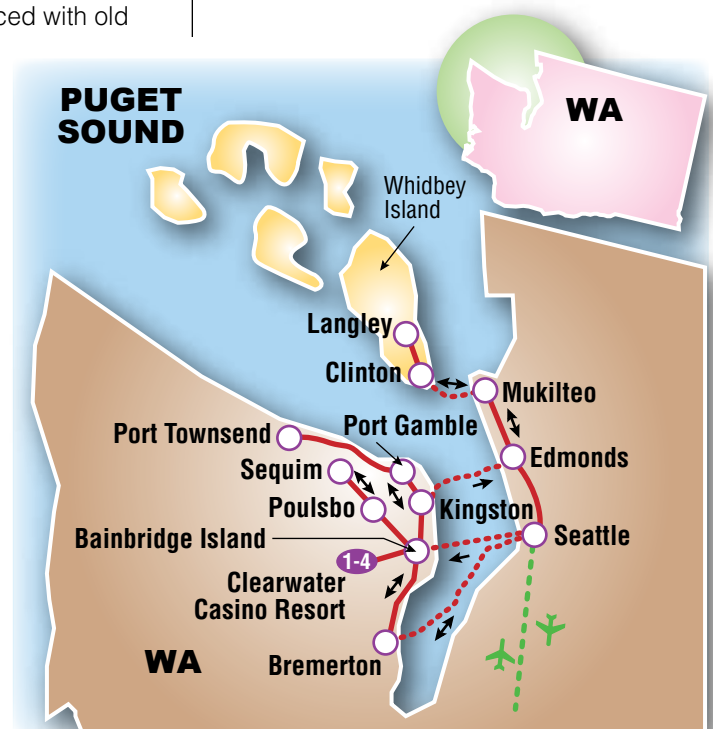
Port Gamble is another colorful little spot in the Pacific Northwest. This old mill town has been restored and has a few interesting places to relive a piece of history. The village is a National Historical Landmark. Our afternoon includes time for pictures and browsing. Dinner is in Poulsbo tonight. Weather permitting we are dining all fresco. **(FB,D)**

4. Travel south to Bremerton for the longest scenic ferry trip across the sound. Pike Place Market opened in 1907. It's one of the oldest continuously operated farmer's markets in the country. Spend some time looking for treasures. Then it's back by ferry, making a stop at a beautiful but little visited WWII Memorial. Dinner tonight has a decidedly local twist. **(FB,D)**

5. More small towns to explore and it's back on the ferry boats to get there. Board the ferry in Kingston, headed for the Seattle side of the sound. Our destination is Edmonds, and Mukilteo is just 30 minutes away. There you'll find the Mukilteo Light and a striking waterfront park. Lunch is at Ivar's, a Northwest tradition.

After lunch, board the ferry again for the 12-minute crossing to Clinton on Whidbey Island. Our last destination is Langley, a great little spot with lots of interesting shops. Take the ferry back to Mukilteo and then head on to SeaTac Airport for your 6pm return flight. **(FB,L)**

\$2310 p.p./dbl.occ., \$2605 single **M**



Sensational Santa Fe

Breathtaking desert landscapes, imaginative cuisine and awe-inspiring art will excite the senses!

5 Days • May 27-31



As the oldest Capital City in the country, Santa Fe has it all: a long and storied history, breathtaking scenery, fine Southwestern cuisine, and loads of shopping opportunities! Stay downtown at a beautiful conveniently located hotel only two blocks from all the museums, shops and restaurants of the plaza. It's the perfect balance between city and nature with a splash of decadence. Indulge yourself in "The City Different!"

1. Fly to Albuquerque arriving in the early afternoon. The Standard Diner, featured by Food Network star Guy Fieri, is your lunch spot. Cruise iconic Route 66 right through the heart of downtown to Old Town Albuquerque. Shop the numerous eclectic boutiques, or just grab an ice cream cone and listen to the soothing music of pan-flutes. At the San Felipe de Neri Parish, dating back to the early 1700s, take a moment for reflection. Arrive to your hotel this afternoon in time to take advantage of

the nightly complimentary cocktails and buffet spread. **Drury Plaza Hotel in Santa Fe – 4 nights (L)**

2. This morning a trolley tour will acquaint you with the town. Take notes and make your plan of action to browse the unique boutiques and galleries. Afterwards, learn the history of Santa Fe during a guided tour of the Palace of the Governors. Beautiful Native American-made jewelry and pottery are on display by the artisans just outside the door and are available for purchase. Enjoy free time in the plaza or an optional visit to the Georgia O'Keefe Museum. Tonight's dinner is at La Casa Sena, a local favorite, featuring upscale imaginative Southwestern cuisine. **(FB,D)**

3. Visit New Mexico's one-of-a-kind Capitol Building to view the extensive art collection before heading into the Chama River Valley. Small villages, winding desert rivers and red rock bluffs inspired the "Mother of American Modernism," Georgia O'Keefe. Visit Ghost Ranch where many of her works were created and the picturesque village of Abiquiu. Enjoy a lunch full of local flavor. Pause to take in the peacefulness at the Santuario de Chimayo, a famous healing shrine. You'll be captivated by the stunning scenery and rich stories told by the landscape. It's a true sense of old New Mexico! **(FB,L)**

4. Today is yours to enjoy as you wish! Stroll through the central plaza, lose yourself in a maze of boutique-lined alleys, join a walking

HIGHLIGHTS

- 4 nights, city center in Santa Fe
- Guided tour of Santa Fe's Palace of the Governors
- Daytrip to Georgia O'Keefe's Ghost Ranch and Chimayo Healing Shrine
- Enjoy Canyon Road's art galleries or Museum Hill with transportation included
- Shopping in quirky Madrid, New Mexico
- 8 meals: 4 full breakfasts, 3 lunches, 1 dinner
- Door-to-door airport service
- Roundtrip airfare to/from Albuquerque
- 2350/2600 Gold Passport Points

tour along internationally renowned Canyon Road lined with numerous art galleries. Visit one of the four world-class museums on Museum Hill. You choose and we will handle the transportation. Come together this evening over complimentary cocktails and nibbles to share your adventures! **(FB)**

5. Travel the Turquoise Trail, named for the signature gem of the Southwest. In funky little Madrid, NM you might just find yourself a little bauble... or two! After lunch soar above rugged mountain peaks on the Sandia Peak Tramway. Have your cameras ready to capture the stunning desert views! At the Pueblo Cultural Center join a docent-guided tour with time for last minute shopping in the fantastic museum shop before your flight home. **(FB,L)**

\$2320 p.p./dbl.occ., \$2565 single **A**

Oregon's Coast, Carousels and Covered Bridges

Walk in the steps of Lewis and Clark, enjoy the spectacular coast, dine on a covered bridge

6 Days • June 23-28



1. An early morning flight will have you in Portland in time to pick up some fresh berries and other treats at the Vancouver Farmer's Market. Travel along the Columbia River, heading to the Pacific Coast. Your home for two nights is the city named for John Jacob Astor, Astoria. This was a hard-scrabble fishing port, home of the first U.S. Post Office west of the Rockies. The Columbia River Maritime Museum acquaints you with the human and natural history of the region. Stop at the Astoria Column before checking in. **Best Western Astoria – 2 nights (D)**



2. Over 200 years ago, the Lewis and Clark Party were among the first to map and explore this area. They came down the Columbia River to the coast on the Washington side, to a spot named by a sea-born explorer only 15 years prior. Unable to find the mouth of the Columbia, he named it Cape Disappointment. When Lewis and Clark arrived, they quickly decided to camp on the other side of the river, further south. Their second stop was named Fort Clatsop. Today, visit both landmarks, as you relive that time over 200 years ago. **(B,L)**

3. Meander down the coastline to Seaside for a ride on the carousel. Enjoy lunch at Mo's at Cannon Beach (Mo's is a popular chain of chowder houses down the coast). Afternoon stops provide more "foodie fun" with time at the Blue Heron gift shop or maybe the Tillamook Smoke Shop for some jerky. Your hotel, one of **Sports Leisure's** favorite destinations, is located on the bluffs in Newport, will greet you with a salad and chowder buffet for a light dinner. **Elizabeth Street Inn – 2 nights (B,L,D)**

4. No trip to the coast is complete without a visit to a lighthouse, and Yaquina Head, north of Newport, is the perfect stop! Later, experience the life of the sea with a 2-hour cruise on the *Discovery* and a visit to the Oregon Aquarium. It is a full but balanced day so that you can enjoy the beautiful town of Newport and your lovely room at the inn. The afternoon lighthouse and Nye Beach shopping stops are optional. Fine dining on the waterfront tonight. **(B,D)**

HIGHLIGHTS

- 2 nights Astoria, 2 nights Newport (4 nights on the water), overnight Eugene
- Lewis and Clark history, including stops at Cape Disappointment and Fort Clatsop, their two "mid-journey" coastal homes
- Ride carousels in Seaside and Albany, learn how the horses are made
- Visit Yaquina Head Lighthouse, do a little shopping at Blue Heron Cheese
- Marine Discovery Cruise on Newport Bay, the best educational cruise in the country
- Admission to The Oregon Aquarium
- Roundtrip air to/from Portland
- 12 meals, featuring fine dining at Clearwater, overlooking Newport Harbor and lunch on a covered bridge
- Door-to-door airport service
- 2350/2650 Gold Passport Points

5. From Newport, drive inland to Eugene this morning. Lane County is home to 20 covered bridges. Your tour includes stops for photos and lunch is served al fresco on one of them! **Hilton Eugene (B,L)**

6. For the past few years, we have been making an occasional stop in Albany to visit a museum workshop where carousel horses are created. Now, the carousel itself is open for all to enjoy. Remembering the headline in the tour name, we will of course stop for a ride and a museum visit. Time permitting, we'll visit a local fruit stand for some edible souvenirs on our way to the airport. **(FB,L)**

\$2335 p.p./dbl.occ, \$2650 single **A**





Cruise the Jewels of the Baltic

Featuring the capital cities of Northern Europe
15 Days • June 22 – July 6

Join **Sports Leisure Vacations** on **Holland America's ms Zuiderdam**, a signature mid-sized Vista-Class ship (1,900 passengers) featuring modern amenities and spectacular art and antique collections.

Departing Copenhagen, step back into time with Tallinn's medieval spires, and take your time enjoying the fabulous art at the Hermitage with an overnight in St. Petersburg. Visit the capital cities of Helsinki and Stockholm; and in Germany, see the sights of Berlin and Hamburg.

Copenhagen is one of the easiest European capitals to fall in love with... cobbled streets and the tower-and turret-dotted skyline lend a fairy-tale charm... this was after all, the home of author Hans Christian Andersen.

Denmark's **Arhus** is a picturesque town of winding canals located on the east coast of the Jutland Peninsula. Recognized as a European Capital of Culture, the city hosts a collection of waterside developments that are architecturally innovative while anchored to the simple and pleasing Danish aesthetic... creating a relaxing place to enjoy the Danish sea air.

Tallinn, Estonia is Northern Europe's oldest capital. It is also one of the best preserved.

St. Petersburg, Russia emerged from the vision of one man, Czar Peter the Great, at the beginning of the 18th century and was the country's capital for 200 years. Pushkin called it Russia's "Window to Europe." The Hermitage is the most famous attraction – one of the world's greatest art museums. Nearby, the summer residences of the czars, are dazzling gilded Baroque palaces.

Finland's capital, **Helsinki**, has its own singular style and appeal. Modern architecture captures the sun reflecting off the water for a truly brilliant picture experience on the coast.

The Swedish capital of **Stockholm** is spread over more than a dozen islands linked by bridges. Enjoy the verdant Djurgarden with museums and cultural sites; or the Gamla Stan area, home to the Royal Palace.

Berlin, one of the younger capitals of the North, has had an incredible history as the epitome of excesses during the Weimar Republic; and then the capital of the Nazi Regime. For 45 years, it was divided by the infamous wall. Today, Berlin is once again unified and visitors find an intriguing, vibrant city filled with cultural treasures. Thoughtful memorials and museums acknowledge the darker moments of history, while the artists and entrepreneurs enthusiastically embrace the futuristic atmosphere of possibilities.

Just 90-kilometers from the seaside port of Kiel, **Hamburg** is Germany's "Gateway to the World." Located on the mighty River Elbe, this commercial port city is filled with an air of maritime mystique and excitement.



DATE	PORT
June 22	Overnight Flight
June 23	Arrive Copenhagen – 1 night
June 24	Copenhagen – Ship departs at 5pm
June 25	Arhus, Denmark
June 26	At Sea
June 27	Tallinn, Estonia
June 28-29	St. Petersburg, Russia
June 30	Helsinki, Finland
July 1	Stockholm, Sweden
July 2	At Sea
July 3	Warnemunde(Berlin), Germany
July 4	Kiel (Hamburg), Germany
July 5	Skagen, Denmark
July 6	Fly Home

This cruise package will include air to and from Copenhagen, our signature door-to-door transportation, and the services of a **Sports Leisure Vacations** Tour Director. Gold Passport Points are based on cabin category.



Inside cabins start at:
\$5685 p.p./dbl.occ., \$7590 single
Outside cabins start at:
\$5870 p.p./dbl.occ., \$7915 single
Prices based on estimated air.

This vacation requires a valid passport!



The World Down Under

Australia, Tasmania and New Zealand aboard the *ms Noordam*

21 Days • February 21 – March 12, 2020



HIGHLIGHTS

- 3-night pre-cruise program in Sydney including daily breakfast and lunch
- Visit Ku-ring-gai, Blue Mountains and Featherdale Wildlife Parks
- Tour Sydney sites including the famous Opera House
- All meals included on board the *ms Noordam*
- Prices include all transfers and port taxes
- Roundtrip airfare to Sydney/from Auckland
- Door-to-door transportation
- Fully escorted by a **Sports Leisure** Tour Director
- Gold Passport Points based on cabin

The flight from California to Sydney takes a full day, but two days by the calendar as you cross the International Date Line en route. You land in Australia's most iconic city on the morning of the 23rd, spending **three nights** in downtown Sydney at the **Hilton Hotel** where shopping, dining and nightlife are all only steps away. Guided group

activities while in Sydney include visits to Homebush Bay, site of the 2000 Olympic Games, and of course a comprehensive tour of the Sydney Opera House.

Travel outside the city to witness the spectacular wonders of natural Australia. Close to the city yet a world away, Ku-ring-gai National Park contains the most concentrated collection of Aboriginal rock engravings in the world at over 1500 sites. At Blue Mountains National Park visit Echo Point, see Three Sisters rock formation and hear ancient local legends at the Waradah Aboriginal Center. Featherdale Wildlife Park offers the chance to have your photo taken with a koala, plus seeing kangaroos, wombats, dingoes and fairy penguins in their natural habitat.

It's time to board **Holland America Line's *ms Noordam*** on February 26 for dinner and your evening disembarkation. In the words of Goldilocks, she's not too big or too small. She's just right. A mid-sized ship (just under 2000 passengers), the *ms Noordam* offers graceful nautical lines, stylish public rooms, amazing food in multiple venues including

America's Test Kitchen, stunning shows and entertainment (how about B.B. King's Blues Club?) and fewer guests – all with an ambiance of timeless elegance where every detail shines.

Ports of call in Australia, Tasmania and New Zealand are weighted towards the latter, a reflection of many years of experience in this region. Australia may be why you are going, but New Zealand is what you'll be talking about upon your return.

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Prices to be announced March 1, 2019
Place your name on the
Priority Notification List now

This vacation requires a valid passport!



DATE	PORT OF CALL
Feb. 26	Sydney, Australia
Feb. 27	At Sea
Feb. 28	Melbourne
Feb. 29	At Sea
Mar. 1	Port Arthur
Mar. 2	Hobart, Tasmania
Mar. 3	At Sea
Mar. 4	At Sea
Mar. 5	Milford Sound/Fjordland Nat'l Park, New Zealand
Mar. 6	Port Chalmers (Dunedin)
Mar. 7	Akaroa (Christchurch)
Mar. 8	Wellington
Mar. 9	Gisborne
Mar. 10	Tauranga (Rotorua)
Mar. 11	Bay of Plenty/Coromandel Peninsula
Mar. 12	Fly Home



Irish Spring

The second in our series featuring historic castles and manor houses

9 Days • April 23 – May 1



1-2. An overnight flight brings you to Dublin where you'll embark on an easy (promise!) panoramic tour. At mid-afternoon head to the northern suburb of Clontarf. A centuries-old estate, it was here that the Battle of Clontarf was won against the invading Vikings in 1014. George Frideric Handel was a guest here in the early 1700s. Now it's your turn. **Clontarf Castle Hotel – 2 nights (D)**

3. Return to Dublin City for a more comprehensive tour led by a local guide with stops at Trinity College (including an opportunity to see the ancient *Book of Kells*) and the hallowed St. Patrick's Cathedral. If all this touring is causing you to work up a thirst, you're covered with a visit to the Guinness Storehouse where you'll learn the history of Ireland's national drink. Dinner is served in the fishing village of Howth. There the Abbey Tavern serves up traditional Irish fare complete with live music and dancing! **(FB,D)**

4. Onward to Belfast, capital of Northern Ireland. The Belfast Shipyard is famous as the birthplace of the ill-fated *HMS Titanic*. A visit to a modern museum, opened on the centennial of the tragedy, and a city tour will set the stage. Continue on to the Antrim Coast and the village of Aldergrove where dinner and your 17th century accommodations await. **Ballygally Castle Hotel (FB,D)**

5. Drive along the Giant's Causeway, a World Heritage Site, to Derry, the only fully fortified city in the British Isles. Explore the Walls of Derry with a local guide, then head back to the Republic of Ireland and County Donegal. Your destination was featured on our last Irish tour and was just too good to pass by! Prepare yourself for a night in the

lap of luxury in the ancestral home of Clan O'Donnell whose origins date to the 1400s. **Lough Eske Castle Hotel (FB,D)**

6. Welcome to County Sligo where you'll tour the magnificent Westport House, a 300+ year old manor originally the home of the Pirate Queen of Connacht. Onward to Connemara where your next castle awaits near the town of Clifden. **Abbeyglen Castle Hotel – 2 nights (FB,D)**

7. Take the morning ferry to Inishmore, the largest of the Aran Islands situated just beyond Galway Bay. The other-worldliness of this remote, wind-swept island is apparent the moment you arrive. Even the residents (whom only speak Gaelic) seem to be from another time and place. Your island tour will include a visit to Dun Aonghusa, a magnificent stone fortification dating to between 1100 and 1500 BCE. **(FB,D)**

8. Travel the Burren to the Cliffs of Moher, rising to a height of 400 feet above the icy Atlantic below. Awe-inspiring and sometimes a little frightening (especially in foggy weather when you're never quite sure where the land ends), the cliffs are a must-see



HIGHLIGHTS

- All accommodations in 4 and 5-star historic castles and manor houses
- 2 nights in Clontarf/Dublin and Clifden
- Overnights in Larne/Antrim Coast, Donegal and Dunboyne
- Guided tours of Dublin (*Book of Kells*, Guinness Storehouse), Belfast and Derry
- Ferry to Inishmore and prehistoric Dun Aonghusa
- Services of an Irish guide and driver throughout, plus an experienced **Sports Leisure** Tour Director
- 14 meals: Daily full Irish breakfast and dinner
- Roundtrip airfare to/from Dublin
- Door-to-door transportation
- Tour Director: **Clayton Whitehead**
- 5500/6350 Gold Passport Points

on any Irish vacation. A final castle and a grand Farewell Dinner await your arrival in County Meath. **Dunboyne Castle Hotel (FB,D)**

9. A suburban location puts you close to the airport and returning flight, thus bringing your Irish Spring to a peaceful end. **(FB)**

\$5475 p.p./dbl.occ., \$6350 single **E**

This vacation requires a valid passport!



Gems of Southeast Europe Cruise

Featuring a 7-night river cruise aboard the AmaCerto

11 Days • August 8-18



HIGHLIGHTS

- 2 nights in Budapest
- 7 night cruise on the 162 passenger *AmaCerto*
- Breakfast, lunch, dinner each day on *AmaCerto*, breakfast each morning at hotels
- Roundtrip airfare to Budapest /from Bucharest
- Door-to-door airport service
- Fully escorted by a **Sports Leisure** Tour Director
- Gold Passport Points based on cabin

After two successful trips into Croatia, Scott is excited to lead you into yet another less traveled region of Eastern Europe. A combination of land and cruise, Scott has selected an itinerary showcasing the beauty and charm of this enchanting region. Rich in history and culture, Southeast Europe is a melting pot of multiple ethnic groups. Your itinerary includes a visit to a Serbian Orthodox Temple, vineyards established during the Roman Empire, the Royal Palace in Belgrade, and House of Flowers, the mausoleum of Marshal Tito, a world leader from a different era. Pass through the Iron Gates, a scenic gorge separating Serbia from Romania; visit a medieval Bulgarian Castle overlooking the Danube, and what a would a visit to Hungary be without "goulash"?

AmaWaterways is a classic cruise line with cabins in three different categories; included shore excursions; three meals served daily with included beverages (beer, wine and soft drinks) at lunch and dinner. Ample public spaces provide room for sightseeing, onboard entertainment and relaxing at the heated pool.

This vacation package includes roundtrip air to/from the ports of embarkation and disembarkation; all meals during the cruise (24 meals: 10FB,7L,7D); selection of included shore excursions; and the services of a **Sports Leisure** Tour Director.

Please go to www.sportsleisure.com for a full day-by-day itinerary; and visit the AmaWaterways site for more information about the ship and cruiseline: www.amawaterways.com/destination/europe-river-cruises/2019/gems-of-southeast-europe

DATE	PORT OF CALL
Aug. 08	Overnight Flight
Aug. 09	Budapest, Sofitel Hotel
Aug. 10	Budapest, Sofitel Hotel
Aug. 11	Budapest EMBARKATION
Aug. 12	Mohacs – Pecs
Aug. 13	Vukovar, Ilok, Novi Sad
Aug. 14	Belgrade
Aug. 15	Iron Gates
Aug. 16	Vidin
Aug. 17	Rousse, Giurgiu
Aug. 18	Fly Home



Prices start at:

\$7550 p.p./dbl.occ., \$9750 single

Prices based on estimated air.

This vacation requires a valid passport!





The Alps of Switzerland and Northern Italy

Great lakes, majestic mountains and so much more

10 Days • September 27 – October 6, 2019

1-2. Depart on an overnight flight to Zürich where you'll meet your alpine guide and depart for Lucerne. Have a guided walking tour upon arrival featuring the famous covered Mill Bridge and lunch. **See hotel Kastanienbaum – 2 nights (L)**

3. Lucerne's tallest neighbor is Mount Pilatus. Many people thought engineer Eduard Locher was crazy when he put forward the idea of building a railway to the top in 1889. With a 48 percent grade it was and remains the world's steepest cogwheel railway. Complimenting your roundtrip is a cruise on Lake Lucerne, a gondola and aerial cable car ride, all affording amazing views. Dinner tonight includes the folklore show at the Stadtkeller. **(FB,D)**

4. The Ballenberg Swiss Folk Park will give you a taste of what it's like to live in the Alps during your morning visit. Situated between Lakes Thun and Brienz, Interlaken is a magical place nestled in the shadow of three breathtaking peaks – Jungfrau, Monch and Eiger. **Hotel du Nord – 2 nights (FB,D)**

5. Visit Trummelbach Falls and the Alpine Gardens at Kleine Scheidegg before taking the cog train from Lauterbrunnen to Jungfraujoch. At an amazing 11,333 feet, exit Europe's highest-altitude railway station at the top of the great Aletsch Glacier – at over 13 miles in length this is the longest ice stream in the Alps. This unforgettable trip to the Top of Europe has been the "HIGHLIGHT" of every past Switzerland trip! **(FB)**

6. Have your passports ready. We're going to Italy! Lake Como (Italy's third largest) has been a popular retreat for the rich and famous since Roman times. Now it's your turn! Explore the area by lake cruise and on

foot before hotel check-in. **Hotel Metropole Suisse (FB,D)**

7. The charming village of Sirmione is situated on Lake Garda, the largest lake in Italy. A local guide will take you on a walking tour to see historical monuments such as 13th century Scaliger Castle and Grotto di Catullo, an ancient Roman villa. Continue to Verona for this evening's dinner, and your overnight stay at **Hotel Montessor Palace Hotel (FB,D)**

8. Verona was the hometown of Romeo and Juliet. Here Shakespeare's account of two feuding 12th century families comes to life. Your walking tour will include the famous balcony ("Wherefore art thou?") and Juliet's tomb in the cloisters of the church of San Francesco al Corso. Was the story fact or fiction? Yes! Onward to Padua, one of Italy's primary cities of art and culture in the 13th through 15th centuries. **Hotel Grand'Italia – 2 nights (FB,D)**

9. Padua is but a short distance from Venice, a legendary city built on 117 islands separated by 150 canals and connected by 400 bridges. A morning guided walking tour of Venice ends at San Marco Square with a visit to the Doge's Palace and a walk across the famed Bridge of Sighs. The afternoon is at your leisure before a grand Farewell Dinner and a final night in Padua. **(FB,D)**

HIGHLIGHTS

- 2 nights and tours in Lucern, Interlaken and Padua
- Overnights and tours at Lake Como and Verona
- See Switzerland by boat, gondola, cable car and cog railway
- Travel to the top of Mt. Pilatus and Jungfraujoch
- Visit Italy's Great Lakes – Como and Garda
- Explore Venice and visit the Doges Palace
- 15 meals: Daily breakfast, 1 lunch, 6 dinners
- Roundtrip airfare to Zürich/from Venice
- Door-to-door transportation
- Fully escorted by alpine guide and **Sports Leisure** Tour Director
- 5000/5400 Gold Passport Points

10. After breakfast your journey back to the U.S. begins from Marco Polo International Airport, on the mainland near Venice. **(FB)**

\$4985 p.p./dbl.occ., \$5380 single **E**
This vacation requires a valid passport!



Machu Picchu and Lima, Peru

Discover the beauty of the The Sacred Valley

8 Days • June 15-22



HIGHLIGHTS

- Fully escorted experience with local guides and **Sports Leisure Vacations** Tour Director
- Lima City Tour with visit to the Larco Archeology Museum
- 2 nights in Cusco
- Roundtrip flight: Lima to/from Cusco
- Tour the Pisac Ruins and Awanakancha Museum
- Spend a full day in the Sacred Valley with Moray and Maras
- Roundtrip on the *Vistadome* train: Ollantaytambo/Machu Picchu
- 8 meals: 5 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 2 dinners
- Door-to-door service
- Roundtrip airfare to/from Lima
- 6350/7000 Gold Passport Points

1. Your South American adventure begins with a flight into Lima, Peru. **Casa Andina, Lima – 2 nights**

2. Your local Peruvian guide will welcome you to this bustling metropolis and one of South America's largest cities. The Plaza de Armas and the 16th century cathedral are at the very heart of old Lima Centro. During your stay, visit the Museo Larco collection of pre-Columbian art and the Museo de la Nacion, tracing the history of Peru's ancient civilizations, as you explore the historical center of Lima's vibrant daily life. **(B)**

3. An early morning flight lifts you high into the mountains as you arrive in Cusco, the Capital City of the former Inca Empire. Your journey continues as you depart for the Sacred Valley, the fertile region that once fed the Inca Empire and sits at a lower altitude. Along the way, visit the Pisac Ruins for spectacular views as well as the famous Awankancha Museum where you will see a variety of camelids and learn about local

textiles. The evening is spent acclimatizing and enjoying the pristine Andean surroundings. **Hacienda Urubamba, Sacred Valley (B)**

4. Your Sacred Valley tour will include visits to the ancient circular agricultural terraces of Moray, the salt mines at Maras and the village of Ollantaytambo. Departing from Ollantaytambo, enjoy a scenic train ride through the Sacred Valley to the town of Machu Picchu for your overnight stay at Aguas Calientes. **Sumaq, Machu Picchu (B,D)**

5. Uncover the secrets of Machu Picchu during a guided tour of the Incan citadel. You will visit the most important parts of the ruins, learning how and why they were constructed. You will have time to explore on your own, or sit back and enjoy the magic of Machu Picchu. The train returns you to Ollantaytambo where you will be transferred to your Cusco hotel. **JW Marriott, Cusco – 2 nights (B,L)**

6. Though Machu Picchu was once an Inca royal retreat, Cusco was the beating heart of the Inca Empire. During a walking tour, explore this cobblestoned former capital city: walk among the massive stonework at Sacsayhuaman, marvel at Koricancha, and visit the cathedral on the main plaza.

7-8. A mid-day flight from Cusco returns you to Lima. It is time to say farewell to the magic of Peru as your overnight flight lifts off from Lima, returning you to the States the next day. **(B,D)**



Due to high altitudes, **you must be in stable physical condition, with good mobility.** We **do not** recommend this tour for travelers with moderate to serious mobility issues.



\$6310 p.p./dbl.occ., \$6980 single **E**
This vacation requires a valid passport!



NYC – Behind Broadway and The Bronx

Two nights of Broadway theatre and a Pops concert at Carnegie Hall
6 Days • April 25-30

HIGHLIGHTS

- 5 nights at the **Marriott Marquis Times Square**, New York's best location
- 3 nights of entertainment – 2 Broadway shows (one we select and one **you** choose – an exclusive **SLV** feature); plus a concert at Carnegie Hall featuring the New York Symphony Pops Orchestra
- A Day Downtown – Wall Street, Federal Hall, the 9/11 Memorial/Museum/Observation Deck (all 3 experiences included)
- A Day in The Village – Greenwich Village – Stonewall Nat'l Monument, Eataly, Chelsea Market, The High Line Garden, even a fun marshmallow store
- A Day in The Bronx – stop in at a police and a fire station and meet the first responders, lunch in The Bronx with a variety of stops in "Little Italy"
- A Day Behind Broadway – visit a rehearsal hall and learn how a show comes together, meet a Broadway performer, meet a theater reviewer (Peter Filichia)
- Free day to visit Ellis and Liberty Islands, museums, shops, etc.
- Roundtrip airfare to/from NYC
- 6 meals: 3 lunches, 3 dinners
- Door-to-door airport service
- 4150/4750 Gold Passport Points

We will take you behind-the-scenes on Broadway and show you how it all works. Another day finds you in Little Italy, the real Little Italy, not some Manhattan substitute. For the first time, we spend a day in the Greenwich Village/Chelsea neighborhood.

1. Depart the West Coast around 6am bound for New York City, arriving around 5pm (with a connection). A welcome to

The Big Apple dinner is included tonight at Carmine's, a New York tradition just two blocks from your hotel, which is located right on Times Square. Indeed, this is one of New York's premier locations/accommodations. **Marriott Marquis – 5 nights (D)**

2. Your Behind Broadway experience will give you a feel for how the curtain goes up at dozens of theaters every night. Auditions, rehearsals, readings, financing, reviews; it's hard to make a hit. We'll take you behind-the-scenes to meet the performers and even a veteran Broadway reviewer, or "audience matchmaker," as Peter Filichia likes to refer to his talents. We get back to midtown in time for a great dinner at the Capital Grill, then walk a few blocks to Carnegie Hall for a concert honoring Broadway legends by the New York Symphony Pops orchestra. (This is a memorable 90 minutes of music in one of the world's great music venues.) Premium Dress Circle seating for the concert. **(L,D)**

3. Off to The Bronx, and specifically Little Italy, part of New York's most colorful neighborhood. We stop in at a fire and police station, to meet some first responders up close and get some unique souvenirs. On Arthur Avenue, we enjoy lunch and meet some of the shopkeepers on a unique six-block walking tour. Ah, cannoli made right before your eyes! Tonight, your first night of theater. Your Tour Directors will be available to direct/escort you. **(L)**

4. We are headed downtown this morning, to learn the story of Wall Street, visit the historic Trinity Church, see Federal



Hall (where George Washington was inaugurated president), and enjoy a wonderful casual brunch in a historic restaurant. The afternoon is spent at Freedom Tower. Enjoy the view from the top, spend time in the 9/11 Museum, walk by the reflection ponds... there's time for it all. Back to Broadway tonight, to see the show you selected. **(L)**

5. A day to choose your own itinerary. Many will want to go by subway with your Tour Director to Battery Park, then on to Liberty or Ellis Islands by ferry. Those folks will return to Times Square around noon. (Optional in-depth hard hat tour on Ellis Island. Please inquire at least 60 days prior to departure.) Depending on baseball schedules, an optional tour of Yankee Stadium may be available this afternoon. Visit The Met, shop at Macy's; allow us to help you build your day. **(D)**

6. We depart on a non-stop flight to Sacramento in early evening from Newark. First, let's visit Greenwich Village. From the National Park Site commemorating the beginning of the fight for LGBT rights at the Stonewall Inn; to Eataly, the popular Italian complex; the Chelsea Market, Squish Marshmallows and more. The different, the unique, that's what makes the village so popular. Arrive in Sacramento about 10pm.

\$4150 p.p./dbl.occ., \$4745 single **A**

Memorial Day in Washington, DC

Our nation's capital is yours to explore from top to bottom

6 Days • May 23-28



HIGHLIGHTS

- 5 nights at the Hilton Hotel Arlington
- Tour Washington, DC by day and night
- Visit Arlington National Cemetery, Mt. Vernon, the U.S. Capitol, Ford's Theatre and Kennedy Center
- Explore the Smithsonian Institution and National Museums on the Mall
- See National Monuments including Lincoln, Jefferson, FDR, MLK, WWII, Vietnam, Korea and more
- 9 meals: Daily breakfasts, 1 lunch, 3 dinners
- Roundtrip airfare to/from Washington National
- Door-to-door airport service
- Tour Director: **Clayton Whitehead**
- 2900/3200 Gold Passport Points

1. Take a morning flight bound for Washington's Reagan National Airport. From this in-town airport, it's only a short drive to your hotel – a welcomed relief after a long day of travel! **Hilton Hotel Arlington – 5 nights**

2. Embark on a comprehensive city tour with a local guide extraordinaire who will spin tales of Washington's dynamic past and present while orienting you to the Mall (important for later in the itinerary when you have free time for Smithsonian and National Museums). You'll see countless National Monuments, impressive governmental buildings both historic and modern (your tax dollars at work!), and the expansive parks and public spaces that make Washington, DC the striking city it is. **(FB,L)**

3. Begin your exploration of the Smithsonian Institution and National Museums today with a full day on the Mall. Your coach will operate "shuttle style" to facilitate easy movement and breaks. "D.C. After Dark" features selected beautifully illuminated monuments and the Kennedy Center after dinner. **(FB,D)**

4. A morning visit to Arlington National Cemetery includes a narrated tram tour with stops at the Tomb of the Unknowns for the Changing of the Guard ceremony and the home of General and Mrs. Robert E. Lee – no, that's *not* a mausoleum on the hill! In the afternoon, take a ride into the country to visit the estate of George and Martha Washington, Mount Vernon. Tonight, dinner at Filomena Ristorante in Georgetown is a **Sports Leisure** favorite and sure to please. **(FB,D)**

5. Memorial Day offers a host of poignant opportunities along our National Mall. Start the day with a visit to Ford's Theatre and the Petersen House to relive President Lincoln's final days. A new interpretative center offers insight into this turbulent time in American history. From there your choices begin. Take your place along Constitution Avenue for the National Memorial Day Parade or use the time to continue your exploration of the Smithsonian Institution and National Museums. **(FB,D)**

6. A guided tour of the United States Capitol brings your vacation to a monumental end. **(FB)**

\$2875 p.p./dbl.occ., \$3185 single **E**

**Those making reservations at least three months prior to the trip (before February 23) will be submitted for a thorough security screening to visit The White House. This will require your full name, citizenship, birthday, city of residence and Social Security number. Please be advised those making reservations after this date are less likely to receive clearance. Questions? Please contact tour planner/escort Clayton Whitehead.*





Philadelphia Freedom!

Featuring the new Museum of the American Revolution

6 Days • May 10-15



PHOTO CREDIT: George Widman for Visit Philadelphia®

Bell and the recently opened Museum of the American Revolution. Judge for yourself if Philadelphia owns this patriotic title during this tour focused on one of America's great cities.

We'll stay in Philadelphia all **five nights** at the **Embassy Suites**. With numerous restaurants and museums right outside your door, you will have the freedom to explore and dine as you please. Unpack only once, as we experience the "City of Brotherly

Love." Visit Independence Hall, take snapshots of the famous Liberty Bell, and walk in the footsteps of William Penn and Benjamin Franklin. Visit the new Museum of the American Revolution, just opened in April 2017, along with the National Constitution Center. You'll also have a choice to visit either the Philadelphia Art Museum or the Franklin Institute at your leisure during a free afternoon.



PHOTO CREDIT: Larry Albee

Explore America's Cradle of Liberty, historic Philadelphia. After all, it's here the Founding Fathers gathered at Independence Hall to write the Declaration of Independence and those who first called themselves "Americans" wrote the Constitution just 13 years later. It's the home of the Liberty

We'll explore the foodie scene of downtown Philadelphia during a special guided tour to include the Italian Market, and then lunch at your leisure from the nearly 100 vendors at Reading Terminal Market. Don't be surprised by the colorful characters you meet along the way.

HIGHLIGHTS

- History abounds: The Liberty Bell, Independence Hall, Ben Franklin Ghost House and gravesite
- Discover the NEW Museum of the American Revolution and National Constitution Center
- Your choice of the Franklin Institute or Philadelphia Art Museum
- Explore beyond Philly: Princeton University in nearby New Jersey and Longwood Gardens at their springtime best
- Roundtrip airfare to Philadelphia
- 9 meals including a *Philly Foodie Tour* and visit to Reading Terminal Market
- Door-to-door airport service
- 3000/3450 Gold Passport Points

Outside of Philadelphia, we'll visit a few other sights – the iconic town of Princeton and the Princeton Battle Field. We will also tour Princeton University and enjoy lunch at the Nassau Club before strolling the Grounds for Sculpture, an outdoor garden of flowers and very unique art in Hamilton Township.

On our final day we will travel west to visit Pennsylvania's Brandywine Valley and the beautiful Longwood Gardens with more than 1,000 acres of stunning gardens and greenhouses, woodlands and meadows; the spring flowers should be gorgeous!

\$2995 p.p./dbl.occ., \$3425 single **A**



Ferries, Islands and Towns of Old Cape Cod

A day in Boston, Martha's Vineyard, two nights in Provincetown, two nights Nantucket
8 Days • June 14-21

1. Arrive in Boston in the late afternoon. Dinner is included this evening at a local landmark, the Union Oyster House. **Hilton Woburn – 2 nights (D)**

2. Boston is full of history and your guided tour zig-zags through the city, from Harvard Yard, to the famous Old North Church, Paul Revere's home and the site of the (in) famous Tea Party. A special treat is the opportunity to ride one of the Swan Boats which grace Boston Common. **(FB,L)**

3. There is a choice of museum attractions this morning. Select from a stop at the Kennedy Presidential Library & Museum, or right next door is the new Edward Kennedy Institute for the United States Senate. Enjoy some "chowda," or a lobster roll for lunch at the famous Quincy Market downtown, then head to the ferry dock and off across the water on the 90-minute cruise to Cape Cod. You are riding on one of the largest and

fastest catamarans in the world, providing the smoothest and quickest journey to Provincetown or "P-Town." On arrival, you'll have time to visit the shops and galleries near the dock. Your hotel is a half mile from the center of town down a country lane.

Surfside Hotel – 2 nights (FB,D)

4. A guided tour of Provincetown by trolley gives you the opportunity to discover the rich history and current mood of this most unique "end of the road" community. Next, travel over the sand dunes – yes, the sand dunes, in a special SUV – to discover a whole new scenic world! Dine at a popular local spot for lunch, and have the afternoon free to explore P-Town or relax and enjoy the waterfront bay view at your hotel. **(B,L)**

5. Just south of P-Town on the southeast end of the Cape is Chatham. Arrive there via a route that takes you through small New England villages along Cape Cod National Seashore, with a stop at the National Park Service Visitors Center.

Chatham is known for its beautiful sea captain mansions and you'll have time for lunch and browsing. Continue on to Hyannis, where the John F. Kennedy Museum gives you an "other than the presidential years" look at JFK's life. Tonight, it's time for LOBSTERS! **Hyannis Hotel – (B,D)**

6. After breakfast, board a high speed catamaran for a cruise to the "Storybook Island" of Martha's Vineyard. Learn about the history of the island on a narrated van tour. Your stay on The Vineyard is brief, as you catch the inter-island ferry to Nantucket in mid-afternoon. Stay at the Nantucket Inn, the island's finest accommodations. A complimentary

HIGHLIGHTS

- Ferry rides from Boston to Provincetown, Hyannis – Martha's Vineyard – Nantucket – Hyannis
- 2 nights Boston (Woburn), 2 nights Provincetown on the Cape, overnight Hyannis, 2 nights Nantucket
- Guided tours of Boston, Provincetown, Cape Cod National Seashore, Nantucket and Martha's Vineyard
- Tour Boston, ride the famous Swan Boats on Boston Common
- See the J.F.K. Presidential Library or the Edward Kennedy Institute for the U.S. Senate
- 15 meals: breakfast each morning, 3 lunches, 5 dinners, including a lobster feast
- Door-to-door airport service
- 3850/4250 Gold Passport Points

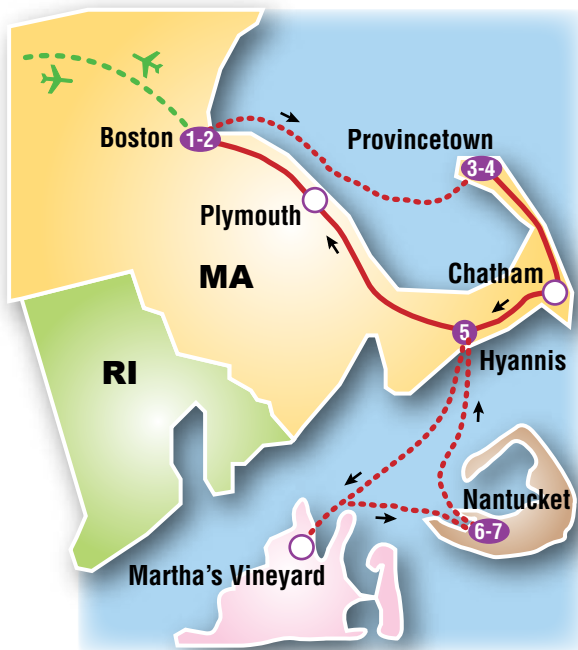
shuttle service is available from the hotel to town every hour. Dine in small, popular, local restaurants in town each night.

Nantucket Inn – 2 nights (FB,D)

7. Nantucket is one of the United States' oldest communities. Your tour this morning takes you around the island, explaining the whaling industry, which was once big here, and current lifestyles, which are dominated by "upper-middle class types" from the mainland. After the tour, you are free in town for lunch. Visit the Whaling Museum, do a little window shopping, return to the inn at leisure. **(B,D)**

8. Depart Nantucket by ferry this morning. On the drive back to Boston, make a stop in Plymouth, where the Pilgrims landed, 399 years ago. Take the non-stop from Boston to Sacramento on Jet Blue, arriving home about 9pm. **(B,L)**

\$3830 p.p./dbl.occ., \$4235 single **A**



An American Portrait

History comes alive – everything from West Point to Woodstock

7 Days • May 29 – June 4



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HIGHLIGHTS

- Rochester – visit The Strong Museum (America's Museum of Play) and the site of the original home of the Rochester Royals – now the Sacramento Kings
- Cruise the Erie Canal
- Tour the homes of Harriett Tubman and William Seward
- National Women's Hall of Fame, Women's Rights Historic Park, It's a Wonderful Life Museum in Bedford... we mean Seneca Falls
- Visit Bethel Woods, the site of Woodstock
- Tour West Point Academy
- Visit the Presidential Library of Franklin Roosevelt; see Val Kill, Eleanor's residence
- Lunch and tasting at Crowne Maple, makers of amazing maple syrups; walk over the Hudson River
- Wonderful dining, 14 meals: 1 breakfast, 5 full breakfasts, 5 lunches, 3 dinners
- Door-to-door service, airfare included
- 3200/3550 Gold Passport Points

1. Arrive in Rochester, NY, in late afternoon. Meet your traveling companions at a welcome dinner. **Marriott Rochester – 2 nights (D)**

2. The Strong is a highly interactive, collections-based museum devoted to the

history and exploration of play. It is one of the largest history museums in the United States. A trip down memory lane for certain! Dine at a local favorite for lunch and discover a bit of Sacramento Kings history along the way. The afternoon features the **George Eastman Museum** (Eastman-Kodak), where you'll find amazing photo collections and photography exhibits. **(FB,L)**

3. "We know every inch of the way, from Albany to Buffalo..." It's a line from an old song about the Erie Canal. Today, you'll travel for a bit on America's farm-to-market waterway. The afternoon includes visits to the homes of **William Seward** (the man who helped us purchase Alaska) and **Harriett Tubman**. The two were unlikely friends. Hear the story and many more during a fascinating "history lesson." **Hilton Garden Inn – Auburn (FB,L,D)**

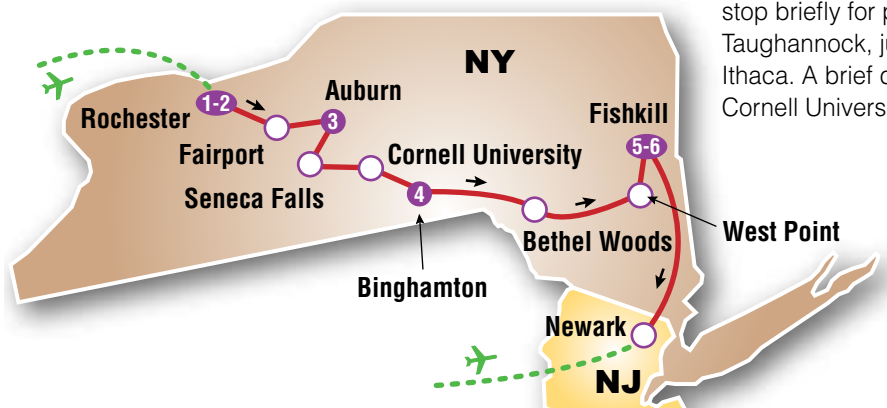
4. It's Ladies Day! In Seneca Falls, they celebrate the rise of the woman in America. Check out the Women's Rights Nat'l Historic Park and the National Women's Hall of Fame. Just down the street is the **It's a Wonderful Life** Museum. Many think "Bedford Falls" in the movie is patterned after Seneca Falls. We'll share the story with you. Lots of picturesque waterfalls in the area, and we'll stop briefly for pictures at Taughannock, just outside of Ithaca. A brief driving tour of Cornell University is our final

attraction before heading to Binghamton for the night. **TBA (FB,L)**

5. Fifty years ago, on what turned out to be a rainy weekend in August, more than 400,000 people gathered on Max Yasgur's farm in the Catskill Mountains. The **Woodstock Music Festival** changed the history of rock and roll. Enjoy a visit to the museum and see the actual festival site. In the afternoon, pivot 180 degrees from Woodstock as you tour the United States Military Academy at **West Point. Hilton Garden Inn Fishkill – 2 nights (B,D)**

6. Tour the beautiful Hudson River Valley. At the home and Presidential Library of **FDR**, learn more about one of our country's most fascinating figures. Lunch is at Crowne Maple, home of amazing maple syrup. (Pick some up for your pancakes at home.) Then it's off for your chance to "walk over the Hudson." **(FB,L)**

7. A visit to **Val Kill**, the National Historic Site honoring **Eleanor Roosevelt**, is the final piece of our American Portrait puzzle. What an incredible woman. After lunch at the Rhinecliff Hotel (site of one of Chelsea Clinton's wedding receptions), we are off to the Newark Airport, just over an hour south, to catch the evening non-stop back to Sacramento. **(FB,L)**



\$3155 p.p./dbl.occ., \$3550 single **A**



South Dakota Icons

Featuring Mitchell's Corn Palace, Mount Rushmore, Crazy Horse Memorial and Custer State Park
6 Days • September 15-20, 2019

HIGHLIGHTS

- Visit *The World's Only Corn Palace*, a tribute to the industrious farmers of the prairie
- 3 days sightseeing in the Black Hills including both day and night visits to the Mount Rushmore
- Ride a jeep through Custer State Park, where the elk, antelope, bison and other wildlife play
- Stand on top of Crazy Horse Memorial, a **Sports Leisure Vacation's** premier experience
- Drive through Badlands National Park
- 9 meals: 4 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 2 dinners
- Door-to-door airport service
- Roundtrip airfare to Sioux Falls/from Rapid City
- 2850/3150 Gold Passport Points

South Dakota is a unique combination of mountains, plains, prairies and badlands... The many cultures and peoples crossing through this area wove a colorful history. Spend six days visiting shrines to our nation's democracy and sites sacred to Native Americans. Travel over spectacular lands of awesome wonder, of nature in action, rolling hills, vast prairies and sandstone carved by wind and water.

1. Arrive into Sioux Falls, on the eastern edge of South Dakota in time for lunch and a stroll through Falls Park, before traveling to Mitchell, home of the *World's Only Corn Palace*. The Mitchell Corn Palace was part of a late 19th century race by farming communities to promote their products, and stands today as the last of the 34 "Palaces on the Prairie." **Mitchell Hampton Inn (L,D)**

2. During the day, the South Dakota wind brushes the diamonds in her quilt; causing blue shades to twinkle in the sunlight... She is *Dignity: Of Earth & Sky* rising 50 feet on the bluff near Chamberlain, on the Missouri River. A tribute to the cultures of the Sioux cultures, her message of courage, perseverance and wisdom resonates with visitors from all around the globe. An afternoon drive through the Badlands, with a stop in Wall, concludes in Rapid City. **CountryInn & Suites – 2 nights (L)**

3. At *Tatanka: Story of the Bison* learn from your Sioux guide about the historic importance of buffalo and view a spectacular, larger than life, sculpture. In Deadwood there is time for lunch and browsing the shops along the historic main street. In Spearfish, learn more about life on the western prairie. **(B)**

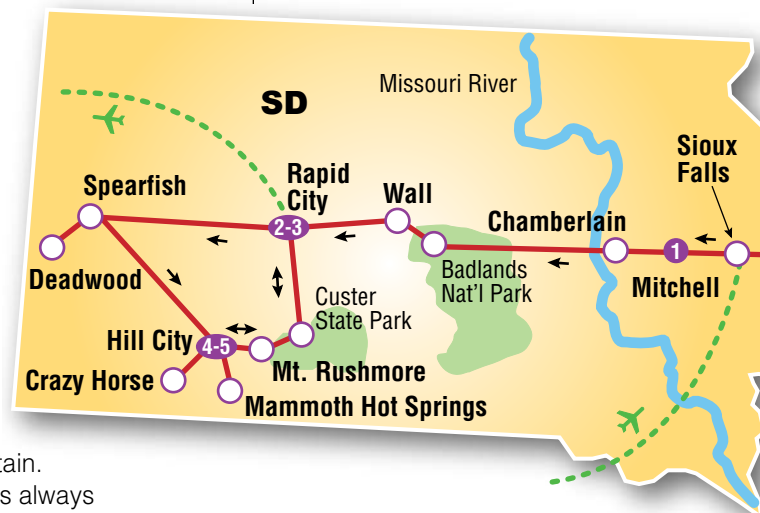
4-5. Visit the iconic locations of the Black Hills over the next few days: During the daytime hours, walk beneath Mount Rushmore, while in the evening you observe the magnificent tribute to our country's freedom. At Crazy Horse, ride to the top of the carving and experience firsthand the massive undertaking of transforming a mountain. Mammoth Hot Springs is always



interesting, whether you are curious about woolly mammoths or six-toed bears, you are sure to be impressed. Climb aboard the jeeps of Custer State Park, for a ride through rolling hills in search of elusive wildlife... The beauty of the area is worth the trip. **Palmer Gulch Lodge – 2 nights (2B,L,D)**

6. Your time on the prairie and in the Black Hills concludes with a mid-day flight, arriving home early evening. **(B)**

\$2835 p.p./dbl.occ., \$3130 single **A E**



Lake Powell Splendor

No words can describe its beauty

5 Days • October 3-7, 2019



1. Fly to Phoenix then enjoy a hosted lunch en route to Flagstaff. Tour the Museum of Northern Arizona and learn about the Colorado Plateau and the Native Americans of the Southwest. **Residence Inn Marriott Flagstaff. (L)**

2. Lake Powell is a spectacular scenic destination, formed when the Glen Canyon Dam was built to hold back the mighty Colorado River. We will stop along the way for some great photos and view a movie on the building of the dam at the visitors center. Lunch will be hosted before checking into your lakeside hotel with dramatic views.

Lake Powell Resort – 3 nights (FB,L)

3. Today you will explore by land the famous Antelope Canyon with a Navajo Indian guide. The canyon is one of the most beautiful of all natural formations. Upon walking in, you are immediately awed by the massive red walls which look like they were sculpted by an artist. It is a photographer's dream! Want the ultimate helicopter/landing adventure? This is the one! See some of the most sought-after sights in the Southwest in a state-of-the-art helicopter. Fly over the iconic Horseshoe Canyon, a hairpin turn in the Colorado River. You will see Glen Canyon Dam and its steel arch bridge. Just when you thought things couldn't possibly get more beautiful and exciting, they do. The lone spire of Tower Butte comes into view and you land right on top of it! You'll have approximately 20 minutes to walk around the butte and take in the immenseness and tranquility that Mother Nature has laid at your feet. **(FB,L)**

4. This morning cruise the waters of Lake Powell on a narrated boat tour. Travel four miles up Antelope Canyon viewing colorful red and orange sandstone. Navajo Canyon boasts 600 foot rock walls covered in desert varnish, beautiful black streaks flowing down the canyon walls. The afternoon is free to enjoy your lakeside resort. **(FB)**

HIGHLIGHTS

- Narrated Lake Powell boat tour
- Guided walking tour of the famous Antelope Canyon
- Enjoy 3 nights in a lakeview room
- Awesome helicopter flight over Lake Powell
- 8 meals: 4 breakfasts, 4 lunches
- 2750/3150 Gold Passport Points

5. Stop in Flagstaff for a special hosted lunch before arriving back in Phoenix for your flight home. **(FB,L)**

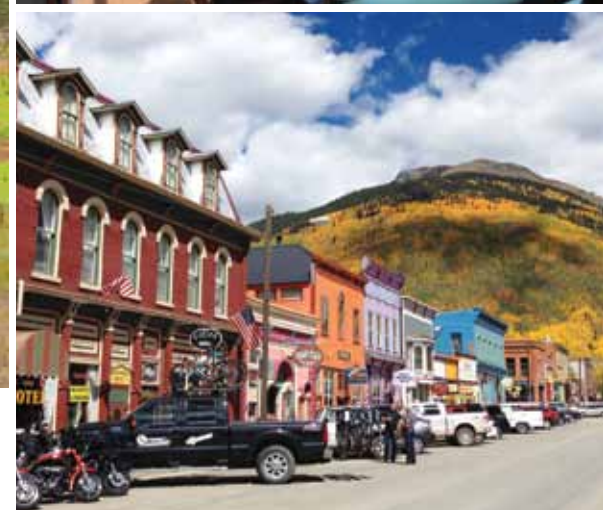
\$2735 p.p./dbl.occ., \$3120 single **A**



Rails Around Colorado

Three scenic train rides during fall foliage

7 Days • September 21-27, 2019



HIGHLIGHTS

- Three scenic trains: Royal Gorge, Cumbres & Toltec, Durango & Silverton
- Royal Gorge Bridge and Park
- Explore the San Juan Mountains by jeep
- Fly high above Telluride on a gondola ride
- Historic guided walking tour of Telluride
- 11 meals: 3 breakfasts, 3 full breakfasts, 5 lunches
- Door-to-door airport service
- Roundtrip airfare to Denver/from Durango
- 3800/4300 Gold Passport Points

1. Fly to Denver and enjoy a hosted lunch en route to your hotel located near the Royal Gorge. **Best Western Cañon City – 2 nights (L)**

2. Climb aboard the train for a scenic journey through spectacular Royal Gorge. Since 1879, these tracks have followed the winding, tumbling Arkansas River deep within the soaring, 1,000-foot granite cliffs of Colorado's Royal Gorge. Your First Class passage includes enclosed, glass-domed cars offering the most spectacular views of this breathtaking scenery. Hanging high above the river, Royal Gorge Bridge is America's highest suspension bridge. Reborn after a disastrous fire in 2013, the bridge and its attractions are back. Walk across the bridge or try the new aerial gondolas that glide 2,200 feet across the gorge and 1,200 feet above the Arkansas River! **(B)**

3. Travel through a diverse landscape of grasslands, wetlands, forests, lakes and tundra. Arrive at your hotel in Alamosa in the late afternoon. **Hampton Inn (B,L)**

4. Crossing back and forth across the Colorado and the New Mexico border, the Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad is truly a memorable experience. You will sense the grandeur of the Rocky Mountains as you travel along the narrow gauge tracks through tunnels, above deep gorges, and over Cumbres Pass. Because of limited space, only the first 10 people who register for the tour will ride in the first-class parlor car. The train's journey ends in Chama, New Mexico, where you will continue by motorcoach to Durango in Colorado. **DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Durango (B,L)**

5. The route to Silverton aboard the Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad is an unforgettable journey along the spectacular Animas River. The route boasts some of Colorado's most striking canyon scenery. Free time is planned in Silverton, a former silver mining camp now a designated National Historic Landmark District. Continue by motorcoach to Telluride, a historical town tucked into a box canyon surrounded on three sides by 14,000-foot peaks. The town's colorful Victorian-era homes, clapboard storefronts, boutiques, art galleries, gourmet restaurants and historic buildings are a delight to explore. **The Hotel Telluride – 2 nights (FB,L)**

6. Today there is a 4x4 jeep tour into the mountains. You decide... do you want a scenic mellow ride or one with a bit more adrenaline. Afterwards enjoy a hosted lunch and

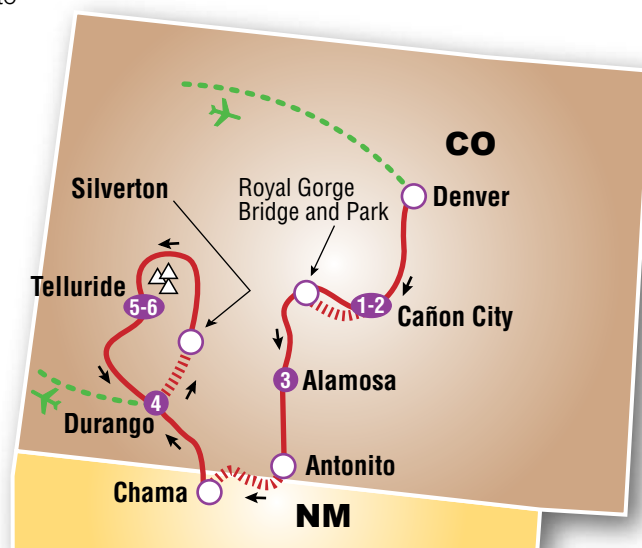
some free time to visit the shops in town or take the gondola that climbs 1,790 vertical feet before reaching Station St. Sophia at 10,540 feet. It's a quiet 13-minute ride from town with breathtaking scenery and 360 degree panoramic views from high atop the mountain. **(FB,L)**

7. Depart this fall foliage mountain paradise for Durango and fly home this evening. **(FB)**

\$3770 p.p./dbl.occ., \$4280 single A

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Pure Michigan: Mackinac and the UP – Isn't it Grand?

Explore the magnificent Keweenaw Peninsula and Mackinac Island

8 Days • June 16-23

1. Fly away to Green Bay. Home of the Packers, this community is small in size, but huge in spirit. **Hampton Inn Downtown (D)**

2. Start the day with a tour of hallowed Lambeau Field before heading north to Houghton on Michigan's Upper Peninsula. The residents of the region are called "yoopers" (say U-pers) and you'll enjoy honorary status for the next few days. **Country Inn & Suites – 2 nights (B,L)**

3. The **Keweenaw Peninsula** was where most of the country's copper was once mined. The scenery is memorable in this place where pristine nature, tiny villages and lighthouses abound. The entire day is a history lesson, told by the people who live here and the legacy of those who came before. **(B,L,D)**

4. Leave the Keweenaw and head east along the shores of Lake Superior to the Shrine of Bishop Baraga and Da Yoopers Tourist Trap, because after all, we are tourists. Your accommodations are the best in Marquette, right on the lake affording everyone a great view of the water. **Hampton Inn – 2 nights (B,L,D)**

5. Just an hour from Marquette is the small lakeside community of Munising from which you'll cruise Lake Superior to see shipwrecks on a glass-bottom boat! Along the way, Lakenenland Sculpture Park is a must-see stop. **(B,D)**

6. Push east to St. Ignace to catch the ferry for the 20-minute ride to Mackinac Island. Prepare to fall in love at first sight with its historic buildings, quaint shoppes and "no motor vehicles allowed" policy. It's a short horse-drawn carriage ride to Mackinac's iconic landmark – the Grand Hotel. Built in 1887, the Grand is prepared to satisfy your every desire this evening starting with

a formal dinner and ending with live music and dancing. Best of all, you get to do it all over again tomorrow! **Grand Hotel – 2 nights (B,L,D)**

7. Discover Mackinac's natural beauty on a morning horse-drawn wagon tour. The filming location of *Somewhere in Time*, don't miss the Grand's historical exhibits (yes, there IS a framed portrait of Jane Seymour), art gallery, horse stables, Cupola Bar and have a sit on the front porch which, at 660 feet long, is the longest in the world! **(FB,D)**

8. Take the ferry back to the mainland and travel along the scenic east shore of Lake Michigan on the LP (Lower Peninsula) with lunch served in the quaint community of Petoskey. In nearby Acme you'll discover an incredible collection of mechanical instruments and antique phonographs at The Music House. The centerpiece of the museum, a huge

HIGHLIGHTS

- 2 nights at Mackinac's famous Grand Hotel, tour by horse and carriage
- 2 nights Houghton, Keweenaw National Historic Park
- 2 nights Marquette on the shores of Lake Superior
- 1 night Green Bay – Go Packers!
- Shipwreck cruise on Lake Superior by glass bottom boat
- 18 meals: daily breakfast, 5 lunches, 6 dinners
- Roundtrip airfare to Green Bay/from Traverse City
- Door-to-door airport transportation
- Tour Director: **Clayton Whitehead**
- 4000/4600 Gold Passport Points

Belgian pipe organ, is simply amazing, and all instruments are in perfect working order as you'll see... and hear! The short drive to Traverse City is where your return flight awaits. **(FB,L)**

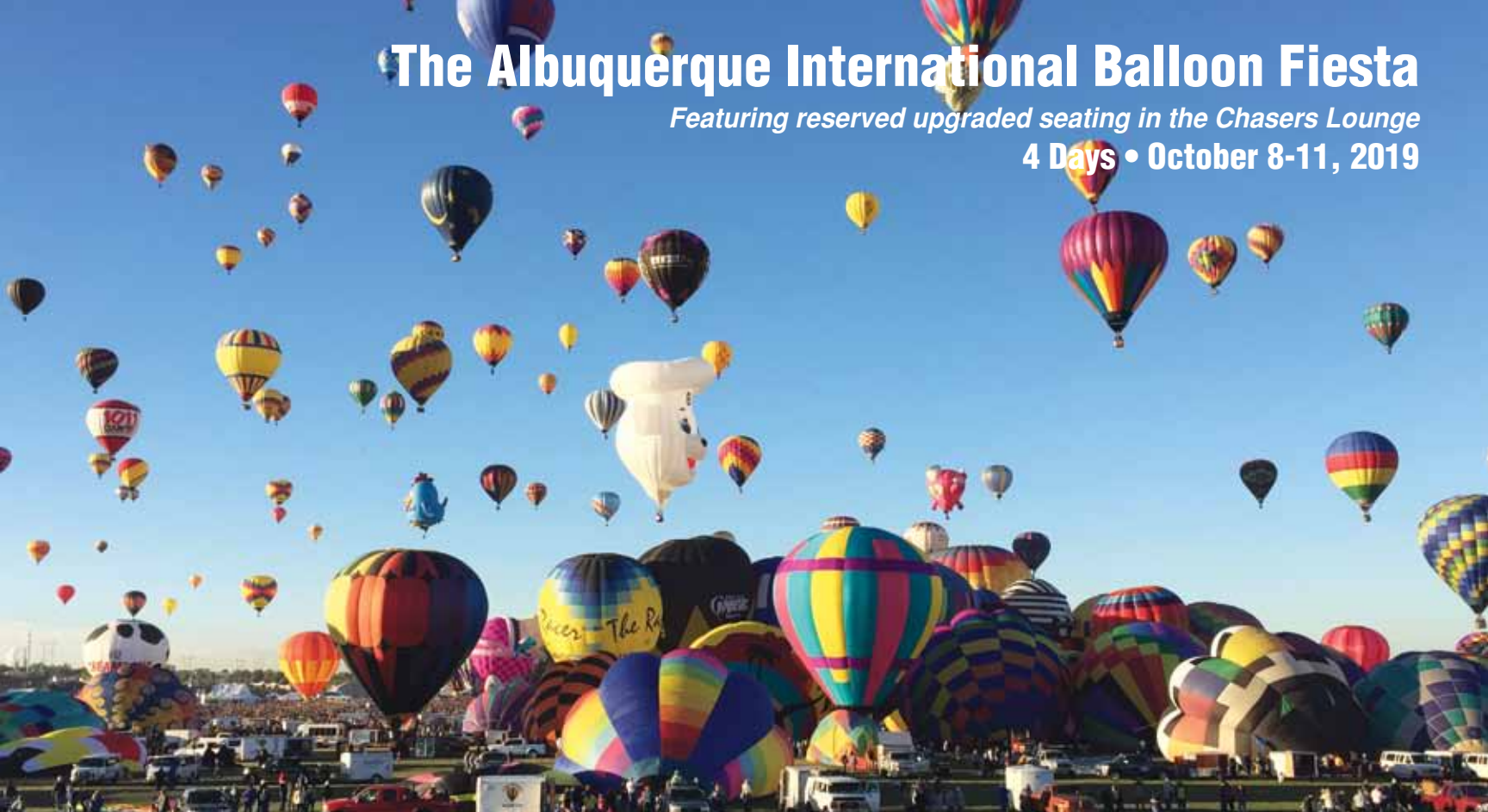
\$3975 p.p./dbl.occ., \$4570 single **A**



The Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta

Featuring reserved upgraded seating in the Chasers Lounge

4 Days • October 8-11, 2019



HIGHLIGHTS

- 4 balloon events: Balloon Glow, Special Shapes and Mass Ascensions
- Upgraded seating in the Chasers Lounge
- Ride the Sandia Peak Aerial Tramway and have lunch with view
- 7 meals: 3 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 1 dinner
- Door-to-door airport transportation
- Roundtrip airfare to/from Albuquerque

One of our most popular fall trips, this incredible vacation sells out early every year. While we don't have the rates yet, we do know the dates. Here is your chance to get in early on the 2019 departure. A \$250 deposit reserves your place until the final prices are received from the airline and hotel. Later this fall, we will bill you and give you the opportunity to take advantage of any Early Payment Di\$counts.

1. Arrive in Albuquerque in the late morning and enjoy lunch before checking into your hotel. Gather for a group orientation and enjoy the hotel's awesome "Kickback" which includes complimentary hot food plus soda, beer and wine. **Drury Inn & Suites – 3 nights (L)**

2. The Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta with over 600 balloons is the largest ballooning event and the most photographed event on earth. We have upgraded your experience to the Chasers Club Lounge which offers private seating on the field. Travel on the famous Sandia Peak Aerial Tramway. Enjoy the view and lunch



on top at the new restaurant opening in the spring of 2019. **(B,L)**

3. This morning is the Mass Ascensions; a launch of all the participating balloons. (Weather permitting, high winds could possibly cancel any events.) Enjoy a special tour at the Abruzzo Balloon Museum; back to the hotel to for some rest or an optional visit to Old Town this afternoon before tonight's "Glowdeo" a static display of the special shape balloons. Following dinner is the spectacular afterglow fireworks! **(B,D)**

4. One more Mass Ascension this morning. Lunch is included at the Route 66 Diner followed by a city tour before heading home. **(B,L)**



Prices to be announced after December 1st **M**

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Toe Tappin' Tennessee

Celebrate the many musical styles from rock, soul, country and blues

5 Days • October 17-21, 2019



HIGHLIGHTS

- Tour RCA Studio B and Music Row
- Visit the Country Music Hall of Fame and the new Johnny Cash & Patsy Cline Museums
- Behind-the-scenes-tour of The Grand Ole Opry and attend the show
- Spend a leisurely Southern Sunday in charming Franklin, TN
- 9 meals featuring a wide range of regional flavors: 4 full breakfasts, 3 lunches, 2 dinners
- Roundtrip airfare included
- Door-to-door airport service
- 2800/3150 Gold Passport Points

Welcome to "Music City USA" where the lights are bright, the tunes are thumping and the talent is legendary! Dust off your boots and stroll along Broadway where the music is sure to get your toes a tappin'!

1. In Nashville supper is waiting for you! Southern classics are piled high and served family-style in a real Antebellum mansion where the motto is "enter as strangers, leave as friends!" **Embassy Suites Nashville Airport – 4 nights (D)**

2. Tour historic RCA Studio B, the "cradle of the Nashville sound," where hits from Elvis, Dolly Parton and Waylon Jennings were recorded. Join a local guide for a driving tour along Music Row, the State Capitol and the Parthenon... well, a to-scale replica right in the heart of the city! Lunch is at a local favorite known for its Nashville Hot Chicken Sandwich. Can you handle the heat? The afternoon is spent perusing the immense collection of costumes and artifacts from recording legends at the Country Music Hall

of Fame. Transportation is provided to/from dinner on your own and a little boot scootin' at one of the local honky tonks. **(FB,L)**

3. Nashville's two new hottest attractions, the Patsy Cline and Johnny Cash Museums are first today. Make a sweet stop at the Goo Goo Clusters store! Since 1912 the concoction of luscious caramel, smooth creamy marshmallow nougat, fresh roasted peanuts coated in milk chocolate has been billed as "a nourishing lunch for a nickel." Not sure about that, but they are delicious! Nashville's brand new food hall is perfect for a lunch on your own. After a little downtime at the hotel, join a backstage tour of the Grand Ole Opry and walk in the footsteps of yesterday and today's hottest stars! Dinner is included tonight before we attend the Grand Ole Opry. Which star will perform? It's anybody's guess since the schedule isn't released until a week before, but you'll definitely want to have your cameras ready during the live radio broadcast! **(FB,D)**

4. After a leisurely morning take a Sunday drive to charming Franklin, only 14 miles but 100 years from Nashville. Since 1951 the Loveless Café has been serving up its famous chicken and biscuits to hungry travelers like you. After lunch, stroll the many boutiques on quaint Main Street or just find a quiet spot to enjoy the Southern charm. It's a perfect way to spend a Sunday afternoon! **(FB,L)**

5. Feel the "Soul of Nashville" during a multimedia presentation at the historic Ryman Auditorium, home of the original Grand Ole Opry and Union Gospel

Tabernacle. Enjoy one last taste of Southern food with an updated twist at the gorgeous Hermitage Hotel before your late-afternoon flight home. **(FB,L)**

\$2760 p.p./dbl.occ., \$3115 single **A**

Memphis and Nashville

7 Days • October 15-21, 2019

Add Memphis to your musical Tennessee adventure! Stay two nights at **The Guesthouse at Graceland**, a new luxury hotel located on the estate. Tour the iconic home along with Elvis' plane and car collection. At the National Civil Rights Museum trace the seminal events of the late 20th century that inspired people around the world to stand up for equality. At the world-renowned Peabody Hotel see the Duck March, a tradition of herding ducks through the lobby that spans over 90 years and is as cute and silly as it sounds. Afterwards, go walking in Memphis along Beale Street lined with lively restaurants and nightclubs. Dinner at the Beauty Shop Restaurant features flavors of the Southeast and the Far East in this beauty parlor-turned-eatery known for its stylish fusion cuisine. En route to Nashville to meet the other group, visit the Brownsville schoolhouse attended by Tina Turner filled with memorabilia. This adds two days, 5 meals (2FB,2L,1D) and 900/1050 Gold Passport Points

ADD ON PRICE:

\$895 p.p./dbl.occ., \$1050 single

All the Best of Victoria, BC!

Exciting new attractions, long-time favorites and an extra day to explore

5 Days • June 2-6



HIGHLIGHTS

- Enjoy High Tea at the Empress Hotel
- Experience Victoria on a double-decker bus tour and seaplane flight
- Visit famed Butchart Gardens to enjoy the blooms and lunch
- Spend a day exploring and tasting your way through the Cowichan Valley
- 5 meals: 1 high tea, 4 lunches
- Roundtrip airfare to/from Victoria, BC
- Door-to-door airport service
- 2500/2800 Gold Passport Points

A once sleepy city by the sea, Victoria has blossomed into an international cosmopolitan destination yet has retained its unique charm. Iconic attractions sit alongside trendy shops and modern bistropubs serving up a new twist on old favorites. Tour as a group during the day and enjoy the city at leisure each evening. There is no shortage of adventures to be had!

1. Fly to Victoria, BC this morning by way of Seattle. Lunch is in Sidney, BC a lovely seaside town. Swing by Lolly Gobble, an English Sweets Shop full of old-timey and unique candies. You'll get a little treat to take with you! Take some time to peruse the main street shops before heading to your hotel in Victoria. Located a short walk from the Inner Harbour, all the best the city has to

offer is at your doorstep. **Chateau Victoria – 4 nights (L)**

2. Aboard a double-decker bus learn of the history and booming future of BC's Capital City before heading to famed Butchart Gardens, in bloom for over 100 years. A three-course lunch is served in the original family home. Afterwards stroll among the magnificent blooms or quietly reflect in the Japanese Garden. Don't skip the gift shop! Hands down, it is one of the best in town. Pick up seeds for your own garden or that perfect gift for friends back home. **(L)**

3. On a docent-guided tour of the iconic BC Legislative Building, gain a better understanding of Canada's governmental structure. Next, it's Afternoon Tea time at The Empress! In the stately Library Room, you'll sip the very same tea blend the Queen of England herself enjoys with assorted finger sandwiches. Take off right from the Inner Harbour and soar above the city with sweeping views of the Olympic Mountains on a seaplane tour. Afterwards, spend the afternoon at the Royal BC Museum, consistently voted as one of the absolute best in North America. Renowned for its First Nations exhibit and collection of totem poles, it's not to be missed. **(HT)**

4. The Cowichan Valley is full of quaint towns, artisan crafts and abundant



produce. Tour charming Chemainus with its many impressive murals depicting the town's history and diversity with free time to explore. Stop for lunch before visiting Duncan, BC to learn of the Cowichan First Nations people. See and feel the artistry of their world-renowned knitting during a demonstration. The vast collection of totem poles in town tell their story. Before returning to the city, stop at a ciderie for a tour and tasting of all sorts beverages made from apples. **(L)**

5. A leisurely morning allows time for one last stroll along the water, an opportunity to find the perfect gift, or simply relax in your hotel suite. Enjoy lunch along the harbour before your late-afternoon flight home. **(L)**

\$2485 p.p./dbl.occ., \$2765 single **A**
This vacation requires a valid passport!



Circle British Columbia

Inside Passage cruise and two days riding the rails through British Columbia's Northern Interior

8 Days • July 3-10



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1-2. After a flight to Vancouver, transfer to a smaller aircraft for your trip over the Georgia Strait. This flight gives you your first glimpse of the beautiful coastline of British Columbia. Located at the northern tip of Vancouver Island, Port Hardy is a remote village with a big history. **The Quarterdeck – 2 nights (L,D)**

3. Board BC Ferry's *MV Northern Expedition* this morning for the 15 hour crossing through the Inside Passage to Prince Rupert located on the coast of mainland British Columbia. Enjoy enchanting views of the many islands and surrounding mountains from the comfort of your ferry. Watch for bald eagles, sea lions, dolphins, and whales from your reserved seating area. Arrive in Prince Rupert late evening. **Crest Hotel – 2 nights**

4. Prince Rupert is dubbed the "end of the rainbow"... sitting at the northern end of the BC Ferry system, the southern end of the Alaska Marine highway, and terminus of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway (now the Canadian National). Perched on the shores of the harbour, Prince Rupert is an intriguing mixture of old buildings decorated with English coat of arms, modern civic buildings and Pacific Northwest native totem poles. Tour the North Pacific Cannery and learn the role it has played in the settlement of British Columbia's interior. **(L)**

5. The Kwinitsa Railway Station is one of the last Grand Trunk Pacific Railway stations and has been wonderfully restored. Head east this morning aboard VIA's *Skeena*, towards the geographical center of British Columbia. The first of two days aboard the

train, you will be enjoying first class service, with your meals served at your seat. As a first class passenger, you will have exclusive access to the train's Skyline Car with its breathtaking views from the dome. The journey to the interior is approximately 12 hours, arriving into Prince George late evening. **The Coast Hotel (L)**

6. Back aboard the *Skeena*, the route follows the Fraser River for most of the day as you continue east. The Fraser River is the longest river in British Columbia and certainly provides a dramatic and spectacular views from the train. Arrive in the town of Jasper in the late afternoon. **TBA – 2 nights (L)**

7. After days of traveling it feels good to just sit a spell and what better place to just enjoy your surroundings than in this alpine village of the Canadian Rockies: surrounded by incredible beauty – mountains, glaciers and the neighborhood elk and moose. **(D)**

8. With the awesome beauty of the mountains over your shoulder travel to the oil town of Edmonton. The capital of Alberta is the hub of retail and commerce in Western Canada, and where your afternoon flight home awaits.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Flight over the Georgia Strait into Port Hardy
- BC Ferry daylight cruise through the Inside Passage
- Travel through British Columbia's beautiful rugged interior by train during daylight hours: VIA's *Skeena* (Prince Rupert to Jasper)
- Stay 2 nights in Jasper, in the breathtaking Canadian Rockies
- 6 meals: 4 lunches, 2 dinners
- Door-to-door airport service
- Roundtrip airfare to Seattle/from Edmonton

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Prices to be announced after November 1st

Place your name on the Priority Notification List now

This vacation requires a valid passport!



Belugas, Blooms and Polar Bears

A summertime adventure to Churchill

8 Days • July 26 – August 2



HIGHLIGHTS

- 3 full days of touring in Churchill with the belugas and bears
- Winnipeg activities set the stage for Churchill: Inuit Art, cultural and natural history experiences
- Visit the world-renowned Canadian Museum for Human Rights
- Experience a “bird in the hand” at Oak Hammock Marsh
- Paddle a canoe through the reeds and cattails of Oak Hammock
- 11 meals: 5 lunches, 6 dinners
- Door-to-door service
- Roundtrip airfare to/from Churchill
- 7000/7650 Gold Passport Points

A July visit combines all of the very best of Churchill: the tundra in full bloom, thousands of belugas, and polar bears returning in time for the ice to arrive. Please note: Churchill is a **remote Arctic community accessible only by airplane or ship**. Many of the activities include climbing into marine vessels or walking on uneven surfaces. For these reasons, **you must be in stable physical condition, with good mobility**. We **do not** recommend this tour for travelers with moderate to serious mobility issues. **Space is extremely limited, with only 4 rooms available for single occupancy.**

1. Framed by the banks of two rivers, Winnipeg historically has been a vibrant hub for activity on the Canadian prairie. Your hotel is located next to the Forks National Historic Site, at the junction of the Red and Assiniboine Rivers. **Inn at the Forks – 2 nights (D)**

2. Outside the city limits, the Oak Hammock Marsh features a restored prairie marsh along the migratory path for songbirds and waterfowl; biologists use the marsh visitors for data research. You will have a “bird in hand” as you release songbirds into the wind after they have been measured, weighed and banded. This afternoon, choose between the vault of the Winnipeg Art Gallery’s Inuit Collection; or walking through the regions of the windswept prairies to the arctic coast of Manitoba. **(L)**

3. Your “Journey to Churchill” begins with a special behind-the-scenes visit to the Assiniboine Park Conservancy. Join a biologist for an in-depth study of the polar bear and the challenges facing this fabulous marine mammal. This afternoon, visit the Canadian Museum of Human Rights – an amazing state-of-the-art museum featuring media displays, and thought provoking dialogue. **Four Points by Sheraton at the Airport (D)**

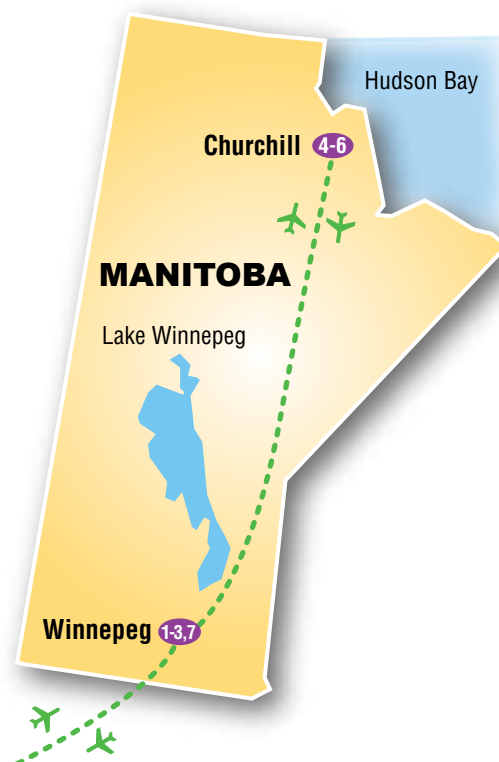
4-7. An early morning flight delivers you into Churchill... famous for the migratory polar bears that pass through this remote village on the shore of the Hudson Bay. Beluga whales also congregate in the Churchill River, feeding and having their babies during the summer months. Spend the next few days exploring the area on land and sea... zodiac rides out into the river bring you up close to the belugas; and you just never know when you might see a polar bear. Visit with a local dog sled operator; and tour the area sites including Cape Merry, the Northern Studies Center and the Prince of Wales Fort. Ride out onto the spectacular tundra in a specially designed

“tundra buggy.” Your days are full with activities, including a chance to kayak or snorkel with the belugas (add’l costs apply).

Churchill lodging – 3 nights; Sheraton – 1 night (4L,4D)

8. With images of polar bears and belugas in your mind, it is time to return home.

\$6980 p.p./dbl.occ., \$7620 single 
This vacation requires a valid passport!



Niagara, Falling For You

Falls view accommodations, EVERY room has a spectacular view

5 Days • May 14-18



HIGHLIGHTS

- 4 nights at the Embassy Suites Fallsview – daily breakfast and evening cocktails included – every room offers a spectacular view of Niagara Falls
- Journey Behind The Falls, and ride to the bottom of the falls on a Hornblower cruise, IMAX Theater Show, Daredevil Museum
- Sample “ice wine” and enjoy the shops in Niagara-on-the-Lake
- Visit the Niagara Parks Botanical Gardens & Butterfly Conservatory
- See ships navigate the Welland Canal off Lake Ontario
- Be in the audience for a performance of “Oh Canada eh?”
- 8 meals: 4 full breakfasts, 1 lunch, 3 dinners
- Door-to-door service
- Roundtrip airfare to/from Buffalo
- 2650/2950 Gold Passport Points

A traditional **eastern** vacation spot comes to the **Sports Leisure** calendar. Join us and discover the falls from above, behind and below; by day and by night. Visit a quaint village and even laugh your Canadian moose ears right off!

1. Depart early this morning from Sacramento, arriving in Buffalo at dinner time. We'll dine on the American side of the Niagara River, allowing evening traffic to settle, then cross the border to Niagara Falls, Ontario. When you get to your room, be sure to open the window covering, because it's a million \$\$\$ view, all lit up at night! **Embassy Suites – 4 nights (D)**

2. To stand at the heart of Niagara, you'll first need to descend 125 feet and explore 130-year-old tunnels through the bedrock, but you'll feel the thunderous vibration of the Horseshoe Falls long before you see them. The observation deck at the foot of this 13-story-tall wonder will leave you breathless (and maybe a little bit wet), but don't forget the viewing portals cut straight through the rock, offering a once-in-a-lifetime view of one-fifth of the world's fresh water crashing down in front of you. Now that you've been behind the falls, let's cruise to the base of them in our Hornblower boat. After lunch, ride the Falls Incline Railway. Remembering the 'falls view' theme, tonight's dinner is at Element on the Falls. Enjoy a gourmet dinner with a view. **(FB,D)**

3. Take a morning trip to the village of **Niagara-on-the-Lake**. Located on the shores of Lake Ontario, this picturesque village is the home of Ice Wine. Produced differently from regular wines, the story and the taste are fascinating. We'll sample the wine and you'll have the opportunity to bring some home if you wish. Take time to browse the specialty stores before returning to Niagara Falls. Also featured: The famous Floral Clock. **(FB,L)**

4. Ships cannot traverse the Niagara River, so they use the locks at the Welland Canal. Let's go take a look! The Botanical Gardens should be beginning to awaken for the summer, and the Butterfly Conservatory is always a treat. The afternoon is yours for



souvenir shopping or just enjoying the view. **(FB,D)**

5. Our departure is from Buffalo on the U.S. side of the falls. Before we leave, let's see the IMAX presentation about the falls and visit the Daredevil Exhibit. On the American side, stop at Goat Island, where the falls begin, on your way to the airport. Arrive home late evening. **(FB)**

\$2620 p.p./dbl.occ., \$2930 single **A**
This vacation requires a valid passport!



The Lakes of Okanagan

A farm-to-fork and paddle-to-the-water experience
5 Days • June 21-25

HIGHLIGHTS

- 2 nights at Quaaout Lodge, on the shores of Shuswap Lake
- 2 nights in Kelowna, the heart of the Okanagan Valley
- Tour the region, visiting a local woman-owned herb farm; and taste the honey mead
- Sip the wine and savor a fantastic meal at a local winery
- Paddle a canoe on Little Shuswap Lake
- Enjoy the views of lakes in every direction
- 7 meals: 2 full breakfasts, 3 lunches, 2 dinners
- Door-to-door service
- Roundtrip airfare to/from Kelowna
- 3000/3300 Gold Passport Points

The Okanagan Valley is home to vast lakes stretching over 100 miles through the region. Vineyards and small farms roll down the hillsides to the lake shores; and the best fresh ingredients from the local farms, pastures and lakes are available for your meals. Travel through the region, tasting the bounty of the land, and maybe even try your hand at paddling on one of the many lakes. The scenery is beautiful and the peace of the valley is soothing. Step back and relax in the Okanagan.

1. Arrive into Kelowna late-morning, in time to visit your first local orchard for lunch. A quick tour of the orchard and fields gives you an overview of the crops grown in the valley; and why this area is so rich in farm-to-fork opportunities. Overnight in Kelowna, a waterfront community, nestled on the shores of the mammoth glacier-carved lake that is the valley's namesake. **Prestige Hotel – 2 nights (L)**

2. Travel into the surrounding hills for a visit to the Okanagan Lavender and Herb Farm. Meet the lady who created this paradise garden and farm; and learn about the many uses of some of your favorite herbs. Taste some lavender lemonade. At Meadow Vista, learn about the bees of the Okanagan, sip some mead and enjoy lunch al fresco featuring the many products of the Okanagan. Tonight, dinner at Quails' Gate, is a delight featuring even more of the regional products, including some mighty tasty wine! **(L,D)**

3. Follow along the shores of the lake through the small communities dotting the valley. Along the way, visit the Allan Brooks Nature Center for a guided nature walk; and learn about some of the early pioneers at the Historic O'Keefe Ranch. Tonight, a welcoming lodge fire greets you as you check-in to your lakeside rooms at the Quaaout Lodge, a woodsy resort with a private beach, a spa and an 18-hole golf course. A small quiet lodge, every room has a view of the lake and surrounding forest, allowing you to watch the sun dance across the water. **Quaaout Lodge – 2 nights (L)**

4. Options abound today: Join a nature walk along the Adams River with one of the local First Nations guides; book a spa treatment; play golf if you like; find a quiet spot under the trees for reading; or pick up a paddle and venture out onto the Little Shuswap Lake as the sun is setting for the day. Tonight, a traditional salmon clay-baked dinner completes the day. **(FB,D)**



5. Travel back down the valley this morning for a late morning flight. Arrive Sacramento mid-day, after changing planes in Seattle. **(FB)**

\$2975 p.p./dbl.occ., \$3275 single **A E**
This vacation requires a valid passport!

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Great Cities of Canada

Ottawa, Québec City and Montréal

7 Days • August 9-15



HIGHLIGHTS

- 2 nights in Ottawa, Canada's Capital City
- Ottawa tour with Changing of the Guards on Parliament Hill
- 3 nights stay in Québec City with historic walking tour
- Visit Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré Cathedral & Montmorency Falls
- Overnight in Montréal, city tour including Notre Dame Basilica
- Roundtrip airfare to Ottawa/from Montréal
- 12 meals: 6 full breakfasts, 3 lunches, 3 dinners
- Door-to-door airport service
- 3900/4450 Gold Passport Points

1. Arrive in Ottawa in time for dinner. Your hotel is located in the heart of downtown just a short walk to stately Parliament Hill.
Lord Elgin – 2 nights (D)

2. Learn the history of Canada's Capital City on a motorcoach tour. Stop to take in the pageantry of the Changing of the Guards on Parliament Hill. Meet the horses used by the RCMP at their stables and training ground. Lunch is included before a visit to the Canadian History Museum, a top-notch institution! Tonight, the *Northern Lights* a spectacular sound and light show projected onto Parliament Block's striking façade illustrates the country's achievements. It's sure to wow! **(FB,L)**

3. After a late night, kick back and relax in comfort as you ride the rails through Canada's countryside. *Le belle province* sure lives up to its name as our train passes lush green fields studded with small French towns. Arrive into Québec

City. Dinner tonight is a true Québécoise experience! Tour, dine and be entertained at a real working sugar shack where Canada's signature product, maple syrup, is made! Your hotel for the next three nights is perfectly situated to explore the city's charms. **Hôtel Manoir Victoria – 3 nights (FB,D)**

4. With a local guide, set out on foot to explore both the upper and lower parts of the city connected by a funicular. Enter the historic Citadel, a still active military base, for the Changing of the Guards ceremony. The goat steals the show! You'll see. Stop for lunch at the majestic Château Frontenac, one of the most majestic buildings on the continent. The remainder of the afternoon and evening is yours to explore at your pace. **(FB,L)**

5. Drive up the Beaufort Coast along the shores of the St. Lawrence River. Over 400 years ago, it played a major role in the founding of Québec City, the cradle of civilization in North America. Peer over the top of Montmorency Falls and feel the immense power of the water before taking a cable-car to the base. After a simplistic yet truly impressive lunch in a 17th century farmhouse continue to Ste.-Anne-de-Beaupré Cathedral. Make note of the ornate copper doors. Later you'll visit the artist's studio that created them! Taste an array of apple products including apple ice wine at a local cidrerie before returning to the city for a relaxing evening. **(FB,L)**

6. Montréal, the most populous city in the province, is only a short ride away. Arrive and tour the city by motorcoach



with time in Old Montréal for shopping and lunch on your own. The interior of Notre Dame Basilica is breathtaking. Stay in a stylish boutique hotel befitting of the city's decidedly cosmopolitan flair and enjoy one last taste of *gastronomie canadienne-française* at Vieux-Port Steakhouse for dinner. **L'Hôtel le Germaine (FB,D)**

7. The Montréal Botanical Gardens, a National Historic Site of Canada, is considered to be one of the best in the world with its vast collection. You'll be awed at the grand thematic sculptures! It's a beautiful and relaxing ending to your trip. Arrive to the airport in time to clear U.S. Customs and Immigration, and to pick up quick lunch or snack on your own prior to your afternoon flight. **(FB)**

\$3875 p.p./dbl.occ., \$4450 single **E**

This vacation requires a valid passport!

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www.espacepouirlavie.ca/en/botanical-garden
www.historymuseum.ca

Cruise Canada and New England

The Gulf of St. Lawrence and iconic eastern seaboard villages

9 Days • September 27 – October 5, 2019



Join **Sports Leisure Vacations** on **Holland America's ms Veendam**, a signature ship (1,350 passengers) recently enhanced and grandly proportioned; combining modern amenities, and elegant spaces graced by spectacular art. While on board, relax with a rejuvenating treatment in the spa; sample a wide array of cuisine in the restaurants; and enjoy several musical venues with different sounds throughout the cruise.

Montréal sits on the New World's St. Lawrence River with an undeniable Old-World French flair. The streets of Old Montréal are lined with sights that range from a 17th century seminary to grand commercial buildings constructed in the 19th century. Spend the morning on a guided sightseeing tour before boarding the ship early afternoon.

Québec City, one of the oldest European settlements in the New World is still home to religious orders and hospitals that date back to the 17th century. The English may have won the battle but Québec has a strong French heritage and the French culture lives on.

A lighthouse on little St. Paul's Island marks **Cabot Strait** as you make your way into the **Gulf of St. Lawrence**. So huge is this gulf that half of Canada's 10 provinces have a coastal connection to it; and it is the world's largest estuary. Enjoy massive islands, colorful towns, national parks and thousands of tiny islets around which the whales now thrive after years of whaling and cod fishing operations.

Charlottetown is the capital of Canada's smallest province, **Prince Edward Island**. For Canadians, it is perhaps most famous as the Birthplace of Confederation; yet for many others, it is known as the island that inspired the beloved book *Anne of Green Gables*.

Sydney, located on **Cape Breton Island** is home to the world's largest fiddle so you can expect to hear some fiddling and sea chanteys. Natural wonders abound along the Cabot Trail, around the massive Bras d'Or Lake, and in Cape Breton Highlands National Park. Another must see: the Alexander Graham Bell National Historic Site, the inventor's summer home.

DATE	PORT OF CALL
Sept. 27	Flight to Montréal – 1 night
Sept. 28	Montréal – Ship departs at 4pm Evening Saint Lawrence River Cruising
Sept. 29	Québec City, Québec
Sept. 30	Cruising Gulf of St. Lawrence
Oct. 1	Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island
Oct. 2	Sydney, Cape Breton Island, Nova Scotia
Oct. 3	Halifax, Nova Scotia
Oct. 4	Bar Harbor, Maine
Oct. 5	Fly Home

Halifax, Nova Scotia's provincial capital, offers a spirited mix of world-class history and nautical-themed museums alongside fortresses that guard the harbor. Your not-to-be-missed sight in Halifax is the nearby Peggy's Cove, a quaint fishing village with a picturesque lighthouse.

After a week of relaxation, spectacular fall colors and fine dining, disembark in Boston and take a return mid-day flight home.

This cruise package includes air to Montreal/from Boston, our signature door-to-door transportation, local sightseeing tour in Old Town Montréal, and the services of a **Sports Leisure Vacations** Tour Director. Gold Passport Points are based on cabin category.

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Inside cabins start at:
\$3275 p.p./dbl.occ., \$4450 single
Outside cabins start at:
\$3450 p.p./dbl.occ., \$4760 single
Prices based on estimated air.

This vacation requires a valid passport!



Tour Teasers...

At **Sports Leisure Vacations** we have always listened to our Travel Club Members. If you see a destination listed on these pages that is on your bucket list (or should be), please call our office or send a quick e-mail to res@sportsleisure.com asking to be placed on the **Priority Notification List**. In doing so you are literally casting a vote for that tour idea. If interest is sufficient and we move forward in planning the trip, you will be among the first notified to register and take advantage of the **Early Payment Di\$counts** offered. Placing your name on the list does not obligate you in any way, nor does it mean a reservation will automatically be made. Thank you in advance for your show of interest!

Presidential Pilgrimage to Plains **5 Days • Spring 2019**

If you admire the legacy of Jimmy Carter, this is the trip for you! Fly to Atlanta and embark on a short journey through southwest Georgia to visit Plains, population 776, home of our 39th President and First Lady. Nearby is Warm Springs where FDR maintained his Little White House, took polio treatments in the naturally warm waters and passed away on April 12, 1945. Along the way you'll stop to smell the flowers at Callaway Gardens, pay respect at the site of the infamous Andersonville Prison Camp and National Cemetery, and have lunch in Juliette, filming location for "Fried Green Tomatoes at the Whistle Stop Café."

All Aboard! California Zephyr and the Southwest Chief

7 Days • Summer or Fall 2019

Travel in sleeper accommodations for two nights on the California Zephyr from Sacramento to the Windy City, Chicago. From the comfort of your train you will see breathtakingly beautiful mountain wilderness areas as you cross the Sierra Nevada and Rockies, then the golden expanse of the Great Plains stretch before you to the horizon. Experience the relaxation of classic train travel tracing the route forged by thousands of workmen in 1869 when the first transcontinental railroad was completed at Promontory, Utah, thus bringing countless pioneers west in search of their fortunes. Experienced travelers say the California Zephyr is one of the most beautiful train trips in all of North America and we agree! While in Chicago you'll visit a number of local sites including the Pullman Car Museum and the Museum of Science and Industry during your two-night stay. On the 5th day of the tour board the famous Southwest Chief and head west to Los Angeles traveling through eight states, crossing the mighty Mississippi River, passing wheat fields, ranches, missions and pueblos along the way. During two more days and nights on the train, you'll witness spectacular landscapes not visible from the highway, but only from riding the rails. A short air flight brings you home from Southern California.

Canada Coast to Coast **10 Days • Fall 2019**

VIA, Canada's National Rail, accepts reservation requests only one year in advance, so we are beginning this process even as our Dream Book goes to press. The trip could happen anytime in September or October 2019. Fly to Halifax and take three trains over 5500 miles across four time zones to Vancouver, spending five nights in sleeper car accommodations along the way. In addition to hotel stays and local touring at the start and end, you could also have an extended stay in Montreal and/or Toronto subject to train schedules.

Old Man River

9 Days • October 2019

Clayton has room for one more fall adventure. You can help him decide what it's going to be! Drive the Great River Road from St. Louis to St. Paul. This road is a slice of Americana featuring picturesque riverside towns, numerous locks and dams, Native American heritage sites and the beginnings of a certain riverboat captain-turned-writer named Mark Twain. Visit Hannibal and Dubuque; the Quad Cities and the Twin Cities on this adventure through America's Heartland. You'll even exit the road for a day's cruise on the Mighty Mississippi by paddlewheeler!

Tracing Sherman's March

8 Days • October 2019

Begin in Chattanooga where Sherman's troops gathered in the fall of 1864 to start their slow and fiery march to the sea. Stay two nights each in Chattanooga, Atlanta and Savannah exploring battlefields and historic sites, as well as the fact and fiction behind the best-known book about the era, *Gone With the Wind*. Of course there will be a chance to sample some of the more "modern" developments along the route including the home of the world's favorite soft drink since 1886 and the world's steepest incline railway in operation since 1895. OK – maybe not so modern after all.

Thanksgiving in New York

6 Days • November 24-29, 2019

What would the holidays be without our annual pilgrimage to The Big Apple? Stay at the Marriott Marquis in the heart of Times Square, see two Broadway shows as well as the *Christmas Spectacular* at Radio City Music Hall featuring the amazing Rockettes. Visit Liberty and Ellis Islands, the new World Trade Center, the 9/11 Museum, Freedom Tower and Rockefeller Center. Have Thanksgiving dinner on a harbor cruise and join the throngs to see the Macy's Parade.



Jordan – Sacred and Sensual

January/February 2020

Calling all Travel Pioneers and Experience Seekers! Your friends will think you're crazy for visiting the Middle East... which is precisely the reason for doing it. If you'd like to immerse yourself in another culture that's warm and welcoming; beautiful and mysterious, this is the trip for you. Begin in the Capital City of Amman, tour Roman ruins and visit holy sites to include Bethany (where Jesus was baptized) and the Dead Sea (where you're invited to take a dip). Sample amazing local cuisine including baba ghanoush, shawarma and mansaf, then have hareeseh for dessert. Don't worry about the calories. You'll walk them off when visiting one of the most celebrated and significant of all World Heritage Sites – the lost city of Petra.

NOLA... And All That Jazz

5 Days • March 2020

Our early spring visit is timed to give you the best of New Orleans with only one thing missing: Humidity! And the only hurricanes will be served in tall glasses on the rocks! Explore the French Quarter, only steps away from our well-located hotel. Tour the Garden District and one of the mysterious above-ground cemeteries. Imbibe in the incredible food and drink that made the city famous. You'll even spend a day in Plantation Country to see how the other half lives. Join us in 2020 and *laissez les bon temps rouler* – let the good times roll!

Colorful Carolina Coast

10 Days • March 2020

Clayton's original signature tour is back and better than ever! Drive the entirety of the Atlantic coast from Norfolk, Virginia to Jacksonville, Florida. Discover North Carolina's Outer Banks. Spend two nights each oceanfront on Myrtle Beach, and in the historic districts of Charleston and Savannah. Spring gardens, Civil and Revolutionary War history, real Southern cooking and a laidback coastal vibe from start to finish. What are you waiting for? Join the 500-plus who have loved this tour over the past 25 years!

The NEW Fixin' Up Texas

7 Days • April 2020

Our first-ever itinerary to include Waco in April 2019 was an immediate sell-out, but others stayed away because of the heavy emphasis on San Antonio – an incredible city, but one many have already visited. Our 2020 edition will return to Waco for our Chip and Joanna fans, but also include the Capital City of Austin and The Metroplex – Dallas and Ft. Worth. You know what? They say: Everything's bigger *and better* in Texas! Join us in 2020 and find out for yourself if it's true!



Mark with Carol Jordan of Territorial Tours. Carol is our step-on guide for the eastern side of Route 66. Here she is dressed up as a member of the Joad family from *The Grapes of Wrath*. Carol, in character, conducts a little roadside memorial service which ends with everyone present taking a nip from her flask. (Carol is one of our dearest friends, having guided our Route 66 tours through Oklahoma for the better part of two decades. Her late husband Sonny used to play a roadside hitchhiker. Ask Mark to share the story with you sometime.)

Newfoundland's Iceberg Alley, Whales AND Seabirds

10 Days • May 2020

Each spring icebergs calve in the Arctic and are carried south by the current on a journey that takes them past Newfoundland to the open sea. At the same time, whales and seabirds are migrating north for the season. This is one of the few places in the world where you can view whales, seabirds and icebergs simultaneously. On

average 400 to 800 icebergs float past Newfoundland's east coast, with a record of more than 2200 set in 1984. View the spectacle from boats and coastal trails in St. Anthony, Twillingate and St. John's. You'll also pay a visit to Gander, famous for hosting 6700 "come from aways" (Newfie for travelers) when 38 airplanes were forced to land there in the aftermath of the 9/11 tragedy.

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Answers to these frequently asked questions will tell you more about our company and help you enjoy your vacation to the fullest!

Can I find you on the web?

You bet! www.sportsleisure.com. There you'll find all our recent publications, valuable information on upcoming events and more. While there consider joining our online notification service, *By Invitation Only*, and we'll inform you of time-dated opportunities that present themselves between regular newsletter cycles.

I hear you refer to customers as "members." Do I have to join a club to travel with you?

Absolutely not, though most travelers do elect to join the **Sports Leisure Travel Club**. Only through club membership will you receive the annual catalog, our bimonthly newsletter *The Traveler* and invitations to our special events. Additionally, only members can participate in Travel Club Gold, our bonus rewards program. A complimentary membership is extended to new and potential travelers upon request. After that, it's only \$10 per person, per year. A lifetime membership is available for \$30 or \$50 for a couple.

I have dietary restrictions. Is this going to be a problem?

If you have mild dietary restrictions or are a vegetarian, it is important you notify our office at the time of registration. As you can certainly understand, it is quite difficult for your Tour Director to accommodate those who wait until they are actually traveling to share their special needs. If you have severe dietary restrictions, you may find this type of travel is not for you.

Can I make other special requests?

You are invited to make special requests of the airline and hotel(s) serving your vacation at the point of reservation. The more notice we have, the better our ability to accommodate you. Requests might include specific airline seating, the need for wheelchair assistance at airports; and at hotels, a smoking room, king bed and/or handicap-accessible room. Please note we automatically request a non-smoking room for everyone in the group and a room with two beds for those traveling double occupancy unless you tell us otherwise. Handicap-accessible rooms are limited. We ask you to make this request only if your condition demands it. There could be another traveler who needs the room more than you.

I live in Nevada. What does your company offer me?

We welcome our growing number of Nevada travelers with open arms! Most of you live in residential communities in the Reno/Sparks area. We're also proud to have been selected as the official travel provider for the Retired Public Employees of Nevada who live state-wide. Our fly-away tours are priced to include air and door-to-door service for those living in the Sacramento, Reno/Sparks, Carson City and Las Vegas metropolitan areas. Those living a distance from the airports in Sacramento, Reno or Las Vegas should consult with our office to determine the options best for you, some of which may add to the advertised tour price.

At present, motorcoach tours depart only from the Sacramento area.

Can you explain "door-to-door service"?

Quite simply this means we will pick you up and return you to your home on all vacations of three days or longer. This service may involve a limousine, sedan, SUV or other special vehicle.

Provided by Coastal Breeze Limousine in the Sacramento metropolitan area, door-to-door service is included within these boundaries: Davis on the west, Galt on the south, Auburn and Placerville on the east, Woodland to the north. Service is available for an additional charge for travelers living in Stockton, Yuba City/Marysville, Grass Valley, Winters, Vacaville, Fairfield, Pollock Pines and Colfax.

Nevada door-to-door service is provided by Bell Limousine to anyone living in the Reno/Sparks metropolitan area and south to Carson City, as well as travelers living in the Las Vegas metropolitan area.

A \$75 per person credit is available for travelers to whom this service isn't available, or for those who wish to opt out of this service and meet us at the point of departure.

Another option for those who live in outlying areas is to overnight in Sacramento. We have negotiated a special reduced rate of \$99 per night plus tax at the Best Western PLUS Sutter House located downtown at 1100 H Street. You can leave your car there while on vacation and enjoy door-to-door service between the hotel and airport. Call (916) 441-1314 or 1-800-830-1314 and ask for Doris Gray (extension 311) to make a reservation. We are happy to make recommendations for our Nevada travelers in need of similar services.

On overnight and daytrips, motorcoaches depart from convenient neighborhood pick-up points throughout the greater Sacramento and Roseville areas. Door-to-door service is available for a fee on daytrips and overnights. Call the office for details.

What can I expect from the motorcoaches you charter?

If you haven't been on a bus since school days, you'll find modern motorcoaches to be a vastly different experience. Whether locally or in fly-away destinations on our continent and beyond, we seek only the best equipment and drivers available with three things in mind: Your pleasure, your comfort and above all your safety. Onboard amenities usually include plush seating,



audio and video systems, wifi, electrical outlets, climate control and a restroom. Additionally, your Tour Director is never far away with a bottle of water and other refreshments. Of course, our exclusive *SuperCoach III* is used on many daytrips and overnights, as well as selected long-distance trips unless it is unavailable due to maintenance or highway size restrictions.

You have assigned seating on your tours. What's that about?

By the vote of our membership, we do not rotate motorcoach seats as many companies do. You are free to select the seating of your choice at the point of reservation. Single travelers are sometimes required to take available single seats to leave remaining seat pairs for those traveling with a friend or spouse.

What about airport security restrictions? They seem to change all the time.

The Transportation Security Administration requires that you provide us your date of birth and full name as it appears on your government-issued identification for all vacations involving air travel. Complete passport information is additionally required in advance for international travel. Up-to-date security information can be found on the internet at www.tsa.gov, including details on how you can qualify for TSA Pre-Check. Our staff stays current on the latest regulations in order to provide you timely and accurate assistance.

Have passport rules changed?

Passports are required for all travel outside the U.S. including Canada and Mexico. If you are of foreign citizenship, we highly recommend you check with your country's embassy and follow its instructions to make certain your travel will be legal and seamless. U.S. citizens in need of a passport can pick up an application at any post office or find it online. Please allow 8-10 weeks for processing. **Your passport must be valid for at least six months past the end date of your international tour.**

Do I need to worry about airline baggage charges?

As each airline has different policies regarding luggage and associated charges, you may expect rules and restrictions (number of bags allowed, weight, etc.) to vary from trip to trip. You have this *Sports Leisure* promise: You will never pay to check your first bag on any flight on a U.S. airline. Should you wish to bring a second checked bag, please be prepared to pay your Tour Director at check-in. Second bag charges are not limited to airline fees and may include other handlers such as hotel bellmen. The Tour Planner can advise you

of additional charges by calling the office in advance of your departure. You might also find the airline's website helpful.

Each checked bag has a strict weight limit of 40 or 50 pounds (depending on the trip). Bags weighing more will incur additional fees or be rejected. This policy applies throughout the tour. Many "wheelie" bags and oversized carry-ons that fit in airline overhead bins cannot be accommodated within the cabin of the motorcoach. In such cases, you will be asked to check them coachside with your Tour Director. They will be tagged and available coachside at each overnight stop.

Are my payments protected when I pay for my vacation in advance?

Your deposits and final payments are protected in accordance with the State of California Seller of Travel Law (#2011549-40). In addition, *Sports Leisure Vacations* is a member of the Northeast California Better Business Bureau with an A+ rating.

Can a friend from another city sign up for a Sports Leisure vacation, or join me for a meal or visit at one of our destinations?

Yes! We can arrange travel for friends or relatives to meet our groups from any city in the world. (We currently have over 1,000 Travel Club members who live outside the Sacramento area.) If you have friends or relatives who would like to travel with you, have them call us toll free at 1-800-951-5556. With advance notice, we are also happy to welcome your friends or relatives who may live along the tour route and may wish to join us for a meal or attraction.

Can I extend my vacation to visit friends or relatives?

The answer is almost always yes, particularly if you register and make your request at least 60 days prior to departure. There could be additional charges for flight deviations, but generally they are small. Many travelers take advantage of this service to visit friends or relatives, or explore a destination in greater detail on their own.

I have some trouble walking long distances. Will I be able to participate and enjoy the trip?

In order to get full value from a travel experience, it is important to be in good mental and physical health. Walking and some step-climbing are necessary to participate in the normal activities of our vacations. While we can do almost everything for you on a *Sports Leisure* vacation, the Tour Director cannot provide sustained attention to individual clients.

Please be advised that we visit many cultural sites on tour, not all of which meet A.D.A. requirements due to their historic status.

Let us assure you that people with mobility restrictions are welcome on our vacations. Many of our travelers are over 70 (or even 80 or 90), something we keep in mind when planning our itineraries. In our office, the Tour Planner for each departure knows the itinerary well and would be happy to consult with you personally should you have questions regarding the amount of walking, elevations, etc., on a particular trip.

What if I become ill and cannot travel? Do you offer cancellation protection or travel insurance?

Both are available on every departure. Either must be purchased at the time you make your initial tour payment. We strongly recommend you consider this optional protection. Please refer to the *Special Vacation Notes and Information* brochure for details. This coverage may not be available to travelers who have cancelled more than two tours in a 12-month period or who make their reservation less than one month prior to the departure date.

How does your company deal with "chronic complainers?"

One or two can ruin a trip for all. *Sports Leisure Vacations* reserves the right not to accept or retain anyone whose lack of personal hygiene or poor general behavior, in the opinion of the Tour Director, impedes the operation of the tour and/or affects the rights of other travelers. A refund of unused tour services is the limit of our liability if a person is required to leave the tour for the reasons stated above. Said passenger(s) will be responsible for any additional costs to return to the city of origin.

We want to learn, discover and have fun together. Our groups are often complimented on their positive attitude by tourism professionals and other travelers who encounter us on the road. Life is too short for making yourself and others around you miserable due to small challenges that are bound to occur. Travel is by nature an inexact science. Problem travelers will kindly be asked to find another company with whom to travel.

And that's the Sports Leisure Difference...



THE SPORTS LEISURE DREAM TEAM

Our Dream Book is dedicated to our longtime employee and recently-retired friend Joey Querio. Thank you for your many years of service. You'll always be a part of the SLV family!



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