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2021 DREAM BOOK



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CREATING MEMORABLE TRAVEL EXPERIENCES SINCE 1979

One from the Road...

When we returned to the road in August, one of our first trips was across Nevada to pick up the historic **Lincoln Highway** (which later became U.S. 50) and make our way back to Sacramento. Small towns proved to be a good way to gently try and return to traveling. Sure, we would all prefer **not** to have to wear a mask and wash our hands every 20 minutes. But if you love to travel, right now you have to make a few compromises. With any luck, those will be short term and we will be able to travel more freely soon.



Our trip went well. We slipped in and out of a bordello (if 20 people can **slip** in and out of a place like that), ate dinner in jail cells and headed on to tiny Eureka, Nevada. When we got to town, I was surprised to hear an old friend who had flown the coup and left town a few years ago, had returned to Eureka.

Eureka has been a boomtown more times than you can count, and of course, has gone bust an almost equal number of times. The current population is around 600. We don't stay in town, because there are really only two hotels, and when the mines are operating, which is happening now, rooms for a group are hard to come by. What makes the town unique are two things: the beautiful 1880's buildings and **Wally Cuchine**.

Wally was the one who first got me excited about Eureka, many years ago. I'm a sucker for a small town with some character. Eureka definitely has that. The **town** has **character**, and Wally, well; he **is a character** like no other. For many years, Wally was tourism in Eureka. When **Chris** and I came to town on a scouting trip, he showed us around and I was hooked.

Our groups were treated to entertainment in the Opera House, lunch with the local seniors, and Wally's famous tours. First was the "house" tour. You know, the Opera **House** and the Court **House**. Second was the "city tour." Since the town is only about six blocks long, it isn't an all-day affair... The Owl Club is where you play slots or drink at the bar, there's a small grocery, a smaller drug store, an antique store, a bunch of empty store fronts.

Then, after lunch, we would have the **cemetery tour**. Seriously, the first two tours on this page are really interesting. The "houses" are full of history and the little town is quirky as heck. But friends, let me tell you, the **cemetery tour** is the crown jewel. While Wally walks you among the headstones and final resting places of Eureka's dearly beloved and recently (or not so recently) departed, he narrates.

This isn't your **usual** narration. "John was the town banker. He was a community leader and helped build the Opera House." Wouldn't that be lovely? Except Wally isn't into that type of narration. More like, "John was the town banker, until he absconded with \$60,000 and left with Mrs. Brown, the grocer's wife. And here, right over here, is Barkley Jones. You notice all the others in the Jones family are buried there (pointing to a corner of the assembled plots). They hated Barkley, so when he died, they made sure they had nothing to do with him. That's why he's buried on the other side of the cemetery. Then there's Mrs. Ackerman, right here. She was a 'housekeeper,' or so they said. Her son sure is the spitting image of the town mortician. How could **that** be?" More scandal, you can bet Wally has the scoop.

By the end of the tour, you feel like you just watched Ellen, Dr. Phil and Saturday Night Live. **You have truly met the locals** once you finish walking among the headstones.

I didn't know Wally would even be in town. Last I heard he was buying a camper and heading out to see the world when he retired. For reasons I'm hopeful I'll hear about some day, he was back in Eureka.

It's possible the folks on the trip may have noticed the tear in my eye or the crack in my voice when my friend showed up to say hi. Or when he starting telling a couple members of our group about the cemetery tour and I broke out laughing **really** loud.

Maybe the best part of being a traveler for most of your life is the people you meet on the journey. Ain't many like Wally Cuchine. Now that I think about it, there isn't anyone. He's the real deal. Be well Wally. See you soon.

And so it goes...

Mark

**Mark Hoffmann, CTP,
Owner/Founder**



Wally Cuchine with Mark outside the Sentinel Museum in Eureka, NV

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A Letter From the Editor...

While the whole world waits, watches and wonders, we peer into a murky crystal ball trying to see the present with more clarity and predict the future. It isn't easy!

I often tell people "travel is an inexact science." Things like bad weather, a cancelled flight or a museum closing for the installation of a new exhibit have a huge impact on an itinerary. They are unfortunate, unavoidable, disappointing and completely out of our control. When we are aware of changes in advance of a departure, we let you know. Substitutions are devised to not only meet, but exceed your expectations. On many occasions serendipity is found in the new offering.



In the pages that follow, as with countless publications before this one, we've created itineraries and priced them based on both contracted services and projections born of knowledge and experience. With the world still in so much flux, chances are great that quite a few changes will be necessary as we move closer to many departure dates. Rest assured you will be notified in a timely manner and refunds will be issued if the substitution costs less. By this same token, there could be times when substitutions cost significantly more. We will fully explain each situation and give you options whenever possible. Again, it's an inexact science in exacting times.

Here are a few things we do know:

Sports Leisure is up and running again, operating our first tour following the long "pause" in late August. Through the end of the year we are mostly offering day trips and short regional getaways, but it's a start. Baby steps...

Your money is safe with us. We operate in full compliance with the California Seller of Travel Law which states ALL your payments are securely kept in escrow until the tour operates and returns.

We WILL travel the continent and world again. It is a cherished desire, a basic need, a human right!

We've weathered and survived many storms in the past 42 years... we'll survive this one, too.

Thank you most sincerely for your ongoing and unwavering friendship, support, trust and faith in us and what we do. Truly it means the world to Mark and me, and our entire staff.

"Your Tour Guy,"



Clayton Whitehead, CTP
Vice President

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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 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 trips 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 boat, carriage or train. 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.**



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6	One-Night Stay		National Park		Air
2-3	Multiple-Night Stay		Mountain		Boat
	Visit/Drive Through		Motorcoach		Train

CB – Continental Breakfast / B – Generally a limited buffet or menu

FB – Full buffet or choice of menu / BR – Brunch, often buffet-style

L – Lunch, often several menu options / HT or AT – High or Afternoon Tea

D – Dinner, often several menu options

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Take the Snow Train to Reno

Ride the California Zephyr through the Sierra Nevada

2 Days • January 19-20 or February 18-19




Your journey over the mountains begins from one of our convenient pickups and Amtrak's *California Zephyr* departs from

Roseville. Experience a High Sierra winter wonderland as the train climbs through the mountains, providing magnificent winter

vistas. Don't worry about your luggage – it will travel on board our motorcoach which will meet you in Reno!

On the train, 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. Please note that due to weather and/or lengthy train delays, your journey over the mountains may be made by coach to Reno. 350/400 Gold Passport Points

\$325 p.p./dbl.occ., \$355 single 
Add door-to-door service for \$109 p.p.

Tonopah and Laughlin with Just a Glimmer of Vegas

An "all coach" trip through the desert, with three nights on the Colorado River

6 Days • February 28 – March 5, 2021



For many years we have stayed in Las Vegas but now travelers' 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 for three nights.

1. Our convenient door-to-door service brings you to the **Sports Leisure Vacations** office. Depart for the south shore of Lake Tahoe for the popular Forest Buffet at Harrah's. Continue your travels down Highway 395, crisscrossing California and Nevada as you make your way to Tonopah. Indulge yourself at the **Mizpah Hotel**, a landmark of luxury since 1907, 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. A quick stop in Las Vegas is just enough to whet your appetite; next, drop by 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 before returning to Laughlin via our coach. (If you opt out of the jet boat ride and lunch at Lake Havasu deduct \$100 from the price of the tour. This must be done at the time of making your reservation.) Or maybe you'd rather visit Oatman, a Route

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
- 1750/1950 Gold Passport Points

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 the time of booking and receive a \$25 credit.) (2L)

5. Depart Laughlin this morning, stopping in Yermo for lunch at the fabulous and fun Peggy Sue's, then continue on through 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)

\$1705 p.p./dbl.occ., \$1945 single 



Desert Beauty

Visit Anza-Borrego and Joshua Tree National Park

5 Days • March 15-19



1. Fly to San Diego for lunch in Old Town and a visit to Point Cabrillo, a monumental site commemorating the first European explorer. **Embassy Suites Waterfront Hotel (L)**

2. Travel from the seashore to the mountain town of Julian, famous for apple pies. A quick lunch and you are off to Anza-Borrego, California's largest state park,

famous for its springtime display of wildflowers. A late afternoon drive to Rancho Mirage, home to our "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. This afternoon ascend two-and-one-half miles through multiple life zones aboard the world's largest rotating tramcar to witness the diversity of the desert and amazing views of the Coachella Valley.

4. 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. The surreal

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
- 2500/2900 Gold Passport Points

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 in downtown Palm Springs – a fun evening out for locals and visitors alike. **(L,D)**

5. 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 with a greater appreciation of the desert and all her beauty.

\$2490 p.p./dbl.occ., \$2880 single **A**

Relax on Catalina Island

Enjoy three nights in the heart of Avalon

4 Days • May 16-19 or October 17-20



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

After a short flight to Southern California, enjoy an amazing Sunday Brunch aboard the historic *Queen Mary*. Wander the decks of this elegant ship and dream of an era long since gone. The *Catalina Express*,

a high-speed ferry, transports you to the historic and charming village of Avalon on 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. Perhaps you would like to try the zip line eco-tour; cycle around town,

HIGHLIGHTS

- 3 nights at the Pavilion Lodge
- Sunday Brunch at Long Beach's elegant *Queen Mary*,
- Be whisked away across "26 miles across the sea" on the high-speed *Catalina Express*
- Tour the Casino, the grandest structure on the island
- Explore the island with a scenic guided tour and special "undersea" experience
- 6 meals: 3 full breakfasts, 1 brunch, 1 lunch, 1 dinner
- Door-to-door service
- Roundtrip airfare to/from Long Beach
- 2050/2400 Gold Passport Points (MAY)
- 2000/2350 Gold Passport Points (OCT)

or enjoy a glass-bottom boat ride in the harbor. (Additional charges apply for these activities.)

Tour the Casino, the grandest structure on the island, which showcases the ornate Avalon Ballroom. Experience the scenic island tour and catch a glimpse of the underwater world surrounding the island on board a semi-submersible vehicle. Return to the mainland mid-morning, with lunch included at Parker's Lighthouse prior to your late-afternoon flight home.

M A

May: \$2010 p.p./dbl.occ., \$2370 single
Oct.: \$1970 p.p./dbl.occ., \$2310 single



On the Central Coast

Featuring oceanfront accommodations in Avila Beach

5 Days • April 12-16



1. Meet your fellow travelers at the **Sports Leisure** office before traveling to Avila Beach. As you pass through the Salinas Valley, known as the "Salad Bowl of the World," stop in Paso Robles for wine tasting. In Avila Beach the sand and surf of the majestic Pacific Ocean are just steps away from your oceanfront suite. **Avila Lighthouse Suites – 4 nights (L)**

2. Spend the day in San Luis Obispo visiting the CalPoly Arboretum and the Mission San Luis Obispo de Tolosa. Known for its farm fresh cuisine, enjoy a delicious lunch in town before heading over to the

iconic Madonna Inn for their world-famous champagne cake for dessert. We will take a look around the fabled hotel with its over the top décor. **(B,L)**

3. Enjoy dramatic vistas at the historic Point San Luis Lighthouse Park where whales are frequently seen. Experience the rich history of the grounds and lighthouse during your tour that includes lunch. The afternoon is at your leisure in Avila Beach. **(B,L)**

4. This morning offers breathtaking views of the ocean at Oceano Dunes; the only California State Park where vehicles may be

HIGHLIGHTS

- San Luis Lighthouse tour aboard a classic trolley
- Visit San Luis Obispo and the Madonna Inn
- Enjoy seaside dining with live entertainment in Pismo Beach
- Hummer tour on the beach
- 9 meals: 4 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 1 dinner
- Door-to-door service
- Deluxe motorcoach transportation
- 2050/2450 Gold Passport Points

driven on the beach. It will be a nice smooth drive along the water and then you will have an option to take the Hummer ride onto the dunes. Lunch will be on your own with free time at the Pismo Beach Pier. Tour the greenhouses of a rose farm; learn how they grow the most beautiful roses in the world enjoyed by millions at the Kentucky Derby and the Pasadena Tournament of Roses Parade. Tonight we gather for a special seaside dinner in Pismo Beach. Listen to a live band play smooth jazz while watching the sunset over the Pacific. **(B,D)**

5. Our days at the beach have come to an end. Depart the hotel at 9am; lunch is hosted on the way back to Sacramento; with a stop at Casa de Fruta, home of the "flippin' cup," to pick up a few fresh foods for your home. Arrive at the **Sports Leisure** office approximately 5pm. **(B,L)**

\$2040 p.p./dbl.occ., \$2430 single **M A**

Laguna Beach and The Pageant of the Masters

Sport Leisure Vacations annual summer tour to Southern California

3 Days • July 18-20 or August 22-24

A two-hour performance accompanied by a full orchestra, The Pageant of the Masters is one of the most unique and entertaining shows in the world. Words simply cannot describe it. Like watching magic, you will be both amazed and entertained as famous works of art and sculptures become realized and life-sized before your very eyes. You have to see it to believe it!

1. Soon after arrival in Southern California you'll board a Hornblower Yacht for a champagne brunch cruise on beautiful Newport Bay. With great views of spectacular homes and recreation on the waterfront, this is a festive and fun way to begin our holiday in Orange County. Following brunch, a short ride takes you to the hotel in Newport for a two-night stay. With a variety of stores and restaurants within walking distance, the Marriott Hotel & Spa is a comfortable and convenient

location to serve as your "home-away-from-home." **Marriott Newport Beach Hotel & Spa – 2 nights (BR)**

2. Visit the Balboa Peninsula to explore and enjoy this popular vacation destination. Dating back to 1825, a welcome and introduction provides its history from sand bar to present-day wonderland for those who love the beach and ocean. Later in the afternoon Laguna Beach awaits with included dinner and the evening at the Festival of Arts & Pageant of the Masters. With reserved loge seating in the outdoor amphitheater, this year's theme "Made in America" is sure to be a memorable and moving experience. **(D)**

3. Return to Laguna Beach and the Festival Theater this morning to meet a representative from the Pageant to learn and ask any questions regarding the

HIGHLIGHTS

- Excellently located reserved loge seating in outdoor amphitheatre
- Behind-the-scenes presentation about the workings of the pageant
- Champagne brunch while cruising beautiful Newport Harbor
- Morning visit to Balboa, a popular 19th century vacation destination
- 3 meals: 1 brunch, 1 lunch, 1 dinner
- Door-to-door service
- Roundtrip airfare to/from Southern California
- Motorcoach transfers and the services of your **Sports Leisure Vacations** Tour Director
- 1650/1900 Gold Passport Points

show and annual performance. Lunch is included before an afternoon flight home to Sacramento. **(L)**

\$1625 p.p./dbl.occ., \$1855 single **M**



The Mother Road, Route 66 in California

From Needles to the Santa Monica Pier

4 Days • March 23-26

HIGHLIGHTS

- Visit Oatman, AZ, one of the most unique towns on the entire route
- Overnights in Needles, San Bernardino, Hollywood
- Your opportunity to "sleep in a teepee" at the Wigwam Motel (optional)
- See Elmer's Bottle Tree Ranch
- Attend "class" at the historic desert schoolhouse in Goffs, Patton trained here
- Visit the McDonald's Museum and hear the founding brothers' story
- Drive past the famous "Paramount Gates"
- Lunch and time on the Santa Monica Pier
- 7 meals: 1 breakfast, 1 full breakfast, 3 lunch, 2 dinners
- Door-to-door home pick-up
- Round trip non-stop flights, to Las Vegas / from Burbank
- 1250/1450 Gold Passport Points

1. A morning flight brings you to Las Vegas, and after a stop for lunch, we head south in search of **The Mother Road**, a popular moniker for **Route 66**. We find it in **Oatman**, a one-of-a-kind old mining town, at the bottom of harrowing Sitgreaves Pass (a route we do not use). Meet the burros, explore the "shops," you haven't traveled 66 until you've been to Oatman.

Needles is our final destination for the evening. Join us for a casual dinner, with a discussion of some of the attractions and landmarks we will see on the remainder of our journey. **BW Colorado River Inn (L,D)**

2. During the Dust Bowl Days of the 30's, a horrible drought in the Midwest sent people west in search of food, jobs and a better life. They entered California by crossing a

bridge over the Colorado River on Route 66... if they had \$5 in their pockets. Hear the story and head off to **Goffs**, where an old schoolhouse serves as the backdrop for more Route 66 history. A little known general, Patton was his name, established a training camp here in WWII. One of the groups trained here landed at Normandy. The Route 66 Museum in Victorville is a must-see!

End the day in San Bernardino, where you will have a choice of accommodations. Stay in a regular hotel, or spend the night in a Wigwam! There are two of these hotels on 66, and tonight, you can make your home in one if you wish (some limitations on type of accommodations, inquire at registration). We'll gather everyone together tonight for a great dinner in a landmark Route 66 eatery, The Magic Lamp, in Rancho Cucamonga.

Wigwam Motel or Comfort Inn Fontana (B,L,D)

3. The McDonald Brothers first had a restaurant in Arcadia, then moved to San Bernardino, which is where the modern-day fast food concept was born. Would you believe Taco Bell, founded by Thomas Bell, was also born in San Bernardino? Visit the McDonald's Museum before traveling across suburban Los Angeles. Past Santa Anita Racetrack and onto the "Rose Parade street," Colorado Boulevard, into Pasadena, then taking what seems like a back road into downtown Los Angeles, but believe it or not this really is the **Original Route 66**. Sunset Boulevard, is the way to travel into Hollywood on the old road, and we've arranged for a theater tour at the home of the Oscars. **Hilton Garden Inn – Hollywood (B,L)**



4. Past the studios of Hollywood and the luxury of Beverly Hills and on to the coast. The original 66 ended in downtown Los Angeles. It wasn't until 1936, ten years after the road opened, that it was extended out to Santa Monica. Enjoy time on the pier this morning, before doubling back to the Farmer's Market for lunch and free time to browse. Arrive at the airport mid-afternoon, in time for your 5pm flight home. **(F,L)**

\$1245 p.p./dbl.occ., \$1440 single **M**



Carson & Virginia

A Tale of Two "Cities"

3 Days • May 20-22

The Capital City of Nevada, **Carson City** began as a stopover for California bound emigrants, but developed into a major city with the discovery of silver in the mountains. It's been the state capital since 1864.

Virginia City developed virtually overnight as a boomtown as a result of the silver strike in the region.

1. Arrive at our office via your home pick-up and board your bus for Carson City.

There's a break for lunch at a popular Basque-style restaurant in Gardnerville. The **Stewart School** is one of many where Native Americans were educated from 1989-1990. Now on the National Register of Historic Places, the school represents a huge piece of local history. Your tour includes a chance to interact with a native guide. Following the tour and a refreshment break, arrive at the **Gold Dust West Casino Hotel**. This evening, meet a famous local visitor... **(L)**

2. After a short walking tour to meet some of Carson City's ghosts, head to **Virginia City**, called the Queen of the Comstock. The silver boom started in 1859 and lasted

almost two decades, driving the population to almost 18,000 people. Today, only a few hundred residents live here. Your visit features a trolley tour of town. End the day with dinner back in Carson City. **(B,D)**

3. A docent meets us at the **Nevada State Museum**, to bring all the history to life. There's even a stamping press from the old Carson City Mint. After lunch in Reno, head home via I-80. **(B,L)**

\$899 p.p./dbl.occ., \$1029 single **M**



Mystery Tours...



No One *EVER* Goes There A California (?) Mystery Tour 4 Days • June 13-16

Standing in the parking lot on his scouting trip, **Tyler** asks the ranger about bus parking. "We haven't had a bus here in 4 to 5 years," came the reply. When Tyler reported in from the road, I told him, "that answer confirms we found the right place. No one goes there." So where can this place be? There is a National Park Service site, a BIG piece of history, a natural spot to visit *before* the season actually starts, a spectacular set of waterfalls, a lovely golf resort on the edge of the woods to stay at/in for three nights (it has a wonderful restaurant). Don't worry, once you get there, no one will take you away. Besides, they would never find you underground. Enjoy 8 meals, door-to-door service and all-coach travel (no air). Perhaps one of the best values of the 2021 season. 1450/1650 Gold Passport Points

\$1440 p.p./dbl.occ., \$1650 single

An Old West Mountain Mystery

Fire, water and the Old West
6 Days • July 20-25

Join **Scott** on his first of two mystery tours this year. Although this is a mountain tour, you need not worry about elevation. Walkers will find a few options to exercise their sport. Visit a quaint village, take in stunning vistas and, as the title suggests, spend a day in the Old West. Want a few more clues? You might have the urge to start singing a Jimmy Buffett song – OK, that's actually two hints in one! Travel at a leisurely pace – only two hotels. The tour includes door-to-door service, airfare and 9 meals. 2650/2950 Gold Passport Points

\$2640 p.p./dbl.occ., \$2930 single

Epicurious?

*A foodie's journey into the
soul of America*
5 Days • October 1-5

The United States is home to an amazing epicurean experience, one that is a melting pot (pun intended) of numerous traditions brought to the New World by our immigrant ancestors. The brainchild of **Mark and Clayton**, travel to a city that is 100% American while holding fast to its largely European roots. Nowhere are their Old World traditions experienced more than in food and drink... oh please, don't leave out the drink! In fact, libations made this city famous! (Yes, that's a clue.) Stay all nights in a city-center hotel and feast on daily expeditions built around the city's varied culinary offerings from modest to grand. Are you epicurious? Then call and book your spot today! The tour includes door-to-door service, airfare, 8 meals and LOTS of snacking. 2300/2600 Gold Passport Points

\$2295 p.p./dbl.occ., \$2580 single

A Mystery You Will Be Talking About

*All nights spent in luxury at a
4-diamond resort*
5 Days • November 15-19

Join **Scott** on a journey he has not stopped *talking about* since he came back from scouting. This is going to be a fun one, gang! Stay four nights in a stunning 4-diamond resort reached via a non-stop flight. How about some clues? Have your camera ready because you will not believe your eyes! It is the largest of its kind in the country. Orange is a color you will remember. If you've never taken a mystery tour before and have been considering it, this is the one for you! The tour includes door-to-door service, airfare and 7 meals. 2350/2650 Gold Passport Points

\$2320 p.p./dbl.occ., \$2620 single

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Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri. 9am – 3pm
Closed Wednesdays, weekends and
major holidays



Walla Walla and Pendleton

Lewis & Clark, Oregon's Cowboy Country, the Columbia River
5 Days • June 1-5



Enjoy a collage of experiences on this two-state vacation to eastern Oregon and Washington. This is where the Corps of Lewis and Clark walked on their return to Missouri. Today, it's a land of cowboys and wineries, flanked by a majestic river, beckoning the visitor to learn about its colorful history and pleasant small towns. (This was originally a Mystery Tour itinerary in May of 2019. Because it was so highly rated, it returns to the schedule.)

1. Off on a short flight to Seattle this morning, followed by an even shorter hop over to **Pasco**, in the Tri-Cities region. Dine at a popular local eatery for lunch, then stop at **Sacagawea State Park**. The only female in the Lewis and Clark party, she is an American legend. The first part of our history lesson focuses on her life and the many roles she played on the journey.

On to **Walla Walla**, where we pause for beverage at the retail store of the Browne Family Winery downtown. In the evening, a casual dinner at the hotel is included to get to know your fellow travelers. **Holiday Inn Express – 2 nights (L,D)**

2. At nearby Patit Creek, a costumed character joins us to fill in another piece of the Lewis and Clark story. The entire campsite is recreated in sculpture, allowing you to visualize the scene. Stop at an orchard for a lesson in apple growing, then taste a number of different varieties. Lunch is served in picturesque Dayton at the **Henry Weinhard Hotel** (perhaps you've heard of the beer by the same name).

On the way back to Walla Walla, we make a short fun stop at Klicker's, a unique local store. Could be ice cream involved, you never know. An educational opportunity follows. CBDs have become a popular remedy for aches and pains. The marijuana/hemp derivative is sold all over. Does it work? It is legal? We take you to a local shop to learn about this recent phenomenon. No interest? Enjoy the shops downtown or return to your hotel. Dinner in town tonight is included. **(B,L,D)**

3. Optional docent-led art walk on the campus of Whitman College (about 6 blocks, weather permitting) first thing this morning. At the Whitman Mission Historic

HIGHLIGHTS

- At Sacagawea State Park and Patit Creek, a living history guide brings you back to the days of Lewis & Clark
- Walk on a piece of the Oregon Trail
- Unique cider/chocolate and local wine tasting
- Makers Tour in Pendleton – Hats, saddles, boots
- 2 nights each – Walla Walla & Pendleton
- Learn about CBDs, the new hemp/cannabis-based pain med
- Lunch at the Columbia Gorge Hotel – 11 meals: 4 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 3 dinners
- 2250/2450 Gold Passport Points

Site, you can walk on a piece of the actual **Oregon Trail** and learn the story of the missionaries who came here.

On the short drive to Pendleton, stop in at Blue Mountain Cider for a unique tasting, pairing chocolate and cider. Arriving in Pendleton, first stop is the Pendleton Woolen Mill. There's an opportunity to purchase new and also slightly imperfect items, some at great discounts; and a short tour. **Oxford Suites – 2 nights (B)**

4. First up, a guided tour of the famous Pendleton Underground. Living accommodations, gambling dens, houses of ill repute, all underground! Build your own beef, chicken or non-beef burger for lunch at OMG Burgers. Next is the **Maker's Tour**. You'll meet a hat, a saddle and a boot maker and learn about their trades. A 5-star educational experience. **(B,L,D)**

5. We follow the mighty Columbia back to Portland. Along the way, stop in Hood River to taste some of the amazing local strawberries and enjoy lunch at the historic **Columbia Gorge Hotel (perhaps view a spectacular waterfall)** Our flight returns to Sacramento at 9pm. **(B,L)**

\$2220 p.p./dbl.occ., \$2435 single 

Roll On Mighty Columbia

Three nights on the shores of one of America's great rivers
4 Days • June 6-9 • Celebrating our 42nd Anniversary

Sail the waters, ride the rails and dine at the famous Columbia Gorge Hotel.

1. Arrive in Portland at 8am and transfer to the Cascade Locks, about 40 minutes from the airport. A Sunday Brunch cruise aboard a sternwheeler takes you along the Columbia River. The town of Hood River is another 30 minutes up river. Your accommodations are in riverview rooms at the **BW Plus Hood River Inn – 3 nights**

2. It's a delightful location with its own restaurant and our itinerary allows time to enjoy the grounds and the activity on the river. **(BR)**

Mt. Hood is visible from the river, but you'll get an even better view today on our train ride through the Hood River Valley. Make a stop at one of the popular fruit stands in the area to sample the famous Hood River Strawberries, which are available now. A

dinner shuttle is available this evening, if you'd like to go into town. **(B,L)**

3. The Maryhill Museum of Art is just a short distance away, on a bluff overlooking the river on the Washington side. It's a small museum with an eclectic collection (and a great view) Wine tasting follows lunch. Return to the hotel in mid-afternoon. Dinner is included this evening. **(B,L,D)**

4. Stop at Multnomah Falls and enjoy lunch at the **Columbia Gorge Hotel**. The grounds are beautifully landscaped and you may enjoy a short walk before we head back to the airport for our flight home. **(B,L)**
\$1675 p.p./dbl.occ., \$1905 single 

Highway 101 – The Oregon Coast, Berry Nice

The most spectacular coastline in America, a fly/coach tour

6 Days • June 20-25

HIGHLIGHTS

- Fly to Portland, returning by coach to Sacramento
- Overnight Eureka, 2 nights Coos Bay, overnights in Newport and Beaverton
- A very berry experience – learn how the marionberry was created, very berry milkshakes included
- Narrated cruise on Newport Harbor; upscale dining in town
- Scenic drive along the Oregon Coast
- Great local stops – Tillamook Smoker & Creamery, Cranberry Sweets
- Washed Ashore – Saving the ocean one piece of junk at a time
- Shore Acres State Park – awesome ocean views
- Redwood National Park
- Drive through “The Avenue of the Redwoods” near Eureka, more of the majestic trees
- Door-to-door service
- 2450/2800 Gold Passport Points

1. A short flight to Portland arrives as the Vancouver Farmer's Market opens. Browse vendors selling unique Pacific NW products with time for lunch on your own. After that, it's all things berry! At a working farm enjoy a sweet treat and learn about the area's signature crop. Check into your hotel to freshen up before an included dinner.

Hilton Garden Inn – Beaverton (D)

2. Head to McMinnville's Evergreen Museum, home to the *Spruce Goose*, Howard Hughes' experimental aircraft.

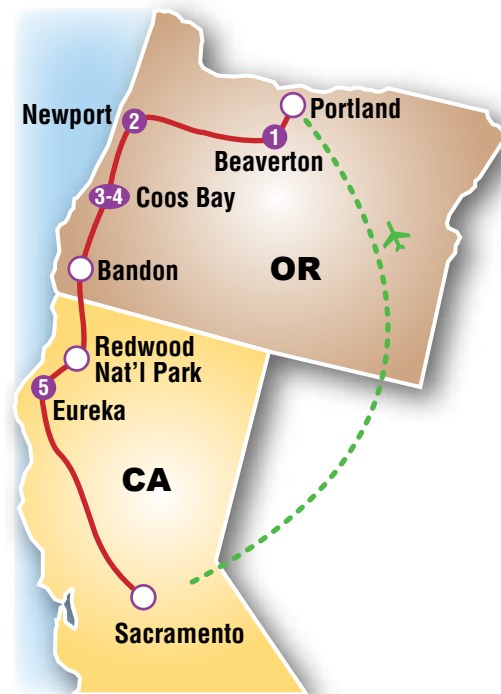
Travel the scenic coastline with stops at the Tillamook Country Smoker and Creamery for jerky and ice cream! Newport is our home for the night where all rooms are oceanfront. Dinner features upscale regional cuisine and a most impressive dessert menu.

Elizabeth Oceanfront Suites (FB,D)

3. A narrated cruise in Newport Harbor explains the ecology and fishing industry. Try your hand at it, but watch those fingers! Things can get a little crabby! The main street is full of boutiques and eateries for lunch. Piping hot clam chowder, anyone? Pause in Florence, a beautiful waterside town before a thrilling buggy ride over the sand dunes. Overnight in Coos Bay at a casino resort. Press your luck, or simply enjoy the beautiful setting. **The Mill Casino & Hotel – 2 nights (B)**

4. Spend the day exploring off-the-beaten-track attractions in Bandon with a local guide. Like to shop? Cranberry Sweets has an array of Oregon-made treats such as jams, jellies and candies. All kinds to choose from! Shore Acres State Park has a great story and an incredible view. At Washed Ashore, impressive art displays are created from ocean plastics. Learn what you can do to help protect the fragile ecosystem. At your hotel, dinner is a traditional salmon bake (alternate entrée available). **(FB,D)**

5. Picturesque ocean scenery is the highlight as we head south, stopping for an



included lunch. At the Redwoods National Park Visitors Center, peruse the displays or take a relaxing stroll through the natural beauty. End your day in Eureka. **Red Lion Inn (FB,L)**

6. Highway 101 winds its way through The Avenue of the Giants, creating one of the best “up close” scenic experiences found anywhere. Join a naturalist and walk among the majestic towering redwoods. Reaching into the sky they are truly awe-inspiring! Lunch is in Ukiah before arriving at the **Sports Leisure** office with your goodies in tow. **(B,L)**

\$2450 p.p./dbl.occ., \$2760 single 

38th Annual Skagit Valley Tulip Festival

Celebrate the beauty of spring in the lush Pacific Northwest

3 Days • April 15-17

1. Upon arrival in Seattle, board the monorail to soar above the streets to the Space Needle. From 605 feet above, Puget Sound and the Olympic Mountains are on full display. At Chihuly Garden and Glass, internationally acclaimed glass artist, Dale Chihuly's energetic and whimsical work blends harmoniously with nature. Lunch features local Pacific Northwest fare. Arrive in lovely seaside Mukilteo with time to tour the historic lighthouse before dinner with a view. **Silver Cloud Inn – Mukilteo – 2 nights (L,D)**

2. In the fertile Skagit Valley, visit two working flower farms. The family-owned



Tulip Town's display gardens showcase over 25 varieties of tulips, while Roozengarde's large commercial operation creates ribbons of color stretching across the valley floor. Perhaps pick up some bulbs for your own garden! Lunch is in LaConner with time to browse the waterfront shops. Back in Mukilteo, your evening and dinner are at leisure. Ivar's award-winning clam chowder is served up piping hot right next door to your hotel! **(FB,L)**

3. Sail on a Washington State Ferry to Whidbey Island. Sweet Mona's has all sorts of tasty chocolate confections available. On Blueberry Hill overlooking the harbor, Chef

HIGHLIGHTS

- Ascend Seattle's iconic Space Needle and visit Chihuly's Garden and Glass
- Stay 2 nights in charming seaside Mukilteo
- Visit 2 flower farms with vibrant blooms
- Shop and dine on Whidbey Island
- 6 meals: 2 full breakfasts, 3 lunches, 1 dinner
- Door-to-door airport service
- Roundtrip airfare to/from Seattle
- 1550/1750 Gold Passport Points

Gordon will prepare you a delicious lunch. Cross Puget Sound to the mainland and catch your early evening flight home. **(FB,L)**

\$1545 p.p./dbl.occ., \$1750 single  

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Crater Lake and the Umpqua National Scenic Byway

Featuring natural scenic wonders in Oregon

6 Days • July 3-8



1. Meet at the **Sports Leisure** office and board your motorcoach for the trip north. Pause for lunch in Redding and arrive in Klamath Falls in the late afternoon. **Shilo Inn (L)**

2. A remnant of a fiery volcanic past, Crater Lake is one of the deepest and bluest lakes in America, with surrounding sheer cliffs almost 2,000 feet high! Traveling around the rim of this ancient volcano will acquaint you with its geological history, then travel the Rogue-Umpqua National Scenic Byway to Roseburg. Your accommodations are located on the banks of the South Umpqua River. Today is the 4th of July and you will be able to view fireworks from the comfort of

your hotel. **Holiday Inn Express Roseburg (B,L)**

3. Wildlife Safari is a 600-acre drive-through park and village where you can have close encounters with animals from all over the world. Drive along a 4.5-mile route to view over 500 animals from Africa, Asia and the Americas in their natural habitats, roaming freely as they do in the wild. Your hotel for the next two nights is located along the banks of the Rogue River. **Riverside Inn Grants Pass – 2 nights (B,D)**

4. There are few adventures as exciting as a jet boat ride through Hellgate Canyon! During your 36 mile trip, pause down river

HIGHLIGHTS

- Visit Crater Lake National Park
- Up close animal encounters at Wildlife Safari
- Hellgate Jet Boat tour
- Stay in the charming town of Ashland
- Deluxe motorcoach transportation
- 11 meals: 5 breakfasts, 5 lunches, 1 dinner
- Door-to-door service
- 2000/2300 Gold Passport Points

at the OK Corral for an all-you-can-eat country lunch presented on an open-air deck. Your guide will educate you on many geological and historical points of interest. The canyon also served as a filming location for John Wayne and Katherine Hepburn's popular movie "Rooster Cogburn." **(B,L)**

5. Explore the beautiful town of Ashland, set in a unique geographic location – nestled at the base of the convergence of the Siskiyou and Cascade mountain ranges. Browse art galleries and enjoy a thriving restaurant scene with many food artisans and award-winning wineries and breweries. Your hotel tonight is located in the heart of Ashland and features a wine and cheese reception this evening in addition to late night snacks like peanut butter and jelly sandwiches! **Plaza Inn & Suites at Ashland Creek (B,L)**

6. Say farewell to Oregon and head back to California. Stop for a hosted lunch before arriving home in the evening. **(B,L)**

\$1995 p.p./dbl.occ., \$2285 single 

The Sound of Music in Leavenworth

Take the Train to Washington's Little Bavaria

4 Days • July 13-16

HIGHLIGHTS

- 3 nights at the cozy Bavarian Lodge
- 2 nights of theater under the stars
- rain ride through the Cascade Mountains
- Unique shopping opportunities
- 7 meals: 3 full breakfasts, 3 lunches, 1 dinner
- Door-to-door airport service
- Roundtrip airfare to/from Seattle
- 1950/2250 Gold Passport Points

One of our most popular getaways is back! It has a little bit of everything: live theatre, stunning outdoor views, a train through beautiful country, and the Old World charm of Bavaria without a passport!

1. Fly to Seattle, where lunch is included on the waterfront. Shop for a few goodies unique to the Pacific Northwest at Pike

Place Market. Tour the city and board Amtrak's *Empire Builder* for a ride through the majestic Cascade Mountains. At the heart of the state you'll find Leavenworth, Washington's own *Little Bavaria*. Your accommodations are located just across from the center of the village with a full breakfast included each day. **Bavarian Lodge – 3 nights (L)**

2. Surrounded by orchards, the community of Cashmere is the home of Liberty Orchards, makers of "Aplets and Cotlets" fruit and nut confections. Enjoy complimentary samples, time for shopping and tour the factory. The history of the region comes alive on a guided tour of the Cashmere Pioneer Village and Museum. Back in Leavenworth, enjoy lunch at your leisure and an optional walking tour of

historic downtown. Dinner is included at King Ludwig's German Restaurant, prior to tonight's performance of the popular musical *The Sound of Music*. Performed outdoors with the mountains of the Wenatchee Forest in the background, you'll feel like you're in the hills of Switzerland with the Von Trapp Family! **(FB,D)**

3. Travel alongside the mighty Columbia River to the Rocky Reach Dam, generating renewable energy since the 1960s. The new Discovery Center is yours to explore prior to lunch in a lovely mountain setting. This evening, enjoy another night of theater under the stars. Show TBA. **(FB,L)**

4. Bid farewell to Leavenworth and begin your journey westward with lunch in the small town of Snohomish. One-of-a-kind finds can be had at one of the many eclectic antique shops in town. Your flight from Seattle returns you home in the early evening. **(FB,L)**

\$1950 p.p./dbl.occ., \$2225 single 

Ferries and Towns of Puget Sound

Ride ferries, walk the streets of unique small towns, enjoy a room with a view, explore a national park

5 Days • July 18-22



HIGHLIGHTS

- 5 ferry rides on Puget Sound, including the longest routes, Seattle/Bremerton and Seattle/Bainbridge Island
- Visit the villages of Poulsbo, Sequim, Port Gamble, and Mukilteo as you make your way around the sound
- Guided tours: Poulsbo, learn about the town's Norwegian heritage; Mukilteo Lighthouse
- 4 nights Clearwater Casino Resort in Suquamish – gaming for those who enjoy it, beautiful views for those who don't
- Visit the grave of Chief Seattle, the Suquamish Tribal Museum and the Bainbridge Island Japanese American Exclusion Memorial – local landmarks which tell the history of the region
- 9 meals: Sunday Brunch (plated), 4 full breakfasts, 2 lunches, 2 dinners
- Door-to-door airport service
- Roundtrip airfare to Seattle
- 2450/2750 Gold Passport Points

1. Fly non-stop to Seattle then settle in for brunch at Anthony's (with a view) near the airport. 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, 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. Walk along the sound, sit outside near the fire ring in the

evening, it's really one of the most wonderful accommodations in our entire catalog. The tour days are of reasonable length, so you'll have time to relax and enjoy this beautiful resort. **(BR)**

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!

Port Gamble is another colorful little spot in the Pacific Northwest. The old mill town has been restored and is a National Historical Landmark. Our stop includes time for pictures and browsing. Dinner is in Poulsbo with a decidedly local twist, as the Sons of Norway Hall hosts us for this evening's dining and entertainment. **(FB,D)**

3. More ferry rides and a lighthouse today! Travel to the waterfront village of Port Townsend and hear of its bawdy history before boarding the ferry to Whidbey Island. Arriving on Whidbey, travel to the south end of the island for another ferry, this one the short ride from Clinton to Mukilteo on the mainland. Lunch is at Ivar's, overlooking the water. Take the short walk to the lighthouse and climb to the top if you wish, for the keeper's view. The ferry takes us from Edmonds to Kingston and then our coach brings us back to the resort for a relaxing evening. **(FB,L)**

4. Off to visit Olympia National Park this morning, featuring a stop at Hurricane Ridge. Back down at sea level, two stops in quaint Sequim, for lavender and lunch. Eat



at a popular diner downtown and then visit Purple Haze Lavender. Take some home if you wish, or sample their other products. Ice cream laced with lavender is included! **(FB,L,D)**

5. Today you will travel south to Bremerton for the longest scenic ferry trip across the sound. First, an important stop. There is a small memorial here, honoring some of the first Japanese-Americans to be taken away to internment camps from Bainbridge Island. Their story is told here and it's an important one. Back in Seattle, 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 and enjoy lunch on your own before we head to the airport and our late afternoon flight home. **(FB)**

\$2405 p.p./dbl.occ., \$2715 single 

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San Juan Island Explorer Cruise

Take in the scenic Pacific Northwest with two nights in Friday Harbor

4 Days • August 4-7



1. Arrive in Seattle and drive north to Bellingham. Board your private motor yacht with lunch served as you set sail through Puget Sound and begin your first day of exploration through the San Juan Islands. Our captain will determine the route based on current wildlife reports, so be on the lookout! The day ends in Friday Harbor with a casual dinner. **Friday Harbor Suites – 2 nights (L,D)**

2. Perhaps we'll see a pod of resident orca whales en route to La Conner, a vibrant artist enclave. Stroll along the waterfront boardwalk and down the main street lined with unique boutiques. A decadent cracked Dungeness crab lunch is served back on the ship (non-seafood options available). Return to Friday Harbor with time to explore town before dinner. **(FB,L,D)**

3. Tour San Juan Island by coach stopping at historical and scenic spots. At the

exclusive Roche Harbor Resort, get a glimpse of the posh life. There is big money here! Whimsical and elaborate art installations are on display at the San Juan Sculpture Park, the largest in the Pacific Northwest. Grab a bite for lunch in town and set sail traversing narrow passages past uninhabited islands returning to the mainland. At your hotel, enjoy complimentary cocktails and nibbles with a restaurant onsite for dinner on your own. **Embassy Suites (FB)**

4. After breakfast, visit Seattle's famed Pike Place Market before the crowds to browse vendors

HIGHLIGHTS

- 2 days aboard a private nature cruise; sleep on dry land
- View marine life, birds, lighthouses and hidden coves
- Tour San Juan Island and upscale Roche Harbor
- Stay 2 nights in Friday Harbor
- 8 meals: 3 full breakfasts, 3 lunches, 2 dinners
- Roundtrip air to/from Seattle
- Door-to-door airport transportation
- 2400/2700 Gold Passport Points

selling everything from specialty foods to handmade crafts. Lunch is waterside with a spectacular city view. Catch an afternoon flight home. **(FB,L)**

\$2395 p.p./dbl.occ., \$2695 single **A**



Markets and A Mountain

An Oregon-Washington getaway: two summer markets & Mt. St. Helens

3 Days • July 1-3

1. Arriving in Portland late morning, you'll spend the day along the mighty Columbia River. After lunch in the new waterfront area in Vancouver, hear the story of explorers and traders who lived and visited here 200 years ago. The Pearson Air Museum tells the story of one of the country's oldest continuously operating airfields. The hotel has a terrific restaurant, Gray's. **Hilton Hotel Vancouver – 2 nights (L)**

2. On May 18, 1980, Mt. St. Helens erupted. Four decades later, she sits peacefully, overseeing her part of the Cascades. Our tour today takes you to the NPS Visitors

Center, then on up the side of the mountain. Weather permitting, there are spectacular views; along with lots to learn about volcanoes and what makes them go BOOM! **(FB,D)**

3. Market Day! Begin with the Vancouver Farmer's Market, across from your hotel, it opens at 9am. At about 11, check out and board the coach to ride over the Columbia River to visit the Portland Saturday Market. Shop for crafts and get yourself a bite to eat before headin' for home. Your flight departs at 5pm. **(FB)**

HIGHLIGHTS

- 2 nights at the Hilton Vancouver, WA – a beautiful hotel, across from a city park and next to site of the Farmer's Market
- Lunch overlooking the Columbia River
- Get a Lewis & Clark/Hudson Bay Co. history lesson at Fort Vancouver, a National Park site
- See vintage aircraft at the Pearson Air Museum
- Day tour to Mt. St. Helens National Volcanic Monument
- Browse the Portland Saturday Market and the Vancouver Farmer's Market on departure day – bring your treasures home!
- 4 meals: 2 full breakfasts, 1 lunch, 1 dinner
- Door-to-door airport service
- Round trip airfare to Portland
- 1300/1450 Gold Passport Points

\$1265 p.p./dbl.occ., \$1410 single **A**

Spring Training

The Cactus League in Arizona with the Giants and A's, great dining, baseball speakers
5 Days • March 4-8



For years you've thought about making the pilgrimage to Spring Training, the Cactus League. Your story is not new. Many of us put off the trip for years and years. But once you actually go to Spring Training you'll likely be hooked.

For a baseball fan, the spring games are special. Every team is undefeated. You watch as the Giants, A's and other teams start to put together the players which will begin the season only a few weeks later. You'll perhaps wonder why it took you so long to get here. You'll partake in the Sunday buffet at the Wrigley Mansion, enjoy the view and the grub at Rustler's Roost, and learn a little at our Baseball Roundtable.

Our Baseball Banquet features a guest speaker with stories to bring a smile to any fan. The parks are small, our seats generally in the shade (amazing how important that little detail is) and the atmosphere is casual and friendly. Our group will number 15-25.

The tentative schedule of games is listed below. Tickets go on sale January 4, so it is important to register before that date, so we can get you the best possible seating. **Those registering by January 4 are guaranteed space.** Spring games (particularly the shaded seats we covet) often sell out quickly. Those calling after January 4 are on a space-available basis or hoping for a cancellation.

Tentative Game Schedule

Thur., Mar. 4	L.A. Dodgers vs. Giants in Scottsdale
Fri., Mar. 5	Giants vs. Cincinnati Reds at Goodyear
Sat., Mar. 6	Texas Rangers vs. Oakland A's in Mesa
Sun., Mar. 7	A's vs. Anaheim Angels in Tempe
Mon., Mar. 8	Chicago White Sox vs. Giants in Scottsdale

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 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 breakfast every morning (except Sunday, when we go to brunch at the Wrigley Mansion) at the **beautifully refurbished Marriott Hotel**.

The package includes 6 meals, roundtrip air to/from Phoenix, four nights at the Marriott, game tickets in premium (and generally shaded) locations, the services of a **Sports Leisure** Tour Director and 2550/2900 Gold Passport Points for qualified travelers.

\$2550 p.p./dbl.occ., \$2895 single 

"People ask me what I do in winter when there's no baseball. I'll tell you what I do. I stare out the window and wait for spring." *Rogers Hornsby*



More Baseball

Giants & A's Day Trips

Every year, we offer a dozen or so day trips to see the A's or the Giants in action. This schedule will be released in our January newsletter. All trips feature round trip bus transportation to the park and tickets to the game. Select Giants trips traditionally include bus transportation to Vallejo, where you board the ferry for the ballpark. Seating locations are announced with the schedule in January.

The Giants in Seattle

2/3 Days • April 2-3/4

The Giants will play interleague games against the Seattle Mariners in the season-opening series in Seattle. Would you be interested in a Giants Road Trip to watch the 2nd and 3rd games of the season? (Generally the opener is a tough ticket, which is why we are thinking games 2-3.) Game times have not been announced yet. This trip would likely spend two nights in Seattle, but it could be only one. If you think you might be interested, please call and place your name on the **Priority Notification List** for the Giants-Mariners trip. We will make a decision in early January and notify everyone on the list.

The Hall of Fame in Cooperstown

We had two Baseball History Tours cancelled last year. We are looking at recreating at least one of them in September of 2021. The trip would visit Yankee Stadium and Fenway Park for games, plus have two nights in Cooperstown to visit The Hall. If this trip sounds interesting to you, call and place your name on the **Priority Notification List** for the Hall of Fame Tour. A decision will be made in January. The trip would be 6 or 7 days in length.





Moab, Gateway to Arches Nat'l Park

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

5 Days • May 2-6

1. Fly to Grand Junction via Denver on United Airlines. Board your motorcoach for a scenic drive along the Colorado River to your amazing accommodations. Dinner is hosted at the resort. **Red Cliffs Lodge – 4 nights (D)**

2. Arches National Park is a photographer's dream with over 2000 naturally occurring arches (the greatest concentration in the world). As you explore the park with a guided tour it is 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. Millions of years of erosion have formed a maze of canyon arches and spires now called Canyonlands National Park. Soar

through the park on a one-hour flight 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 1500 feet above the Colorado River before heading back to resort. **(FB,L)**

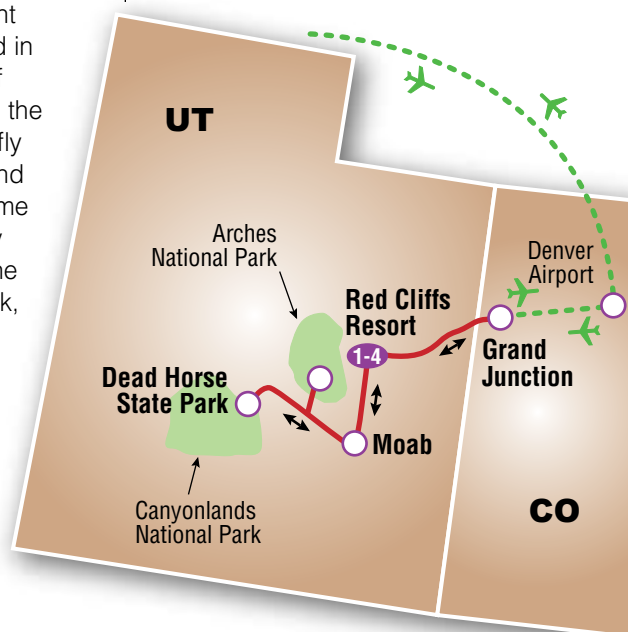
4. An exciting 4x4 Hummer tour over the red rocks is the highlight of this day! Enjoy free time in the morning at the resort nestled along the river; and the expansive back country in the afternoon. **(FB)**

HIGHLIGHTS

- Explore majestic Arches National Park
- Visit Dead Horse Point State Park (the most amazing views in the Southwest!)
- Thrilling jet boat tour on the Colorado River
- Relax at Moab's best address for 4 nights surrounded by the Colorado River and deep-cut canyons
- Experience flightseeing over Canyonlands National Park
- Hummer tour over the red rocks
- 7 meals: 4 full breakfasts, 2 lunches, 1 dinner
- Door-to-door airport service
- Roundtrip air to/from Grand Junction
- 2900/3250 Gold Passport Points

5. No one ever wants to leave the Red Cliffs but it's your final day. Depart Grand Junction for your return flight home. **(FB)**

\$2890 p.p./dbl.occ., \$3240 single **M A**



Springtime in Yosemite

Featuring the best of Mother Nature: waterfalls and spring flowers

3 Days • May 11-13

Springtime is the optimum season to view Yosemite's magnificent waterfalls and get a peek at its display of spring flowers. With one full day in the park, the morning will consist of a fully narrated tour to discover the history, geology and people of Yosemite. The afternoon is your time to explore the valley as you wish. Perhaps a walk out to Mirror Lake, or time at the museum and Ansel Adams gallery. In the evening, return to your mountain resort for quiet reflection upon the day.

During our time in the park, visit the area around the newly restored Mariposa Grove (weather and conditions permitting). This area has undergone major reconstruction

with new walkways and the removal of its concessions facilities. Galen Clark, the grove's protector, found healing within these trees and the restoration seeks to bring peace back to the grove as it was when first discovered.

While we will be entering and exiting the park several times, we are confident you are going to love the improved accommodations: **Rush Creek Lodge**, located just one mile from the Big Oak Flat entrance to Yosemite National Park on Highway 120. It features a contemporary, rustic sensibility inspired by the breathtaking nature surrounding its 20-acre wooded hillside setting. While not inside the

HIGHLIGHTS

- 2 nights at the Rush Creek Lodge, just outside the park
- Free time to visit Yosemite Falls, the Ansel Adams Gallery, and the Yosemite Museum
- Guided tour highlighting the history and points of interest throughout the valley
- 3 meals: 2 lunches, 1 dinner
- Deluxe motorcoach transportation
- Door-to-door service
- 1350/1550 Gold Passport Points

park, its location provides an opportunity to enjoy both the park and the serenity of the lodge in comfort and away from the crowds. If you have stayed in the park over the past few years you are aware its motel rooms have become a little tired.

\$1310 p.p./dbl.occ., \$1545 single **A**



Soulful Santa Fe

Featuring majestic scenery, inspiring art and creative cuisine

5 Days • June 13-17

Santa Fe is truly unique. There is a magic of sorts... the light is brighter, wonder is in the air and a calmness permeates your soul leaving you refreshed and restored. A short stroll from your hotel is the central plaza, the heart of town, lined with boutiques, museums and restaurants. It's all yours to explore!

1. Arrive in Albuquerque at lunchtime. Come hungry, but save room for dessert! Scour the shops of Old Town Albuquerque selling jewelry, souvenirs and specialty foods. Green chile potato chips pack a spicy punch! At your hotel, a generous complimentary buffet spread with cocktails is offered each evening. Grab a beverage and slip into the town's soothing vibe. **Drury Plaza Hotel – Santa Fe – 4 nights (L)**

2. Trolley through Santa Fe's unique history and architecture before a guided walking tour of the Palace of the Governors. In the plaza, choose a spot for lunch then shop for authentic Native American jewelry. Georgia

O'Keefe's signature artwork is housed at her namesake museum. What a fascinating woman! Dinner is at local institution, La Casa Sena. **(FB,D)**

3. Stop at New Mexico's Capitol Building before venturing into the vast desert with a naturalist guide. Feel the calm at Santuario de Chimayo healing shrine where the clay is said to cure physical ailments. See Chimayo weavers' colorful patterns as they demonstrate an ancient skill. After lunch, travel the Chama River Valley, known as O'Keefe Country with awe-inspiring vistas around every corner! **(FB,L)**

4. Today is Santa Fe, your way! Explore the maze of alleys, discover hidden courtyards, shop 'til you drop, or find a spot in the plaza to relax. Join a tour of the many galleries located along world-renowned Canyon Road, with all mediums of art! Opt to visit Museum Hill with four acclaimed collections to peruse. Pick your attraction and transportation is provided. **(FB)**

HIGHLIGHTS

- 4 nights in a beautiful, perfectly located hotel
- Savor fun, imaginative Southwest cuisine
- Guided tour of the Palace of the Governors & visit the State Capitol Building
- Visit Chimayo's healing shrine and weavers enclave
- Travel through stunning O'Keefe Country with a naturalist guide
- Immerse yourself in the art of famed Canyon Road
- Learn about Native Culture at Acoma Sky City Pueblo
- 8 meals: 4 full breakfasts, 3 lunches, 1 dinner
- Door-to-door airport service
- Roundtrip airfare to/from Albuquerque
- 2300/2600 Gold Passport Points

5. Along the Turquoise Trail is the kooky artist enclave of Madrid. Last chance to find that perfect souvenir! Lunch is at Acoma Sky City, an inhabited pueblo perched high on a bluff. Your guide shares the storied history and culture of their home in the sky. Depart Albuquerque, refreshed and rejuvenated, arriving back home in the evening. **(FB,L)**

\$2275 p.p./dbl.occ., \$2560 single **A**

Falling for Boise

Featuring Shoshone Falls in the Snake River Canyon

4 Days • June 1-4



1. Boise has a vibrant Basque community. There are several communities of Basque-Americans in our country but Boise has the largest concentration. Just two blocks from our hotel is the "Basque Block" with a museum, cultural center, restaurants and a market. We will have a docent tour of the museum and a city tour with a local guide before checking into the newest upscale boutique hotel in the heart of downtown. Dinner will be hosted at one of Boise's popular fine dining restaurants. **Inn at 500 Capitol – 2 nights (D)**

2. Today enjoy a progressive walking food tour. Stroll through Boise's hottest foodie neighborhoods as you sample foods from Award-winning chefs and learn about the city's emerging culinary scene. From the culinary scene; to architecture and history, this experience will cover it all. This afternoon there is an optional visit to a winery for some tasting or next door to the hotel you will find a rose garden, the Idaho State Museum and the Boise Art Museum to explore independently. With your hotel right downtown, everything is close by. **(FB,L)**

HIGHLIGHTS

- 2-nights at the upscale Inn at 500 Capitol
- Culinary and history walking tour of Boise
- Tour of the Basque Museum
- Fine dining at a popular downtown Boise restaurant
- Visit Shoshone Falls
- Roundtrip air to/from Boise
- 7 meals: 3 full breakfasts, 3 lunches, 1 dinner
- Door-to-door airport service
- 2000/2250 Gold Passport Points

3. Depart Boise for Twin Falls. At the Perrine Bridge gaze into the Snake River Canyon; where base jumpers leap off the 486 foot structure. Not far away in where in 1974 notorious motorcycle daredevil Evel Knievel attempted a jump across the quarter-mile-wide Canyon. Visit towering Shoshone Falls in the Snake River canyon; at 212 feet high and 900 feet wide its one of the largest natural waterfalls in the United States, surpassing the height of the famous Niagara Falls. Overnight this evening at the **Hilton Garden Inn. (FB,L)**

4. Travel back to Boise where lunch is hosted at another wonderful restaurant before your return flight home. **(FB,L)**

\$1960 p.p./dbl.occ., \$2240 single **A**



Rails Around Colorado

Three scenic train rides during fall foliage

7 Days • September 26 – October 2



1. Fly to Denver and enjoy a hosted lunch en route to your hotel. **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 to Salida for a walking tour focused on the history of this charming town. After lunch and some free time continue on to Alamosa, arriving at your hotel in the late

afternoon where a welcome reception awaits. **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. This morning take a historical walking tour before a hosted lunch and some free time to visit the shops in town or take

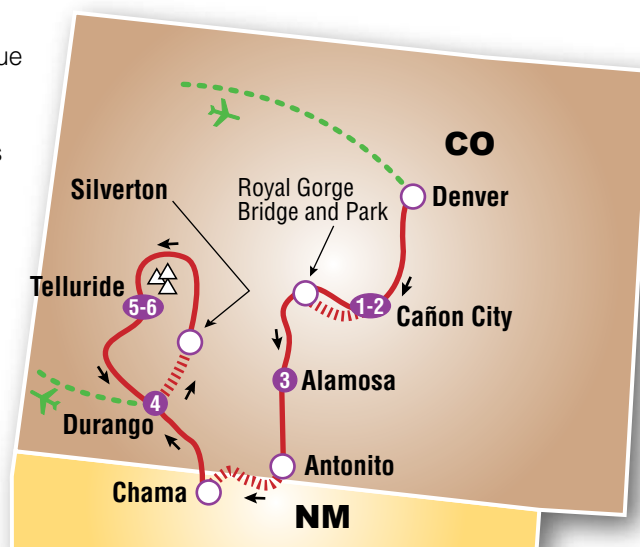
HIGHLIGHTS

- Three scenic trains: Royal Gorge, Cumbres & Toltec, Durango & Silverton
- Royal Gorge Bridge and Park
- Fly high above Telluride on a gondola ride
- 11 meals: 3 breakfasts, 3 full breakfasts, 5 lunches
- Roundtrip airfare to Denver/from Durango
- Door-to-door airport service
- 3900/4300 Gold Passport Points

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 with a return drive to Durango and fly home this afternoon. **(FB)**

\$3865 p.p./dbl.occ., \$4270 single **A**



The Great Reno Balloon Race and Virginia City Camel & Ostrich Races

A weekend packed with high-rising, fast-paced fun!

3 Days • September 9-11

1. Sleep in! (When's the last time you heard that on a **Sports Leisure** trip?) We depart from the office at noon with an arrival in Reno around 3pm. Light refreshments will be served en route. Your accommodations are located in the heart of "The Biggest Little City" and connected to the Eldorado and Circus Circus Hotels. The evening is at your leisure. **Silver Legacy – 2 nights**

2. This morning is balloon Mass Ascension! You will have Cloud 9 VIP Club access which includes heated indoor/outdoor seating on the field, a catered breakfast, a special-edition champagne glass and a hosted bar with champagne, mimosas and bloody Mary's. During the morning there will also be time to shop along Balloon Boulevard. **(B,L)**

3. Depart the Silver Legacy and travel to Virginia City for the 61st annual Camel &

Ostrich Races. Watch jockeys perched on their beasts maneuver the track while the audience cheers! (All events are weather permitting.) Arrive back in Sacramento in the late afternoon where your driver is waiting to take you home.



HIGHLIGHTS

- Attend the Great Reno Balloon Race with VIP access to the Cloud 9 Club
- Tickets to the Virginia City Camel & Ostrich Races
- Door-to-door service
- Deluxe motorcoach transportation
- 2 Meals: 1 breakfast, 1 lunch
- 1000/1100 Gold Passport Points

\$960 p.p/dbl.occ., \$1090 single



The Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta

Featuring upgraded reserved seating in the Chasers Lounge and Gondola Club

5 Days • October 5-9



1. Arrive in Albuquerque and enjoy lunch as a group before checking into your hotel. **Albuquerque Marriott – 4 nights (L)**

2. With over 600 balloons the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta is the largest ballooning event on earth! We have upgraded your experience this morning to the Chasers Club Lounge offering private seating on the field. In the late morning take a ride on the Sandia Peak Tramway to have lunch with a view at TEN 3. Visit Old Town in the afternoon or return to the hotel for some R&R. **(FB,L)**

3. Watch the balloons from another private venue on the other side of the field this morning, the Gondola Club. It's Special Shapes Day, an extremely popular ascension with approximately 100 uniquely-shaped balloons. You might see Darth Vader and Yoda, a flying cow or even Smokey Bear! On a docent-led tour of the Abruzzo Balloon Museum you'll learn about hot air and gas balloons from the first flight in 1783 to the present. **(FB)**

4. One of Albuquerque's newest attractions, the Turquoise Museum is housed in a

HIGHLIGHTS

- 3 balloon events: Balloon Glow, Special Shapes and Mass Ascension
- Upgraded seating in the Chasers Lounge & Gondola Club
- Ride the Sandia Peak Tramway
- Tour the Turquoise Museum
- Rio Grande Arts and Crafts Festival
- Door-to-door airport transportation
- Roundtrip air to/from Albuquerque
- 8 Meals: 4 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 1 dinner
- 2550/2850 Gold Passport Points

mansion full of antiques – a must see! Re-group tonight for the Fiesta's "Glowdeo," a static display of special shape balloons. Dinner will be held in the Gondola Club with live entertainment and an open bar. A spectacular afterglow fireworks show ends the night in style! (All Fiesta activities are weather permitting. High winds could lead to the cancellation of any event.) **(FB,L,D)**

5. After a sleep-in morning attend the Rio Grande Arts & Crafts Festival featuring the works of over 200 fine artists and craftspeople from throughout the U.S. Take a break from shopping and enjoy ongoing live entertainment and specialty food booths before heading to the airport for the flight home. **(FB)**

\$2545 p.p/dbl.occ., \$2835 single



Niagara Falls, Naturally Awesome!

Your room overlooks The Falls

5 Days • May 17-21 or September 13-17



1. Arrive in Buffalo, NY for dinner at an Italian steakhouse where the lavish décor sets the tone for a wonderful meal. Cross the border and check into your hotel. Throw back the curtains and relish that incredible view! The thundering falls below will be lighted to welcome you to your Niagara adventure. **Embassy Suites Fallsview – 4 nights (D)**

2. Ride the Incline Railway down the hill to the visitor center and descend beneath the bedrock through tunnels to Journey

Behind the Falls. You'll be awed at the sheer volume of water cresting the edge. Where the sun meets the water is the most brilliant shade of blue. It's breathtaking! Board a cruise past the American and Bridal Veil Falls and sail right to the base of Horseshoe Falls. You will get wet but that's the fun of it! Dry off and enjoy a complimentary cocktail back at your hotel before dinner overlooking the falls. **(FB,D)**

3. Travel along the Niagara River to the famed Floral Clock with various blooms creating intricate designs on its face. In charming Niagara-on-the-Lake, the shops are waiting! Maple cookies, maple syrup and maple tea are some signature local products you can find. After lunch on your own, head to the Whirlpool Aero Cars to sail over swirling rapids caused by the river's natural bend. Stroll through the Niagara Butterfly Conservatory and Botanical Gardens. Enjoy dinner at the restaurant in your hotel or one of the many only steps from your front door. **(FB)**


4. At the Welland Canal see how cargo ships circumvent the treacherous rapids between Lake Ontario and Lake Erie. Lunch is at a local winery producing the most renowned product of the Niagara Region, ice wine. Harvested during the frozen winter months, it is hard work, but the results are worth the effort! Give it a taste and you'll see! It makes a wonderful gift for family, friends... or yourself! Spend the evening as

HIGHLIGHTS

- 4 nights Embassy Suites Fallsview – premium views of Niagara Falls – daily breakfast & evening cocktails included
- Take a *Journey Behind the Falls* & sail to the base of Horseshoe Falls
- Enjoy the IMAX Presentation & Daredevil Museum, ride the Whirlpool Aero Cars
- Stroll the boutiques of Niagara-on-the-Lake; visit the Niagara Botanical Gardens & Butterfly Conservatory
- Sample "ice wine," an uniquely Niagara Region product
- Visit the Welland Canal, a shipping lane connecting Lake Ontario & Lake Erie
- 7 meals: 4 full breakfasts, 1 lunch, 2 dinners
- Door-to-door service
- Roundtrip airfare to/from Buffalo
- 2650/2900 Gold Passport Points

you choose. Shop, dine or kick your feet up and enjoy the view from your room. **(FB,L)**

5. An IMAX presentation of "Niagara: Miracles, Myths & Magic" takes you back through 12,000 years of history and ecology of the area. Learn of the death-defying stunts by daredevils who have challenged the falls. Just don't get any crazy ideas! Back stateside; stop at Goat Island to walk along the top of the American and Bridal Veil Falls. Fly home from Buffalo, NY. **(FB)**

\$2620 p.p./dbl.occ., \$2895 single 
This vacation requires a valid passport!





Bonjour, La Belle Quebec!

Featuring a Canadian Thanksgiving Celebration on both trips
8 Days • September 21-28 or October 5-12 (sold out)

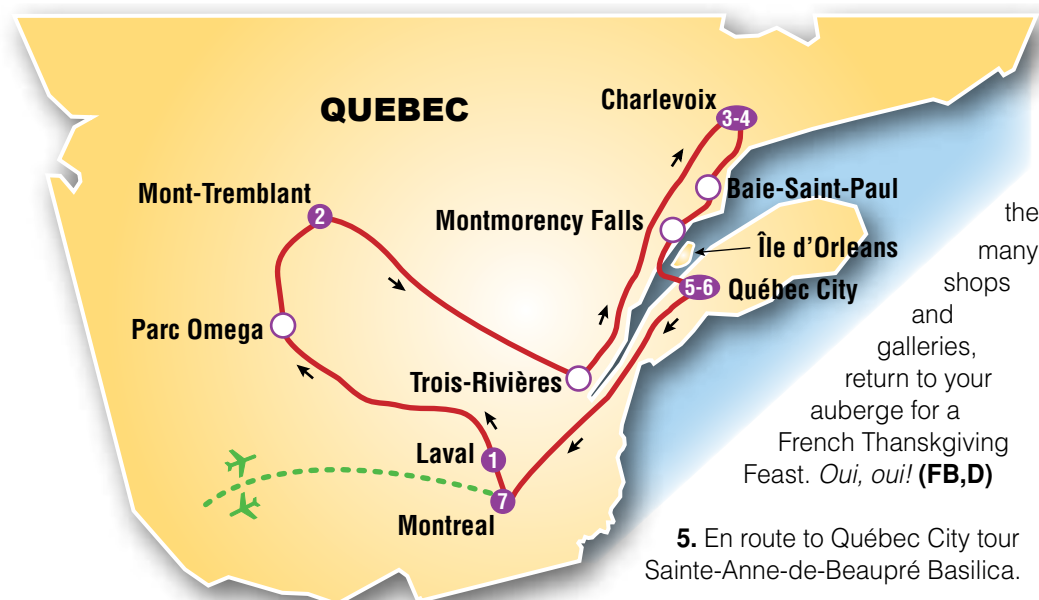
Its geography, history and oh-so-French culture give Québec a most unique identity. With fall colors ablaze, experience the warmth and authenticity of a Québécois style autumn!

1. Arrive Montreal in time for dinner served at your hotel. Stay just outside the city for easy access to the Laurentian Mountains the next morning. **Hilton Laval (D)**

2. Go on safari at Parc Omega, home to various North American wildlife including moose, bears and wolves before a hearty farm-to-fork lunch, served right on the farm! Wind through the mountains to Mont Tremblant, a premier resort destination, and get a bird's eye view of the lush hillside on a cable car ride. Tonight dinner is on your own at one of the many truly Canadian restaurants just steps from your hotel. **Residence Inn by Marriott (FB,L)**

3. Along the St. Lawrence River's north shore lies charming Trois Rivières. Lunch is truly Québécoise at a sugar shack, where maple syrup is prominently featured! Learn about the harvesting and production of Canada's sweetest export before traveling to Charlevoix. Fall colors create a spellbinding setting in the land where the mountains meet the sea! Slow down and enjoy your surroundings staying two nights in a traditional French auberge, a larger bed and breakfast inn where you'll enjoy delicious home-style meals. **Auberge Beausejour – 2 nights (FB,L,D)**

4. Put on your stretchy pants and taste your way along Charlevoix's delicious Flavour Trail. Make stops at specialty farms producing upscale products used by Canada's top chefs. Enjoy lunch on your own in charming Baie-Saint-Paul, but save room for dinner. After some time to browse



HIGHLIGHTS

- 2 nights in a French Bed & Breakfast with home cooked meals
- Brilliant fall colors in the beautiful Charlevoix Region
- Enjoy a Thanksgiving Dinner with a French flair
- 2 nights 4-star accommodations in Québec City
- Visit Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré Basilica & Montmorency Falls
- Tour Montreal, including Notre Dame Basilica
- 15 meals: 7 full breakfasts, 4 lunches, 4 dinners
- Door-to-door service
- Roundtrip airfare to/from Montreal
- 4300/4900 Gold Passport Points

Notice the huge elaborate bronze doors. Later, you'll visit the artist's copper studio to learn about the craft. The countryside is dotted with old brick ovens along the roadside. What's better than fresh hot crusty bread slathered with maple butter or jam? Not much! Except for lunch at the iconic Chateau Frontenac perched high on the bluff, followed by a walking tour of historic Lower Town Quebec. Your four-star hotel is located in a lively neighborhood in the heart of Old Quebec. Take your pick of restaurants or cafés located around the corner of hotel for dinner. **Hotel Manoir Victoria – 2 nights (FB,L)**

6. A short drive takes you to Île d'Orleans, an island nestled in the St. Lawrence River. At a ciderie, taste an array of apple wines and products after lunch in a 1700s gristmill. Enjoy a gentle hike along the top of Montmorency Falls and peer down the face of the falls on a gondola ride to the base. Back in town, the rest of the day is yours to enjoy at leisure. Dine, shop, or simply find a spot to sit and enjoy the lovely surrounds. **(FB,L)**

7. We're off to Montreal! Stroll along the cobblestones of Old Montreal with time for lunch on your own. During a guided tour, feel the peace and tranquility of Notre Dame Basilica. It's a very special place! Take a rest at the hotel before a fantastic farewell dinner. **Doubletree by Hilton Montreal – (FB,D)**

8. Board the motorcoach and take a spin through the city on a guided tour with picture stops along the way. The many varied and distinct neighborhoods give Montreal a decidedly cosmopolitan feel. Alas, it's time to bid "Au revoir" to La Belle province of Québec and catch your flight home. **(FB)**

\$4270 p.p./dbl.occ, \$4860 single **A**
This vacation requires a valid passport!





Newfoundland

Featuring rugged coastlines, quiet beauty and friendly folks
10 Days • August 30 – September 8

Newfoundland, fondly called “The Rock” is a large and diverse island – about the size of California. The sea still is a major influence on the food, the language, the history and the future of this land. Spend 8 full days exploring the rich diversity of people, from the Indigenous cultures to the Irish seafarers to the oil industry workers of today. As we travel from the west coast to the east, keep your eyes open for moose; along the shoreline watch for the icebergs; in Bulls Bay visit the wildlife sanctuary for puffins and other seabirds. The island is populated with folks who love to sing and tell stories so we will join them on four different occasions to share some music, food and stories.

1-2. There are no direct flights, nor conveniently scheduled flights to Newfoundland from California, so we are going to make it a leisurely journey across the continent staying one night in Toronto. Upon landing in Deer Lake, you'll be rested and ready to fully experience the grandeur of Western Newfoundland. Dinner included each night. Have your first sample of Newfoundland entertainment at the Gros Morne Theatre Festival your first evening on the island. **Hilton Garden Inn – Toronto Airport; and Shallow Bay Motel – Cow Head – 1 night each (FB,1L,2D)**

3. Western Brook Pond is one of the most notable sights in Gros Morne National Park, with deep blue waters and steep rock walls rising straight out of the water. It is a 1.5 mile walk along a gravel path to reach the pond. Your efforts are rewarded with spectacular scenery and a 2-hour boat ride. Of course, then you have to walk back 1.5 miles. Too much walking for you? Bonne Bay is another more easily accessible option. Tonight a special treat has been

created just for you... a progressive dinner featuring local regional foods. **Ocean View Hotel – 2 nights. (B,D)**

4. Continue your exploration of Gros Morne National Park with a park geologist, travel through the park with a local guide to Trout River for lunch and a look around. Dinner is on your own tonight but it's recommended to eat in the pub. Grab a beer and a good seat for the show, *Anchors Aweigh*. **(B,L)**

5. The journey begins today as we head to Gander, made famous on September 11, 2001 when dozens of planes and hundreds of people from around the world landed on their runways. Visit the airport, the aviation museum and other sites made famous in the hit Broadway show, *Come from Away*. The folks in Gander are both shy and proud of the role they played. Nearly everyone you meet has a story from that fateful incident; yet many choose not to openly share it.

Sinbad's Hotel – 2 nights (B,L)

6. Beothuk Interpretation Centre offers insight to this unique now-vanished culture of the region's Indigenous peoples. In Twillingate, explore a seaside village, where iceberg watching is a common pastime. Tonight, another show, *Here to Stay* inspired by the events of 911 features beautiful ballads, comedic songs, a few Irish favorites and a little

HIGHLIGHTS

- 3 nights in Gros Morne National Park region
- 2 nights in Central Newfoundland – Gander and Twillingate
- Visit the Gander International Airport, Aviation Museum and other “Come from Away” sites
- 3 nights in St. John's, the largest city with a dash of the Irish Coast
- 20 meals: 1 full breakfast, 8 breakfast, 7 lunches, 4 dinners (including 3 dinner shows)
- Door-to-door service
- Roundtrip airfare from San Francisco to Deer Lake/from St. John's

step dancing gives you another taste of authentic Newfoundland. **(B,L)**

7-9. Leaving Gander behind, continue east towards St. John's on the Avalon Peninsula. Spend the next few days on the “Irish Coast.” Wander down narrow crisscrossing streets past colorful jellybean row houses lining the sides of steep hills; visit Quidi Vidi, a charming village that embodies the spirit of an old fishing port; walk up Signal Hill to the iconic Cabot Tower, commemorating John Cabot's discovery of Newfoundland, and Marconi's first transatlantic wireless message. Within a short drive of St. John's, travel the historic Irish Loop, take a boat ride out to Bay Bulls and Witless Bay for puffin viewing and whale watching. The Spirit of Newfoundland dinner show concludes our time on “The Rock,” as we weave our own tales into their tunes. **Sheraton St. John's – 3 nights (3B,3L,D)**

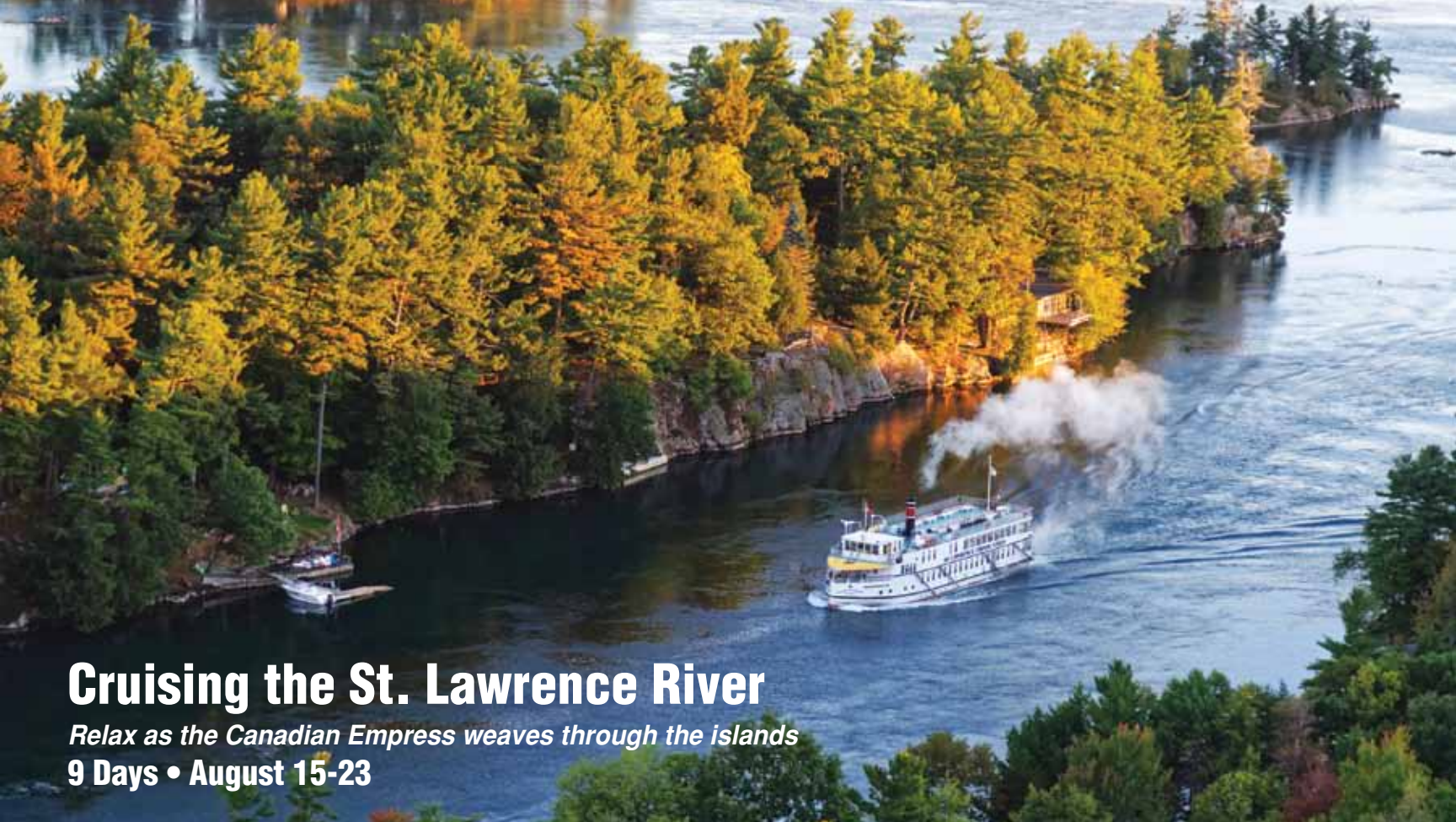
10. Return to California by way of Toronto. As you travel home, the melodies and sights of Newfoundland play through your mind... it truly was a visit to a different time and place. **(B)**

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Place your name on the **Priority Notification List** to receive more information.

This vacation requires a valid passport!





Cruising the St. Lawrence River

Relax as the Canadian Empress weaves through the islands

9 Days • August 15-23

The **Canadian Empress** is a grand ship built in the classic steamboat style with a warm and friendly personality. Her interior is designed in early heritage-style with brass and elaborate furnishings, recapturing the grace and charm of the early 1900's. The crew is committed to providing a relaxing and comfortable experience, regaling the elegance of the early era of cruising, as the ship plies the waters of the magnificent St. Lawrence River.

The cruise features daily attractions with included shore excursions, complimentary domestic beer and wine with meals, nightly entertainment and a never ending supply of inspiring river scenery.

The St. Lawrence River is surely one of the most enchanting rivers on the planet, as it meanders for miles upon miles, acting as a natural border between the United States and Canada, as well as providing a major shipping route into the interior of North America. Your journey will traverse through the scenic "1000 Islands" between Kingston and Brockville – an archipelago of 1870 islands stretching over fifty miles; passing beyond Montreal to conclude in Québec City. Journey through six locks and a change of 246 feet in water level; past the summer homes of the rich and famous; up intricate river channels, and into mysterious coves. The shallow draft of the *Canadian Empress* allows her to meander close to the islands and slip into hidden bays and cruise waterfront scenery.

Your journey begins with a flight into Toronto. Drive to Kingston and board the ship the next day. Cruising the river you'll sail past Millionaires' Row, Boldt Castle and the St. Laurens Statue. Dock in Brockville for an evening in this delightful heritage town that was once the center of wealth and industry. Continue along the river to the Fort Wellington National Historic Site, commemorating the War of 1812. Farther along the river, visit Upper Canada Village depicting life in a rural English-Canadian 1866 setting. As your horse and carriage passes through the 1850's toll gate into the village, the sights, sounds and smells of a past era are immediately evident.

As you leave Ontario and cruise into Quebec waters, pass through the Eisenhower and Snell Locks (U.S.A.); the Beauharnois Locks, and Cote Ste. Catherine and St. Lambert locks; arriving into Montreal harbor late afternoon. Spend the evening enjoying the unique French-Canadian characteristics of Montreal. In Trois Rivières, visit Notre Dame du Cap Shrine, a famous place of pilgrimage and devotion to Our Lady of the Cape. Explore the beautiful grounds along the way to the Shrine. On your final day, sail past Montmorency Falls

as you approach the romantic and beautiful Québec City. After departing the ship, visit the old district of Québec City and enjoy an evening dinner with your fellow travelers.

This package includes **Sports Leisure's** signature door-to-door service, roundtrip airfare to Toronto/from Montreal, daily shore excursions and sightseeing activities, 21 meals (6FB,7L,8D), accommodations pre- and post-cruise in addition to shipboard stateroom; and the services of a **Sports Leisure** Tour Director. Stateroom amenities, and pricing vary with cabin category.

St. Lawrence Class Staterooms:

\$5185 p.p./dbl.occ., \$6405 single

Ottawa Class Staterooms:

\$5460 p.p./dbl.occ.

5200/6450/5500 Gold Passport Points

This vacation requires a valid passport!



Italy Cooks

For the food-lover and aspiring chef in all of us

8 Days • October 16-23



"I love Italy for its idiosyncrasies – the fun, the unpredictability and the serendipity. The country bubbles with emotion, traffic jams, strikes, and irate Italians shaking their fists at each other one minute and walking arm-in-arm the next. Have a talk with yourself before you arrive. Promise yourself to relax, and remember precision in Italy is limited to the pasta (which is always exactly and reliably *al dente*)." *Rick Steves*

1-2. Fly to Italy and transfer to the tiny medieval village of Montefollonico, your home for the next week. Following check-in to your room in a converted villa, meet the welcoming team – Rhonda, Coleen and their cadre of locals – who have come together for two primary purposes: to provide a joyous and memorable experience, and to assure that you return home with a firm grasp of the time-honored secrets of fine Italian cooking. Let your cultural and culinary immersion into Italy begin with dinner! *Mangia, mangia, mangia!*
I Castagni – 6 nights (D)

3. Whereas the actual itinerary is based on the ebb and flow of Italian life (as wisely stated by Rick Steves above), the weather and the natural cycles of what's happening in the garden and vineyard, this is a rough outline of your time in Tuscany. After breakfast a morning cooking session is followed by visits to Pienza, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and a wine tasting dinner in Monticchiello. **(CB,L,D)**

4. Today's cooking class has an *Agriturismo Belagaggio* theme, then visit Montepulciano for dinner at the renowned *Ristorante La Grotta*. **(CB,L,D)**

HIGHLIGHTS

- 6 nights in the Tuscan village of Montefollonico
- I Castagni – superior accommodations in a restored villa
- Daily cooking classes, wine tastings and cultural expeditions
- 17 meals: daily breakfast, lunch (that we usually prepare) and dinner (usually served at a local *ristorante*)
- Small group experience
- Door-to-door service
- Roundtrip airfare to/from Rome or Florence

5. Spend the day exploring the wonders, history and rich flavors of fabled Siena. Back home it's pizza night! **(CB,L,D)**

6. Enjoy the fruits of the morning's harvest and culinary labors served *al fresco* in the garden, followed by some tasty grazing to include cheese and wine tastings and a dive into the local ceramics scene. **(CB,L,D)**

7. Can it be our last full day? Rest assured there's still of plenty amazing food, wine to go, plus a honey excursion to keep things sweet! The evening ends with a gala dinner and graduation ceremony. **(CB,L,D)**

8. It's time to say *arrivederci* or extend your Italian vacation with an optional extension in Rome, Florence or both! Preliminary polling had inconclusive results, so a decision will be made next year. **(CB)**

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This vacation requires a valid passport!



Nebraska: Honestly, it's not for everyone!

It's Sandhill Cranes, Prairie Chickens and the Kool-Aid Man

5 Days • March 22-26



1-2. Take a mid-morning flight (how civilized!) to Kearney, Nebraska situated along the Platte River in time for dinner.

Check into your hotel for the next two nights. After breakfast, explore the area with a local guide on the way to the Crane Trust Nature Visitor Center. You'll see hundreds of cranes eating in the fields. Next, you eat! Enjoy a late lunch before visiting the Kearney Archway, a must-see attraction! It's a museum that straddles I-80 with exhibits celebrating the courageous spirit of the pioneers that headed out west to build our country. Recharge and grab a snack back at the hotel before viewing the evening fly-in as over 250,000 cranes settle in for the night on the river. Rest up for an early morning departure. **Kearney Best Western Plus – 2 nights (1B,1L,1D)**

3. Why so early? Because we must get to the blinds to catch the morning lift-off, a truly amazing sight! You've never heard such raucous noise! Afterwards, it's off to Hastings, a quaint Midwestern town for a quick stop at the Hastings Museum for a little fun. Remember the Kool-Aid Man? The story behind this "fruit drink" is pretty interesting! Enjoy a little free time in town before check-in. After a much needed nap, grab a bite for dinner at one of the nearby restaurants. **Holiday Inn Express – Hastings (B,L)**

4. Red Cloud was the childhood home of Willa Cather, award winning author of American classics such as *O'Pioneers!*, *My Antonia*, and *The Song of the Lark*. Known for her poignant portrayal of European immigrants and their role in the settlement of the prairies, Cather has also become beloved for her sense of place and descriptions of the prairie. In Red Cloud, visit her childhood home and memorial

HIGHLIGHTS

- Evening and morning viewing of cranes at Rowe Sanctuary
- Visit the Crane Trust Foundation headquarters
- Drive through the countryside with the local "crane guy"
- Check out the Kool-Aid exhibit at the Hastings Museum
- Spend the morning in Red Cloud, home to author Willa Cather
- Early morning "chicken dance" experience
- 10 meals: 4 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 2 dinners
- Door-to-door service
- Roundtrip air to Kearney/from North Platte
- 2400/2650 Gold Passport Points

foundation. In McCook, dinner is included at one of the local eateries... I hope it isn't chicken! **Cobblestone Hotel & Suites – McCook (B,L,D)**

5. Rise and shine! You'll be up before the chickens this morning to head out on the prairie. There is nothing quite like a prairie sunrise! Well, that is until the prairie chickens magically appear out of nowhere. Once the females arrive, the males put on quite the show... dancing, stomping, and making their distinctive mating call. Who knew a little chicken could be so loud?! One final stop at the Golden Spike Tower overlooking the expansive rail yard completes our time in Nebraska as we depart from North Platte. **(B,L)**

\$2400 p.p./dbl.occ., \$2645 **E**



The Colorful Carolina Coast

Meander the beautiful Southern Atlantic coastline from Norfolk to Jacksonville

10 Days • March 23 – April 1



HIGHLIGHTS

- Visit North Carolina's Outer Banks, Kitty Hawk, New Bern and the USS North Carolina
- See South Carolina's Myrtle Beach, Brookgreen Gardens, Charleston and Ft. Sumter
- Enjoy Georgia's first city, Savannah, and historic Jekyll Island
- 2-night stays oceanfront on Myrtle Beach and in Charleston and Savannah's Historic Districts
- Overnights in Norfolk, the Outer Banks and New Bern
- 17 meals: 7 breakfasts, 5 lunches, 5 dinners
- Door-to-door airport service
- Round trip air to Norfolk/from Jacksonville
- 4300/4850 Gold Passport Points

1. Travel east to Norfolk, Virginia, your gateway to the colorful Carolina coast.

DoubleTree Hotel Norfolk Airport

2. Drive along one of America's most unique and scenic geological features, the Outer Banks. Your stops include the birthplace of flight, Kitty Hawk National Monument, and the great Cape Hatteras Lighthouse. Tonight break bread with the church ladies of St. John United Methodist. **Breakwater Inn (FB,L,D)**

3. Two ferries through Pamlico Sound highlight this day of travel which includes lunch served on tiny Ocracoke Island, once the pirate Blackbeard's secret hideaway. Rest well in historic New Bern, Carolina's

Royal Capital City and birthplace of Pepsi Cola. **DoubleTree Hotel (CB,L)**

4-5. Say hello to Wilmington, North Carolina's principal port, with a visit to the battleship *USS North Carolina* for a tour and lunch. Myrtle Beach awaits where your home is an oceanfront condominium with a million dollar view. A lazy day on the beach, dinner and a live musical revue at the Alabama Theatre, the Strand's most popular showplace, are on tap for the second day. **Beach Cove Resort – 2 nights (FB,L,D)**

6. Brookgreen Gardens, the nation's largest outdoor sculpture display, is your host for a beautiful morning. Continue south to Charleston for a harbor cruise to Fort Sumter National Monument where the first shots of the Civil War were fired in 1861. You're hotel is on the city's most famous and fashionable street. **Meeting Street Inn – 2 nights (L)**

7. Begin the day with a city tour by horse and carriage. Following you'll have free time to join your Tour Director for a stroll to the Battery, take in a museum, shop the City Market or repose in your historic accommodations! **(CB,D)**

8. Next you're off to the shining city of Savannah. In the evening, a mouth-watering dinner is served riverfront in one of the youngest colony's oldest buildings. **DoubleTree Hotel Historic District – 2 nights (CB,D)**

9. A morning trolley tour passes sites related to Savannah's rich past and present. You'll even hop out at a few. Later in the afternoon, feast to your heart's content at a traditional "Low Country Boil" dinner served with libations on Tybee Island, Savannah's beach. **(FB,D)**

10. Depart for Jekyll Island, hideaway of the rich and famous a century ago. Dine in the historic Millionaire's Village, then head to Jacksonville for your return flight to Sacramento. **(FB,L)**

\$4260 p.p./dbl.occ., \$4820 single **A**





Off to Hawaii – Maui and Kauai, Land of Aloha

Four nights on each island
9 Days • May 16-24

As this is written, Hawaii is slowly opening back up to tourism. We have given them a wide “buffer zone” before we head back to the islands. If there is anything the planet and those of us who live on it could use right now, it’s a **BIG** dose of **Aloha!**

If you’ve been once or a hundred times before, you are sure to find fun, new, unique activities on a **Sports Leisure** trip to the islands. If it’s your first journey to the islands, get excited, because you have chosen to visit someplace truly special. It’s always a privilege to take travelers to Hawaii. We work very hard to make our Hawaii adventures a cut above the rest.

1. Depart for Hawaii at 9am this morning, connecting in Honolulu and arriving on Kauai at 2pm. The rest of the day is at leisure.

2. Our Foodie Tour of the island is our own creation. Stop for locally made products like coffee and tea, jam, sweets and the best burger this side of Japan! Did you know the Russians once came to Kauai? It’s true and we have the story (and can show you where they stayed)! **(FB,L)**

3. Lydgate Chocolate grows cacao right on the island! Your tour includes chocolate and native fruit tasting, plus an education on the history and the how to’s of cultivating chocolate. Lunch is al fresco at the Gaylord Plantation. Rum tasting anyone? The rest of the afternoon is free to enjoy the resort, browse the nearby shops perhaps relax by the pool or on your lanai. **(FB,L)**

4. Flightseeing of the island in the morning, a memory you’ll always treasure. The

western beaches are not accessible by road. The northern part of the island is home to Hanalei Bay, the home of the mythical Puff, The Magic Dragon, from the song by Peter, Paul and Mary. Explore Puff’s home today and tour one of the island’s botanical gardens without walking! We’ll even stop for shaved ice. Dinner tonight at The Plantation at Poipu Beach, a **Sports Leisure** tradition. **(FB,D)**

5. Change islands this morning, making the short flight to Maui. On arrival, we’ll take you to another favorite spot, Hali’imaile General Store, for lunch. Yum, and double yum! Stop at the Maui Plantation as you make your way around the island. It’s an opportunity to learn about some of Hawaii’s industry, past and present (sugar cane and pineapple, mostly gone).

Your accommodations are in a classic Hawaiian hotel, the Royal Lahaina. A medium-sized property, you’ll find it easy to get around. You have a room with a view. Join us for a welcome cocktail after arrival. **(FB,L)**

6. Come with us into Lahaina town today for a history lesson. This whaling port has a colorful past. The afternoon is free at the resort. Tonight, a steelgrass guitar concert after a sunset dinner. Get into the Hawaiian music vibe as your dream vacation continues. **(FB,D)**

7. Head up to Maui Hill Country today to visit a local farm. It’s not just any farm. What they grow becomes your delicious lunch! You can even follow along as your hosts gather the harvest. The rest of the afternoon/evening is at leisure. **(FB,L)**



HIGHLIGHTS

- Round trip air – one stop to Kauai on the outbound, non-stop return from Maui, inter-island flight from Kauai to Maui
- 4 nights on Kauai at the **Sheraton Kauai** in Kapaa, right on the water’s edge, walking distance to shops and restaurants – option for ocean view rooms (slightly higher price)
- 4 nights on Maui at the legendary **Royal Lahaina** on Kaanapali Beach – includes upgraded side ocean view
- Many, many included optional activities – **Kauai:** Lydgate Chocolate Farm Tour, Foodie Tour (featuring local products), flightseeing, The Russians are Coming (A History Lesson), Kauai River Cruise, botanical garden tour, visit the land of Puff the Magic Dragon
- **Maui** activities: Steel Grass Guitar Concert & Sunset Dinner, Farm to Fork lunch, the Story of the Whales, Maui Plantation, free time in Lahaina town
- **Optional** (extra charge) activities you can add. Like a trip to Haleakala Crater on Maui, or flightseeing on Kauai.
- 14 meals: 8 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 2 dinners
- Door-to-door airport service
- Round trip air to Kauai/from Maui
- 4350/5000 Gold Passport Points

8. The last day of your vacation is left free to shop, take a tour to Hana or Haleakala, or just relax. At the orientation dinner before the trip, we’ll fill you in on all of the optional activities available to you. **(FB)**

9. After a leisurely morning, it’s time to head for home. Our non-stop flight arrives in Sacramento at 11:05pm. **(FB)**

\$4325 p.p./dbl.occ., \$4995 single **A**



Ferries, Islands and Towns of Old Cape Cod

Visit Boston, Martha's Vineyard, Provincetown and Nantucket
8 Days • June 11-18



1. Arrive in Boston and head to dinner at a local landmark, the Union Oyster House.
Hyatt Four Points Boston – 2 nights (D)

2. Tour this historic city from Harvard Yard to the famous Old North Church; Paul Revere's home to the site of the (in)famous Tea Party with lunch in Cambridge. Ride the iconic Swan Boats in service since 1877 in Boston Common. Pizza party tonight! **(FB,L,D)**

3. Visit the Kennedy Presidential Library & Museum or the new Edward Kennedy Institute for the U.S. Senate. Downtown grab a lobster roll or chowda' at Quincy Market before your 90-minute cruise to Provincetown or "P-Town" to the locals. Your waterfront hotel is down a charming country lane, walk-able to the center of town.
Surfside Hotel – 2 nights (FB,D)

4. Tour by trolley to discover the rich history and unique flair of this "end of the road" community. In a special SUV climb the sand dunes for amazing views of the Atlantic Ocean! After lunch, spend the afternoon in town or relax and enjoy the waterfront bay view at your hotel. **(B,L)**

5. On the southeast end of the Cape pass through small New England villages arriving in Chatham. Take time for lunch and browsing. Continue to Hyannis and visit a museum focusing on JFK's life and the mystique of Camelot. Tonight it's time for a LOBSTA DINNER! **Hyannis Harbor Hotel (B,D)**

6. By high-speed catamaran arrive on Martha's Vineyard for a narrated van tour then sail to Nantucket on the inter-island ferry. Stay two nights at the island's finest accommodations. A complimentary shuttle service is available from the hotel to town every hour. Dinner is included both nights.
Nantucket Inn – 2 nights (FB,D)

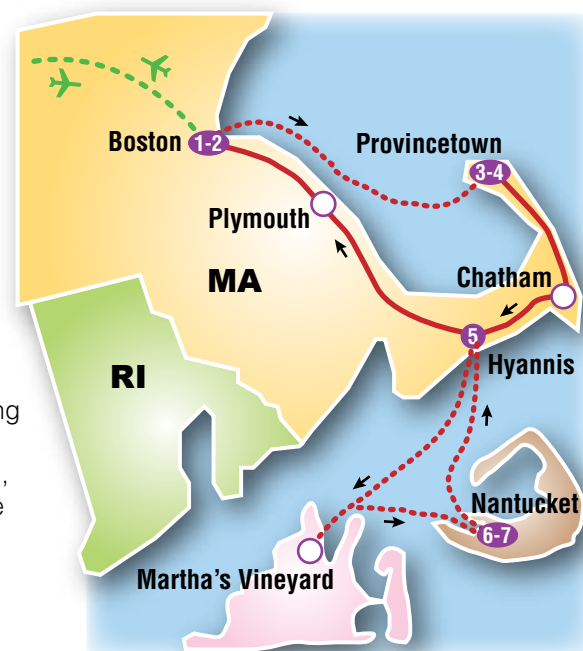
7. One of the nation's oldest communities, Nantucket has a fascinating story to tell. Explore the island and learn of the history and importance of whaling, once the island's main industry. After the tour you are free in town for lunch. Visit the Whaling Museum, do a little window shopping and return to the inn at your leisure. **(FB,D)**

HIGHLIGHTS

- Ferry rides from Boston to Provincetown, Hyannis – Martha's Vineyard – Nantucket – Hyannis
- 2 nights Boston, 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
- 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
- 16 meals: daily breakfast, 3 lunches, 6 dinners including a lobster feast
- Door-to-door airport service
- Roundtrip airfare to/from Boston
- 4500/5100 Gold Passport Points

8. Depart Nantucket by ferry this morning. Make a stop in Plymouth where the Pilgrims landed over 400 years ago en route to lunch and your return flight out of Boston. **(B,L)**

\$4490 p.p./dbl.occ., \$5095 single **A**



Who wants to take a bite of the Big Apple?

Both vacations include a 5-night stay in the center of it all, Times Square, at the **Marriott Marquis Hotel** and visits to Central Park, One World Observatory, the 9/11 Memorial and Museum, Liberty and Ellis Islands, plus two nights of Broadway (one show we select and one of your choice – a **SLV** exclusive).

Thanksgiving in New York

6 Days • November 21-26, 2021

Experience New York at her holiday best as Thanksgiving ushers in the Christmas season. See the spectacular Radio City Rockettes in their annual *Christmas Spectacular* and the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade as it slowly winds its way down 6th Avenue. Local touring includes iconic Uptown (Central Park), Downtown (WTC and

Battery Park) and Midtown (Rockefeller Center) sites, just to name a few. Prices available in early 2021. Place your name on the **Priority Notification List** to be informed of details and prices.

NYC – Behind Broadway and the Bronx

6 Days • April 23-28, 2022

Tour Arthur Avenue in The Bronx, the "Real Little Italy." Meet the FDNY and NYPD on visits to working stations. Go Downtown to such sites as Wall Street and Federal Hall. Attend a star-studded night at Carnegie Hall with the New York Symphony Pops. Go behind the curtain and meet Broadway actors and technicians, and hear of the stage's hits and misses with a syndicated Theater Critic. A **Priority Notification List** is available for more information.



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

Explore the magnificent Keweenaw Peninsula and Mackinac Island

8 Days • August 6-13



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
- Door-to-door service
- Roundtrip airfare to Green Bay/from Traverse City
- 4100/4800 Gold Passport Points

1. Fly away to Green Bay. Home of the Packers, this community is small in size, but huge in spirit. **Radisson Hotel (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 (FB,L)**

3. The Keweenaw Peninsula was where most of the country's copper was once mined. The scenery is memorable with pristine nature, tiny villages and lighthouses. The entire day is a history lesson, told by the people who live here. **(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, is the longest in the world! **(FB,D)**

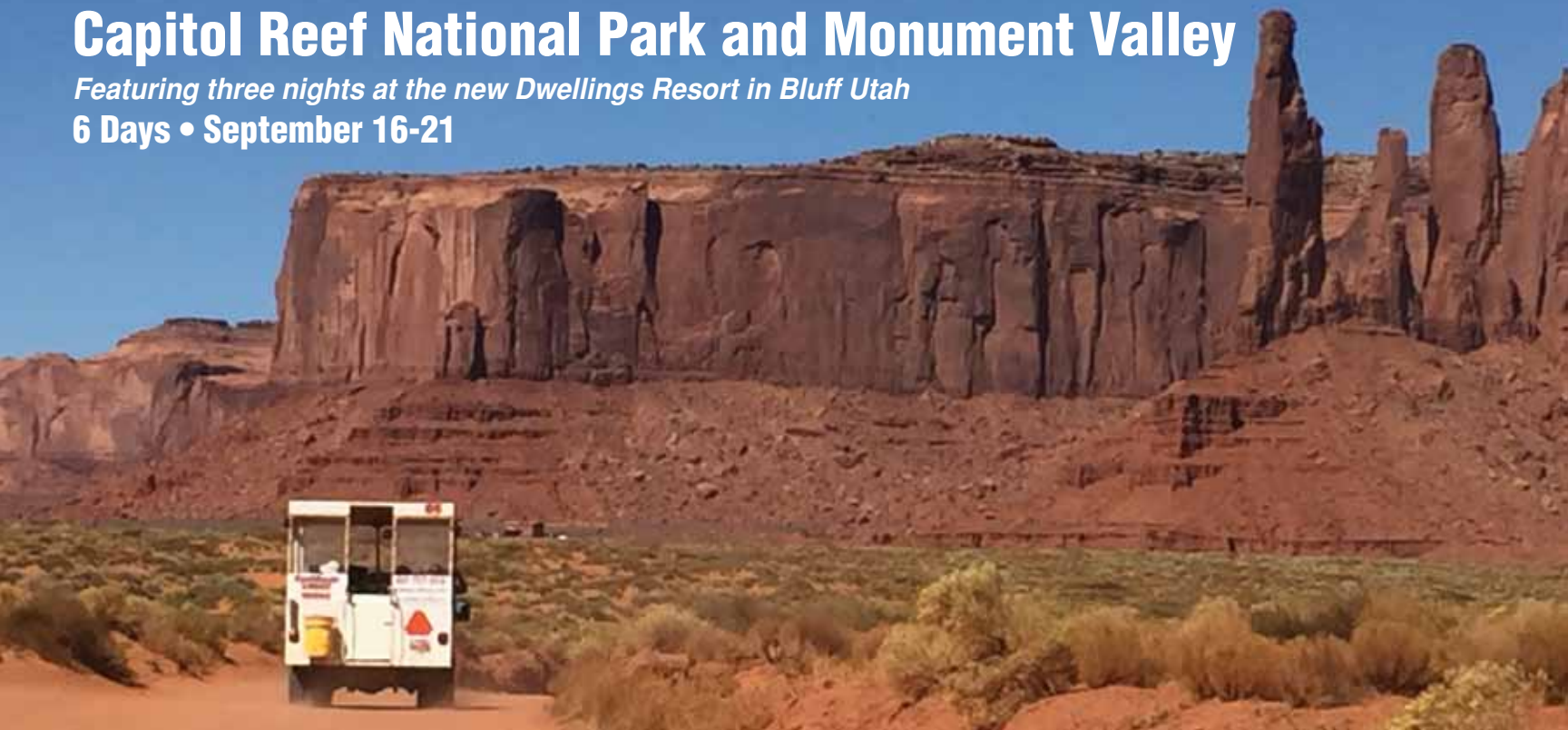
8. Take the ferry back to the mainland and travel along the scenic east shore of Lake Michigan on the LP (Lower Peninsula) with lunch served in the quaint community of Petoskey. In nearby Acme you'll discover an incredible collection of mechanical instruments and antique phonographs at The Music House.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



Capitol Reef National Park and Monument Valley

Featuring three nights at the new Dwellings Resort in Bluff Utah

6 Days • September 16-21



HIGHLIGHTS

- Tour Monument Valley with a Navajo guide
- Explore both the Valley of the Gods and Capitol Reef National Park in a 4x4 jeep
- Stand in four states at once at the Four Corners Monument
- Door-to-door airport service
- Roundtrip air to Durango/from Salt Lake City
- 12 meals: 5 breakfasts, 5 lunches, 2 dinners
- 3300/3700 Gold Passport Points

1. Fly to Durango via Denver. En-route to Bluff, we will stop at the Four Corners Monument in the Navajo Nation. This is the only place in the country where four states meet. Our accommodations are in the new resort designed to blend in with the desert surroundings. **Bluff Dwellings Resort – 3 nights (D)**

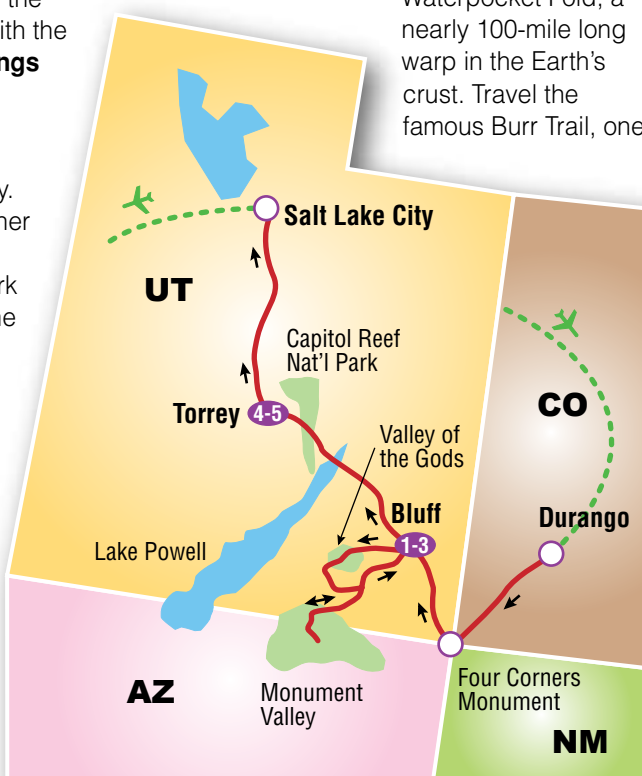
2. Valley of the Gods is a scenic hidden gem near Monument Valley. We will tour this area as well as other nearby scenic view points in 4x4 vehicles. At Goosenecks State Park impressive views are in store as the San Juan River twists and turns through a deep canyon. **(FB,L,D)**

3. Monument Valley provides perhaps the most enduring images of the American West. It has been the site of countless western movies. Tour Monument Valley in four-wheel drive vehicles with Navajo guides. Secluded off-roads let you discover the restricted area in the backcountry of Monument Valley. You will also

visit the famous places that once served as real-life backdrops for numerous movies such as "Stagecoach," "The Searchers" and "How The West Was Won." **(FB,L)**

4. Today we travel through spectacular red rock scenery and canyons, crossing the Colorado River at the start of Lake Powell, and stopping for photos along the way to our hotel in Torrey. Lunch is hosted with a special dessert before checking into the **Capitol Reef Resort – 2 nights (FB, L)**

5. Spend the day touring Capitol Reef National Park by 4x4 vehicles. We will be traveling through an area called the Waterpocket Fold, a nearly 100-mile long warp in the Earth's crust. Travel the famous Burr Trail, one

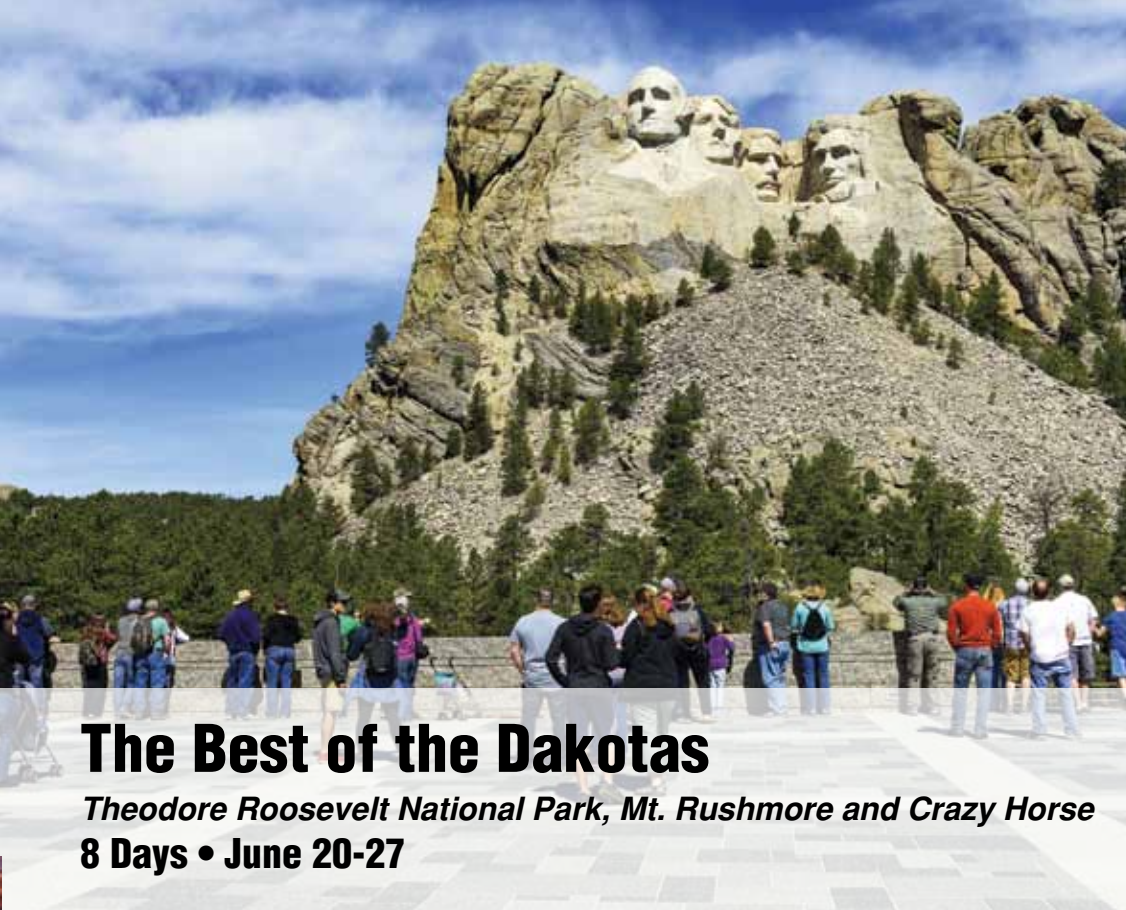


of the most scenic backroads in America! On our drive home we traverse Boulder Mountain with its forests of evergreens, aspens and meadows, a stark contrast to the red rock desert landscape below. Maybe we will be lucky and get some fall foliage color. **(FB,L)**

6. You have seen a beautiful part of our country that most tourists miss! It is time now to depart red rock country for Salt Lake City. Lunch is hosted before our flight back to Sacramento. **(FB,L)**

\$3280 p.p./dbl.occ., \$3685 single **A E**





The Best of the Dakotas

Theodore Roosevelt National Park, Mt. Rushmore and Crazy Horse
8 Days • June 20-27

HIGHLIGHTS

- Relive the passion and excitement of the Western Expansion with the Medora Musical
- Get a sense of the wide-open plains of North Dakota, with roaming herds of buffalo and wild horses during your visit to Theodore Roosevelt National Park
- Experience the grandeur of Crazy Horse National Monument as you stand on the carving, viewing the lands of Crazy Horse's people
- Visit Mt. Rushmore, both during the day and at night, for a patriotic tribute to the United States
- Thrill to the beauty of the Black Hills as you ride in jeeps across the hills – this is truly the where buffalo roam and antelope play
- Roundtrip airfare to Rapid City, SD/from Bismarck, ND
- 15 meals: 7 full breakfasts, 6 lunches, 2 dinners
- Door-to-door airport service
- 3350/3800 Gold Passport Points

1. Fly to Rapid City, South Dakota. Your upscale accommodations are centrally located. **Alex Johnson Hotel by Hilton – 3 nights (L)**

2-3. The Black Hills were sacred mountains to the Lakota Sioux. Today they are home to monumental tributes to both the leaders of the United States and the Sioux nation. Mt. Rushmore celebrates the birth, growth and tribulations of a young country. Crazy Horse, a monument still in the making, pays homage to the leader of the Sioux. Both monuments are breathtaking and

awe-inspiring. Stand on Crazy Horse's outstretched arm and peer out over his lands. At Custer State Park see the wildlife that call it home as you traverse the rolling hills by jeep. **(2FB,D)**

4. Transition from the Black Hills of South Dakota into the grasslands of western North Dakota. Stop in small towns along the way to get a sense of life in the region both past and present. Visit Chateau de Mores for an example of the "good life" in the West. Be awed at the colors of the Painted Canyon before checking into your hotel where luxury meets western charm and presidential history. **Rough Rider Hotel – 2 nights (FB,L)**

5. Join Cowboy Lyle as he spins tales and weaves the history of the West into your visit to Theodore Roosevelt National Park this morning. Keep your eyes open for buffalo and wild horses. You'll most likely fall in love with the little prairie dogs too. So cute! Come together for a Pitchfork Cookout and musical entertainment at the *Medora Musical*, a pageant that has been capturing the essence of the West for many decades. **(FB,L,D)**

6. Cruise the Enchanted Highway, a 32 miles stretch of road lined with giant metal sculptures. One holds the Guinness World Record as the largest! Hear firsthand accounts of the artwork from your local guide who is also the founder of the project. Even lunch is enchanted!



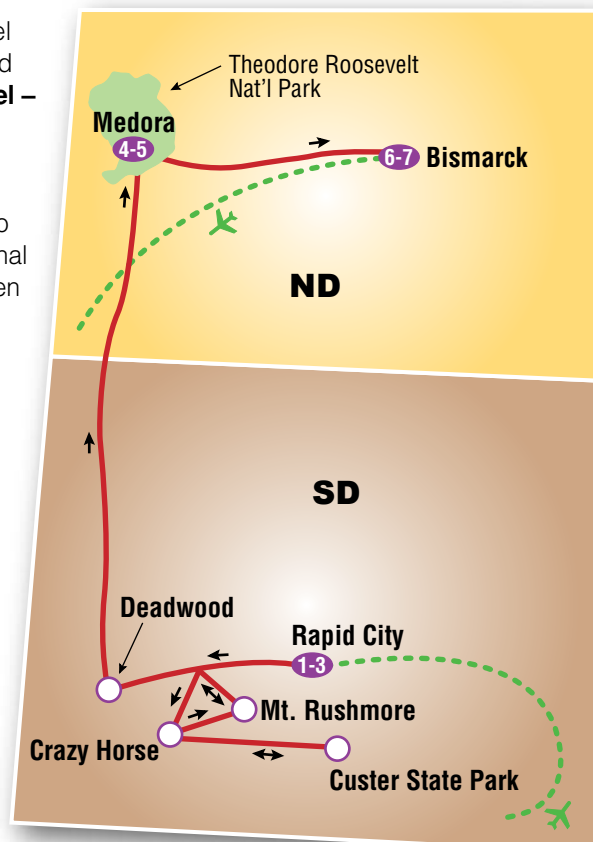
You'll see... Meet the monks at Assumption Abbey before arriving in Bismarck.

Radisson Hotel – 2 nights (FB,L)

7. Follow in the footsteps of Lewis and Clark to Knife Village, a reconstructed Mandan settlement. The expedition spent its first winter here searching for the waterway leading to the Pacific Ocean. As you walk through the village, learn about the importance of this winter layover and the culture of the people who meant so much to the expedition. After lunch the history of the expansion comes alive at the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center. Sail the Missouri River aboard a steamer, naturally, named for the famous explorers! **(FB,L)**

8. Situated along the Missouri River, the area around Bismarck was home to one of the western-most forts during later expansion efforts. Tour General George Custer's home at Fort Abraham Lincoln, and visit the North Dakota Heritage Center before your return flight. **(FB,L)**

\$3350 p.p./dbl.occ., \$3795 single **A**



New England Fall Foliage Spectacular

Our annual expedition takes a new turn this year – to Lake Placid!

7 Days • October 3-9



HIGHLIGHTS

- Visit 3 New England states!
- NH: Canterbury Shaker Village and Saint-Gaudens National Historic Site
- 3 nights in lakeside cabins on Lake Champlain
- VT: Shelburne Museum, Trapp Family Lodge and Ben & Jerry's
- 2 nights in Lake Placid
- NY: Lake Placid Olympic sites, Ausable Chasm, John Brown Farm
- 12 meals: 6 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 5 dinners
- Door-to-door service
- Roundtrip air into Manchester/out of Albany
- 4100/4650 Gold Passport Points

1. The spectacular begins with a flight to Manchester, NH. **Holiday Inn**

2. Your thirst for New England will be immediately quenched with a visit to Canterbury Shaker Village, a 694 acre National Historic Landmark preserving 25 buildings dating to the 18th and 19th Centuries, all filled with the stunning craftsmanship and handiwork of the original inhabitants. In the afternoon explore the home and gardens of Augustus Saint-Gaudens, America's foremost sculptor. Located on the Vermont shore of Lake Champlain, Basin Harbor features a historic lodge surrounded by 74 individual cabins offering quaint, but elegant accommodations immersed in nature and peaceful tranquility. Don't forget your flashlight! **Basin Harbor Club – 3 nights (FB,D)**

3. Take a leisurely morning to sleep in or explore Basin Harbor's miles of trails. In the afternoon visit Shelburne Museum.

Known as New England's Smithsonian, "the Shel" offers an unparalleled collection of American art and exhibits, all displayed in one of 39 repurposed and restored historical homes and buildings. At nearby Shelburne Vineyard taste the bounty of the local grape harvest before heading to dinner at a local sugarhouse where every course includes maple! **(FB,D)**

4. Another leisurely morning precedes heading out to nibble your way across Vermont! Visit a cider mill for lunch where everything is homemade, then pay tribute to the state's favorite sons, Ben and Jerry, with a guided tour of their ice cream-making empire. Onward to Stowe and the Trapp Family Lodge to learn the inspiring story of what happened after *The Sound of Music* for the beloved musical family from Austria. Back at Basin Harbor, the best has definitely been saved for last – a chef-designed four-course gourmet dinner! **(FB,L,D)**

5. In nearby Burlington launch on a narrated cruise of Lake Champlain, nestled between the (hopefully) colorful Adirondack and Green Mountains. At Ausable Chasm in New York State, you'll see a sandstone gorge called "The Grand Canyon of the Adirondacks." Open since 1870, explore the famous depths of the chasm

while viewing waterfalls and unique rock formations from sturdy bridges, walkways, stairs and vistas. Onward to Lake Placid. **(FB,D) High Peaks Resort – 3 nights**

6. A guided tour focuses on the 1932 and 1980 Olympic Games hosted here with visits to competition sites and the Winter Olympic Museum. Nearby is the home and grave of abolitionist John Brown where you'll learn the true story of a man who became a martyr for the liberation of Southern slaves in 1859. **(FB,D)**

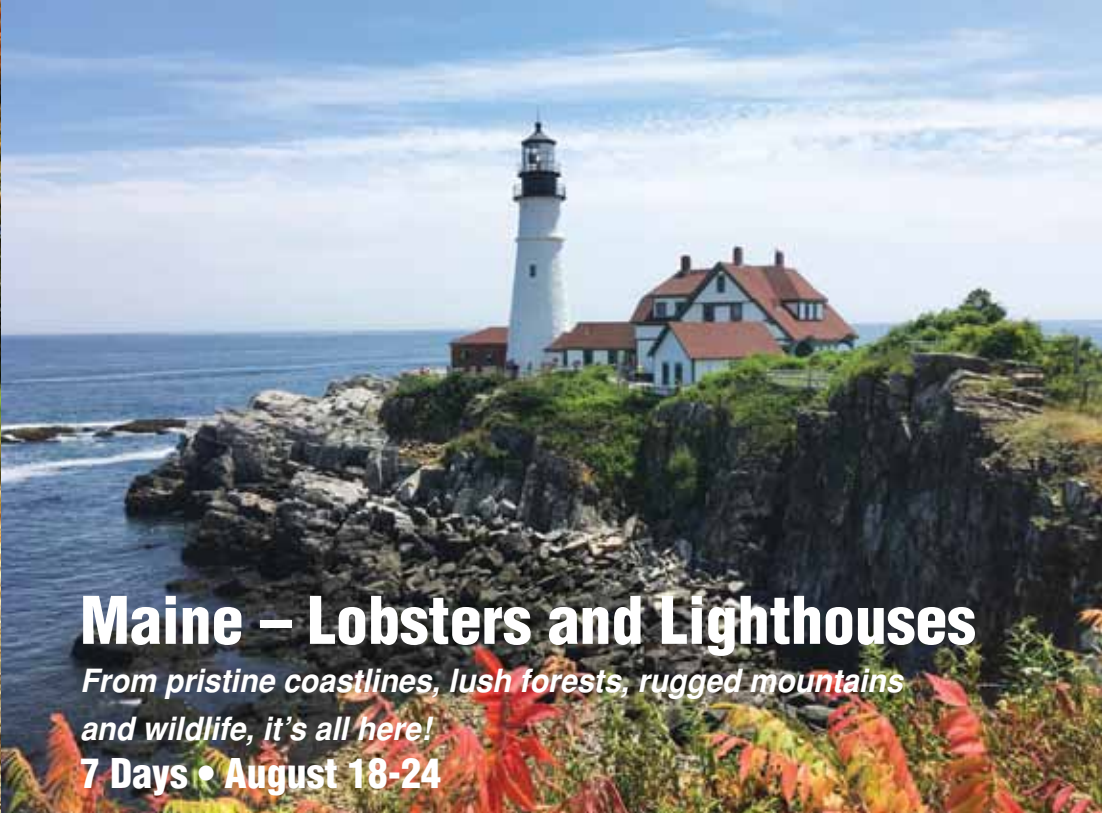
7. The drive to Albany, NY, and your return flight bring the fall foliage spectacular to a happy end. **(FB)**

\$4095 p.p./dbl.occ., \$4620 single **A**



*A = Burlington
*B = Shelburne
*C = Basin Harbor





Maine – Lobsters and Lighthouses

From pristine coastlines, lush forests, rugged mountains and wildlife, it's all here!

7 Days • August 18-24



1. Arrive into Portland and head to the historic waterfront for dinner. Sample local sweet treats, a Whoopie Pie washed down with a Moxie Soda. You're now an honorary Mainer! **Hilton Garden Inn Portland Downtown Waterfront – 2 nights (D)**

2. Drive through Portland's historic neighborhoods with stops at the Portland Head (pictured above) and Nubble Lighthouses. In Ogunquit, meaning "Beautiful Place by the Sea," take time for a bite of lunch before exploring the village. Shop the many boutiques or take a relaxing stroll along the seaside walkway with sweeping views of the Atlantic Ocean. Tour Kennebunkport and see the Bush Family compound at Walker's Point. Dinner tonight is truly a Portland experience. Served in a trendy bowling alley it's both entertaining and tasty. Set 'em up and knock 'em down. Strike! **(FB,D)**

3. At Pineland Farms, tour the equestrian center before lunch on your own at their market featuring local ingredients. Continue to the mountain village of Bethel stopping at the Maine Balsam Fir Factory. The fragrant wood is used in a wide array of items. Make your own balsam souvenir bag! After checking into your mountainside resort, join a guided moose-viewing expedition and relax by a crackling campfire. Dinner is included at your resort tonight. **Jordan Grand Hotel at Sunday River (FB,D)**

4. The Maine Capitol Building in Augusta is first today. Explore the State Museum's exhibits showcasing the lumbering, lobstering and ship building industries. Pause for lunch in Bangor en route to Bar Harbor. Peruse the Abbe Museum's extensive collection of historical and cultural artifacts of the four Native American tribes in the region. Tonight's dinner is a traditional Maine lobster bake! Bring your appetite and camera to capture the moment. Non-seafood items also available. **Atlantic Oceanside Resort – 2 nights (FB,L,D)**

5. Wake up aside the calm and stillness of Frenchman's Bay, and set sail aboard a lobster boat for a glimpse into the lobster industry. Back in Bar Harbor, enjoy some of New England's best restaurants, each offering a one-of-kind experience before touring Acadia National Park with a local guide. Climb to the top of Cadillac Mountain for sweeping coastal views, hear the roar of crashing waves at Thunder Hole and revel in the quiet beauty of the inland scenery. This evening, after a dinner overlooking the bay, attend "The Olympics of the Forest," a lumberjack logging show full of brawn and laughter. **(FB,D)**

HIGHLIGHTS

- Stay 2 nights waterfront near Bar Harbor and tour Acadia National Park
- Guided tours of Portland and Kennebunkport
- Enjoy a Lobster cruise and traditional Maine Lobster bake dinner
- See 4 lighthouses and visit the Maine Lighthouse Museum
- Join a moose-viewing expedition in the western mountains
- Visit the Maine State Capitol and Museum
- 13 meals: breakfast daily, 1 lunch, 6 dinners (including a Maine Lobster bake)
- Door-to-door airport service
- Roundtrip airfare to/from Portland, ME
- 4000/4650 Gold Passport Points

6. Slow down in charming Camden nestled beside Penobscot Bay. Lunch is on your own with time to meander through town. Rockland is home to the Maine Lighthouse Museum housing a unique collection of U.S. Coast Guard artifacts. Get a feel for lighthouse culture on a guided tour. Next stop, prison! Yes, you read that correctly. At the Maine Prison Showroom, scoop up great bargains on wood products handcrafted by inmates. Dinner is included before checking into your hotel. **Hampton Inn – Bath (FB,D)**

7. Shipbuilding is big business here and dates from the 1600s to present day. The Maine Maritime Museum's hands on exhibits and shipbuilding demonstrations are explained during your tour. L.L. Bean's flagship sporting goods store is located in Freeport Village. There is also an outlet store for bargain hunters! After lunch on your own, make the short drive to the Portland International Jetport for your return flight. You can safely say that you have experienced the best of Maine! **(FB)**

\$3995 p.p./dbl.occ., \$4620 single **A**





Toe Tappin' Tennessee

Rock, soul, country and blues are all found along Tennessee's Musical Corridor

7 Days • October 19-25

HIGHLIGHTS

- Stay on the grounds of the new Graceland entertainment complex and tour Elvis' home
- 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
- Narrated tour of Nashville including a drive along Millionaires Row
- Visit Franklin and dine in the world-famous Loveless Café
- 14 meals featuring a wide range of regional flavors: 6 full breakfasts, 5 lunches, 3 dinners
- Door-to-door airport service
- Roundtrip airfare included
- 3700/4200 Gold Passport Points

Memphis and Nashville are two cities known for producing legendary music.

Dust off those cowboy boots and stroll along Memphis' Beale Street and Nashville's Honky Tonk Row where the lights are bright and the tunes are thumping!

1. Don't waste any time getting into the groove of Memphis! Before dinner featuring upscale innovative Southern Cuisine, a local guide spins you around town pointing out the sights with musical accompaniment... naturally! At the new entertainment complex at Graceland, it's all things Rock and Roll!

Guesthouse at Graceland – 2 nights (D)

2. Begin with a tour of Elvis' Graceland. Hubba hubba! Your admission includes access to his personal plane, car collection and museum filled with memorabilia. Lunch is fall-off-the-bone Memphis BBQ! At the National Civil Rights Museum trace the steps of the ongoing fight for civil rights.

Are those ducks marching through the Peabody Hotel, you ask? They are! For over 90 years these little guys march to and from the lobby fountain. It's as cute and silly as it sounds. Transportation is provided for an evening along famed Beale Street. Grab dinner and take in some live Jazz and Blues at one of the many nightclubs! **(FB,L)**

3. Travel north stopping at the West Tennessee Heritage Center where the "Queen of Rock," Tina Turner's one room schoolhouse showcases her vast career. Supper's waitin' on the table in Nashville! Dine family-style on Southern staples with all the fixin's in an Antebellum mansion where the motto is "enter as strangers, leave as friends!" **Embassy Suites Nashville Airport – 4 nights (FB,L,D)**

4. The "Nashville Sound" originated at historic RCA Studio B. Stand in the very spot where hits from Elvis, Dolly Parton and Waylon Jennings were recorded. Cruise down Music Row on a narrated city tour with your lively local guide. It's said that a Southerner never lets the facts get in the way of a good story, and I bet *some* of what you'll hear is even true! Lunch is at a local favorite known for their spicy Hot Chicken Sandwich, a Nashville staple. Are you brave enough? Enjoy an audio tour of the Country Music Hall of Fame among the immense collection of costumes and artifacts from recording legends. Transportation is provided to/from dinner on your own and free time for a little boot scootin' on Honky Tonk Row. **(FB,L)**

5. Visit the Patsy Cline and Johnny Cash Museums, two hot new attractions before a sweet stop at the Goo Goo Clusters

store! Luscious caramel, smooth creamy marshmallow nougat and fresh roasted peanuts coated in milk chocolate once billed as "a nourishing lunch for a nickel." Yeah, right! Unique to Nashville, they make a great gift! Lunch is on your own at a food hall offering a vast range of cuisine. After a little down time at the hotel, join a backstage tour of the Grand Ole Opry and walk in the footsteps of country music's hottest stars! Dinner is included prior to the show. Who's performing? The schedule isn't released until about a week before, but rest assured, you won't be disappointed! Have your cameras ready! **(FB,D)**

6. Sleep in this morning and take a Sunday drive to charming Franklin, TN. It's nearby but a world away from the bright lights of the city. Loveless Café has been serving up its famous chicken and biscuits to hungry travelers since 1951. After lunch take a lazy Southern saunter along quaint boutique-lined Main Street or simply kick back and enjoy the relaxed Southern charm. Back at your hotel, put on your stretchy pants, kick back and relax with complimentary cocktails and nibbles. There is a restaurant onsite for dinner on your own. **(FB,L)**

7. The multimedia presentation at the historic Ryman Auditorium will definitely make you feel the "Soul of Nashville." Once the home of the original Grand Ole Opry and Union Gospel Tabernacle it was pivotal in popularizing country music. Wait until you hear the story of Mr. Ryman, a most interesting fellow. Lunch is local cuisine with an updated twist at the Hermitage Hotel before your late-afternoon flight. **(FB,L)**

\$3680 p.p./dbl.occ., \$4160 single





Hidden Gems of the Ozark Mountains

Featuring entertainment in Branson, Missouri

6 Days • October 22-27



1. At Fantastic Caverns, *America's Ride-Thru Cave*, a natural adventure awaits. Jeep-drawn trams tour the path left behind by an ancient underground river while you view up close beautiful cave formations. Dinner is hosted at a local landmark en-route to Branson. Enjoy five nights located in the heart of historic downtown Branson with shops including Dick's Five & Dime and restaurants. **Hilton Convention Center Hotel – 5 nights (D)**

2. This morning get the lay of the land with a scenic tour of the local area including the College of the Ozarks. Known locally as "Hard Work U," no student pays tuition. Rather, they work on the school farm and elsewhere to earn their education. Later, Steve Presley and the four generations of Presley's perform country classics to Gospel with zany antics from Herkimer and Cecil guaranteed to have you rolling in the aisle at Presley's Jubile. **(B,D)**

3. At the Top of the Rock Ozark Heritage Preserve, experience the Lost Canyon, a trail which highlights stunning rock formations, waterfalls and views of Table Rock Lake and the Ozark Mountains during fall foliage. Enjoy a Champagne brunch with upscale regional cuisine and a visit to the Ancient Ozarks Natural History Museum. Yakov Smirnoff, the famous Russian comedian delivers explosive laughter, heart filled moments, and just plain fun. At the *Titanic* Museum enjoy a private Murder Mystery! Experience life on board just as it was on her maiden voyage 100 years ago. Walk the hallways and grand staircase while surrounded by more than 400 rare artifacts. **(BR)**

4. Step aboard open air trams and explore the beauty of Dogwood Canyon on a Wildlife Tram Tour. You'll wind through the canyon floor, past towering bluffs and waterfalls, but you'll also cross the Arkansas

border where your tram may mingle with herds of bison, elk, whitetail deer and Texas longhorn. The Hughes Brothers; one of the world's largest performing families delight audiences with joyful celebration of music, love and laughter, spine-tingling harmonies, energetic dancing and hilarious antics. **(B,L)**

5. Take a behind the scenes tour of the Site and Sound Theatre. A million watts of lights, sixty-thousand watts of sound, a massive stage over twenty thousand square feet in size that wraps around the audience on three sides and a four story tall set pieces towering right in front of you. After a hosted dinner head back to the theatre to see the performance of *Jesus*. Returning for one season only, this landmark production takes you aboard one of the world's best known voyages, as live animals fill the stage. **(B,D)**

HIGHLIGHTS

- 5 nights at the beautiful Hilton Convention Center Hotel
- Fantastic Caverns Tour
- Top of the Rock Ozark Heritage Preserve
- Private Murder Mystery at the Titanic Museum
- Dogwood Canyon Scenic Wildlife Tram
- See *Jesus* at the Sight & Sound Theatre
- Musical Shows: Yakov Smirnoff, The Presley's and the Hughes Brothers
- Door to door airport transportation
- Roundtrip air to/from Springfield, MO
- 9 meals: 4 breakfasts, 1 brunch, 1 lunch, 3 dinners
- 3400/3650 Gold Passport Points

6. Depart Branson for Springfield and your flight home. **(B)**

\$3355 p.p/dbl.occ., \$3645 single **A**



Daycations...

Here's a friendly reminder of our day trip safety and wellness policies at present: Tours will fill at 25 to 30 people. Those traveling solo will be assigned a seat pair to themselves on the coach. Couples or those traveling with a friend will be seated together. Masks must be worn at all times when the group is gathered, even when outside, except while eating. Infrared temperatures will be taken at the start of the day. Hand sanitation is required every time you board the coach and supplies will be provided. An Assumption of Risk and Waiver of Liability Agreement must be signed at the start of every tour. In this ever-changing climate these protocols could require adjustment. Pre-tour correspondence and/or your Tour Director will advise you of any changes. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

Berkeley Is Beckoning **Wednesday, November 18**

This close-to-home *Daycation* takes you to nearby Berkeley where you'll sample a tasty treat you've likely never tried before, tour the city with a local guide and have time for shopping and lunch on your own. Amtrak's *Capitol Corridor* train brings you back to Sacramento where the motorcoach will return you to your car. **\$115**

A Sierra Foothills Christmas **Friday, November 27**

On the day after Thanksgiving the quaint foothills communities formally begin the holiday season. There will likely be a bit of a chill in the air. Come with us to Jackson, Sutter Creek, Plymouth and Placerville to browse the shops and perhaps enjoy a cup of holiday cheer. Learn a little about the history of each town you will be visiting. There is no better way to begin the search for the perfect gift... perhaps it's one you give yourself! Lunch is on your own. Refreshments and a surprise or two included! **\$119**

Christmas Shopping in **San Francisco**

Tuesday, December 8

Join our annual trip to downtown San Francisco to browse, shop or simply enjoy the festive window displays and store decorations at your own pace and interest. Lunch is at your leisure in Union Square with an optional shuttle to Pier 39 for the afternoon before returning to Sacramento. **\$110**

Christmas Lights in San Francisco **Wednesday, December 16**

Our always popular trip to San Francisco welcomes the Christmas season with a narrated tour of *The City* dressed and decorated in celebration of the holidays. With visits and views of colorful Civic Center, Union Square, Nob Hill and the

Embarcadero, the bright lights of the stunning skyline, bridges and city will put you in the spirit of this festive time of year. A mid-afternoon arrival at Pier 39 provides a little free time to enjoy, browse and dine on your own before the evening tour. **\$125**

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Under the Sea **Wednesday, January 13**

Expect an interesting day of discovery, exploration and enjoyment with a visit to the Aquarium by the Bay on Pier 39. Home to more than 20,000 marine animals, this renown facility truly does make you feel *under the sea* with walk-through tunnels and transparent touch pools exhibiting the diverse aquatic life unique to Northern California. Lunch is included at Swiss Louis Restaurant mid-day followed by a visit to the Sea Lion Center with a naturalist guide from the aquarium to introduce you to Pier 39's beloved residents. **\$165**

Harry Potter and the Cursed Child *Curran Theatre*

Sunday, April 18

Witness the eighth story in the popular Harry Potter series and the first ever to be presented on stage. The show opened in 2016 in London and on Broadway in 2018. It was the most awarded show of both seasons having won 25 trophies including 6 Tonys. The story unfolds in two parts,



opening with Harry who is now an employee of the Ministry of Magic, a husband and the father of three school age children. There are some amazing surprises in this show (but JK Rowling has secured a promise from us not to reveal anything more until you see the show for yourself). The trip includes a snack box lunch served on the way to *The City* prior to Part 1 with a 1 pm curtain. Time is allowed for an included dinner at The Daily Grill (only a short walk from the theatre) during the break before the start of Part 2 at 6:30 pm. Return to Sacramento immediately following. Everyone is invited to wear some (or all!) of your Harry Potter apparel and accessories. Don't forget to bring your wands and owls! **\$415**

The Band's Visit

Golden Gate Theatre

Wednesday, April 28

Winner of the 2018 Tony Award for Best Musical (plus 9 others!) *The Band's Visit* is a delightfully offbeat story, set in a town that's way off the beaten path, in which a band of musicians arrive unexpectedly from out of the blue. Under the spell of the desert sky and with beautiful music perfuming the air, the encounter enlivens the town in unexpected and tantalizing ways. *The Band's Visit* rejoices in the way music can bring together the most unlikely strangers who only a few hours later part as friends. **\$190**

The Barber of Seville

War Memorial Opera House

Sunday, May 16

Count Almaviva must rely on the talents of the quick-witted Figaro if he is to win the beautiful Rosina from her lecherous guardian. Rossini's timeless lyric comedy returns in Emilio Sagi's buoyant and irresistible Spanish-themed production in this San Francisco Opera production. Your choice of seating is in the side sections of the Orchestra or the Dress Circle. Be advised the latter requires the use of steep stairs with no handrails. A stop is included at Fisherman's Wharf for lunch on your own prior to the matinee performance. **Orchestra – \$175, Dress Circle \$195**

Mean Girls

Golden Gate Theatre

Wednesday, July 28

Mean Girls is a ferociously funny musical written in part by Tina Fey ("30 Rock," "SNL") telling the story of Cady Heron. She grew up on an African savanna, but nothing prepared her for the wild and vicious ways of her strange new home in suburban Illinois. How will this naïve newbie rise to the top of the popularity pecking order? By taking on The Plastics, a trio of lionized frenemies led by the charming but ruthless Regina George. When Cady devises a



plan to end Regina's reign she learns the hard way that you can't cross a Queen Bee without getting stung! **\$215**

My Fair Lady

Golden Gate Theatre

Wednesday, November 3, 2021

The most recent Broadway revival of Lerner & Lowe's beloved *My Fair Lady*, staged by the Lincoln Center Theater, has hit the road and is headed our way late next year! Eliza Doolittle, a young Cockney flower seller, becomes the "student" of linguistics professor Henry Higgins. He's determined to transform her into his idea of a proper lady, but in the end who is really transformed? You'll be singing along with the classic score featuring "I Could Have Danced All Night," "The Rain in Spain" and "Wouldn't It Be Lovely." **\$205**

Airfares and Foreign Currency Exchange

All tours including air travel are based on airfares as of October 13, 2020. Airfares for tours departing after October 13, 2021 are subject to change until confirmed by the airline. All international vacations in this catalogue (including Canada) are priced based on currency exchange rates in effect October 16, 2020. Changes of more than 5% may subject tour prices to adjustment at 30 to 60 days prior to departure. You will be notified if there is a surcharge or refund.

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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.

Are there any fees for cancellation after I make my deposit?

Outside 60 days before departure all tour payments (including CP) are refunded less a \$20 per person administrative fee upon cancellation. Within the 60 days before departure, refund provisions vary from tour to tour. International tours, cruises and national park tours often have additional restrictions. Please refer to our Special Vacation Notes and Information brochure for more specific details.

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

If you have mild dietary restrictions (vegetarian, lactose or gluten intolerant), it is important for you to advise us 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 or multiple 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, an upgrade and the need for wheelchair assistance at airports; and at hotels a king bed or handicap-

accessible room. 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.

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.

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

We welcome our Nevada travelers with open arms! Most of you live in residential communities in Reno and Sparks. Our fly-away tours are priced to include air and door-to-door service for those living in the Sacramento, Reno/Sparks, and Carson City areas. Those living a distance from the airports in Sacramento or Reno 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 sedan, SUV, limousine or other chauffeured vehicle.

Provided by Baylight Transportation Services in the Sacramento metropolitan area, door-to-door service is included within these boundaries: Davis on the west, Galt on the south, Auburn and Shingle Springs 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, Placerville, 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.

An \$85 per person credit is available for travelers to whom this service isn't available or for those

who wish to opt out 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 the special **Sports Leisure** rate. 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 area. 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 galley-equipped coach 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 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 photo 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 scheduled ending 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.

Checked bag have a weight limit of 40 or 50 lbs. (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 proud 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 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. Many travelers take advantage of this opportunity to visit friends or relatives, or explore a destination in greater detail on their own. There could be additional charges for flight deviations, but generally they are small. Local airport transportation can be provided for an additional \$50 per person. Please note unique air schedules are not covered by Cancellation Protection on domestic trips.

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 on 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. Refer to the Activity Meter and/or call our office to consult with the tour planner.

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. Additionally, each trip is identified with an activity level. Check out the Activity Meter for each tour to get a feel for how it matches your interests, energy and fitness levels.

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

One or 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 those 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.

What does travel in the time of COVID-19 look like to you?

On August 13, 2020, we adopted a set of Health and Safety Protocols, including an Assumption of Risk and Waiver of Liability Agreement, which must be accepted and signed by every traveler before every trip – no exceptions. You can review the document on our website. In this ever-changing climate these protocols could require adjustment. If so travelers will be notified and the website will be updated.

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.

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