



Time to get registered for Tour Preview Day!



Picture captions (from top left): We had some historical figures at last year's event – Mark spoke with Ben Franklin; Clayton regaled folks about his San Antonio Tour; the staff posed with Ben and Abe; The Sophia offers Preview Day attendees comfortable seating to watch the show.

**Sunday, September 27 • The Sophia (B St. Theater), 2700 Capitol Ave.
\$10 admission (donated to local charities) • 10am & 1pm sessions
FREE shuttles available, see page 6 for details**

It's that time of the year. The time when the newest **Sports Leisure Vacations** tour catalog makes its debut. Copies will be given to all in attendance. If you cannot stay for the entire presentation, **ask about our drive-by grab and go option.** Admission is \$10 (yes, even for the grab and go) and **The Wreath Project and Loaves & Fishes** will be two of the three charities that benefit from your admissions.

We'll share a run-down of a catalog full of tours, along with commentary on some of the most important tour-taker issues. Then you'll have overnight to make some decisions before tours go on sale at 9am Monday morning (the next day).

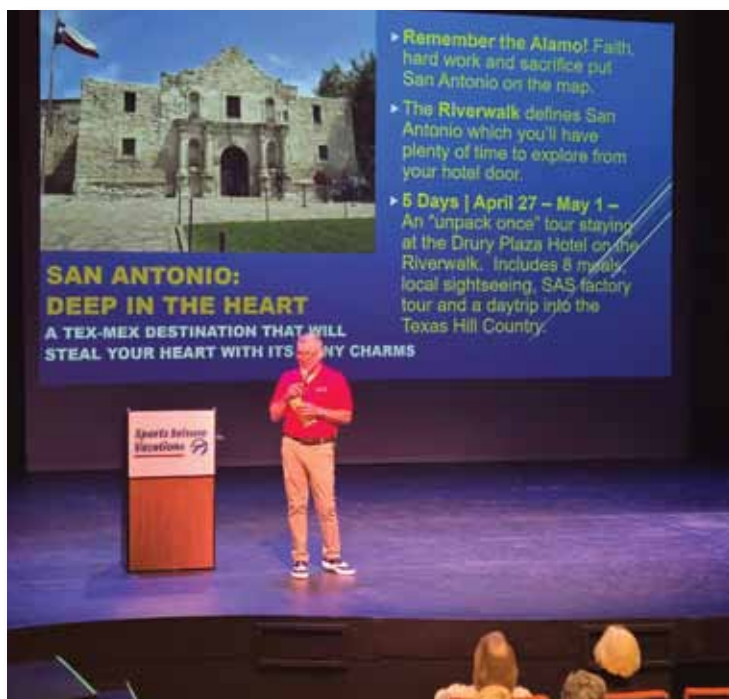
One really important note: We have a **very** loyal following. It is not unusual for many tours to sell out on the first day, some within

hours. If you are new to **Sports Leisure**, or have not attended a Tour Preview Day before, attendance is critical to getting on the tours you want. This isn't a sales pitch as much as it is a heads up.

Each presentation will be about two hours in length. There is parking just around the corner from the theater. You can also opt to ride one of the free shuttle buses to/from the show. See page 4 for the times and pick-up locations.

Reservations are open now and are limited to 250 people for each show. (As admission fees are donated to charity, we do not offer refunds if you cannot attend after registering.)

When you call to register, we will ask you for your admission fee (or you can agree to send it by mail).



Just One Man's Opinion by Mark Hoffmann

The Subject of the Month is....

Air upgrades. All of a sudden, literally out of the blue, the percentage of people wanting to upgrade their airplane seating has jumped dramatically. I'm at a loss to tell you the reason why. Perhaps Southwest switching to a standard seating plan instead of the "choose your own seat upon boarding" system they previously used.



Perhaps the airlines have just won another **take something away from fliers and then sell it back to them** battle. (The airlines pushed the seats closer together, then offered to sell you the leg room they took away. They allowed you to check your bags for free until they didn't. You are still welcome to check your bags, but now it will cost you \$\$\$\$. And the war in Iran presented the perfect opportunity to raise those fees.)

No matter what the reason, more travelers are looking for extra leg room, or just an assigned seat, hopefully keeping them out of the dreaded middle seat. (Did you know the middle seat on most planes actually has slightly more room than the aisle or the window?)

In the olden days, pre-1995, people like us received a commission for selling tickets for the airlines. But roughly 30 years ago, the airlines eliminated that cost. So even if we sell you a first-class seat that costs hundreds or thousands of dollars more, we do it as a service to you, because we receive zero from the airlines.

The Rules (and the people who play by them) Have Changed

Just as our travelers have decided "I want a better seat," a couple of critical things happened.

First, the airlines changed the rules pretty dramatically. In most cases, we cannot access upgraded economy seats until the tickets are actually issued. This happens

(generally) 45 days prior to departure. At that point, and only at that point, we can request **Preferred** (a seat with a better location in the middle of the plane, but no extra room), or **Economy+/Choice+/Comfort+**, the seats behind first class with more leg room. So while we can accept your request in advance, we cannot secure those seats until a couple of days after ticketing.

We block your travel in a group, and the airlines will not let us go into the group block and upgrade seats. Sorta strange to me that they won't let us give them more money, but that's the way the system is right now.

Second, as many of you are aware, **Michael Downer**, who headed up our air department for many years, retired. Michael had some serious health concerns, and while he has generally recovered, he is only working with us as a consultant and handling special requests as his limited time allows.

Adding all of these new upgrade requests and rules has steepened the learning curve for Michael's replacement and was a difficult time for a month or two.

Now, we have a new system for upgrade requests. We will cover all of this in detail at **Tour Preview Day** on September 27th, and offer a handout with answers to your questions.

If You Wish to Request an Upgrade

Call the office, or go to www.sportsleisure.com. In the middle of the website home page, you will find an **Air Upgrade Request** button. Click it, fill out the form and submit it to us. We will respond within 2-3 working days.

If you are requesting an Economy Seat upgrade (Preferred, or Economy+/Choice+/Comfort+, we will confirm your request and be back in touch when the group is ticketed, to let you know the cost and availability of your requested upgrade. The pricing on upgraded seats sometimes changes day-to-day.

If you are requesting an upgrade to First Class, that can be done immediately. **There are two ways to make that happen.** We

can give you a credit for air and baggage charges (you won't pay baggage fees in First Class), tell you the flights we are on, and you can purchase your own ticket. As long as you are on the flights the group is on, your round trip transportation to/from the airport is protected. Or, we can purchase the First-Class ticket for you, giving you the credits listed above and charging you the difference.

Aisle seats are the most coveted, and aisle seats **across from each other** is really tough. We will always do our best for you, but sometimes we cannot access all the seats you see on line.

REALLY Important to Know. The cost of upgraded seats is not covered by Cancellation Protection. When you upgrade your seating, you own that ticket, and if you must cancel you are subject to the airline's rules, which often means a dated expiration credit for a future flight or a refund to your credit card. **Before you request an upgrade, make sure you have read this important paragraph.**

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May and I went to see the **new Minnons Movie** on the July 4th weekend. Who knew babbling cartoon characters could be so much fun. Just following something I picked up from some of you... **never** grow up. Grow older, but never lose the kid in you. It's something of great value. It allows you to go see The Minnons with a great friend, 'cause there were no grown ups in the theater...

P.S. – A phone caller asked if we are going to support **The Wreath Project** at the Sacramento Valley Cemetery again this year. The answer is **YES!** They have 42,000 graves to cover this year and **SLV** will play a bigger role than ever. Details to come.

See you on the radio or at Preview Day. **And so it goes,**

Mark Hoffmann, CTP
Owner/Founder (over 48 years ago)

Friends:

Late last month I made my annual pilgrimage to the Midwest. Here my friend Angela and I are pictured in front of the **Sergeant Floyd Monument** in Sergeant Bluff, Iowa, just south of Sioux City. Why is this significant? Only one person perished in the entirety of the Lewis and Clark Expedition – Charles Floyd. He was buried in August of 1804 with full military honors on a high bluff overlooking the Missouri River. Some years later his grave was memorialized with this 100-foot obelisk. Sioux City Airport is just seeing distance away. Their 3-letter international airport code is SUX. Some things you just can't make up.



Sergeant Bluff has another important moniker: It was the childhood home of **Mark Hoffmann**. His dad was the air traffic controller at SUX in Mark's earliest years. The family moved away when he was 4, seeking warmer climes no doubt, and perhaps having an awesome meal of Mizithra cheese-laden pasta upon their arrival by train at the Spaghetti Factory in downtown Sacramento. This youthful mug of Mark was clearly taken just before the big move! His family settled in a neighborhood within the **San Juan Unified School District**. Some years later Mark would finish his education at **Mira Loma High School**, then work for **Mission Oaks Park District**. It

was there that he learned how to coordinate motorcoach tours, mostly daytrips for kids. When it was decided that Mission Oaks should not do tours anymore, they gave Mark their blessing to carry on with what he had started. *Sports Travel* was officially born on June 8, 1979, with a late-night trip to Lake Tahoe. And as they say, the rest is history.

Mark is not one to boast or brag, so please allow me to do it for him. **Sports Leisure Vacations** is Mark's love and his life, the result of his vision, courage, tenacity, character and commitment to his word and ideals. He puts all of himself and his resources into this company day in and day out. We, his staff, get a paycheck and insurance whether times are good or bad. Our suppliers love us because we pay our bills and pay them on time. KVIE, Broadway Sacramento, Music Circus and many others always receive their donations as pledged and promised. During times of recession, war, 9/11, the pandemic – you name it, everyone got paid.

Enter the **San Juan Education Foundation**. Annually they provide classroom grants, student scholarships and support programs across the district to the tune of a quarter of a million dollars per term. Each year the Foundation honors distinguished alumni at **An Evening with the STARS**, recognizing those who “exemplify the qualities of being service-oriented,



trailblazing, accomplished role models who shine bright.” Guess who is receiving an award this year? None other than our founder and guiding light who indeed shines bright, Mark Hoffmann! If you have connections to the SJUSD or just love a night out on the town in support of a worthwhile cause, you are cordially invited to attend. The gala is scheduled for Friday evening, October 9, at the Northridge Country Club. For tickets and event information, visit www.SanJuanEducationFoundation.org/EWTS2026.

OBAMA'S CHICAGO UPDATE

We have countless names on the Priority Notification List to attend one of the **Obama's Chicago** trips we hope to offer next year. I decided to do two winter trips – one in late January and one in early February, both corresponding with the limited run of the wildly popular Broadway show *Oh Mary!* Yes, it will be cold, but the trip will also be value-priced. (Hotel rooms are 1/3 the price of springtime dates.) After rolling these trips out, we would decide how many additional departures during warmer seasons were necessary to accommodate everyone. Then I submitted our ticket requests through the Presidential Center website and received unexpected news: *Due to a high volume of requests, we currently are not accepting Group Tours. Please check back soon for future updates.* It's not just us. They aren't accepting anyone else, either. Tickets are released only one day per month to the general public. The next release will be August 12. Rest assured I am checking daily. At this point I can only say we'll know more when we know more. Then we'll pass the information along to you straightaway!

“Your Tour Guy,”

A stylized, handwritten signature of Clayton Whitehead in black ink.

Clayton Whitehead, CTP

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Daycations & Theatre Outings

Idina Menzel

Gallo Center, Modesto

Saturday, September 19 – 7:30 pm

Idina Menzel is the Tony Award-winning, powerhouse multi-hyphenate singer, actress in film and TV, songwriter, major Broadway star and philanthropist. She rose to fame in the popular Broadway musical *Rent*, and her career took off when she won a Tony Award for her role as Elphaba, the Wicked Witch of the West, in the smash musical *Wicked*. Her voice can be heard as Elsa in Disney's Oscar-winning *Frozen*, the second highest grossing animated film of all time. The film's song "Let It Go" voiced by Menzel became an instant international phenomenon, winning the Oscar for Best Original Song – where Menzel performed it at the ceremony – and the Grammy Award. Dinner is included prior to the show. **\$303**

Lily Tomlin

Gallo Center, Modesto

Saturday, October 10 – 7:30 pm

To say that she is a legend is one of great understatements of all time. Six Emmy Awards, two Tony Awards, a Drama Desk Award, two Peabody Awards and so very much more. We first met Lily on television's "Laugh-In" back in the late '60s. Her Broadway debut in 1985's *The Search for Signs of Intelligent Life in the Universe* brought acclaim and introduced her to new audiences. Then there are her films: *9 to 5*, *All of Me*, *Nashville* and *Tea with Mussolini*. You name the media, and she's been there, done that. Come spend an evening with Lily, her stories, her famous/infamous characters and guaranteed side-splitting laughter from start to finish. Dinner is included prior to the show. **\$220**

Haggin Museum and Lunch on the Green

Thursday, October 15

Come along and join us for a visit to the Haggin Museum. We have not visited in many years so this is going to be a great treat for everyone who comes along. Haggin Museum's art collection features a wide

variety of fascinating works from late 19th and early 20th-century masters to "Golden Age" illustrator J.C. Leyendecker, while their history collection offers visitors a glimpse into the past, from the Central Valley and beyond. An extra bonus is your opportunity to view new works on display as a part of the 63rd Stockton Art League Juried Exhibition. After our docent-led museum visit, lunch is included at The Reserve at Spanos Park Golf Course. **\$142**

Apple Hill and Old Placerville

Thursday, October 29

Enjoy a leisurely ride to Apple Hill where we will make at least three stops at different farms along the way. There will be plenty of time to browse the many arts and crafts stalls, shop for tasty treats. Oh yes, there will be apples. Bags, boxes and bushels of apples! We will enjoy lunch at one of our stops which is included. On our return we will make a stop in Old Town Placerville to do a little shopping as well, maybe get a head start on your Christmas shopping. **\$140**

Dracula, A Comedy of Terrors

East Sonora Theatre

Saturday, October 31 – 2:00 pm

We cannot think of a better way to spend Halloween than enjoying the hysterical *Comedy of Terrors*. Bram Stoker's classic vampire tale gets a hilarious makeover in this lightning-fast farce! With just five actors playing dozens of roles, this laugh-out-loud romp stakes its claim as a Gothic comedy for the ages. Expect quick changes, ridiculous accents, high-camp thrills and a biting sense of humor that will leave you howling. *Dracula: A Comedy of Terrors* is perfect for fans of comedy, mystery and the delightfully absurd. Lunch incl. before the show. **\$176**

Treasures of Pharaohs

de Young Museum, San Francisco

Wednesday, November 11

This exhibition brings the world of the pharaohs to life through 130 exquisite

works spanning 3,000 years of history. From towering stone statues to gilded masks to intricate gold jewelry, these objects reveal the power, beauty and beliefs of the ancient Egyptians. A highlight is the US debut of objects from the Golden City, a newly unearthed workers community near Luxor. A moment frozen in time. Lunch is on your own. **\$138**

The Music Man

Gallo Center, Modesto

Tuesday, November 17 – 7:00 pm

There's trouble in River City! Meredith Willson's six-time, Tony Award-winning musical comedy *The Music Man* follows fast-talking traveling salesman, Harold Hill, as he cons the people of River City, Iowa, into buying instruments and uniforms for a boys' band that he vows to organize – this, despite the fact that he doesn't know a trombone from a treble clef. His plans to skip town with the cash are foiled when he falls for Marian, the librarian, who transforms him into a respectable citizen, maybe even husband material, by the curtain's fall. Dinner is included before the performance. **\$245**

An Evening with Alton Brown

Gallo Center, Modesto

Saturday, November 21 – 7:00 pm

The host of iconic programs like *Iron Chef America*, *Food Network Star*, and *Cutthroat Kitchen*, Brown's live, wonderfully witty culinary variety shows have toured to sold-out crowds across the country since 2013, including his well-remembered appearances at the Center in 2015 and 2017. Join us for a most entertaining evening with this James Beard and Peabody award-winner! Dinner is included prior to the show. **\$220**

Irish Christmas in America

Gallo Center, Modesto

Tuesday, November 24 – 7:00 pm

This show brings a heartwarming performance of music, song, dance and stories of seasonal Irish traditions. Take a



memorable glimpse into the enchanting spirit of Christmas, as the finest traditional artists from Ireland bring you on a fun-filled start to the holiday season. The show features an incredible line-up of talented artists including Cathy Jordan (vocals, bodhrán), Gráinne Hambly (Irish harp, concertina), Caoimhín Ó Fearghaíl (uilleann pipes, flute), Samantha Harvey (piano, dance) and Jack Warnock (guitar, vocals). Exceptional Irish music, song and dance combined with evocative photographic images, provide the perfect backdrop to a memorable celebration of the Christmas traditions of Ireland. Dinner is included before the concert. **\$211**

Thanksgiving at Grand Island Mansion

Thursday, November 26

Come join us for a traditional Thanksgiving mid-day meal with friends at the historic Grand Island Mansion, a uniquely spectacular Italian Renaissance-style villa nestled away in the Sacramento River Delta. The Walnut Grove mansion is one of the largest private estates in Northern California and embodies the finest features of classical architecture and European craftsmanship – the perfect setting to celebrate this most American of holidays. **\$241**

Holiday Sweets and Goodies

Wednesday, December 2

Travel throughout Stanislaus County visiting family businesses whose products make delightful holiday gifts for friends and loved ones. Begin with a stop at the Sciabica Olive Oil Company for a talk and tasting of premium California-made virgin oils. Following a hot buffet lunch at the Hilmar Cheese Company, you will have time to shop for locally grown and produced cheeses, jams, jellies, nuts and candies. In the afternoon, enter acres of blooming flowers at the greenhouse of Duarte Nursery in Hughson, one of California's largest poinsettia growers, where you will see both traditional and new varieties of these holiday favorites. **\$165**

The Great Dickens Christmas Fair

Cow Palace, San Francisco

Saturday, December 12

The Great Dickens Christmas Fair and Victorian Holiday Party covers over 4 acres of the historic Cow Palace exhibition halls, magically transforming them into the winding lanes, cozy shoppes, bustling pubs and bawdy playhouses of Victorian London! Immerse yourself in a fantasy world of sights, sounds and shopping opportunities, plus you're invited to dress the part to enhance your experience. Authentic or fanciful, literally anything goes at the Dickens Fair! Discover holiday revelry in this lamp-lit city brimming with hundreds of lively and colorful characters from the imagination of Charles Dickens and the often-saucy world of the Victorian stage. Lunch is on your own at the fair. **\$151**

Dave Koz 2026 Christmas Tour

Gallo Center, Modesto

Monday, December 21 – 7:30 pm

Dave Koz is the most popular artist in Gallo Center history. He has appeared in Modesto 14 times since the doors were opened in 2007. The annual Christmas show by this celebrated saxophonist and smooth jazz giant sells out every time. This performance features guitarist Jonathan Butler along with special guests Haley Reinhart (vocals), Dylan Chambers (guitar, vocals) and Erin Stevenson (vocals). They will perform a bevy of holiday favorites. Dinner is included before the concert. **\$234**

Christmas Eve at Skates on the Bay

Thursday, December 24

Join us for a Christmas Eve luncheon at Skates on the Bay in Berkeley. Originally opened in 1984, Skates is a popular waterfront gathering place with unsurpassed views of San Francisco Bay. We will enjoy a 4-course meal complimented by peaceful water views and pleasant conversation with friends. On our return we'll make a solemn stop at the Sacramento Valley National Cemetery in Dixon to pay respects to the over 40,000 veterans and their family

members who rest there. Each headstone is bedecked with an evergreen bough and bow, many purchased through your donations to attend Vacation Preview Day. This will be an early day so you can get home before Santa begins his flight. **\$252**

Hadestown

Orpheum Theatre, San Francisco

Saturday, January 9 – 1:00 pm

Winner of eight 2019 Tony Awards including Best Musical and the 2020 Grammy Award for Best Musical Theater Album, this acclaimed new show from celebrated singer-songwriter Anaïs Mitchell and director Rachel Chavkin is a love story for today and always. A modern take on ancient tales, the musical retells two Greek myths, the tragic romance of Orpheus and Eurydice, and the strained marriage of King Hades and Persephone. The god Hermes narrates and entwines the stories both in the earthly realm as well as the dark, underground world of the dead. Happy ending? Not exactly, however the musical frames this tragedy through the lens of hope, emphasizing the beauty of trying and the enduring power of storytelling. Includes a lunch before the performance. **\$211**

Operation Mincemeat, A New Musical

Orpheum Theatre, San Francisco

Wednesday, March 10 – 1:00 pm

We are excited to announce that this 2025 Tony Award winner is coming to San Francisco next spring! This fast-paced, new musical presents the hilarious and unbelievable true story of a twisted secret mission that won World War II. "Operation Mincemeat" was a successful 1943 British deception plan. Intelligence officers disguised a corpse as a Royal Marine carrying fake invasion documents, floating it ashore on the coast of Spain. This tricked the Nazis into moving troops away from Sicily, helping the Allies invade and saving countless lives. Exactly how do you turn that into a musical comedy? Join us in March to find out! A boxed lunch served on the way to San Francisco is included, along with orchestra seating and a no-host dinner stop after the show. **\$192**

Tour Preview Day Information

Tour Preview Day is Sunday, September 27th, at The Sophia/B St. Theater, 2700 Capital Ave., downtown. There is a parking garage around the corner from the theater. If you prefer not to drive, two shuttle buses will pick up folks at a variety of locations around the greater Sacramento area. The schedules are below. **Seating is limited. You must call the office for reservation on the bus. 916-361-2051, M-F, 9am – 3:30pm.** Please be prepared to pay the \$10 admission fee when making your bus reservations.

Tour Preview Day Bus Schedule 2026

10:00am Show – Show starts at 10am and ends at approximately 12:15pm

Bus #1	West Sac	9:10 am	Regular location (Bus Yard)
	Land Park	9:30am	Sprouts parking Lot/Land Park & Sutterville Pick up NE corner of lot
Bus #2	Rocklin/Roseville	8:30am	Winco Store, 101551 Fairway Drive Closer to Fairway Drive
	Antelope	8:50am	Regular location (away from Raley's)
	Arden	9:20am	Regular location (away from Black Bear)

1:00pm – Show starts at 1:00pm and ends at approximately 3:15pm

Bus #1	Folsom	11:30am	Iron Point Road to Palladio PKWY Bus stops on West side of parking garage
	SLV Office	12:00 pm	9812 Old Winery Place – off Folsom/Bradshaw
Bus # 2	Roseville/Rocklin	11:00am	Winco Store, 101551 Fairway Drive
	Antelope	11:25am	Regular location (away from Raley's)
	Arden	11:55am	Regular location (away from Black Bear)

A Brief Tour Preview Day, Preview

A partial list of some of the destinations we are working on as the 2027 catalog becomes a reality. They won't all make the catalog, some will appear on the tour calendar later in the year or early in 2027:

International: Lapland (Sweeden, Finland & Denmark); Food & Flowers, A Dutch Adventure (including The Netherlands and Belgium); A Seine River Cruise (including Paris); Costa Rica; Portugal (a second trip because our interest list is still very long); Scotland; European Christmas Markets.

US and Canada: Historic Mansions of

Newport; RI; Macy's Flower Show in NYC; Monument Valley in Utah; Catalina Island; Kentucky; Concert at the Hollywood Bowl; Yosemite; Wonder Valley (Sequoia & Kings Canyon Nat'l Parks); Obama Presidential Library; Oregon Chocolate Festival, Explore Oregon: Hood River, Astoria & Sisters; Skagit Tulip Festival; Carolina Coast; Ferries & Towns of Puget Sounds; Carolina Coast, Michigan & Mackinac; San Juan Islands Cruise; Seattle, The Emerald City; Las Vegas: The Lights, The Strip, The Entertainment; Nevada Ghost Towns; Monterey; Fort Bragg.

Friends We've Lost...

Those who were part of our extended family who have finished their journey with us on earth. They are missed.

Glen Babby	Frances Mills
Connie Bearden	Jess Mills
Donna Craig	Pat Ronten
Sandy Janicki	Joe Samora
Bernice Jurach	Larry Tosta
Charles Kelso	Terry Tough
Bonnie Marx	





Chapel of the Holy Cross among the red rocks of Sedona

Spectacular Sedona

Featuring the Verde Canyon Railroad

5 Days • October 25-29

- 4 nights at the Arabella hotel, luxury among the red rocks
- Guided tour of the Copper Museum, trolley tour to the Chapel of the Holy Cross, Scenic Verde Canyon Railroad
- 9 meals: 4 breakfasts, 4 lunches and 1 dinner (two meals include entertainment)

\$3325 p.p./dbl.occ., \$3695 single

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Japan: History, Culture & Autumn Splendor

November 9-19

This fall, we invite you to join us once again as we return to the Land of the Rising Sun. This year's itinerary features more time to explore Osaka's vibrant neighborhoods, Kyoto's timeless elegance, Hiroshima's moving history and Fukuoka's celebrated food scene. Expect castles, geisha, local delicacies and moments that stay with you long after you return home. Space is limited on this extraordinary autumn journey, and we would love to share the magic of Japan with you—reserve your spot today.

Highlights Include:

- 3 days in Osaka – visit Osaka Castle, Tsutenkaku Tower and a live Sumo Show
- 2 days in Kyoto – tour Kinkakuji-jj, Kiyomizu-dera and the Gion (Geish) district
- Visit to the Hiroshima Atomic Bomb

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Dome & Peace Memorial Park

- Walking tour to explore the sights and sounds of Fukuoka
 - 2 Shinkansen (bullet train) rides
 - 15 meals included
 - 11,600/13,100 Gold Passport Points
- \$11,580 p.p./dbl.occ., \$13,050 single,
4 seats available**

A Cowboy Country Christmas

Holiday shenanigans deep in the heart of Texas

5 Days • December 1-5

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, 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, holiday shopping
 - Wine Tasting at award-winning Messina Hof Winery
 - 11 meals (4 full breakfasts, 2 lunches, 4 dinners, 1 high tea)
 - Round trip air to/from DFW and door-to-door service
 - 3000/3400 Gold Passport Points
- \$2990 p.p./dbl.occ., \$3395 single
4 seats available**

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Volcanoes, Orchids & White Pineapple

A Hawaiian Adventure to Hilo & Kauai, One Seat Available, doubles are welcome to join the wait list!

7 Days • February 21-27

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★ 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 – learn how these delicate flowers are grown
 - Visit the famous Hilo Farmer's Market – over 200 vendors some days, and Lili'uokalani Gardens, near Coconut Island
 - Interisland flights from Hilo/Honolulu/Lihue
 - 4 nights at the Kauai Shores Hotel in Kapa'a – right next to the beach
 - 3 tours on Kauai:
 - north to the Botanical Gardens and Princeville for lunch
 - southwest to Poipu (and the market where the famous white pineapples 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
1 seat available**

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New Orleans... And All That Jazz

*Rest well in downtown accommodations adjacent
to the French Quarter*

5 Days • March 10-14, 2027

★ Highlights ★

- 4 nights at the Sheraton Hotel located downtown adjacent to the famed French Quarter
- Scenic New Orleans driving and French Quarter carriage tours
- Visit Mardi Gras World, St. Louis #3 (one of the city's above-ground cemeteries) and the Besthoff Sculpture Garden in City Park
- A day in Plantation Country: Houmas House and a swamp cruise where you're sure to see 'gators!
- Tour the National World War II Museum including a USO-style luncheon and musical performance by the Victory Belles
- Pub crawl with libations – Hurricane, anyone?
- Learn the secrets of great Cajun chefs at the NOLA School of Cooking
- Hot beignets at Café du Monde
- 8 meals include daily breakfast, 2 lunches, 2 dinners
- Door-to-door airport transportation
- Round trip airfare to/from New Orleans
- 4050/4550 Gold Passport Points

Now we know what you are thinking. Great tour, but they do it every year. I'll sign up next time. Here's the inside scoop: **New Orleans will not be offered in 2028.** Why wait? Escape Sacramento's dreary rainy season with a colorful springtime trip to New Orleans for great food, plentiful drinks, toe-tapping music, fun-loving friends... and all that jazz!

Read the full day-by-day itinerary at www.sportsleisure.com!
Log in and type "jazz" in the search box for complete details.

\$4035 p.p./dbl.occ., \$4525 single
EPD \$125 through August 28

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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.

OFFICE HOURS:

9:00am – 3:30pm MONDAY thru FRIDAY
Closed weekends and major holidays
CLOSED TUESDAYS 12:00pm – 1:15pm