



The Spring Preview Day Report

Over 350 people attended two sessions at the KVIE Studios on the day before Easter, to get a run-down on new travel adventures offered by Sports Leisure. The day went off without a hitch. We extend a thank you to our PBS friends, for the use of their facilities.

As has been our tradition in the past for the spring event, in lieu of paying an entry fee which is shared by some of our favorite charities like we do in the fall, we ask those attending to bring something that will help someone in the community. Last year, we asked for diapers and pet food.

Our contacts at Loaves and Fishes relayed those are two of their toughest items to supply. One told me, "You know, many homeless people will feed their pets before they feed themselves."

Those who came to last year's event, responded with a mountain of donations. The same thing happened this year, tons (literally) of food and diapers. The man in the truck who came to pick up your contributions said, "You know, this really, really helps a lot of people. You should be there to see eyes light up when we bring the pet food and the big bags of diapers into our building. Thank

you, thank you, thank you. Tell your people this makes a difference to us." And that's the whole point. Making a difference, even in a very small, but important way.

The program itself featured a Q and A session by Clayton and Mark, in an attempt to address some of the topics you have asked about or have come up on tour in the past year.



On the following Monday, the predictable happened. The phones went nuts for the first hour, and a number of future travelers, wanting to make sure they got the trips they wanted, came to the office. It was busy, but it was good busy. We are in the business of making dreams come true, big dreams and small dreams. So when we are busy, it means people are dreaming. It's not like working at a bank, or Target, or a state office, etc. Generally, when our travelers connect with us, it's to create something that makes them happy.

Something one might notice about our Spring Preview Day Report. There are no pictures. Indeed, as we started assembling the newsletter, we all looked at each other. No one took any pictures? Not even one?

line, if you are reading these words on your computer or phone), act quickly. We expect to add a few more November/December trips in the July newsletter.

On The Road Again

By the time you read these words, Clayton will be on our first America's 250th Birthday tour, in greater Virginia. Mark and Tyler will be traveling The Mother Road honoring Route 66's centennial year. A group will be in San Diego and Scott will be making final preparations to lead folks to Costa Rica. Another round of trips leaves before the end of April, on a Columbia River Cruise, Philadelphia and New York plus the annual San Antonio adventure. RoseMarie, Maureen and Clayton host those.

Legroom & First Class Upgrades

Interest in upgraded accommodations on board the aircraft has gone up considerably in recent months. We are doing our best to keep up with your requests. See page 4 for more information on upgrading your seats. We provide upgraded seating strictly as a service to our travelers, Sports Leisure receives no compensation from the airlines for selling any ticket.

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So if the phones went crazy, is there anything left? The answer is yes. Only one tour, Scott's Winter in Yellowstone, is completely sold out. However, to be fair, some other new offerings have very limited space available. If you check out the back page, we have listed tours with limited space, to help you know what's left. The wise approach is, if you see something on the inside (or on



On the Oregon Coast/California Redwoods trip, you don't just walk on the ground among the redwoods. In Eureka, you walk on elevated pathways AMONG the trees. It's a view none of us have ever had! Awesome experience!

A "little excursion" into Iran is costing travelers \$\$\$

The President calls it "a little excursion," many others call it a war. But whatever you call it, know our military action in Iran is causing ripples throughout the world's economy.



Jet fuel has virtually doubled in price. Since airlines make their money off selling upgraded

seating, baggage fees and credit card rebates, and not off of airfares, those extra fuel costs have to be covered somehow.

So welcome to the world of **increased baggage fees**. In the last ten days, every major carrier increased their checked bag charges by \$10 each way. (It should be noted here that revenue from baggage fees is taxed much differently than other corporate revenue, so increasing the bag fees makes financial sense for the airlines.)

Are those fees temporary, and would they go away if fuel prices come down?

I don't have a crystal ball, but I can't imagine any circumstances under which the airlines would roll back these and any other surcharges they create.

So we pony up a few more dollars and head on our way. If you are registered for any announced tour (that includes trips into 2027 which are announced on these pages) at some point before departure you will be asked for that extra fee.

Motorcoach Fuel Surcharges

These are also starting to pop up. Diesel fuel is priced differently from gasoline and prices vary throughout the country, but at some point the bus companies will have to collect additional money to cover costs. Unlike the airlines, most bus companies use an "adjustable" fuel surcharge and I would expect those to come down if fuel prices recede in the months ahead. But it's possible you could be asked to pay a fuel surcharge prior to departure. Just trying to give some warning.

Nickel and Diming Travelers

Hotel surcharges (resort fees, amenity fees, hotels have lots of creative names for them) are often for things that used to be free, or cover things like local phone calls. (When was the last time you used a hotel phone to call anyplace except the front desk?) All pretty much bogus, but a way to add \$15-50 to each room night.

This is where we come in. We fight like crazy to get those bills removed from the hotel contracts. Most will waive the fee. If they don't, we make it clear we will choose a different hotel. That often makes the fee go away. My point here is that we don't just accept this garbage laying down. We fight against every "nickel and dime" attempt by travel providers. **We Stand up for our traveler's wallets every chance we get.** We are tough when it comes to **your** money.

Airline Seat Upgrades

Now that Southwest has abandoned the "sit in any seat" system and become just like other airlines in charging for seating assignments, more people are asking about upgrading from the back of the plane, not only on Southwest, but on other carriers as well. When you are dealing with a block of tickets like we are, the rules and procedures are a little different from an individual ticket.

The price of our tours includes airfare, but not any sort of premium seating. First Class, Economy or Comfort +, Preferred Seats (nothing special about them except they aren't in the very back of the plane) are all available to you at some point in the ticketing process. Check out page 4 for details on how (and when) to request an upgraded seat.

KVIE Speakers Series

For the second year in a row, **Sports Leisure** is sponsoring a special **Speaker's Series** presented by KVIE. The next up in the series is **Richard Glazier**, presenting **From Gershwin to Garland Live - A Musical Journey**, on Thursday, April 30th. He is followed by **Dusty Baker** (slated for early August), and **Julia and Bridget** from **America's Test Kitchen** in early December.

Tickets for Richard Galzer are still available

(\$65). Tickets/dates for the remaining two speakers will be on sale/announced soon.

The Activity Meter

You can find a copy of the **Activity Meter** on page 7. Recently, we have had a couple of situations where travelers got in over their heads on tour. They ignored the rating on a tour and went anyway. Neither of these situations ended well, with travelers being unhappy and unable to participate in the very things that attracted them to the trip in the first place.

Please, please take a look at the meter before booking. If you have any sort of mobility issue, take note of tours (rated 3 or 4) which have a lot of walking.

Don't assume "Sports Leisure will figure it out," because that simply is not the case sometimes. In some situations, there is no Plan B, because we never dreamed someone without the ability to climb into a boat would take a "4" rated tour. Or someone who can't walk 3 blocks with ease would register for a tour where the **tour description indicates there is a lot of walking**.

We want your travels with us to be memorable. Please be a smarter traveler and ask questions if you think you might be getting in over your head. I'm always here to chat if you want to know more about the activities on a trip.



Thanks to those who joined us at KVIE for Spring Preview Day. It's always nice to see old friends. Speaking of old friends, I hope some of you got to see **Jack Gallagher's Farewell Show** at The Sophia/B St. Theater. It was sentimental, funny and memorable. Now he's off to Cape Cod to enjoy retirement after 50 years of being an entertainer. Our best to Jack, who truly is an old friend of **Sports Leisure!**

And so it goes,

Mark Hoffmann, CTP
Owner/Founder (almost 47 years ago)

Hello Travelin' Friends!

As promised at Spring Preview Day, here's an update on all the **Tour Teasers** that were presented in our 2026 Dream Book. You can read the original announcements on pages 39-42 in the catalogue or online. It's not too late to add your name to any of these **Priority Notification Lists** (PNLs) by sending us an email to res@sportsleisure.com or calling the office.



Paris and Seine River Cruise – With Michael Downer's retirement, we do not have at this moment a person with the expertise to manage a group cruise and have necessarily put these plans on hold for the time being. I'll be headed to Europe this November to receive training in this area. It's a hard job, but someone has to do it!

The Hollywood Bowl – The date of "The Sound of Music" sing-along was changed to September 26, 2027 – the day before Vacation Preview Day – which makes it a no-go. We will revisit this idea in future years when our calendars jibe a bit better.

South Dakota was announced in the Jan/Feb newsletter. One room remains at press time.

Michigan & Mackinac – Despite a strong show of interest, sadly I just couldn't get our hotels to line up as needed for a 2026 departure. So I decided to get ahead of the pack and I booked 2027 instead. The dates are September 10-17 and feature a new itinerary spending three nights on Mackinac Island at the amazing Grand Hotel.

Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta was announced in the Jan/Feb newsletter. Three rooms remain at press time.

Niagara Falls & Canadian T'giving was announced in the Jan/Feb newsletter. The trip is sold out.

Copper Canyon was announced in the Jan/Feb newsletter. Seven rooms remain at press time.

Japan was announced in the March "in-between" newsletter. Ten rooms remain at press time.

Ireland – There was a strong show of interest, with a fall departure edging out spring by a few votes, but we just couldn't get the hotels to line up right. Watch for Ireland in the fall of '27 or '28. Also don't overlook a trip to nearby Scotland introduced in this newsletter's Teasers section. Scheduled for May 10-20, 2027, it includes the Highland Games at Gordon Castle.

Lapland is in active operations as we speak and will run the last week in June through the first week in July, 2027. Exact dates and details will be rolled out in future publications.

Whew! That was a lot! If your name is already on any of the PNLs for trips that have not yet been opened up for reservations, you will be notified when dates and prices are firm. As mentioned above, there's room

for extra names if you wish to add yours. Our primary method of notification is sending out an e-mail. Be sure to check your SPAM file regularly and add @sportsleisure.com to your SAFE SENDERS and SAFE DOMAINS lists. If you don't know how, just ask your grandchild or any passing 12-year-old!

I look forward to seeing you on the road in the months and years ahead. Until then, I remain...

"Your Tour Guy,"

Clayton Whitehead, CTP

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Tyler's Tech Tip: "The Screenshot"

On a regular basis, Tyler offers little tips to help you navigate your phone or computer. People will often ask you for a screenshot from your cell phone.

A screenshot is simply a picture of whatever is on your screen – and it's one of the easiest, most useful tools available to you for keeping a record of something.

Here's how to do it:

- On most iPhones: Press the Side Button + Volume Up at the same time
- On most Android phones: Press the Power Button + Volume Down

That's it... Now you can:

- ✓ Show a family member exactly what you're seeing
- ✓ Save travel confirmations or boarding passes
- ✓ Keep directions, tickets, or important info handy



The Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island – returning to the schedule – 2027!

The Barber Pole, or Once Over Lightly

Listening to Things on the Motorcoach (or Plane)

Recently, **United Airlines** revised their *Contract of Carriage*, which is the contract you agree to when you buy a ticket from an airline. United added the ability to remove passengers from aircraft who do not use headphones when watching/listening to videos/phone calls while flying. United stated it was the most complained about aspect of the entire flight experience, and they had decided to make a change.

When I spoke to a United PR type for **The Travel Guys**, I came away convinced they were serious. So if you are flying, you should bring a headset or earphones so you don't disturb those around you. I expect the other airlines will follow in short order.

A not-so-gentle reminder that we have the same policy on the motorcoach while traveling. If the Tour Director or Coach Driver asks you to wear a headset and silence your phone, it isn't a request. It is a policy. Second time offenders, or those who ignore the initial request will be removed from the tour at the first opportunity and sent home on what would be your last **Sports Leisure** trip.

Using your tech devices to listen to something in public is just inconsiderate to others. Let's all do our best to be considerate of others in confined spaces., or share the out loud stuff when you are outdoors or in the privacy of your own hotel room.

Aisle Seat Requests

Frequently, on theater or baseball trips, travelers request an aisle seat. This also happens on air flights. Here's the problem. We often have a limited number of aisle seats (or none at all). If we accept requests, and try to fulfill those, it isn't fair to other travelers. Aisle seats are coveted, and they are distributed at random.

If sitting on the aisle is important to you when flying, request an upgrade as noted on this page. At ballparks, theaters, etc., if you must have an aisle because of a disability, **you should request ADA seating at the time you reserve your seat on the trip.**

AIRLINE UPGRADES

UPGRADE TO:

First Class

Extra Leg Room Seats

Preferred Seats

WHEN TO REQUEST UPGRADE:

At the time of reservation

At the time of reservation

At the time of reservation

(no extra space, just not in the very back of the plane, confirmed seat location)

Notes: You can request an upgrade at any time, but for the best chance of success, we recommend the earlier the better. Non-First Class requests cannot be confirmed until our group is ticketed, generally 45 days before departure. If you wish to purchase your own air (or use points/miles), you can do so. You are still eligible for home pick-up, **as long as you depart and return on the same flights/times as the rest of the group.**

We are happy to give you a credit for airfare if you wish to handle your own arrangements. **You must tell us you are providing your own airfare at the time you make your reservation for the tour to receive the credit.**

When our staff confirms your upgrade, payment is due. Prices change on a daily basis with the airlines. Also, this type of service is very time consuming on our end, so we can only offer it once per traveler, per trip. When you request an upgrade, you should be prepared to accept/decline immediately.

If your upgrade is not confirmed: You will receive a refund. We cannot guarantee upgrades.

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From this date forward, please don't be offended if you ask your Tour Director or the office staff for an aisle seat, and they repeat the policy stated here. WE try to be as fair as

we can to **all** travelers. If there is a special issue, we will do our best to accommodate you.



Teasers – 2026 & 2027

Drop us a line if you see something that strikes your fancy on the list below at res@sportsleisure.com (or you can certainly call the office). We'll add your name to the **Priority Notification List**, assuring that you'll be among the first to know when the trip opens up for reservations. This is but a partial list of our upcoming plans – watch for more in the next newsletter, including updates on Teasers published in the 2026 Dream Book!

Death Valley

4 Days • November 3-6, 2026

Embark on a three-night desert adventure that begins and ends in Las Vegas. After arriving, we'll enjoy lunch on the way to the majestic Mojave Desert. Our first stop in the valley is the Furnace Creek Visitor Center for an introduction to the dramatic landscapes and rich history of Death Valley. Our next three nights will be spent at the iconic **Ranch at Death Valley**.

Over the following two days, we'll explore the beauty of the valley, visiting some of its most breathtaking highlights, including Zabriskie Point, Dante's View, Badwater Basin, Artists Drive and the vibrant colors of Artists Palette. Along the way, we'll stop for lunch at Stovepipe Wells Resort – an oasis of rustic charm surrounded by sweeping dunes and rugged mountains.

Evenings bring the magic of the desert sky, offering unforgettable stargazing opportunities. For those craving even more adventure, optional horseback riding provides a thrilling way to experience the valley from a new perspective. As we journey back to Las Vegas, we'll enjoy lunch at Artisan Cellars in Pahrump.

Bonnie Scotland

Featuring the Highland Games at Gordon Castle

11 Days • May 10-20, 2027

Springtime in Scotland is absolutely breathtaking as winter releases its grip on the rocky, rugged landscape and the heather starts to bloom. This comprehensive itinerary includes hotel stays in Edinburgh,

Aberdeen, Inverness, Fort William and Glasgow. Sightseeing features Edinburgh Castle, Palace of Holyroodhouse, Royal Yacht Britannia, Johnnie Walker Distillery Experience, St. Andrew's Castle, Cathedral and Old Course visits, the Scottish Highlands, Balmoral Castle, Haddo House, Dunrobin Castle, Loch Ness cruise, Urquhart Castle and visits to a beef cattle farm (Highland Coos!) and sheep farm (along with the hard-working sheepdogs who keep them in line).

The central focus of the itinerary is a full day at Gordon Castle near the village of Fochabers. Here we'll attend a traditional Highland Games event including VIP seating in the gaming arena and access to the hospitality tent where oh-so-proper tea, biscuits, cakes and lunch are served.

Obama's Chicago

3 or 4 Days • Spring or Fall, 2027

President Barack Obama made history in so many ways. He and his family were a source of pride not only in our country, but around the globe. His Presidential Library and Museum are scheduled to open in the summer of 2026. Who would like to be among the first to see it? While there, we'll certainly explore some of the Windy City's other iconic sites and experiences such as an architectural cruise on the Chicago River, a night of theatre, world-class museums (like the Art Institute, Shedd Aquarium or Field Museum of Natural History). Accommodations will be in the posh **Radisson Blu** Aqua near Navy Pier. Check it out online. It's a modern architectural masterpiece, quite fitting for this city of remarkable, trend-setting structures. Please let us know what month or season you would prefer.

Salt Lake City's Iconic Temple

3 or 4 Days • April through October, 2027

The central focal point of Salt Lake City, and indeed the entire Church of Latter-day Saints, is the iconic Temple located downtown, appropriately enough on Temple

Square. It has not been open to the public since it was completed and consecrated in 1893. All of that changes next year. The structure is currently undergoing a major structural restoration. When complete, for six months only before reconsecration, the Temple will be open to the public so that everyone can experience the magnificence of this historic and iconic sacred space. While there we'll visit other church offerings such as the FamilySearch Library and attend a live performance by the famed Tabernacle Choir! Outside the city, we'll marvel at Utah's exquisite nature on display at Buffalo Point, Little Cottonwood Canyon, Red Butte Garden and take a drive on the Bison Herd Loop. Accommodations will be downtown – first choice is the **Hilton Downtown**. If this trip interests you, please let us know what month or season you would prefer.

Experience British Columbia by Land, Sea & Rail

One Unforgettable Journey

June 7-15, 2027 • 9 Days

Set out on a breathtaking nine-day adventure showcasing the best of British Columbia by land, sea, and rail. Begin in vibrant Vancouver before unwinding at Harrison Hot Springs and traveling through the dramatic Fraser Canyon into historic Gold Rush country. Explore lively Barkerville then settle into the comfort of Via Rails Skeena as we pass by Smithers and the famed Hudson Bay Glacier following the mighty Skeena River to Prince Rupert. Cruise the legendary Inside Passage to Port Hardy. Journey Vancouver Island's coastline, visiting coastal towns and experiencing Victoria's charm before returning to Vancouver for your flight home.

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Daycations & Theatre Outings

The Three Musketeers

Fallon House Theatre, Columbia

Saturday, May 9 – 2 pm

Norman Allen's exhilarating adaptation of *The Three Musketeers* returns home! Bursting with romance, rebellion and razor-sharp wit, this bold retelling of Alexandre Dumas' beloved tale is packed with high-stakes swordplay, heart and heroism. Join D'Artagnan and the legendary Musketeers – Athos, Porthos, and Aramis – as they battle betrayal and fight for honor in a production where loyalty is tested, identities are mistaken, and every moment crackles with theatrical flair. We will enjoy lunch prior to the show. **\$168**

Mrs. Doubtfire – The Musical

Gallo Center Theatre, Modesto

Thursday, May 21 – 7 pm

Experience the often hilarious, always heartwarming journey of Mrs. Doubtfire, San Francisco's favorite nanny, as she learns that home is truly where the heart is. One of the most anticipated theatrical productions of the past few seasons, *Mrs. Doubtfire – The Musical* showcases a talented cast and a captivating score that brings the familiar story to life in a fresh and exciting way. Audiences can expect to be entertained by memorable songs and stunning choreography that pay homage to the beloved film, while adding a new layer of theatrical brilliance. **\$252**

Narrow Gauge Railroad and Firehouse Museums in the Foothills

Nevada City

Monday, June 29

All aboard train enthusiasts! Enjoy two museums and a Railbus ride in Nevada City. Take the completely restored historic Railbus 97 from the Nevada County Narrow Gauge Railroad (NCNGRR) Museum, through the Inn Town Campground, to the Northern Queen Inn and return to the museum, paralleling a portion of the railroad's original route. The museum exhibits a collection of

railroad and aviation artifacts, photographs and documents for visitors and historians alike. Exhibits include the NCNGRR Engine 5, rolling stock, an early steam automobile and other examples of Nevada County's transportation history. We will also visit the historic Firehouse No. 1 Museum which is a diamond located in the heart of historic downtown Nevada City. The museum holds many of Nevada County's hidden treasures and is a must-stop for all who visit the area. This trip includes lunch at a popular local restaurant. **\$144**

Dracula

Orpheum Theatre, San Francisco

Saturday, July 11 – 1 pm

Dracula is a multi-award-winning ballet by the West Australian Ballet, co-produced with Queensland Ballet, featuring a darkly gothic love story set to a magnificent orchestral score. Based on Bram Stoker's classic novel and choreographed by Krzysztof Pastor, the production is celebrated for its powerful storytelling, opulent set and costume design, and captivating score, making it a favorite among audiences both in Australia and internationally. Join us to be one of the first to see this international ballet company and this unique presentation in the US. The trip includes a boxed lunch enroute to San Francisco, orchestra seating and a no-host dinner stop in either North Beach or Pier 39 following the matinee. **\$202**

Great Balls of Fire

East Sonora Theatre

Saturday, August 1 – 2 pm

After igniting stages across the country as Jerry Lee Lewis in *Million Dollar Quartet*, Jason Cohen brings his ivory-smashing, high-octane performance to a brand-new theatrical concert entitled *Great Balls of Fire*. With a band of world-class multi-instrumentalist singer-musicians, Cohen dives into the music that shaped rock 'n' roll. You'll hear Jerry Lee Lewis' hits alongside the sounds of Elvis, Johnny Cash and Buddy Holly, along with the gospel and New Orleans rhythms that inspired them all.

Lunch is included before the show. **\$179**

A Day on the Bay at The Marine Mammal Center

Sausalito

Tuesday, August 4

Come and join us for a guided walking tour of The Marine Mammal Center, a private, non-profit organization established in 1975 for the purpose of rescuing, rehabilitating and releasing marine mammals who are injured, sick or abandoned. Founded in Sausalito by Lloyd Smalley, Pat Arrigoni and Paul Maxwell, TMMC has rescued over 28,000 marine mammals in the past 40 years. Your visit today supports their ongoing work. After the tour we will enjoy lunch at The Spinnaker Restaurant which is the perfect spot for great food and a breathtaking view of the Bay. The afternoon is completed with some time to sightsee and shop in downtown Sausalito, or simply sit and savor a lovely day on the Bay. **\$179**

Grand Ladies in The City

San Francisco

Thursday, August 13

See some of the most alluring Victorian-era buildings San Francisco has to offer. Your step-on guide, Suzy Abbott, will meet you at Peace Plaza situated in the largest Japantown in the U.S. From there you'll visit the elegant Queen Anne Hotel located in Pacific Heights. Here you will see period art and antiques as you tour the hotel's public spaces and guests rooms. You will continue your trip back in time at the Haas-Lilienthal House, designed by Peter R. Schmidt in 1886. As the only period home open to the public in San Francisco, the house

The Giants at Oracle Park

Every single seat for every game on our schedule for the rest of the year is **sold out**. You are welcome to put your name on the wait list for any game. For a list of all games, go online to <http://www.sportsleisure.com>, or call the office.



beautifully exemplifies upper-middle class life in the late 19th Century. Enjoy a mouth-watering San Francisco lunch at Max's Opera House before a visit to The Reutlinger House, a faithfully restored c. 1886 Italianate residence located in historic Alamo Square. A truly Grand Tour in The City. **\$222 (these are historic sites and do have stairs)**

Peter Pan Goes Wrong

Fallon House Theatre, Columbia

Saturday, September 12 – 2 pm

From the creators of the worldwide smash *The Play That Goes Wrong* comes their most ambitious disaster yet. The Cornley Drama Society is back, and this time they're taking on J.M. Barrie's beloved classic, *Peter Pan*. What could possibly go right? With flying mishaps, collapsing sets and more missed cues than a rehearsal gone haywire, *Peter Pan Goes Wrong* is a high-wire comedy of errors that will leave you howling with laughter. The cast is earnest, the stakes are high, and the results are gloriously, ridiculously wrong. Critics have called it "gut-busting" and "deliciously daft." Sierra Rep brings you this West End and Broadway hit for a side-splitting romp you'll never forget. Lunch is included prior to the show. **\$168**

The Sacred Stones of New Clairvaux

New Clairvaux Abbey and Vineyard

Tuesday, October 6

Spend a spirited day in the northern corner of the valley. We will head to lunch at the Sierra Nevada Taproom in Chico, then continue on to witness the amazing Sacred Stones at the New Clairvaux Abbey in Vina. Lovingly recreated with 13th century stone fragments from the Spanish Cistercian monastery of Santa Maria de Ovila, you'll be surprised to learn Leland Stanford and William Randolph Hurst also played a role in this amazing project. Take a guided tour of the abbey followed by a visit to the winery for a tour and tasting. You will have time to see the stunning vistas, enjoy the koi pond and visit the gift shop where you may find that perfect treasure. On the way home we will make a pit stop at Granzella's Gourmet and Gifts in Williams. **\$170**

Fleet Day on the Bay

San Francisco

Saturday, October 10

Celebrate and enjoy 2026 Fleet Week Air Show with a cruise and scrumptious buffet lunch served aboard one of Hornblower's comfortable vessels on San Francisco Bay. The two-hour cruise is timed to include the performance of the U.S. Navy's exciting air acrobatic team, the Blue Angels. This is a patriotic and memorable way to spend an autumn day on the Bay! **\$246**

Oh, Mary!

Curran Theatre, San Francisco

Saturday, October 17 – 1 pm

Oh Mary! is a darkly comedic reimagining of Mary Todd Lincoln's life in the days leading up to Abraham Lincoln's assassination, blending historical figures

with campy humor. The play portrays Mary Todd Lincoln as a temperamental, alcoholic and discontented first lady, desperate to reclaim her past as a cabaret performer while trapped in an unhappy marriage with Abraham Lincoln, who is secretly grappling with his own suppressed desires and the pressures of the Civil War. Two-time Tony Award winner for Best Performance by a Leading Actor in a Play and Best Direction of a Play, the trip includes a boxed lunch served onboard the coach on the way to San Francisco, Orchestra seating and no host dinner stop after the matinee. **\$244**

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ACTIVITY METER

- 1 Leisurely:** Leisurely – A tour that can be enjoyed by all requiring a minimal amount of walking on city streets and generally level surfaces. There could be a few stairs. A theater daytrip is an example.
- 2 Moderate:** A tour with some walking activities, standing/strolling at attractions and museums, and some stair climbing. A daytrip to the ballpark or a museum exhibition, and short regional trips are examples. A moderate trip could include air or rail transportation and navigating through airports/stations.
- 3 Active:** A tour which includes longer walks and/or walks on uneven surfaces. Days could be longer including air travel days with layovers. Some of your time could be spent at destinations with high altitudes. This is the level for most of our long-distance domestic and Canadian tours, vacations featuring national parks, and the minimum level for an overseas international trip. You should be able to walk 3-6 city blocks in a timely fashion a few times per day. You could find a flight of stairs without handrails, uneven nature trails and the like. Tours with a seaplane or jeep ride, and the ability to climb into the plane/jeep, along with longer rail journeys fall into this category.
- 4 Energetic:** A tour with an emphasis on walking and other physical activities. Most overseas tours fit in this category, as well as many metropolitan domestic tours (New York and Washington, DC, especially). Expect long plane flights and walking longer distances at connections and/or customs. You might have to climb into a boat, carriage or train. You should not consider a tour on this level if you need wheelchair assistance at the airport or other places.
- 5 Challenging:** Tours like these are designed with daily physical activities like hiking and other vigorous pursuits. They can be great travel experiences, but are not typical of most **Sports Leisure Vacations** trips.

The Tour Calendar (Previously Announced)

Find full itineraries for all vacations at
www.sportsleisure.com
or by calling the office!

Boston to the Shores of Old Cape Cod

Visit Boston, Martha's Vineyard, Provincetown and Nantucket

8 Days • June 5-12

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★ Highlights ★

- 2 nights each Boston, Provincetown, Nantucket; overnight Hyannis
- Ride the ferry to Provincetown and the famous Swan Boats on Boston Common
- Guided tours of Boston, Provincetown, Cape Cod National Seashore, Nantucket and Martha's Vineyard
- Whale Watching Cruise with a naturalist
- Tour the JFK Presidential Library, visit the USS Constitution and Museum
- 14 meals, including a lobster feast, round trip air to/from Boston, home pick-up
- 5300/6150 Gold Passport Points

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The Oregon Coast to the Redwoods

Featuring rides on Oregon's Rogue River and coastal sand dunes

7 Days • June 15-21

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Fly to Portland, then make your way back down the most Spectacular coast in the country, stopping for adventure along the way. From the beautiful coastal redwoods to the scenic Rogue River to the dunes and sparkling ocean beaches, it's a great adventure, at a leisurely pace, featuring two 2-night hotel stays.

★ Highlights ★

- Evergreen Aviation Museum – See the Howard Hughes' original *Spruce Goose*
- Behind-the-scenes visit to the Oregon Aquarium
- Educational Cruise on Newport Harbor
- 2 nights Newport at the Hallmark Hotel –



In Coos Bay, visit *Washed Ashore*, where they make incredible art out of ocean garbage

every room with an ocean view; 2 nights at The Edgewater Resort in Coos Bay; overnight Gold River and Eureka

- Ride the Sand Dunes in a giant Dune buggy...or take a more adventurous ride in a smaller buggy
 - Stroll the gardens and enjoy the ocean views at Shore Acres State Park
 - Ride a Rogue River Mailboat
 - Redwoods National Park Visitors Center
 - Guided drive on the "Avenue of the Giants" in California's Humboldt State Park
 - 14 meals: 3 breakfasts, 3 full breakfasts, 4 lunches, 4 dinners
 - Fly to Portland and drive home with door-to-door service
 - 3950/4500 Gold Passport Points
- \$3925 p.p./dbl.occ., \$4495 single**

The Calgary Stampede & The Canadian Rockies

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Experience the "Greatest Outdoor Show on Earth" and the majestic Rocky Mountains

7 Days • July 7-13

Four nights in Banff in the breathtaking Rocky Mountains and 2 nights in Calgary for the Stampede festivities highlight this package. Less hotel changing and more sightseeing!

★ Highlights ★

- Reserved seating for the Calgary Stampede Grandstand Show, plus the Chuckwagon Races and Rodeo
 - Lake Louise, the most photographed lake in the world
 - Yoho National Park and the dramatic Natural Bridge
 - Ride the Sulphur Mountain Gondola and enjoy panoramic views of the Rockies
 - Lunch at Chateau Lake Louise
 - Lake Minnewanka Cruise aboard the *Alberta Explorer*
 - Icefields Parkway and Athabasca Glacier Tour
 - 11 meals: 6 full breakfasts, 1 lunch, 4 dinners
 - Roundtrip airfare to/from Calgary; Door-to-door service
 - 7000/8550 Gold Passport Points
- \$6995 p.p./dbl.occ., \$8550 single**
This tour requires a valid passport

Mainly Maine – Lobsters and Lighthouses

Pristine coastline, lush woodlands, rugged mountains, animals in the wild – this is nature at its best!

7 Days • August 20-26

3

★ Highlights ★

- 2 nights in Portland's Old Port and Bar Harbor
- Overnights in Bethel and Bath
- Guided tours of Portland, Kennebunkport and Acadia National Park
- Take a scenic boat trip to learn about the lobster industry plus an aquaculture/wildlife cruise
- Join a moose-viewing expedition in the western mountains
- Attend a performance of the "Great Maine Lumberjack Show"
- Abbe and Maine Maritime Museums, Maine Cabin Masters Headquarters

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- 13 meals: breakfast daily, 2 lunches, 5 dinners including TWO lobsterbakes!
- Roundtrip airfare to/from Portland, ME, door-to-door airport service
- 5250/6150 Gold Passport Points
\$5220 p.p./dbl.occ., \$6135 single

Mexico's Copper Canyon

From Ancient Ruins to Ocean Views –

One Journey, Endless Wonders

11 Days • October 11-21

4

★ Highlights ★

- Aerial Tram of Copper Canyon – Glide across the Barrancas del Cobre, descending nearly 4,500 ft for jaw-dropping views
- UNESCO World Heritage Site Paquimé – Explore the maze-like adobe ruins, ceremonial mounds, and ancient structures of this Mogollon culture city
- Posada Barrancas – Stay perched on the rim of the Copper Canyon with panoramic vistas from your room
- Walking Tour of Álamos – Stroll cobblestone streets in this colonial National Monument, rich with history and charm
- Rail Journey on “Chihuahua al Pacífico” (El Chepe) – One of the world’s most scenic train rides, winding through tunnels, bridges, and mountain passes
- Marine Excursion on the Sea of Cortez – Cruise the “Aquarium of the World”
- Pearl Farm in Guaymas – Learn the delicate art of cultivating Sea of Cortez pearls
- Sightseeing in Hermosillo, Álamos, El Fuerte, Copper Canyon, and Casa Grandes – Each destination offers its own blend of culture, history, and scenery
- Folkloric & Educational Programs



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- Engage with local traditions through music, dance, and artisan demonstrations
- Bilingual Tour Guide – Expert narration and assistance throughout your journey
- 25 meals: 10 breakfasts, 7 lunches, 8 dinners, all featuring regional flavors
- Roundtrip Airfare to/from Phoenix; Door-to-door service
- 5000/5800 Gold Passport Points
\$4960 p.p./dbl.occ., \$5755 single
This tour requires a valid passport

Japan: History, Culture & Autumn Splendor

Featuring Osaka, Kyoto, Hiroshima and Fukuoka

11 Days • November 9-19

4

★ Highlights ★

- Roundtrip airfare to/from Osaka on Hawaiian Airlines
- 3 days in Osaka, including visit to Osaka Castle
- Tour of Gion (Geisha) District in Kyoto
- Visit to Hiroshima Atomic Bomb Dome & the Peace Memorial Park
- Walking Tour in Fukuoka
- 2 Shinkansen (bullet train) rides
- 15 meals: 7 full breakfasts, 2 lunches, 6 dinners
- Roundtrip airfare to Osaka/from Fukuoka or Osaka
- Door-to-door airport transportation
- 11,380/13,050 Gold Passport Points

1-2. Your adventure begins as we depart Sacramento on Hawaiian Airlines, connecting through Honolulu before continuing on to Osaka. We'll arrive in the evening, where our warm and knowledgeable partners at Kanazawa Tours will greet us. After a welcome dinner, we'll settle into our Osaka hotel. **Hotel Royal Classic Osaka – 3 nights (D)**

3. This morning we explore Osaka Castle, it's white walls and gold accents inviting you into centuries of samurai history. Then we rise above the city at Tsutenkaku Tower, where sweeping views reveal the energy and scale of Osaka. Tonight, enjoy a lively sumo-themed show paired with a bento dinner. **(FB,D)**

4. We begin with a walking tour through Namba and Dotonbori, two of Osaka's most

iconic districts – bright, bustling, and full of character. After lunch, we'll dive into a cultural experience such as calligraphy, a tea ceremony, or a sword demonstration. The evening is yours to explore. **(FB,L)**

5. Travel by motorcoach to Kyoto. Our first stop is the shimmering Kinkaku-ji (Golden Pavilion), once the lavish retreat of a 14th-century shogun. After settling in, we'll explore Gion after dark – Kyoto's legendary geisha district – followed by a special geisha dinner experience. **Rinn Gion Shirakawa Kyoto – 2 nights (FB,D)**

6. Spend the day on a docent-guided tour of Kyoto, the former imperial capital and the cultural soul of Japan. This afternoon and evening enjoy free time for shopping, wandering or simply soaking in Kyoto's electric atmosphere. **(L)**

7. This morning we visit Kiyomizu-dera, one of Kyoto's most beloved temples, before boarding the Shinkansen (bullet train) to Hiroshima. Tonight, **Hotel Granvia Hiroshima – 1 night (D)**

8. Start the day at the Atomic Bomb Dome and Peace Memorial Park, a powerful and reflective part of Japan's modern history. After free time in the afternoon, we cross Hiroshima Bay to Miyajima, where we'll check into our island hotel and enjoy dinner together. **Itsukushima Iroha Hiroshima – 1 night (FB,D)**

9. Enjoy a relaxed morning before we travel by boat back to Hiroshima and board the Shinkansen once more, this time bound for Fukuoka's Hakata Station. **Miyako Hotel Hakata Fukuoka – 2 nights (FB)**

10. A guided walking tour introduces you to Fukuoka, Kyushu's largest city and a rising star in Japan's culinary world. The afternoon is free for you to seek out fresh seafood, local markets or seaside strolls. Tonight, we gather for a farewell dinner to celebrate our journey and the memories we've made. **(FB,D)**

11. After breakfast we begin our journey home. We plan to fly from Fukuoka to Osaka or Tokyo, then onward to Honolulu and Sacramento. If flights from Fukuoka are unavailable, we'll travel by land to Osaka and depart from there. **(FB)**

\$11,580 p.p./dbl.occ., \$13,050 single

This tour requires a valid passport

New Vacations & Getaways

California Dream Inn' in Santa Cruz

Wake up to the waves

3 Days • September 8-10

3

A favorite for **Sports Leisure** travelers for years, the **Dream Inn** is best loved for its relaxed vibe and stunning oceanfront rooms. It is the perfect place to reset, relax and unwind with the Santa Cruz Wharf and the Beach Boardwalk just a short stroll away. Close your eyes and imagine yourself on your private balcony, drifting off to the rhythmic sound of the Pacific waves...

1. Your beach getaway to Santa Cruz begins with door-to-door pick-up at your home. The driver will take you to the **Sports Leisure** office where we will meet prior to the motorcoach departure. After lunch we arrive at our oceanfront accommodations. We'll cap off the day with a group dinner and a toast to our relaxing, refreshing journey ahead. **Dream Inn – 2 nights (L,D)**

2. After a leisurely morning breakfast at the hotel, we head into the Santa Cruz mountains to the **Roaring Camp Railroad**. *The Redwood Forest Steam Train* will take us through towering groves of giant redwoods and ancient trees. Lunch on your own follows in the vibrant and colorful town of **Capitola**. Your day concludes with a dinner at **The Crow's Nest**. (B,D)

3. On your final morning, you have one last chance to savor the seaside views from the hotel before we make our way back to Sacramento. We'll stop for lunch at **Poppy Ridge**, a tasteful spot in the hills of Livermore with panoramic views of the golf course and surrounding vines. Our last stop will be a sweet one – **Ghirardelli Chocolate** in Lathrop. (Spoiler alert! They have an ice cream shop, too!) We can't think of a better way to end your dreamy, seaside retreat. 1850/2050 Gold Passport Points (B,L)

\$1840 p.p./dbl.occ., \$2045 single

Thanksgiving in New York

It's the most wonderful time of the year for visiting *The Big Apple!*

6 Days • November 22-27

4

★ Highlights ★

- 5 nights at the Marriott Marquis Hotel on Times Square
- See two Broadway shows
- Radio City Music Hall Rockettes *Christmas Spectacular*
- Theatre talk with nationally-syndicated critic Peter Filichia
- Visit Liberty and Ellis Islands
- Experience the Museum of Broadway
- Tour the 9/11 Memorial Museum and take in the view at One World Observatory
- See the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade

- 6 memorable meals featuring a spectacular Thanksgiving dinner cruise aboard the *Bateaux New York*
- Round trip airfare to LaGuardia/from Newark
- Home pick-up and return
- 6050/6750 Gold Passport Points

1. As Thanksgiving ushers in the Christmas season, you'll be in the middle of it all as you check-in to New York's best address **located directly on Times Square**.

5 nights – Marriott Marquis (D)

2. Begin your exploration of The Big Apple at the Museum of Broadway, a spectacular repository of all things theatre from the age of Vaudeville and the Ziegfeld Follies to the present. Then head to lunch with syndicated theatre critic Peter Filichia to learn what's hot and what's not on the Great White Way. A drive Uptown will encircle Central Park and include stops at Strawberry Fields and Lincoln Center. The afternoon ends at Rockefeller Center to see the iconic Channel Gardens, the window displays at Saks Fifth Avenue and of course St. Patrick's Cathedral. The evening is yours to explore. Monday is a great night to expand your theatrical horizons with an additional on or off-Broadway show. (L)

3. Travel like a real New Yorker – by subway – Downtown for sightseeing focusing on the past and present of the World Trade Center. There you'll visit the 9/11 Memorial Museum and take in the breathtaking views from One World Observatory located high atop the 1776-foot-tall building dubbed "Freedom Tower." Tonight is your first evening on Broadway. It's Choose Your Own Show night, which means literally what it says. Musical or play. On or off-Broadway. You pick the show and we'll buy the tickets. (L)

4. Take a morning adventure to Liberty and Ellis Islands by subway and ferry. The afternoon is yours for personal exploration. How about a visit to one of the city's world-class museums or shopping on famed Fifth



Two nights in your oceanfront room at The Dream Inn, can't get better than that!

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Avenue? The family-style Italian dinner at Carmine's is a New York tradition, followed by tickets for another night on the Great White Way. We'll announce our choice a little deeper into Tony Awards season. **(D)**

5. It's the exciting Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade! Join the anxious throngs on the streets or watch on television in the comfort (and warmth!) of your room. The parade route is along 6th Avenue only one block from the hotel. In the afternoon, journey to Radio City Music Hall for the *Rockettes Christmas Spectacular*. A Thanksgiving dinner cruise follows aboard the elegant glass-roofed *Bateaux New York* featuring excellent food, live music and great sightseeing as the stars come out over the stunning skyline. **(D)**

6. Black Friday brings our adventure to a close with a visit to chic Hudson Yards and the High Line, an elevated city park that kinks and curves for one and a half miles through the trendy Meatpacking District. After lunch it's a short drive to Newark for our direct flight back to Sacramento. **(L)**

\$6025 p.p./dbl.occ., \$6730 single

A Festival of Lights – Thanksgiving at The Mission Inn

Over 10 million lights decorate the grounds – and you are there!

3 Days • November 25-27

2

For over three decades, **The Mission Inn Hotel & Spa's Festival of Lights** has captivated the hearts of the SoCal Inland Empire community and is a cherished holiday tradition, earning the title of "Best Public Lights Display" by USA Today. Celebrated annually from late November through early January, the event features over 10 million twinkling lights and festive decorations.

The Main Street Pedestrian Mall transforms into a cheerful Christmas Bazaar filled with food and music while locals sell festive creations. Watch the skaters on the downtown rink. Browse the shops for the perfect holiday gift. The Festival has something for every kind of holiday spirit. It is completely and totally stunning!

Of course, we will have a grand

Thanksgiving dinner and you'll have time to enjoy the Inn and the grounds. There's even a historic guided tour of the hotel, shopping at a small, local holiday market and a surprise attraction to be announced. What an amazing holiday trip this will be! Reserve early as this experience might go quickly. Package includes round trip air (Ontario), motorcoach transportation, accommodations, 5 meals (2 breakfasts, 2 lunches, Thanksgiving dinner), attraction admissions and the services of a **Sports Leisure** Tour Director.

Due to the lack of availability of Thanksgiving airfares until April 10, pricing is not yet available. Register without obligation to secure your space.

A Cowboy Country Christmas

Holiday shenanigans deep in the heart of Texas

5 Days • December 1-5

3

This was our Christmas Mystery Tour destination in 2024. It was one of the highest rated Mystery Tours ever, so we are bringing it back as a known destination. **Grapevine, Texas** is where you are headed. It's one of the most historical towns in Lone Star State, nestled between Dallas, DFW Airport and Fort Worth. Easy to get to, and lots of simple, traditional Christmas fun at a fair price!

★ Highlights ★

- 4 nights at the Embassy Suites Hotel, complimentary cocktails nightly
- ICE! – The unique **indoor** Christmas exhibit that is a bit chilly
- Big Band Swing Concert
- Texas Star Dinner Theater – a holiday-themed Murder Mystery (hopefully the victim **isn't one of our group**)
- Reserved bleacher seats for the Parade of Lights
- Time to browse the shops on historic Main Street
- Tour Fort Worth – experience the **live cattle drive** and have lunch in town – great holiday shopping here as well
- Wine Tasting at award-winning Messina Hof Winery
- 11 meals (4 full breakfasts, 2 lunches, 4 dinners, 1 high tea)



The Mission Inn during the holidays, MILLIONS of Christmas lights



- Round trip air to/from DFW and door-to-door service
- 3000/3400 Gold Passport Points
\$2990 p.p./dbl.occ., \$3395 single

Puttin' on the Ritz for Christmas

Featuring a visit to Filoli House & Garden dressed in her holiday best

3 Days • December 6-8 or 13-15

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1. Relish in the style and convenience of being picked up at your home and driven to the **Sports Leisure Vacation** office where you will board our comfortable motorcoach for the drive to the coast. Savor a Champagne Sunday Brunch in Foster City before continuing on to the charming town of Half Moon Bay. You will have time to browse the shops before checking into your hotel which resembles a grand European country estate set on a rocky bluff overlooking the Pacific Ocean. **Ritz Carlton Resort Half Moon Bay – 2 nights (BR)**

2. During your free morning at the resort you're invited to sample the amenities including a coastal trail, beach, gas fire pits overlooking the ocean, a fitness center, indoor pool, hot tub and sauna. A wide variety of spa services are available for an additional cost. Lunch will be hosted, followed in the evening with a visit to Filoli House & Garden all decked out with twinkling lights and festive decorations for the holidays. **(L)**

3. Lunch hosted at a popular seafood restaurant in Half Moon Bay before departing the coast for the return ride to Sacramento. 2000/2400 Gold Passport Points **(L)**

\$1970 p.p./dbl.occ., \$2370 single

Cambria Christmas Markets

Your Winter Wonderland on the Coast

3 Days • December 9-11

4

Time to get your holiday sweaters out and join us for this all-motorcoach trip to the Central Coast for **Cambria's Christmas Markets and Holiday Lights**, which is considered "one of the best in Central California." Step into your personal Winter Wonderland and immerse yourself in the holiday spirit with more than 3 million twinkling lights. Stroll through the German-

inspired Christmas Markets to find hand-crafted gifts, listen to live carolers and cozy up with a cup of hot apple cider. This year we are returning to a familiar place, **The Apple Farm Inn** in San Luis Obispo, where its old-fashioned Victorian charm and hospitality will be ours for two nights. Expert guides will bring the storied history of **Hearst Castle** to life on the Grand Rooms Tour where all the rooms will be decked out in holiday style.

1. Depart from the **Sports Leisure Vacations** office and travel in comfort onboard our comfortable Lux motorcoach. There will be a stop for lunch along the way before arriving at your hotel home. After settling in, head out for an included dinner at **The Cambria Pines Lodge**, the location of the Christmas Markets and Lights. After dinner you will have an opportunity to enjoy the lights and markets. **The Apple Farm Inn – 2 nights (L,D)**

2. Following your included breakfast at the Inn, take a short ride to the San Simeon estate of newspaper mogul William Randolph Hearst. Your docent-led tour of **Hearst Castle** will take you through the Grand Rooms all decked out for the holiday

season as Mr. Hearst's guests enjoyed them in the 1920s and 1930s. After your visit to the castle, lunch is served in the charming town of **Cambria**. Late this afternoon a short drive takes us to **Sensorio at Paso Robles**, home of the world-renowned **Field of Lights**. Over 100,000 stemmed spheres illuminate the rolling hills like bioluminescent flowers. Holiday-themed food, live music and seasonal displays make this visit magical. **(B,L)**

3. Take your memories of the holiday lights and festivities with you as you leave Cambria this morning. After your included lunch at **Harris Ranch** we arrive back at the **Sports Leisure Vacations** office to your awaiting cars to take you home. 1650/1750 Gold Passport Points **(B,L)**

\$1615 p.p./dbl.occ., \$1745 single

Our 25th Annual Christmas Mystery Tour

5 Days • December 10-14

3

This is, without any doubt, one of the most sought-ever reservations on the tour calendar each year. Only 32 can go. To many, the concept of buying a vacation



Christmas at the Hearst Castle

where you don't know where you are going is...well...beyond ridiculous. But to those travelers who have been many, many places, and would like a place that is new, or at least new at Christmas, is an attractive concept.

To give you an idea...last year, we went to the **Richmond-Virginia Beach-Norfolk** area of Virginia. We saw lights on the beach and on a battleship, and got caught in a bit of snow in Richmond. But I think most who joined us had a great time. The year before, we went to **Grapevine, Texas**. The trip was so popular, we are repeating it this year as a known destination (see it in these pages). We went to **Minnesota** the year before that. Gosh that was cold, but it sure felt Christmasy!

So where are we going this year? Here are some clues: If Santa had his choice, he would no doubt vacation here with Ms. Claus and the elves on a regular basis. Music is in the air, perhaps Christmas tunes from classic instruments. Is that a Christmas parade? But where is the snow? There's a night at the theater watching a Christmas tradition unfold, and a fancy holiday tea. The market on Broadway and the lights at the temple are not to be missed. And look, it's already time to go to the airport and head for home...

Round trip air and door-to-door service from your home to and from the Sacramento airport are included, along with 9 meals, all nights at the same hotel and LOTS of fun! 3300/3650 Gold Passport Points

\$3275 p.p./dbl.occ., \$3650 single

138th Tournament of Roses Parade

3

You asked for float-decorating, and we listened!

4 Days * December 29 – January 1

1. A flight to Santa Ana and the short drive to Costa Mesa brings you to our hotel home where a welcome dinner awaits – your chance to mix and mingle with other travelers from all over the nation (and perhaps the world!) who have descended upon SoCal for this iconic annual event. This year's parade theme is "Welcome," celebrating the spirit of opening doors, hearts and traditions to others. Certainly we could all use a bit more

of that in our world right now! **Hilton Hotel Orange County/Costa Mesa – 3 nights (L)**

2. Start the day at one of the exclusive float-building workshops to see the magic being made as teams of volunteers apply the floral elements to the floats that will be featured in the parade. Then you're off to Beverly Hills for lunch at ever-popular Lawry's The Prime Rib, followed by a guided tour of a working movie studio that helped make Hollywood famous. **(FB,L)**

2. A morning visit to Huntington Beach – known as "Surf City USA" – will afford you the chance to walk the beach, stick your toes in the Pacific, or stroll the pier. At nearby Newport Harbor you'll board a dining yacht for lunch as you cruise around the homes of the rich and famous. This evening at the hotel a Monte Carlo-style New Year's Eve bash is planned to include dinner, a champagne toast and party favors. Worried about making it to midnight? Never fear! We'll celebrate with New York, then you can call it a night! **(FB,L,D)**

4. Admittedly, it's an early morning as we depart for Colorado Boulevard, the route of the Tournament of Roses parade, to reserved bleacher seating on the grounds of Pasadena City College. There you'll have a prime, unobstructed view of the beloved annual event, now in its 138th year, complete with a seat cushion, souvenir blanket and program. A SoCal barbecue lunch is served before heading back to Santa Ana and your return flight to Sacramento. 3600/3850 Gold

Passport Points **(FB,L)**

\$3590 p.p./dbl.occ., \$3825 single

Miami to Key West

Featuring 'Gators in the Everglades and Key Largo

6 Days • January 23-28

★ **Highlights** ★

- Tour Miami's Coral Gables, Coconut Grove and South Beach's art deco district
- Take an airboat ride through Everglades Safari Park, perhaps meet an alligator or two
- Overnight Key Largo – dinner at a funky but famous FL Keys seafood diner
- Meet the wildlife: visit a dolphin research center and a butterfly conservatory
- 3 nights in Key West – Marriott La Concha **(best location in town)**
- Cabaret Dinner & Show at La Te Da – meet & greet with performer Randi Roberts; 1st night welcome dinner at Texas de Brazil
- Tour: Truman's Little White House, the Home of Ernest Hemingway, Key West by trolley with Louie – a true local treasure
- The Key West Cooking Show – a demonstration complete with a meal
- 11 meals: 2 breakfasts (limited menu or buffet), 3 full breakfasts, 3 lunches, 3 dinners
- Round trip air to Miami/from Key West and door-to-door airport transportation
- 4700/5500

4



The gang having lunch at the famous Sloppy Joe's bar in Key West



1. Arrive in Miami in time for dinner at a Brazilian Steakhouse. Come hungry! Gauchos arrive tableside with various cuts of juicy grilled meats. Tell them how you like it, they carve and you eat! Delicious! There's also an incredible salad bar for those not as carnivorous. From presentation to service, everything about the meal is an experience.

Hilton Garden Inn – Miami at Dolphin Mall (D)

2. Tour exclusive Coral Gables and Coconut Grove neighborhoods with a local guide and learn how some daring, enterprising women turned this swampy backwater into a truly international city. Cruise down Ocean Drive in South Beach, America's largest historic Art Deco District. After lunch on your own at the mall, it's off to the Everglades. Board an airboat to learn about the residents and the unique ecology of the region. Those alligators are real! Mother Nature serves up magnificent sunsets in Key Largo. Dinner features fresh local seafood (landlubber options available) at a funky island hotspot! **Courtyard by Marriott – Key Largo (FB,D)**

3. Travel the Overseas Highway, a ribbon of road stretching over 100 miles into the ocean. As the sun dances on the water, you've never seen so many shades of blue! At a dolphin research center, learn about their mission and watch as scientists work with local dolphins in an effort to promote conservation. Each dolphin has its own distinct personality. Can you spot the class clown? Remember Flipper, the TV show? This was Flipper's home and some of the dolphins you see are his grandchildren! After a dockside lunch, your first stop down the road is the Key West Butterfly & Nature Conservatory, arguably one of the best butterfly spots in the country. Check into your perfectly situated hotel on Duval Street, the heart of town. Join your Tour Director for a walk to the nightly Key West tradition, the Sunset Celebration. Every night, the island turns out to grab a cocktail, toast the sunset and watch one of the many street buskers perform daredevil acts. Only in Key West!

Marriott La Concha – 3 nights (FB,L)

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4. A trolley tour of the island with our friend Louie gives you the history and sordid stories of the

Conch Republic's residents, past and present. Lunch is at famous Sloppy Joe's Bar, home to the namesake sandwich. Grab a drink and listen to live music. The afternoon is free for you to explore Key West. Tonight we gather for a lovely dinner served al fresco at La Te Da, followed by a lively female-impersonation performance, starring Randi Roberts. Stick around after the show to meet the performer. **(FB,L,D)**

5. Harry S. Truman was a huge fan of the island and visited frequently during his presidency, conducting official business under the palm trees at the Little White House. After touring the house, join us for the Key West Cooking Show. After the meal/performance, we'll take you on a walk for Mark's favorite Key West treats! **(FB,L)**

6. At Ernest Hemingway's home hear about the author who was as known for his work as his antics. How many toes does that cat have? Six?! You counted correctly! These famous kitties spend the day lounging and posing for tourists. It's a rough life! With tropical memories and perhaps a new book in hand, board your late morning flight to Atlanta, arriving into Sacramento by early evening. **(FB)**

\$4690 p.p./dbl.occ., \$5495 single

Volcanoes, Orchids & White Pineapple

A Hawaiian Adventure

7 Days • February 21-27

3

Many have been to Hawaii once, twice or multiple times, but never visited the town of Hilo. It's the gateway to an active volcano and because of the huge amount of rain which falls annually, thousands of orchids of nearly every color of the rainbow are produced on the Hilo side of the island. Then it's on to Kauai to learn about and taste a white pineapple. Tyler tried to grow them in Sacramento, but to no avail. It's definitely a Hawaiian thing. Join us for our "slightly off-the-beaten-track" Hawaiian adventure!

★ Highlights ★

- 2 nights Hilo on the Big Island – stay at the Grand Naniloa Hotel
- All day tour to Hawaii Volcanoes National Park, along with Akatsuka Orchids where you'll learn how these delicate flowers are grown
- Visit the famous Hilo Farmer's Market – over 200 vendors some days, and Lili'uokalani Gardens, located near charming Coconut Island
- Interisland flights from Hilo/Honolulu/Lihue, Kauai
- 4 nights at the Kauai Shores Hotel in Kapa'a – right next to the beach



On Kauai, taste the amazing white pineapple, oh so good...



In Hilo, learn more about the beautiful Hawaiian orchids



Smaller than the yellow meat pineapples we are used to, the white pineapples are oh so sweet. But only in Hawaii.



Wherever in the world you are going, come with us!

- 3 sightseeing adventures on the Garden Isle:
 - north to the Botanical Gardens and Princeville for lunch (where Puff the Magic Dragon lives)
 - southwest to Poipu (and the market where the white pineapples, the sweetest fruit on the planet are found and Waimea Canyon
 - locally to Lydgate Farms (where they grow amazing chocolate) and the Fern Grotto Cruise
- The package includes 14 meals (6 full breakfasts, 4 lunches, 4 dinners), round trip air to Hilo/from Kauai, inter-island flights in Hawaii and door-to-door airport service.
- 5850/6600 Gold Passport Points
\$5845 p.p./dbl.occ., \$6565 single



Tyler getting skewered caption: On a recent Mystery Tour, Tyler became a victim at the Harry Houdini Museum. This is just moments before the long sword was inserted into his neck. Don't worry, once we got the bleeding stopped, he was fine. Stained his jacket though...

Winter at The Ahwahnee

A triumphal return to the Grand Lady of Yosemite

3 Days • February 21-23

3

1. Journey to the breathtaking winter wonderland of Yosemite National Park, where towering granite cliffs glisten under a blanket of snow and the majestic Yosemite Falls forms a spectacular winter ice dome. A hosted lunch awaits before you arrive at your historic accommodations, the iconic **Ahwahnee Hotel – 2 nights. (L)**

2. Discover the magic of Yosemite Valley on a guided tour featuring unforgettable sights, including El Capitan, Bridalveil Fall, Half Dome and the breathtaking vista at Tunnel View. Capture awe-inspiring winter photographs and enjoy free time in the afternoon to explore Yosemite Village at your leisure. **(FB3.** Enjoy a guided history tour of The Ahwahnee, learning about its storied past and architectural grandeur.

Depart for home with wonderful winter memories, arriving back in Sacramento at approximately 6:30 pm. 2250/2800 Gold Passport Points **(FB,L)**

\$2210 p.p./dbl.occ., \$2765 single

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EARLY PAYMENT DISCOUNT COUPON

Early Payment Discounts listed here expire on **May 6th, 2026**, or may be withdrawn when 50% of the available tour space has been reserved. **To receive the discount listed, you must pay in full within 10 days of registration.**

Oct. – Mexico’s Copper Canyon – **Save \$120**

Nov. – Thanksgiving in New York – **Save \$180**

Dec. – Cowboy Country Christmas in Texas – **Save \$90**

Dec. – Puttin’ on The Ritz – **Save \$60**

Dec. – Cambria Christmas Markets & Hearst Castle – **Save \$50**

Dec. – 25th Annual Christmas Mystery Tour – **Save \$100**

Dec. – Rose Parade – **Save \$100**

Jan. – Miami to Key West – **Save \$135**

Feb. – Hilo & Kauai – **Save \$175**

Feb. – Winter at the Ahwahnee in Yosemite – **Save \$65**

What are your old coins worth?

Maybe you have a bag or box of old coins. Perhaps you inherited a collection when a relative passed. Maybe it’s just one or two coins or bills of currency you’d like to know about. If your coins are pre-1964 (50¢, 25¢, 10¢) or pre-1940 (pennies and nickels), or recent coins that are part of mint-issued sets, they may have a premium value. Currency 1935 and before also fits into the “value” category.

Mark would be happy to give you a free appraisal. If you wish to sell your treasures, that is easy to arrange. Often Mark will offer to purchase them, or get you easily to someone who is interested. You can bring your coins to the office, or for larger heavier collections, Mark can come to you. Just call the office to set up an appointment.



TOUR UPDATE...

Multi-Day Tours with Limited Space Available

The tours below have 10 or fewer spaces available, # in ()

Route 66 East – May 5 (2)

May 17 – Wonder Valley Ranch (1)

June 5 – Boston & Cape Cod (4)

June 15 – The Oregon Coast to The Redwoods (8)

June – 25 – Baltic Odessey (2)

July 7 – Canadian Rockies & The Calgary Stampede (3)

Aug. 20 – Mainely Maine (4)

Oct. – Mexico’s Copper Canyon (9)

Route 66 West – OKC to Santa Monica (2)

Sold Out – Wait List Available

We strongly encourage you to “stand by” for a tour you wish to travel on by placing your name on the Wait List. In 2025, 68% of people who placed their name on a Wait List were contracted later and got an opportunity to go on the trip.

May 3 or 11 – On The Central Coast

May 17 – London

May 30 – Lakes & Legends Mystery Tour

July – Iceland, Land of Fire & Ice

Aug. 2 – San Juan Explorer

July 13 – Historic Fort Bragg

July 20 – Ferries & Towns of Puget Sound

Aug. 31 – Portugal

Oct. 3 – Lake Placid & Cooperstown

OFFICE HOURS:

9:00am – 3:30pm MONDAY thru FRIDAY

Closed weekends and major holidays

CLOSED TUESDAYS 12:00pm – 1:15pm