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Just One Man's Opinion...



Mark in 1999, halfway through this 40-year journey

When you start sorting through four decades of history, as I did this spring in preparation for our 40th Anniversary in June, you find a lot of memories. Yes, there are several boxes and file cabinet drawers of non-financial "artifacts" from our formal start in 1979, to now.

By the numbers, we have issued over 53,000 Travel Club Membership Cards (think about that, **FIFTY-THREE THOUSAND**, heck

that's a good sized city), and I think it's safe to say 15% of our travelers never become part of our club. I figure roughly 60,000 **different** people have been on **Sports Leisure** trips.

If you use an average of 140 day trips a year for 20 of those years, and 180 average for the other 20, you get about **6,400** day/theater trips. Extended tours? Figure an average of 50-52 a year. So about **2,000** tours longer than a day.

Holy cow. I had never done that little exercise before until just now at my keyboard. Those numbers make one thing much easier to understand. As I sorted through those boxes and file cabinets earlier this year and again yesterday, I had a serious case of melancholy.

Passenger lists contained names I hadn't seen in years. There was a note in one of the drawers. Hand-written, yellowed by age. "This desk is the property of Gerta Dassonville." And indeed, it was. I mean it used to be. When we moved into our first office in 1981, we quickly outgrew our existing desk space. I put out an APB in the newsletter, and Gerta called and offered to sell me her desk. I paid her \$95 and for years thought that wasn't such a good deal on my part. But that was 38 years ago, and the desk is still doing its' job. So about 25 cents a month. Guess it **was** a good deal. Thank you Gerta. Rest in peace.

Every time I walk into my office I see a goofy thing I call "Stanley." Because it was given to me by Stan's wife. They are both gone now, incredibly fun-loving people who made trips more fun just being there.

Last week, as Dee Bellows celebrated her 94th year on the planet, I was reminded of one of the greatest **SLV** stories ever. Years ago, Dee, along with her late husband Bob, were part of a Christmas trip to the Apple Farm Inn. We went to the local melodrama and when

the MC called out anniversaries from the stage, Bob stole the show while sharing his and Dee's longevity as a couple (over 60 years).



There were pictures of the crab feed in Petersburg, Alaska, a decade ago, part of a trip on the ferry; along with our "lunch on a glacier helicopter trip" in 2002 outside Vancouver, BC.

As a young man, I was part of a family that "hung on" from month to month. Travel wasn't even a consideration. So all of this has been as much of a wonder to me as it has been to anyone. I frequently comment, somewhat seriously, to groups on tour that "I sure am glad all of you can afford to visit these great places we've seen." Because travel changes the way you look at life. It teaches you to appreciate things others won't ever see, things off-the-beaten-path, whether you are talking about a road or just life itself. You all have taught me to be curious about what's over the those hills. "How did you find this place?" remains one of the highest compliments a traveler can pay.



One thing you say you like about **Sports Leisure** is our collective philanthropy. So I'm hoping you might help me and a friend with something. The picture above is of Billie Boyer. She works in the gift shop at the Omni Grove Park Inn in Asheville, NC. A month ago, Billy was in a terrible accident, and is being held together by scotch tape and chewing gum. Did I mention she is 80? She can't wait to be well enough to get back to her customers at the gift shop.

Billie doesn't have a lot of family, so a good friend has asked other friends to send Billie a get well greeting. I'm one of those friends. So I'm asking **my** friends, to be a part of things. Get a card or just write a note on a piece of paper. **You can even send an email greeting!** In a couple weeks, I will forward them to her. Imagine getting a bunch of notes and cards from people you don't even know!

Send your cards to:

Get Well Billie c/o

Sports Leisure Vacations

9812 Old Winery Place, Suite 1, Sacramento, CA 95827.

Email get well wishes to: marksit@aol.com

Maybe we can give Billie's recovery a little boost. It's what **Sports Leisure travelers** do.

Thanks for the memories. Still living the dream and dancing like no one is watching,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark".

Mark Hoffmann, CTP,
Owner/Founder

From SLV's Owner for nearly 41 years...

SPORTS LEISURE VACATIONS

Greetings to My Many Friends in Travel...

From the company with the funny name comes the Dream Book with the funny name. Is it *Live* (liv) or *Live* (liv)? Two words: Same spellings, but different pronunciations and meanings. There's actually a word for that – homographs. So which *Live* is it? The answer is both!

Living life to the fullest means savoring every moment, spending time with people who make you happy and experiencing the world around you. I can think of no better way of doing it than on a **Sports Leisure** vacation!

And maybe, just maybe, that vacation includes a live concert, theatrical event or performance. If our origins as a sports ticketing agency taught us anything, it's how to buy seats. And if our listening to you for the past 40 years has taught us anything, it's knowing what to buy. We purchase more tickets to live events than any other tour company in northern California – from performances in San Francisco, Sacramento and the region all the way to Broadway and beyond, you can expect the best availability, the best seating and the best value from us.

Haven't seen *Hamilton* yet? Yeah, we've got tickets. Want to see *Dear Evan Hansen* or *Come From Away* right here in Sacramento? We've got those, too. How about opera, the symphony or arena events? Give us a call. Maybe you're waiting to see *The Next Big Thing* on Broadway? When we discover what it is, I'm relatively sure we'll have tickets for that, too!

Now's the perfect time for me to suggest your signing up for **By Invitation Only**, our electronic notification service, using e-mail to advise you of a tour featuring a live event with limited availability and a narrow ticketing window. Most recently, Hugh Jackman's San Jose concert was advertised through BIO... and sold out in an hour! Complete details are on page 3 following the table of contents.

Now you're invited to slip into a comfy chair and read about the exciting destinations that await you in 2020 and beyond. We are honored and humbled to be your travel company, and hope you'll find herein something that will make all your dreams come true.

"Your Tour Guy,"

Clayton Whitehead, CTP
Vice President



Clayton Whitehead joins KTVU personality Rob Stewart after receiving his 2019 Emmy Award. Presented by The National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences, Northern California Chapter, the award recognizes Stewart for Outstanding Achievement on his "Historic Sacramento Images" telecast. **Sports Leisure Vacations** is the proud underwriter of "Rob on the Road," and we

could not be more happy to play a part in the show's success! Congratulations, Rob, videographer Martin Christian and the team on a job well done!

ACTIVITY METER



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

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

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

M Moderate – A tour with some walking activities, and standing/strolling at attractions and museums and possibly some stair climbing. A daytrip to the ballpark or a short regional trip (Monterey, CA Coast) might be examples. A moderate trip could include air transportation and navigating through airports.

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

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

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

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

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By Invitation Only



Occasionally we learn of exciting travel opportunities we are certain you will love, but they don't line up with the publication schedule of a newsletter. This is why we created **By Invitation Only**, an electronic notification service available to all active Travel Club members. The only requirement is that you have an e-mail address (or a friend who does)!

Register online at www.sportsleisure.com by following the link under the heading SUBSCRIBE. This places you on a short list of people notified of these time-sensitive and often limited-availability events. We don't send out invitations often, but when we do you can rest assured you're in for something special such as concerts by Tony Bennett and André Rieu, or the San Francisco showing of the Broadway smash *Hamilton*. Sign up today!

Airfares and Foreign Currency Exchange

All tours including air travel are based on airfares as of September 1, 2019. Airfares for tours departing after August 1, 2020 are subject to change until confirmed by the airline. All international vacations in the catalogue are priced based on currency exchange rates in effect September 1, 2019. Changes of more than 5% may subject tour prices to an adjustment at 30 to 60 days prior to departure. You will be notified if there is a surcharge or refund.

MAP & MEAL LEGEND

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

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

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

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

D – Dinner, often several menu options



Winter at the Ahwahnee

Featuring an overnight stay in Yosemite National Park

2 Days • February 9-10



Enjoy brunch in the grand dining room, and spend one night in what Stephen Mather, first Director of the National Park Service, called the Grand Dame of National Park hotels. This trip is a **Sports Leisure Vacations**' favorite!

1. Arrive in time for a late seating at the Sunday Brunch, in the Ahwahnee Dining Room. The focus of this trip is all about the grand hotel so we have included a guided tour of the building. Your appreciation for the historic architecture and interior design

of this grand structure will increase as you learn about the challenges of constructing this landmark hotel. Did you know that it was once a Naval medical facility? Pause for a cup of tea in the Grand Lounge while awaiting check-in at 5pm. The evening is yours to enjoy the surroundings. **Ahwahnee Hotel (BR)**

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

This package includes motorcoach transportation, accommodations, 1 brunch, all tours and attractions as listed above and the services of a **Sports Leisure Vacations** Tour Director. 800/1000 Gold Passport Points

\$765 p.p./dbl.occ., \$955 single **M**

Add door-to-door service for \$109 p.p.

Treasures of the Sistine Chapel and Newport's Christmas Lights Cruise

2 Days • December 9-10, 2019



Get into the Christmas spirit on an overnight trip to Southern California with great food, unique shopping opportunities, festive lights and a visit to Michelangelo's Sistine Chapel Exhibit. There's a little something for everyone and fun to be had by all!

1. Arrive in Burbank and head for lunch at a **Sports Leisure** favorite, the Tam O'Shanter known for prime rib, and it's on the menu! Burn off lunch on a short walking tour of Old Pasadena then ride through town to see it all decked out for the season. You'll also make a couple sweet stops and get a little treat to enjoy later! Check into your Anaheim hotel with time to rest up for our

evening activity. Dinner is on your own at the hotel or stroll the Anaheim Garden Walk for a selection of cozy restaurants or cafés. No rest needed? Then take an optional trip to Downtown Disney for a little shopping to find that perfect gift. Everyone has at least one Disney fan in the family... maybe it's you! The shops will be stocked with one-of-a-kind holiday items and the many eateries give you an opportunity to grab a quick bite. Tonight we all come together for a Christmas Lights Cruise in Newport Harbor. Sail past multi-million dollar homes all decked out for the season with lights twinkling on the water! **Hilton Garden Inn – Anaheim (L)**

HIGHLIGHTS

- See Michelangelo's Sistine Chapel – The Exhibit
- Tour Old Pasadena; and shopping opportunities at two SoCal landmarks
- 3 meals: 1 full breakfast, 2 lunches
- Door-to-door airport service
- Roundtrip airfare to/from Southern California
- 1100/1150 Gold Passport Points

2. Enjoy a leisurely morning before visiting the new *Michelangelo's Sistine Chapel – The Exhibition* at Christ Cathedral Campus, formerly Crystal Cathedral. It's an immersive presentation using state of the art technology to recreate museum-quality, near life-size reproductions of the iconic master's frescoes that adorn the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel in Rome. Get a whole new perspective by viewing his work from up close; no squinting necessary! Lunch is served among the blooms at Roger's Gardens, a SoCal landmark. The working nursery feels and looks more of a carefully manicured garden and has a fantastic gift shop! Be prepared for spring by picking up seeds for your own garden, buy a souvenir ornament to remember your trip or simply admire the colorful displays. Your late afternoon flight will have you home in time for your evening shows! **(FB,L)**

\$1075 p.p./dbl.occ., \$1140 single **A**

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

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

The package includes one-way rail passage on Amtrak's *California Zephyr*, a boxed lunch, hotel accommodations, casino bonuses (subject to change), and return transportation by motorcoach. Please note that due to weather and/or lengthy train delays, your journey over the mountains may be made by coach to Reno. 350/400 Gold Passport Points

\$320 p.p./dbl.occ., \$355 single **M**

Add door-to-door service for \$109 p.p.



Take the Snow Train to Reno

Ride the *California Zephyr* through the Sierra Nevada

2 Days • February 11-12 OR March 10-11



Eagles, Owls and Agriculture

Unique birds of prey viewing and agricultural education experience

3 Days • January 24-26

1. Experience the beauty of the Sierra Nevada Mountains in winter as you travel along Highway 50 east to Carson Valley. The annual *Eagles and Agriculture* gathering focuses on the influx of bald eagles and other birds of prey that come to the valley each year during winter

calving season. This remarkable interaction between nature and agriculture attracts nature-lovers of all kinds who come to closely observe raptors and a variety of other birds. Tonight, dinner is hosted with guest presenters. **Carson Valley Inn – 2 nights (D)**

HIGHLIGHTS

- Private Ranch and Barn Owl tours
- Sunday brunch at Harrah's Lake Tahoe
- Tour Genoa and the Carson Valley Museum
- 3 meals: 1 brunch, 1 lunch, 1 dinner
- Door-to-door service
- 950/1100 Gold Passport Points

2. A local guide joins you today as you visit local ranches and observe their operations up close with the men and women who run them. While learning about Carson Valley ranching and conservation, you have the opportunity to observe birds of prey from vantage points not available to the general public. This is a once-in-a-year opportunity for eagle viewing and photography. The afternoon Owl Prowl Tour goes to historic area barns to view owls in their natural habitats. What a special treat! **(L)**

3. Time to head back over the mountains but not before touring a new local distillery for a nip of vodka. At Lake Tahoe's south shore enjoy the popular Sunday Brunch at the Forest Buffet, high atop Harrah's Casino/Resort, before returning home to Sacramento. **(BR)**

\$945 p.p./dbl.occ., \$1060 single **M A**



A Taste of Healdsburg

A close-to-home culinary adventure

2 Days • February 25-26



Come along with us on a relaxing, no-fly trip that will take us to the small town that *Vogue Magazine* called the “Next California Culinary Destination.” Revisit some familiar places and explore new ones as we travel to Healdsburg in the heart of Sonoma County.

1. Our first stop will be at Viansa Sonoma Winery for an included lunch on their outdoor patio offering breathtaking views of the Alexander Valley below. In Healdsburg we will be guests of Donna and Chef Nez at their restaurant and tea lounge, A Taste of Tea. Sample a variety of teas from their

tea bar as they share their knowledge and passion of this humble, yet versatile beverage. We'll check into the Hotel Trio, a brand new hotel just outside of town. Tonight's included dinner is at the Coppola Winery where they serve up an Italian family-style meal with a side of merriment and mayhem. **Hotel Trio (L,D)**

2. We continue tasting our way through town today with a visit to another family-owned establishment, Journeyman Meat Company. Learn about the family's long standing tradition in winemaking and crafting artisanal salami, sausage and cured meats. Samples of their goodies will be offered for our pleasure. There will be time for you to explore Healdsburg on your own. The last stop on our journey will be for a late lunch in Santa Rosa. **(B,L)**

The tour will include tasty attractions and demonstrations, fabulous accommodations, and 4 meals as described above. As this is an overnigher, the coach will be picking up from our convenient locations in Sacramento. 800/900 Gold Passport Points

\$799 p.p./dbl.occ., \$899 single **M**

Add door-to-door service for \$109 p.p.

Springtime in Yosemite

Featuring the best of Mother Nature: waterfalls and spring flowers

3 Days • May 12-14



Springtime is the optimum season to view Yosemite's magnificent waterfalls and get a peek at its display of spring flowers. With one full day in the park, the morning will consist of a fully narrated tour to discover the history, geology and people of Yosemite.

The afternoon is your time to explore the valley as you wish. Perhaps a walk out to Mirror Lake, or time at the museum and Ansel Adams gallery. In the evening, return to your mountain resort for quiet reflection upon the day. — Continued on page 7

HIGHLIGHTS

- 2 nights at the Rush Creek Lodge, just outside the park
- Free time to visit Yosemite Falls, the Ansel Adams Gallery, and the Yosemite Museum
- Guided tour highlighting the history and points of interest throughout the valley
- 3 meals: 2 lunches, 1 dinner
- Deluxe motorcoach transportation
- Door-to-door service
- 1500/1800 Gold Passport Points





Lassen Volcanic National Park

Featuring rivers, lakes and waterfalls

3 Days • July 8-10



A deep winter snow-pack altered our 2019 visit to Lassen Volcanic National Park yet we still enjoyed the beauty of the mountains, the power of the waterfalls, and peacefulness of the lakes. We return this year, a month later in the hopes that the roads will be clear of snow.

1. During this brief three day vacation, travel to Redding by way of the old river road, Hwy. 99 through Chico, Tehama and Los Molinos. There is plenty of history to

be found and we will stop along the way to explore. Arrive Redding, late afternoon in time to enjoy a walk along the river, or maybe just a cold beverage on the patio at the hotel. **Sheraton Hotel at the Sundial Bridge – 2 nights (L)**

2. Travel east today into the Shasta Cascade Mountains. Your first stop is at Burney Falls, for a quick peek at the powerful force of water on the landscape. Continue east into Lassen Volcanic National Park, home to one of the mighty volcanoes along the Pacific Rim of Fire. Jagged peaks tell the story of its eruptive past while hot water continues to shape the land. From the bubbling mud pots to the pristine lakes and meadows; Lassen National Park is a hidden jewel of California. The 30-mile Lassen Volcanic National Highway meanders through the park connecting the Manzanita Lake region to the southwest entrance. Pass through dense forest, traverse a ridge with views spreading out far and wide, then descend through steep volcanic slopes with

HIGHLIGHTS

- Stay at Redding's newest hotel located on the banks of the Sacramento River
- Travel along the scenic Volcanic National Highway, stopping for a picnic lunch at Manzanita Lake
- 4 meals: 3 lunches, 1 dinner
- Door-to-door service
- Motorcoach transportation
- 1200/1400 Gold Passport Points

names like Chaos Jumbles (weather and road conditions permitting). This evening, enjoy a fine dinner while cruising across Lake Shasta on a catamaran. **(L,D)**

3. This morning, meander through the foothills, re-entering the park from the south with a stop at the Kohm Yah-mah-nee Visitors Center and the Sulphur Pots before returning to Sacramento in the late afternoon. **(L)**

\$1180 p.p./dbl.occ., \$1390 single **M A**

Springtime in Yosemite *(Continued from page 6)*

During our time in the park, visit the area around the newly restored Mariposa Grove (weather and conditions permitting). This area has undergone major reconstruction with new walkways and the removal of its concessions facilities. Galen Clark, the grove's protector, found healing within these trees and the restoration seeks to bring peace back to the grove as it was when first discovered.

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

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

\$1465 p.p./dbl.occ., \$1770 single **A**



On the Central Coast

Featuring oceanfront accommodations in Avila Beach

5 Days • April 19-23



1. Meet your fellow travelers at the **Sports Leisure** office before traveling to Avila Beach. As you pass through the Salinas Valley, known as the “Salad Bowl of the

World,” stop in Paso Robles for wine tasting. In Avila Beach the sand and surf of the majestic Pacific Ocean just steps away from your oceanfront suite. **Avila Lighthouse Suites – 4 nights (L)**

2. Spend the day in San Luis Obispo visiting the CalPoly Arboretum and the Mission San Luis Obispo de Tolosa. San Luis Obispo is known for their farm fresh cuisine; enjoy a delicious lunch in town before heading over to the iconic Madonna Inn for their world-famous champagne cake for dessert. We will take a look around the fabled hotel with it's over the top décor. **(B,L)**

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

4. This morning take in breathtaking views of the ocean as you drive the beach at Oceano Dunes; the only California State Park where vehicles may be driven on the beach. It will be a nice smooth drive along the water and then you will have an option to take the Hummer ride onto the dunes. Lunch will be on your own with free time at the Pismo Beach Pier. Tour the green

HIGHLIGHTS

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

houses of a rose farm; learn how they grow the most beautiful roses in the world enjoyed by millions at the Kentucky Derby and the Pasadena Tournament of Roses Parade. Tonight we gather for a special seaside dinner in Pismo Beach, listen to a live band play smooth jazz while watching the sunset over the Pacific. **(B,D)**

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

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

Beautiful Bodega Bay and The Coast

Featuring the Sonoma Coastline

3 Days • April 26-28



HIGHLIGHTS

- Relax in comfort and enjoy the hospitality of Bodega Bay Lodge & Spa, overlooking Dorian Beach
- Tour the Marine Biology Laboratory
- Dine at the historic Occidental Union Hotel; and legendary Tides
- 5 meals: 2 full breakfasts, 1 brunch, 2 lunches
- Door-to-door service and deluxe motorcoach transportation
- 1200/1400 Gold Passport Points

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

1. Travel through Sonoma County to Santa Rosa for brunch at a **Sports Leisure** favorite, the Flamingo Hotel. After brunch, travel to Bodega Head to catch sight of the Pacific Ocean, and walk along the bluffs. Overlooking Dorian Beach, your hotel is one of the finest, four-diamond lodges in Northern California; every room looks out over the gardens of the lodge towards the water. **Bodega Bay Lodge & Spa – 2 nights (BR)**

2. This morning enjoy a drive up the Sonoma Coast, with stunning vistas and windswept prairies capturing the imagination. As you travel along the Russian River, the forest canopy grows denser before entering Occidental, a gem of a community tucked into the redwoods. Partake in an Italian meal served family-style for lunch, then after a brief time to browse the quaint shops located in Occidental, return to the hotel for an afternoon of leisure... a full service spa awaits, along with a pool, hot tub, and bocce ball court; or maybe a walk to the beach is more your style. **(FB,L)**

3. An Organized Research Unit of the University of California, Davis; the Bodega Marine Laboratory is a specialized research facility. Aquariums filled with local fishes and invertebrates greet you as you walk through the lobby. A guided docent tour leads you down the hallways of the laboratory, where young research students seek to find solutions to complex environmental problems in coastal ecosystems. Outside, a tide pool display allows you to touch and experience the biodiversity and dynamic energy of the northern California coast. Lunch is included at The Tides, a Sonoma Coast landmark of "The Birds" fame. Return to Sacramento in the late afternoon. **(FB,L)**

\$1200 p.p./dbl.occ., \$1390 single **M**



Death Valley and the Eastern Sierra

Two nights in Death Valley; visit Manzanar National Historic Site

5 Days • February 3-7



Death Valley... its name alone conjures up all sorts of images: lonely prospectors, teams of mules pictured on boxes of borax, and early television westerns. Explore a few of the deserted or nearly deserted towns along the way, starting with a trip to the ghost town of Goodsprings. You are sure to be surprised by the beauty, intrigued by the stories, and awed by the splendor that is Death Valley National Park and the Eastern Sierra Nevada.

1. Arrive in Las Vegas on a late morning flight. After lunch, take some time to walk through the Fremont Entertainment District, a classic old Vegas location with modern attractions. There is an optional (included) visit to the Mob Museum. Learn the story of how Las Vegas started, and the mobsters who ran the town. This evening, drive to Goodsprings, a ghost town south of Las

Vegas for dinner and visit to the local saloon. You just never know what spirits will appear. Hear the story of Clark Gable, and how he burned a hole in the bar of the Pioneer Saloon waiting for word on his wife, Carole Lombard. Alas, her plane had crashed in the nearby mountains. Ms. Lombard's ghost is known to speak to people from time to time. It's fun and educational. Believe it or don't, the point is, you have a lot more information on which to base your beliefs! **Golden Nugget (L,D)**

2-3. The Amargosa Opera House is a great introduction to the region. Hear the story of Marta and the Opera House. Frozen in time like a capsule from decades past, it is a gem of the desert. Arrive in Death Valley in late afternoon.

Despite a name that tends to scare people away, Death Valley is really the most incredible desert canvas. Today, you paint your own picture, as you visit unique valley "attractions" like the Badwater Salt Flats (the lowest point in the U.S. at 282 feet below sea level), the Borax Works and Ubehebe Crater. (The historic Scotty's Castle is closed due to flooding until further notice, but you will still hear the incredible story of Death Valley



HIGHLIGHTS

- 2 nights Furnace Creek Ranch in Death Valley
- 1 night at the Golden Nugget in Las Vegas, 1 night Bishop
- The Goodsprings Ghost Hunt – Walk the ghost town and sit in the Pioneer Saloon, “speak” to the ghosts that inhabit the old mining town
- Visit Manzanar and learn the stories of the resilient people interred here
- Full day of Death Valley touring, featuring the Zabrinski Point, Badwater Salt Flats and the Harmony Borax Works
- Door-to-door airport service
- Fly to Las Vegas/Motorcoach return to Sacramento
- 9 meals: 3 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 2 dinners
- 2250/2550 Gold Passport Points

Scotty and Mr. Johnson.) **Furnace Creek Ranch – 2 nights (FB,L,D)**

4. Depart Death Valley this morning, climbing over the Panamint Mountains before dropping into the Owens Valley. In the afternoon, explore Manzanar National Historic Site, a windswept and sober reminder of those Americans of Japanese ancestry interred here from 1942-1945. Settle in for the night in Bishop surrounded by the Sierra Nevada and White Mountain ranges. **Holiday Inn Express (FB,L)**

5. Travel north along Highway 395 with a stop in Carson Valley for a traditional Basque lunch at JT's Restaurant before returning over the Sierra Nevada to Sacramento. **(B,L)**

\$2225 p.p./dbl.occ., \$2510 single 

Tucson – A Gem of the Southwest

Featuring four nights at the luxurious Loews Ventana Canyon Resort
5 Days • March 10-14



1. Check into your resort which is nestled in the foothills of the Santa Catalina Mountains amidst stunning desert landscape. During your stay, walk the resort's half-mile paved nature trail through the Sonoran desert with signs identifying the plants and animals that are indigenous to the area, an 80

foot waterfall, hummingbird and butterfly exhibits. Enjoy the pool, spa, and nightly entertainment. **Loews Ventana Canyon Resort – 4 nights (L)**

2. One of the “must-dos” when visiting Tucson is to experience Sonoran-influenced cuisine! Today’s tour features a combination of cuisine, history and fun. Visit family-owned eateries that are truly eager to share their passion with you. Visit the *White Dove of the Desert*, the Mission San Xavier del Bac, the finest example of mission architecture in the United States. With its graceful blending of late Renaissance styles, it’s a site to behold. **(L)**

3. A truly magical experience awaits you at The Mini Time Machine Museum of Miniatures. Miniature houses and enchanting collectibles are part of the extraordinary collection that leads you on a tour through different lands and times, both real and imagined. Visit Arizona artist

HIGHLIGHTS

- Culinary tour and fine dining experiences
- Kartchner Caverns State Park
- Mission San Xavier del Bac
- Lunch & Garden Tour at Tohono Chul Park
- Tour the DeGrazia Gallery In The Sun
- 4 meals: enjoy lunch together each day
- Door-to-door service
- Roundtrip airfare to/from Tucson
- 2300/2700 Gold Passport Points

Ted DeGrazia’s Gallery in the Sun. On your docent-led tour view the collections of paintings that trace historical events and native cultures of the Southwest through 15,000 DeGrazia originals oils, watercolors, sketches, sculptures, and jewelry. **(L)**

4. Kartchner Caverns State Park features pristine limestone formations. Nearby, Tohono Chul Park has been connecting nature, art and culture for over 30 years. This afternoon enjoy lunch on the patio followed by a tour of its many gardens. **(L)**

5. Depart Tucson on a late morning flight; arriving back to Sacramento early evening.

\$2290p.p./dbl.occ., \$2685p.p single **A**

Relax on Catalina Island

Enjoy three nights in the heart of Avalon
4 Days • May 17-20 or October 18-21



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

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

long since gone. The Catalina Express, a high-speed ferry transports you to the historic and charming village of Avalon on Catalina Island. At your hotel, relax and enjoy a wine and cheese reception each afternoon; and breakfast each morning with a build-your-own omelet bar.

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

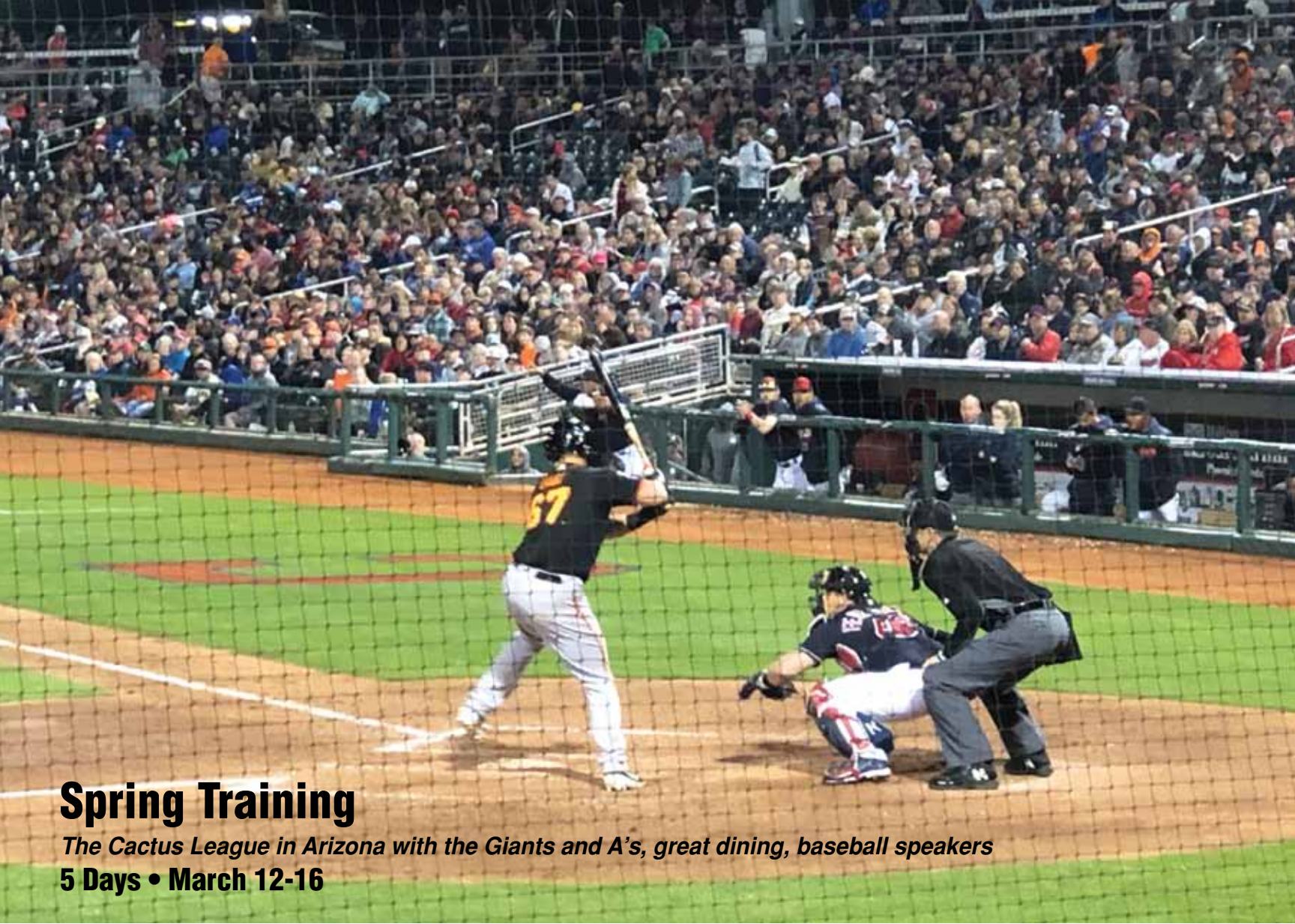
HIGHLIGHTS

- 3 nights at the Pavilion Lodge
- Sunday Brunch at Long Beach’s elegant *Queen Mary*,
- Be whisked away across “26 miles across the sea” on the high-speed *Catalina Express*
- *Twilight in the Casino* tour features wine and cheese on the balcony
- Explore the island with a scenic guided tour and special “undersea” experience
- 6 meals: 3 full breakfasts, 1 brunch, 1 lunch, 1 dinner
- Door-to-door service
- Roundtrip airfare to/from Long Beach
- 1950/2350 Gold Passport Points

on your own. Perhaps you would like to try the zip line eco-tour; cycle around town, or enjoy a glass-bottom boat ride in the harbor. (Additional charges apply for these activities.)

Included in the package is the *Twilight in the Casino* tour which showcases the Avalon Ballroom with wine and cheese on the balcony! Experience the scenic island tour and catch a glimpse of the underwater world surrounding the island on board a semi-submersible vehicle. Return to the mainland mid-morning, with lunch included at Parker’s Lighthouse prior to your late-afternoon flight home.

\$1935 p.p./dbl.occ., \$2320 single **M A**



Spring Training

The Cactus League in Arizona with the Giants and A's, great dining, baseball speakers
5 Days • March 12-16

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

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

Our baseball banquet features a guest speaker with stories to bring a smile to any fan. (This year, we are looking to "upgrade" our speaker just a bit, ask for an update when you register.)

The parks are small, our seats generally in the shade (amazing how important that little detail is) and the atmosphere is casual and friendly. Our group will number 15-25.

The tentative schedule of games is listed below. Tickets go on sale November 1, so it is important to register before that date, so we can get you the best possible seating. **Those registering by November 1 are guaranteed space.** Spring games (particularly the shaded seats we covet) often sell out quickly. Those calling after November 1 are on a space-available basis or hoping for a cancellation.

Tentative Game Schedule


Thur., Mar. 12	A's vs. L.A. Dodgers in Glendale
Fri., Mar. 13	Giants vs. Arizona Diamondbacks at Scottsdale
Sat., Mar. 14	Giants vs. Cincinnati Reds at Goodyear
Sun., Mar. 15	A's vs. San Diego Padres at Mesa
Mon., Mar. 16	Giants vs. Colorado Rockies at Talking Sticks

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



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

The package includes 7 meals, roundtrip air to/from Phoenix, four nights at the Marriott, game tickets in premium (and generally shaded) locations, the services of a **Sports Leisure** Tour Director and 2600/3000 Gold Passport Points for qualified travelers.

\$2595 p.p./dbl.occ., \$2960 single 

Baseball, History of America's Pastime

Two pilgrimages to learn about baseball's landmarks



We made a list of baseball landmarks all over the country. We asked many of our longtime baseball travelers what they wanted to see, and they said "Well, all of them." From the Hall of Fame to a ballpark owned by Bill Veeck's grandson, all across the country. (You remember Bill Veeck, the greatest baseball promoter of all time!) "There are only two seasons – winter and Baseball." – **Bill Veeck**

So we've sorted through the answers and come up with **two** baseball history tours. We had to eliminate a few places, just because we can't travel 400 miles out of the way to the Ty Cobb Museum. But we think we have two winning itineraries. Not just baseball is featured. The Truman Presidential Library,

the World War I Museum and a guided tour of Churchill Downs, just a few days after the Derby is run, are part of the spring trip. The fall trip is the classic New York-Cooperstown-Boston itinerary, with a few additions, and features a stay at the Otesaga Resort in Cooperstown.

Why Minnesota? On our trip to southern ballparks last year, the question was asked, "Mark, which stadiums have you not been to yet?" We discovered Minnesota is the only one, which means most **Sports Leisure** baseball fans haven't been there either! We look at the

schedule and see the Giants are there in May. Since the Giants play in Minnesota only every six years, it sort of seems meant to be. So yes, Minnesota. In early May. Winter should be over by THEN, don't you think?

Each is limited to 20 travelers. Interested in joining us? Call and place your name on the **Priority Notification List** for one or both. The pricing and final itineraries will be available in early November, when Major League Baseball announces game times for the 2020 schedule. If your name is on the list(s), you will receive all the details in your mailbox.

Part 1 – May 2-9 • 8 Days

The Giants in Minnesota, the Negro Leagues Museum, The Field of Dreams, Wrigley Field tour, Churchill Downs

1. Fly to Kansas City, Negro Leagues Museum (2 nights KC)
2. Harry Truman Presidential Library, Astros vs. KC Royals
3. World War I Museum, fly to Minneapolis, Giants vs. Twins (2 nights Minneapolis)
4. Easy day, Giants vs. Twins, travel by coach to "Iowa's Field of Dreams," historic Galena, IL (overnight)
5. Wrigley Field Tour, fly/bus to Louisville (2 nights)
6. Tours of Louisville Slugger Bats and Churchill Downs, possible minor league game
7. "A League of Their Own" movie sites, fly home

Part 2 – Sept. 22-27 • 6 Days

Yankee Stadium, Fenway Park, Cooperstown, Hoboken, Polo Grounds site

1. Fly to Newark (2 nights)
2. Hoboken (first baseball game site), Yogi Berra Museum, Polo Grounds site, Astros vs. Yankees
3. Gate of Heaven Cemetery – Babe Ruth gravesite (plus Billy Martin, James Cagney, Conde Nast, more), travel to Cooperstown, **2 nights Otesaga Hotel**
4. Hall of Fame (enhanced visit)
5. Travel to Boston, stop in Mudville (Holliston, MA), Orioles at Red Sox (overnight)
6. Fenway Park tour, fly home

M



The Colorful Carolina Coast

Our signature vacation along the colorful coasts of the Carolinas and Georgia

10 Days • March 24 – April 2

Since its first running in the spring of 1994, over 600 **Sports Leisure** travelers have witnessed the stunning scenery and rich history of the Southern Atlantic seaboard on this slow ramble from Norfolk, Virginia to Jacksonville, Florida. Highlights include the Outer Banks, a unique chain of barrier islands that rim the entirety of the North Carolina Coast separating Pamlico Sound from the Atlantic. Here you'll visit the Wright Brothers National Monument at Kitty Hawk where America first took flight, the soaring Hatteras Lighthouse, Blackbeard's Ocracoke Island and have dinner with "the church ladies" of St. John's to learn about life on a tiny sandbar completely surrounded by water. A tour and lunch aboard "The Showboat" *USS North Carolina* ends your time in "The Great North State."

South Carolina welcomes you with two nights in an oceanfront condominium on The Grand Strand, Myrtle Beach, including a live performance at the Alabama Theatre and a visit to the springtime magic of Brookgreen Gardens. Onward to "The Holy City" of Charleston for two nights in the heart of the historic district. A proud and arrogant city, and justifiably so, Charleston is where the first shots of the Civil War were fired as you'll learn on your visit to Ft. Sumter. Touring the city by horse and carriage will introduce the fine architecture and gardens the city is famous for.

The belle of the 13th Original Colony, Savannah, is your next stop where two nights in historic district accommodations beside the popular City Market put everything within easy reach. Touring the city by trolley will introduce you to some of the cast of characters, both famous and infamous, who have made the city great. A full afternoon on Tybee Island, Savannah's beach, includes a traditional dinner known as the Low Country Boil, followed by Toot's famous Prune Cake. A visit to the Millionaire's Village on Jekyll Island brings your visit to a memorable conclusion.

The full itinerary is available online at www.sportsleisure.com or by calling the office.

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



FLY Away to the Sea

See FLY, the newest Broadway-hopeful at the La Jolla Playhouse
3 Days • February 20-22

1. Escape NorCal's winter doldrums and fly away to the south where your adventure with the sea begins. A narrated luncheon cruise on beautiful San Diego Bay is a great way to start, followed by the city's best address where the popular Manager's Reception awaits in the early evening.

Embassy Suites on the Bay – Downtown – 2 nights (L)

2. During the day at SeaWorld you'll discover all the creatures who live in, under and around the sea through experiences that are up-close and personal. Then head up the coast in the late afternoon to beautiful La Jolla for dinner and a premier performance of *FLY*.

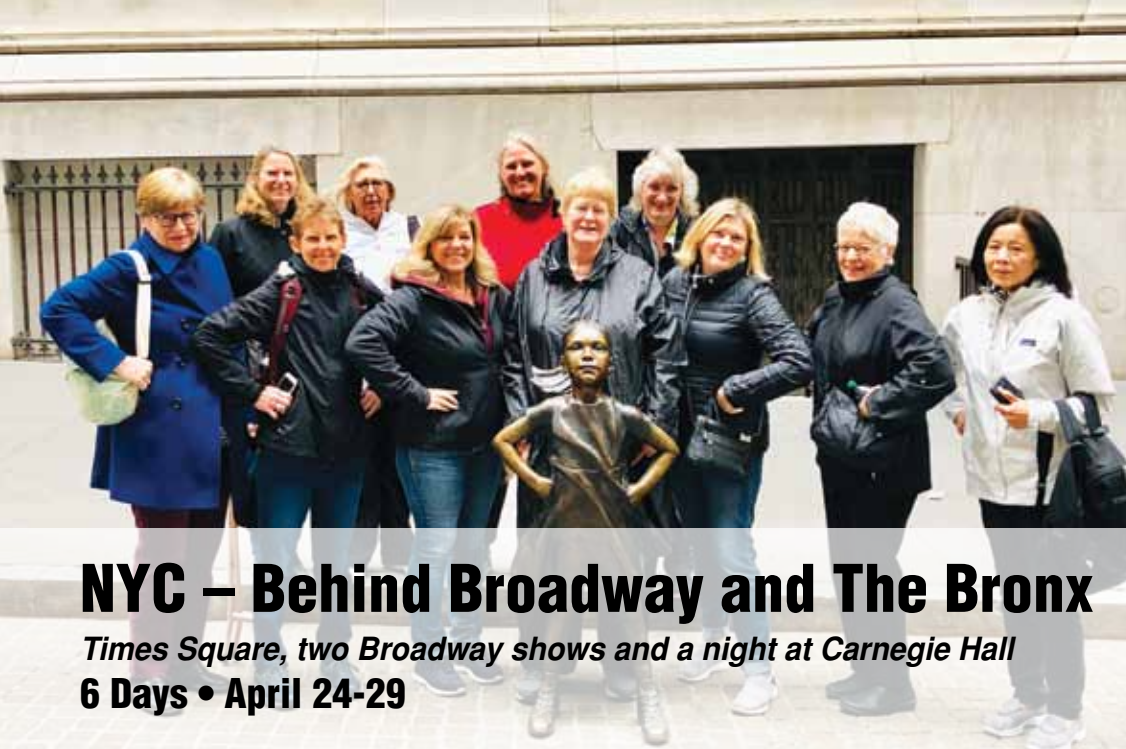
Tony Award-winning Broadway veteran writers and directors team up to bring a cherished tale into the present. Wendy's life is about to change forever when she meets a boy named Peter, a pirate named Hook, and a beguiling Crocodile who's much more than meets the eye. In this thrilling, funny,

dangerous look at J.M. Barrie's novel *Peter Pan*, a whole new Neverland comes to life. *FLY* will take audiences on an adventure propelled by a powerful and percussive score, dynamic choreography and aerial acrobatics. Think of it as *Peter Pan* for grown-ups! **(FB,D)**

3. A restful morning (perhaps a stroll along the waterfront?) and full cooked-to-order breakfast brings your adventure to a close. This vacation includes door-to-door airport service, roundtrip air, ground transportation, two night's accommodations, tickets to *FLY* and SeaWorld, 4 meals and the services of a **Sports Leisure** Tour Director. **(FB)**
1300/1500 Gold Passport Points

\$1285 p.p./dbl.occ., \$1455 single **M A**

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www.sportsleisure.com**



NYC – Behind Broadway and The Bronx

Times Square, two Broadway shows and a night at Carnegie Hall
6 Days • April 24-29



If you've always longed to wake up in the city that never sleeps, allow us to use our many years of expertise to help you personalize your visit. Harness the city's energy for a true New York experience. Come with us, we'll show you how!

1. Welcome to The Big Apple! Dinner is at Broadway hotspot, Sardi's, with caricatures of celebrity patrons lining the walls. Over a three-course meal, see how many you can recognize. The lights of Times Square are mesmerizing and right outside your hotel. It's the premiere address at the center of it all, and you call it home! **Marriott Marquis Times Square – 5 nights (D)**

2. In Central Park pay homage to John Lennon. At Strawberry Fields, a mosaic spells out "Imagine," timely still today. At a

real working firehouse and precinct, Bronx FDNY and NYPD share the rigors of the job and their efforts to strengthen community relations and safety. True heroes! Eat your way along Arthur Avenue, The Real Little Italy. Meet shop owners producing the foods you enjoyed at lunch. Grab some to take home, our treat! Oh, and the fresh cannoli? *Mangia, mangia!* Tonight is your first night of theater. Your Tour Directors will be available to direct/escort you. **(L)**

3. Do it the New York way, by subway and on foot. Take the subway to the Financial District. On Wall Street, pause at Federal Hall and say hi to Alexander Hamilton at Trinity Church. After lunch ascend One World Observatory with 360° views. Below, reflect at the 9/11 Memorial & Museum. Pause in the West Village at the sight of the Stonewall Riots, a flashpoint that began the LGBTQ community's fight for Civil Rights 50 years ago. Get ready for a decadent family-style dinner at Carmine's. **(L,D)**

4. You decide how to spend your day! Join your Tour Directors and sail to Ellis and Liberty Islands, visit Grand Central Station, do some shopping, take in a world-class museum or go sightseeing. We'll point you in the right direction. Come together for an early steakhouse dinner and share your adventures. Carnegie Hall will be abuzz for the New York Pops 37th Birthday Gala, and you have box seats! Past and present stars of Broadway relax and let it all hang out! It's truly a one-of-a kind New York evening. **(D)**

5. Pull back the curtain of Broadway. At a rehearsal studio, ask actors, musicians and technicians about their training, path to the stage or insider gossip! Meet Peter Filicia, a theater critic, with deep roots and a long history in the Broadway world. An endless

HIGHLIGHTS

- 5 nights at the Marriott Marquis Times Square, in the heart of the city
- 2 included nights of theater (One we select, one of your choice – an exclusive **SLV** feature); a night at Carnegie Hall with the New York Symphony Pops Orchestra
- A Day Behind Broadway – meet Broadway actors/musicians/technicians to learn the inner workings. Talk hits and misses with Peter Filicia, a theater reviewer
- A Day in The Bronx – taste the real "Little Italy," meet the FDNY and NYPD with stops at a working fire station and police precinct.
- A Day Downtown – stroll Wall Street & the Financial District, 9/11 Memorial/Museum/Observation Deck (all 3 experiences included)
- Free day to visit Ellis and Liberty Islands; optional visit to Grand Central Station
- 6 meals: 3 lunches, 3 dinners
- Door-to-door airport service
- Roundtrip airfare to/from NYC
- 4200/4750 Gold Passport Points

source of information and full of entertaining stories, he's a show unto himself! Lunch is at an authentic New York Deli; try the pastrami! Your last evening on Broadway is the show of your choosing. **(L)**

6. Before Times Square roars to life, take a short walking tour as a local guide shares fabled stories and easily overlooked points of interest. If only the streets could talk! At Hershey Chocolate World, tap into your inner child with a S'mores. Why you ask? It's New York and anything is possible here, so... why not? With sticky fingers and a chocolate smudged smile, head to the airport to return home.

\$4160 p.p./dbl.occ., \$4705 single A



Pathways of Patriots

Featuring the Virginia International Tattoo, a colorful display of pageantry and music

7 Days • April 27 – May 3



HIGHLIGHTS

- 2 nights Prince William County – Manassas National Battlefield, Ben Lomond Historic Site, Occoquan, Effingham Manor Winery
- Quantico National Cemetery, Museum and US Marine Base
- Richmond – Statehouse, American Civil War Museum, CSA White House
- Colonial Williamsburg
- 2 nights Norfolk – Virginia International Tattoo, NATOfest Parade of Nations
- 12 meals: daily breakfast, 3 lunches, 3 dinners
- Door-to-door airport transportation
- Roundtrip airfare to Dulles/from Norfolk
- 3300/3750 Gold Passport Points

Join **Clayton** as you step back to a tumultuous time in our nation's history. As you visit the many Civil War sites, battlefields and historic sites of Virginia, it is a time of reflection on the formation of our country. It all comes together with a Parade of Nations and an evening of music at the Virginia International Tattoo.

1. A flight to Dulles International Airport is your gateway to Prince William County, a world away from our Nation's capitol. A traditional Southern BBQ dinner is served at Effingham Manor Winery where you'll attend a wine-blending class to create your own beverage for the evening's meal. **(D) Hilton Garden Inn Woodbridge – 2 nights**

2. The first major battle of the Civil War happened in the sleepy town of Manassas, known to the Yanks as "Bull Run." Visit the National Battlefield and Ben Lomond, site of the make-shift field hospital. A display of early medical equipment is chilling. In the Colonial-era town of Occoquan you'll be shown around by the mayor before a dinner

ending with a slice of Michelle Obama's favorite apple pie. **(FB,D)**

3. Quantico is a word that immediately brings the long tradition of Marine Corps strength and valor to mind. Spend a peaceful moment on the hallowed ground of Quantico National Cemetery, explore the National Museum of the Marine Corps, and stop at Marine Base Quantico for lunch in one of the base facilities. This afternoon, it is onward to Richmond, capital of the Commonwealth of Virginia. **(FB,L) Delta Hotel Downtown**

4. Visit the Thomas Jefferson-designed Statehouse which also served as the capitol of the Confederacy; as well as the home of the Davis family during this turbulent time in American history, the Confederate White House. Fully explore the conflict from its Colonial roots through its bloody finish at the American Civil War Museum. So much to see and do, but rest assured you'll reach Williamsburg in time for the Manager's Reception – you've earned it! **(FB,L) Embassy Suites**

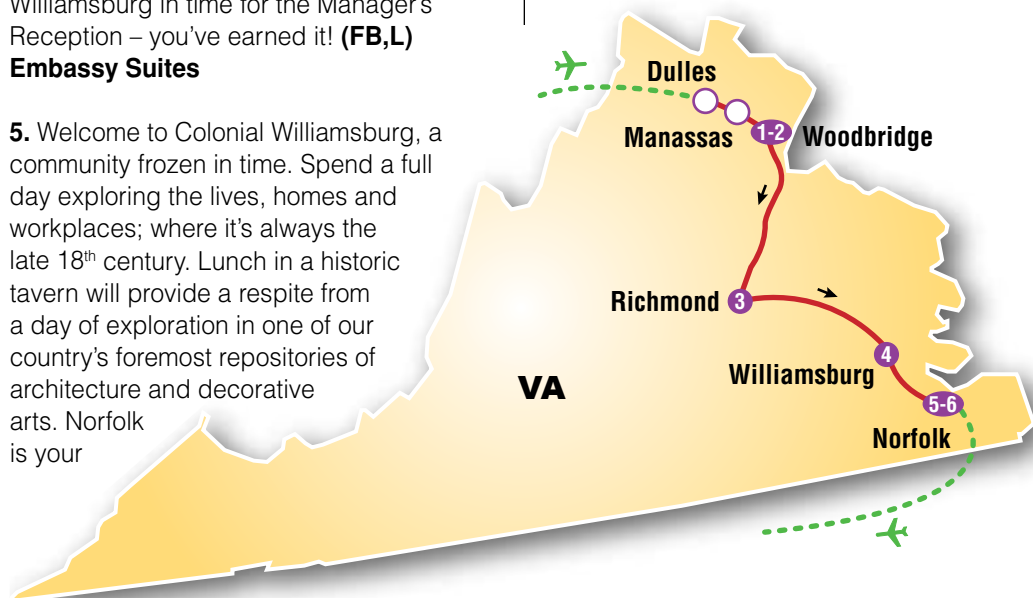
5. Welcome to Colonial Williamsburg, a community frozen in time. Spend a full day exploring the lives, homes and workplaces; where it's always the late 18th century. Lunch in a historic tavern will provide a respite from a day of exploration in one of our country's foremost repositories of architecture and decorative arts. Norfolk is your

destination at day's end, arriving just in time for the Virginia Arts Festival and NATOfest. **(FB,L) Norfolk Waterside Marriott – 2 nights**

6. Enjoy reserved seating for NATOfest's Parade of Nations, featuring the bands, dancers and pageantry of the many countries that make up the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. An early dinner is followed by a performance of the Art Festival's signature event, the Virginia International Tattoo. The largest spectacle of music in the U.S. (but with an unmistakably Scottish drone), the Tattoo offers an astounding display of pipe and drum bands, military bands, drill teams and costumed dancers – over 1000 performers from eight countries! **(FB,D)**

7. Return home with wonderful memories of your time in the *Old Dominion*, Virginia! **(FB)**

\$3285 p.p./dbl.occ., \$3725 single **A**



An American Portrait

From the Erie Canal to Cooperstown and West Point

8 Days • May 28 – June 4



HIGHLIGHTS

- Rochester – two world class museums – The Strong Museum (America’s Museum of Play) and the George Eastman Museum
- Cruise the Erie Canal
- Tour the homes of Harriett Tubman and William Seward
- National Women’s Hall of Fame, Women’s Rights Historic Park, It’s a Wonderful Life Museum in Bedford... we mean Seneca Falls
- Visit the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown
- Tour West Point Academy
- Visit the Presidential Library of Franklin D. Roosevelt; see Val Kill, Eleanor’s residence
- Take the Walkway over the Hudson River
- 15 meals: 4 breakfast, 3 full breakfasts, 6 lunches, 2 dinners
- Door-to-door service, airfare included
- 3600/4150 Gold Passport Points

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

2. The Strong is a highly interactive, collections-based museum devoted to the history and exploration of play. It is one of the largest history museums in the United States. A trip down memory lane for certain! The afternoon features the **George Eastman Museum** (Eastman-Kodak), where you’ll

find amazing photo collections and photography exhibits. **(FB,L)**

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

4. It’s Ladies Day! In Seneca Falls, they celebrate the rise of the woman in America. Check out the Women’s Rights National Historic Park and the National Women’s Hall of Fame. Just down the street is the **It’s a Wonderful Life** Museum. Many think “Bedford Falls” in the movie is patterned after Seneca Falls. We’ll share the story with you. Afternoon travels bring you to the quaint village of Cooperstown. **Best Western Cooperstown (FB,L)**

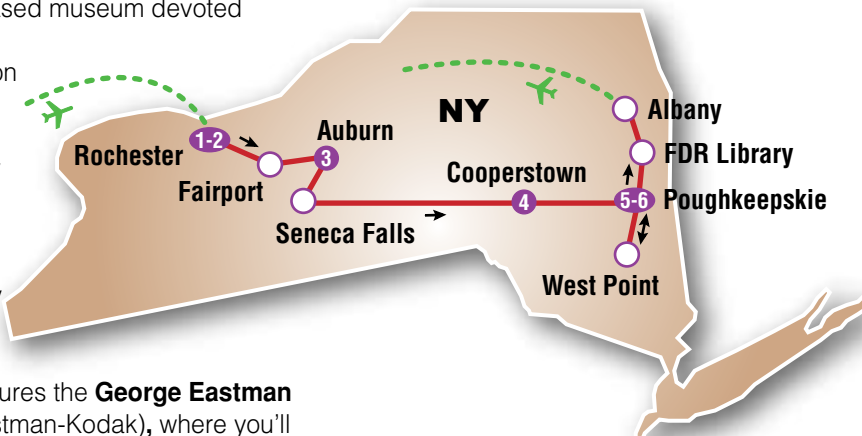
5. If you are a baseball fan, Cooperstown

is your “mecca.” It is the home of the **National Baseball Hall of Fame**. Our visit includes a special behind-the-scenes look at memorabilia from the achieves, not seen by the public. Take time to visit the hall, or, if baseball isn’t really your thing, explore the tiny village and it’s many gift shops. Lunch is at the Otesaga Hotel, right on the shores of the lake by the same name. Afternoon travels bring you to Poughkeepsie, situated at the northern top of the Hudson River Valley. **Best Western Plus at the Falls – 3 nights (B,L,D)**

6. Tour the beautiful Hudson River Valley. At the home and presidential library of **Franklin D. Roosevelt**, learn more about one of our country’s most fascinating figures. The home features a guided tour, and we have allowed plenty of time to explore the presidential library. Lunch is a special treat, as you dine at the Culinary Institute of America. Then it’s off for your chance to “walk over the Hudson.” **(B,L)**

7. A visit to **Val Kill**, the National Historic Site honoring **Eleanor Roosevelt**, is the final piece of our American Portrait puzzle. What an incredible woman she was! After lunch at Blu Pointe, an award-winning local restaurant, we are off to West Point, for a guided tour of the grounds of the military academy. **(B,L)**

8. One last attraction, the opportunity to see the Hudson River from above, as you utilize the **Walkway Over the Hudson**. Then it’s just a short drive to Albany Airport and your early afternoon flights to Chicago/Sacramento. **(B)**



\$3590 p.p./dbl.occ., \$4150 single **A**

Nebraska: Honestly, it's not for everyone!

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

5 Days • March 23-27



1-3. Fly into Nebraska, landing in Kearney, along the Platte River in time for a late lunch/early dinner. After a quick check-in to the hotel, drive out to Iain Nicolson Audubon Center at the Rowe Sanctuary for the evening fly-in as over 250,000 cranes

settle in for the night on the river. They stop to rest as they feed and travel north to their nesting grounds.

You are up early this morning to head back out to the blinds for the morning lift-off. You have never heard such raucous noise! Even as we travel to the Crane Trust Nature Visitor Center, you will see hundreds of cranes eating in the fields. A local crane guide will join us for a quick spin around the area for more viewing before we head to lunch in Hastings and a quick visit to the Hastings Museum for a little fun. Remember that little Kool-Aid guy? The story behind this "fruit drink" is pretty interesting; and Hastings is a quaint Midwestern town. And who knows, we might just find Bigfoot's prairie cousin in the area! **Kearney Best Western Plus – 3 nights (2B,2L,D)**

4. Red Cloud was the childhood home of Willa Cather, award winning author of American classics such as *O'Pioneers!*, *My Antonia*, and *The Song of the Lark*. Known for her poignant portrayal of European immigrants and their role in the settlement of the prairies, Cather has also become beloved for her sense of place and descriptions of the prairie. In Red Cloud, visit her childhood home and memorial foundation. In McCook, dinner is included at one of the local eateries... I hope it isn't chicken! **Cobblestone Hotel (B,L,D)**

HIGHLIGHTS

- Evening and morning viewing of cranes at Rowe Sanctuary
- Visit the Crane Trust Foundation headquarters
- Drive through the countryside with local crane "guy"
- Walk through the Kool-Aid exhibit at the Hastings Museum
- Spend the morning in Red Cloud, home to author Willa Cather
- Early morning "chicken dance" experience
- 10 meals: 4 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 2 dinners
- Door-to-door service
- Roundtrip air to Kearney/from North Platte
- 2300/2550 Gold Passport Points

5. Rise and shine! Need to be up before the chickens this morning as we will head out into the prairie to one of the *leks*. It is absolutely amazing to watch the sunrise over the prairie as the prairie chickens just seem to magically appear out of nowhere. Once the females arrive, the males put on quite the show... dancing, stomping, and making their distinctive mating call. Who knew a little chicken could be so loud?! One final stop at the Golden Spike Tower overlooking the expansive rail yard completes our time in Nebraska as we depart from North Platte. **(B,L)**

\$2295 p.p./dbl.occ., \$2540 single **E**

37th Annual Skagit Valley Tulip Festival

Celebrate the beauty of spring in the lush Pacific Northwest

3 Days • April 16-18



1. Upon arrival in Seattle, board the monorail to soar above the streets to the Space Needle. From 605 feet above, the Puget Sound and Olympic Mountains are on full display. At Chihuly Garden and Glass, internationally acclaimed glass artist, Dale Chihuly's energetic and whimsical work blends harmoniously with nature. Lunch

HIGHLIGHTS

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

features local Pacific Northwest fare. Arrive in lovely seaside Mukilteo with time to tour the historic lighthouse before dinner with a view. **Silver Cloud Inn – Mukilteo – 2 nights (L,D)**

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



3. Sail on a Washington State Ferry to Whidbey Island. Sweet Mona's has all sorts of tasty chocolate confections available. Next, visit a specialty boutique with a vast selection of chocolate infused products such as jams, tea and scented candles. On Blueberry Hill overlooking the harbor, Chef Gordon has prepared you a delicious lunch. Cross the Puget Sound to the mainland and catch your early evening flight home. **(FB,L)**

\$1545 p.p./dbl.occ., \$1750 single **M A**



The NEW Fixin' Up Texas

Three presidents, two Fixer Uppers and a million bats!

6 Days • April 16-21



1. Very much like Sacramento, Austin is not the Texas you see on TV. The Lone Star State's Capital City is at once cosmopolitan and funky. Known not for cowboys but live music (have you seen "Austin City Limits" on PBS?), your hotel is located on South Congress, epicenter of the "Keep Austin Weird" movement and only a block from Lady Bird Lake, home to the largest urban bat colony in the world! **Embassy Suites Downtown – 2 nights**

2. Lyndon B. Johnson grew up an hour east of Austin, but it was here that he launched his political career. Learn all about the LBJ years at his Presidential Library and Museum. The First Lady was known for her love of flowers, and her legacy continues at the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center. I bet you'll see Bluebonnets, the Texas state flower, blooming at their best. And of course no visit to Austin would be complete without touring their grand pink granite State Capitol. **(FB,L)**

3. College Station is home to Texas A&M University. Though he never attended school there, President George Bush (the elder) and his family had a close attachment to the school, selecting it as the site of his Presidential Library and Museum, as well as his final resting place alongside his wife Barbara and their daughter. Explore the man, his legacy and pay respects on your visit. **(FB,L) Hilton Garden Inn**

4. With a student body of over 60,000, Texas A&M University is a force to be reckoned with whether on the football field or in the arena of academics and research. The oldest college in the state is the home of the Aggies and countless traditions you'll learn on your campus tour. Continue north to Waco, hometown of the HGTV mega-hit "Fixer Upper" and Baylor University. **Hilton Hotel – 2 nights (FB,L)**

5. Waco has become an extremely popular destination because of Chip and Joanna Gaines. Thanks to their many commercial and residential "fixer uppers" the city has never looked better. With a local guide, explore all Waco has to offer including stops at Magnolia Market, The Silos and even the home of the famous soft drink born here, Dr. Pepper. **(FB,D)**

6. A final journey to the north brings you to Dallas and the campus of Southern Methodist University, site of the George W. Bush Presidential Center. Here you'll learn the second half of the story on one of our country's great political dynasties. Onward to Love Field and your mid-afternoon return flight. **(FB,L)**

\$2795 p.p./dbl.occ., \$3190 single **A**

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HIGHLIGHTS

- 2 nights Austin, 1 night College Station
- LBJ Library, State Capitol, Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, Congress Bridge Bats
- George H.W. Bush Library, Texas A&M University
- George W. Bush Presidential Center
- 2 nights in Downtown Waco on the Brazos River
- Famous "Fixer Uppers," Magnolia Market, The Silos and other sites from the show
- Ft. Worth Stockyards
- 10 meals: Daily breakfast, 4 lunches, 1 dinner
- Door-to-door airport transportation
- Roundtrip air to Austin/From Dallas
- 2800/3200 Gold Passport Points



Soulful Santa Fe

Featuring majestic scenery, inspiring art and creative cuisine

5 Days • May 23-27



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

1. Arrive in Albuquerque for lunch at the hip Standard Diner. Celebrity chef, Guy Fieri, raves about it for good reason. Just wait until you try the desserts! Be sure to come

hungry! In Old Town Albuquerque scour the shops selling everything from jewelry to local specialty food products. Green chile potato chips, anyone? They pack a tasty and spicy punch! At your hotel, a generous complimentary buffet spread with cocktails is offered each evening. Grab a beverage and slip into the town's soothing vibe. **Drury Plaza Hotel in Santa Fe – 4 nights (L)**

2. By trolley get an overview of Santa Fe's unique history and architecture before a guided walking tour of the Palace of the Governors. Enjoy lunch on your own and browse the authentic Native American jewelry for sale in the plaza. At the Georgia O'Keefe Museum artwork spanning the many periods of her life is displayed. A most fascinating woman! Dinner is at local institution, La Casa Sena served by the singing wait staff in the lively Southwestern cantina. **(FB,D)**

3. After a stop at New Mexico's one-of-a-kind Capitol Building venture into the vast beauty of the desert with a naturalist guide. Nestled in the hills is the Santuario de Chimayo healing shrine. There is a palpable calm here, and the clay is said to cure physical ailments. You may even take a little with you. Chimayo weavers, preserving an ancient art, explain the colorful patterns as they demonstrate their skill. Enter the Chama River Valley, known as O'Keefe Country, after lunch. No wonder she was so drawn to the land. There are awe-inspiring vistas around every corner! **(FB,L)**

4. Today is Santa Fe, your way! Explore the maze of alleys, discover hidden courtyards,

HIGHLIGHTS

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

shop 'til you drop, or find a spot in the plaza to relax. Join an immersive tour of world-renowned Canyon Road, where all mediums of art are found! On Museum Hill, choose from four acclaimed collections to peruse. Pick your attraction and transportation is provided. Tonight, share your adventures over a cocktail at your hotel. **(FB)**

5. Mines producing the signature gem of the Southwest used to line the Turquoise Trail, culminating in the kooky town of Madrid. Artisans have brought new life to this dusty ghost town. It is your last chance to find that perfect souvenir! After lunch, visit Acoma Sky City, an inhabited pueblo perched high on a bluff. Your guide shows you their home in the sky and shares the storied history and customs of this culture. Depart Albuquerque, refreshed and rejuvenated, arriving home in the evening. **(FB,L)**

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



Moab, Gateway to Arches National Park

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

5 Days • May 4-8



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

2. Arches National Park is a photographer's dream with over 2000 naturally occurring

arches (the greatest concentration in the world). As you explore the park with a guided tour it is a day you won't soon forget! After lunch it's time for a different view of the scenic beauty – from the Colorado River with a narrated jet boat tour along a calm section of the river. **(FB,L)**

3. Millions of years of erosion have formed a maze of canyon arches and spires now called Canyonlands National Park. Soar through the park on a one-hour flight over the Colorado River, past Island in the Sky and The Maze, a hideout of famous outlaws Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid. Near The Needles, fly over the confluence of the Green and Colorado Rivers, absorbing awesome breathtaking beauty. Later travel by coach to one of the best vistas in the west at Dead Horse Point State Park, where you will be 1500 feet above the Colorado River before heading back to resort. **(FB,L)**

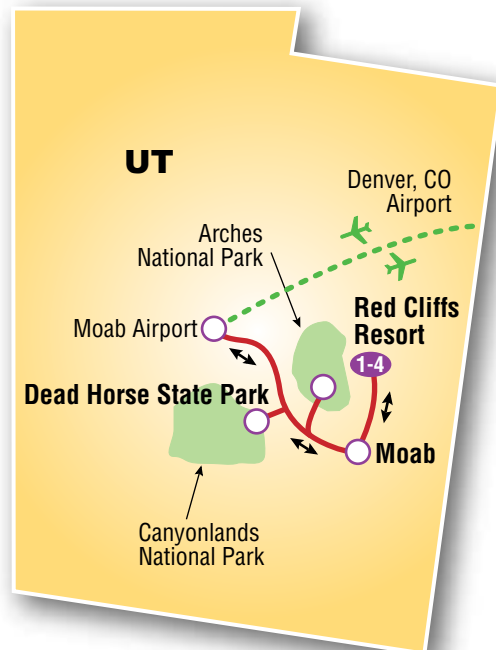
4. An exciting 4x4 Hummer tour over the red rocks is the highlight of this day! Enjoy free time in the morning at the resort nestled along the river; and the expansive back country in the afternoon. **(FB)**

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

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

HIGHLIGHTS

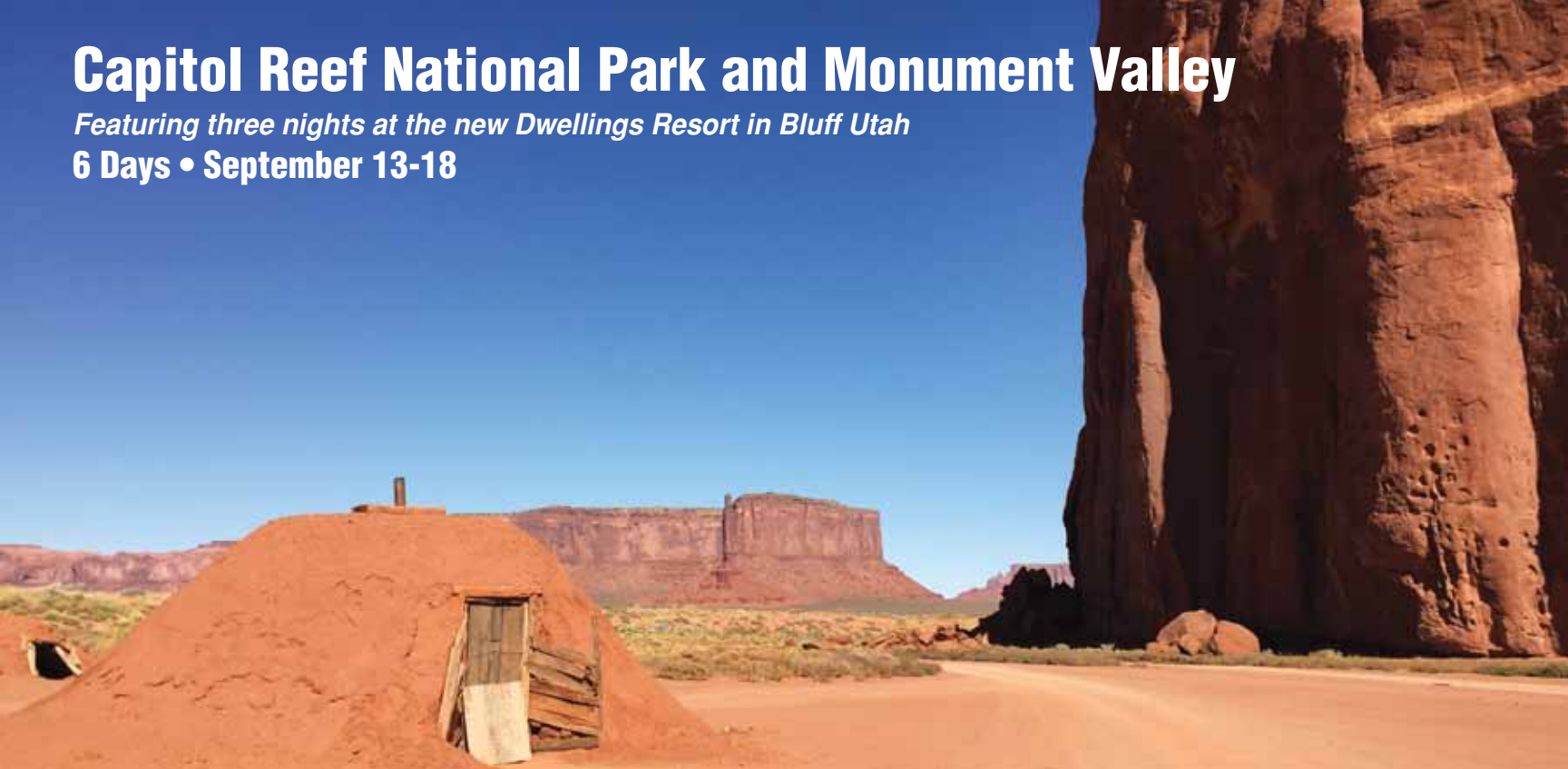
- Explore majestic Arches National Park
- Visit Dead Horse State Park (the most amazing views in the Southwest!)
- Thrilling jet boat tour on the Colorado River
- Relax at Moab's best address for 4 nights surrounded by the Colorado River and deep-cut canyons
- Experience flightseeing over Canyonlands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



Capitol Reef National Park and Monument Valley

Featuring three nights at the new Dwellings Resort in Bluff Utah

6 Days • September 13-18



HIGHLIGHTS

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

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

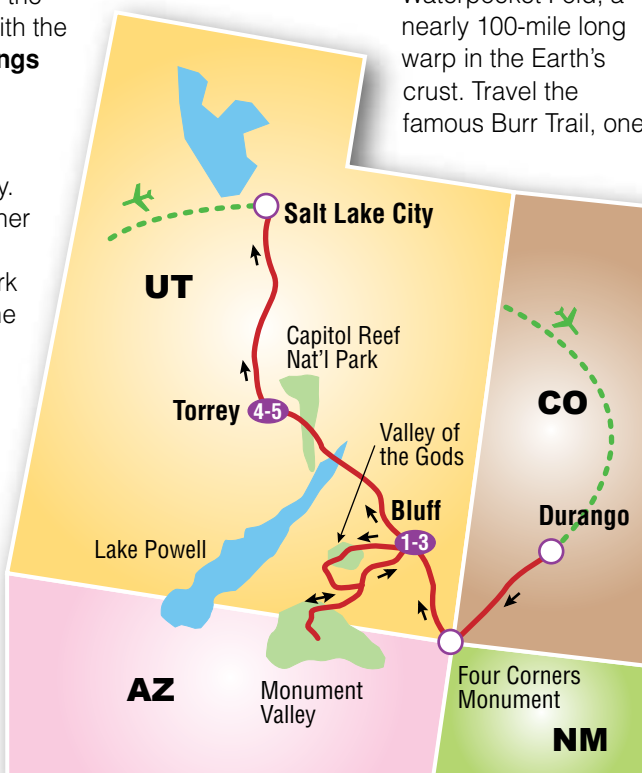
2. Valley of the Gods is a scenic hidden gem near Monument Valley. We will tour this area as well as other nearby scenic view points in 4x4 vehicles. At Goosenecks State Park impressive views are in store as the San Juan River twists and turns through a deep canyon. **(FB,L,D)**

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

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

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

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



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

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

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



Walla Walla and Pendleton

Lewis & Clark, Oregon's Cowboy Country, the Columbia River

5 Days • June 1-5



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

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

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

2. At nearby Patit Creek, a costumed character joins us to fill in another piece of the Lewis and Clark story. The entire campsite is recreated in sculpture, allowing you to visualize the scene. Stop at an orchard for a lesson in apple growing, then taste a number of different varieties. Lunch is served in picturesque Dayton at

the **Henry Weinhard Hotel** (perhaps you've heard of the beer by the same name).

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

3. Optional docent-led art walk on the campus of Whitman College (about 6 blocks, weather permitting) first thing this morning. At the Whitman Mission Historic Site, you can walk on a piece of the actual **Oregon Trail** and learn the tragic story of the missionaries who came here. Lunch on your own in Walla Walla.

On the short drive to Pendleton, stop in at Blue Mountain Cider for a unique tasting, pairing chocolate and cider. Arriving in Pendleton, first stop is the Pendleton Woolen Mill. There's an opportunity to purchase new and also slightly imperfect items, some at great discounts. Your hotel offers a light dinner (soup/salad as an example), and other choices are nearby. **Oxford Suites – 2 nights (B)**


4. A busy day in Pendleton. First, a guided tour of the famous underground. Living accommodations, gambling dens, houses

HIGHLIGHTS

- At Sacagawea State Park and Patit Creek, a living history guide brings you back to the days of Lewis & Clark
- Walk on a piece of the Oregon Trail
- Unique cider/chocolate and local wine tasting
- Makers Tour in Pendleton – Hats, saddles, boots
- 2 nights each – Walla Walla & Pendleton
- Learn about CBDs, the new hemp/cannabis-based pain med
- Lunch at the Columbia Gorge Hotel – 11 meals: 4 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 3 dinners
- 2150/2350 Gold Passport Points

of ill repute, much of it underground! Build your own beef, chicken or non-beef burger for lunch at OMG Burgers. Next is the **Maker's Tour**. You'll meet a hat, a saddle and a boot maker and learn about their trades. A fascinating experience last year's group rated the best of the entire tour. Dinner at famous Hamley's Steakhouse is sure to please. **(B,L,D)**

5. Just as Lewis and Clark used the Columbia to make their way to the Pacific Ocean, we follow the mighty river as far as Portland. Along the way, we'll stop in Hood River to learn a little about the Columbia, taste some of the amazing local strawberries and enjoy lunch at the historic **Columbia Gorge Hotel**. Our early evening flight returns to Sacramento at 9pm. **(B,L)**

\$2120 p.p./dbl.occ., \$2335 single 

Ferries and Towns of Puget Sound

Ride ferries, explore unique small towns, enjoy a room with a view

5 Days • July 12-16



1. Fly non-stop to Seattle, arriving at 10:15am. Enjoy brunch at Anthony's (with a view) near the airport. The afternoon ferry ride to Bainbridge Island is the second longest (35 minutes) and one of the most scenic on the sound. Suquamish is the home of the late Chief Seattle, the Native American who convinced his people to accept the coming of white settlers. Visit the museum, the Chief's grave and hear his unique story.

Your lodging for **four nights** is at the beautiful **Clearwater Casino Resort**, overlooking the waters of Puget Sound. Dinner is at your leisure and there are several choices on property. There are places to sit outside, a fire ring in the evening; it's really one of the most wonderful accommodations in our entire catalog. The days are of reasonable length, so you'll have time to relax and enjoy this beautiful resort. **(BR)**

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

Port Gamble is another colorful little spot in the Pacific Northwest. This old mill town has been restored and has a few interesting places to relive a piece of history. The village is a National Historical Landmark. Our afternoon includes time for pictures and browsing. Dinner is in Poulsbo with a

decidedly local twist. The Sons of Norway Hall hosts us for this evening's dining and entertainment. **(FB,D)**

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

4. Off to visit Olympia National Park this morning, featuring a stop at Hurricane Ridge. Back down at sea level, let's make two stops in quaint Sequim, for lavender and lunch. Eat at a popular diner downtown and then visit Purple Haze Lavender. The fields are full of fresh lavender. Take some home if you wish, or sample their other products. Ice cream laced with lavender is included! **(FB,L,D)**

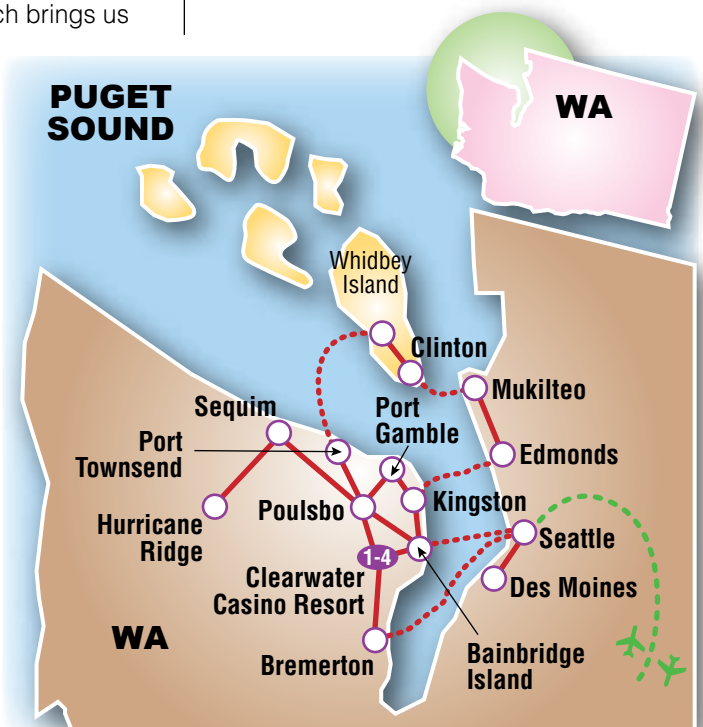
5. Today you will travel south to Bremerton for the

HIGHLIGHTS

- 5 ferry rides on Puget Sound, including the longest routes, Seattle/Bremerton and Seattle/Bainbridge Island
- Visit the villages of Poulsbo, Sequim, Port Gamble, and Mukilteo as you make your way around the sound
- Guided tours: Poulsbo, learn about the town's Norwegian heritage; Mukilteo Lighthouse
- 4 nights Clearwater Casino Resort in Suquamish – gaming for those who enjoy it, beautiful views for those who don't – the hotel and casino are in separate buildings
- Visit the grave of Chief Seattle, the Suquamish Tribal Museum and the Bainbridge Island Japanese American Exclusion Memorial – local landmarks which help tell the story of the history of the area
- 10 meals: Sunday Brunch (plated), 4 full breakfasts, 3 lunches, 2 dinners
- Door-to-door airport service
- Roundtrip airfare to Seattle
- 2450/2750 Gold Passport Points

longest scenic ferry trip across the sound. First, an important stop. There is a small memorial here, honoring some of the first Japanese-Americans to be taken away to internment camps from Bainbridge Island. Their story is told here and it's an important one. Pike Place Market opened in 1907. It's one of the oldest continuously operated farmer's markets in the country. Spend some time looking for treasures and enjoy lunch at Cutter's Crab House before we head to the airport and our late afternoon flight home. **(FB,L)**

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



Highway 101 – The Oregon Coast, Berry Nice

The most spectacular coastline in America, a coach/fly tour
6 Days • June 21-26



HIGHLIGHTS

- Depart from Sacramento by coach, return by air (independent train return also available)
- Drive through “The Avenue of the Redwoods” near Eureka
- Redwood National Park – more of the majestic giant trees
- Overnight Eureka, 2 nights Coos Bay, overnights in Newport and Beaverton
- Scenic drive along the Oregon Coast
- Great local stops – Misty Meadows Jams, Cranberry Sweets
- Washed Ashore – Saving the ocean one piece of junk at a time
- Shore Acres State Park – awesome ocean views
- Cocktail cruise on Newport Harbor
- A very berry experience – learn how the marionberry was created, berry milkshakes are included
- Door-to-door service
- 2450/2800 Gold Passport Points

1. This morning, our cars deliver you to the **Sports Leisure** office for departure on our coach headed north. Travel through the Napa Valley, with a stop for lunch in Ukiah. On up Hwy. 101, into redwood country.

The Avenue of the Giants was created long before the national park was established, because 101 winds its way through the trees, creating one of the best “up close” scenic experiences found anywhere. A day of travel ends in Eureka. **Best Western Plus Bayshore Inn (L)**

2. More spectacular trees await us at **Redwood National Park**. You may remember it was Lady Bird Johnson who lobbied her husband to protect the trees, resulting in the creation of the national park

in 1968. Stop at the visitor’s center to learn more about the redwoods. Why do they only grow in very limited areas? Why do they grow so tall?

Lunch is in Gold Beach, over the border into Oregon, as we continue on up the coast to Coos Bay. The best place to stay in town also offers a casino. **The Mill – Coos Bay – 2 nights (B,L)**

3. Spend the day exploring some wonderful off-the-beaten-track attractions in and around Bandon, just to the south. Like to shop? Cranberry Sweets and Misty Meadows will offer you lots of Oregon-made treats. Jams, jellies, candy, there’s all sorts of yummy stuff to choose from. At Washed Ashore, you’ll hear the story of a small company that is trying to help clean up the ocean, one piece of trash at a time. What an inspiring story. Back in Coos Bay, a salmon bake has been arranged in your honor (alternate entrée available). **(FB,D)**

4. Learn about Coos Bay, its people and its industry, on a short tour. Shore Acres State Park is the highlight. There’s a story here and a great view. Please enjoy both. The dunes are here and why not hop in a giant dune buggy for a ride over the sand (a smaller, less adventurous ride is also offered). Pause for lunch in Florence.

Another hour up the coast is Newport, our home for the night. After check in (all rooms face the ocean), enjoy a narrated cocktail cruise on the harbor, followed by dinner and desert at Clearwater, a bay front eatery. **Elizabeth Oceanfront Suites (FB,D)**

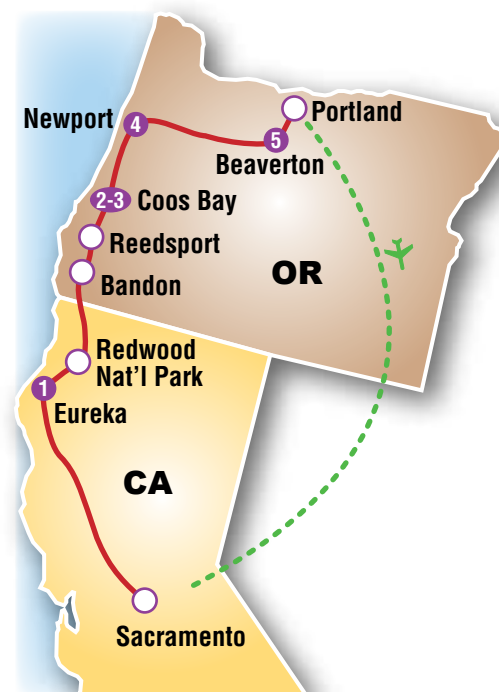
5. One more shot of ocean scenery as we head north, past Otter Rock and

leave the coast to head inland. First stop is in McMinnville, where the Evergreen Museum is home to the **Spruce Goose**, Howard Hughes’ experimental aircraft. Next destination is the tiny hamlet of Scholls Ferry, home to Smith’s Berry Barn. We’ll sample some berries and have milkshakes for dessert! Yum is the only word that fits...

They grow lots of berries in this region, and “u-pick” is a popular family activity. Overnight in the Portland suburb of Beaverton. **Hilton Garden Inn (B,D)**

6. Our return flight to Sacramento leaves this afternoon from Portland. First, let’s learn a little about all those berries that grow here, and then enjoy a very berry lunch before heading for home. **(FB,L)**

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





The Magnificent Mendocino Coast

Featuring Noyo Harbor, Ft. Bragg and the historic Skunk Train

4 Days • September 8-11

With rugged coastlines, dashing waves and wind-blown trees the Mendocino Coast has inspired and welcomed many over the years. Early fall is the perfect opportunity to browse the quaint shops of Mendocino or perhaps stroll along the boardwalk at MacKerricher State Park.

Begin with a visit to the home and museum of early California artist, Grace Hudson, followed by an overnight stay in Ukiah. The next morning travel across the coastal range. The Mendocino Botanical Gardens, one of the finest on the West Coast, offers beautiful display gardens, and its trail to the ocean bluffs is spectacular. At Point Cabrillo Lighthouse, the docents are prepared to share stories of the keepers

and the surrounding community. In Fort Bragg, the old mill site is being restored into Noyo Headlands Park with the Noyo Marine Center offering visitors educational talks and walks. The historic *Skunk Train* now offers an abbreviated journey along Pudding Creek Estuary. Step back in time as you travel over some of the first tracks laid down by the California Western Railroad in 1885. The train's whistle brings out the child in all; there's nothing like a train ride through the forest! There is even an opportunity (additional charge) to ride a railbike through the estuary.

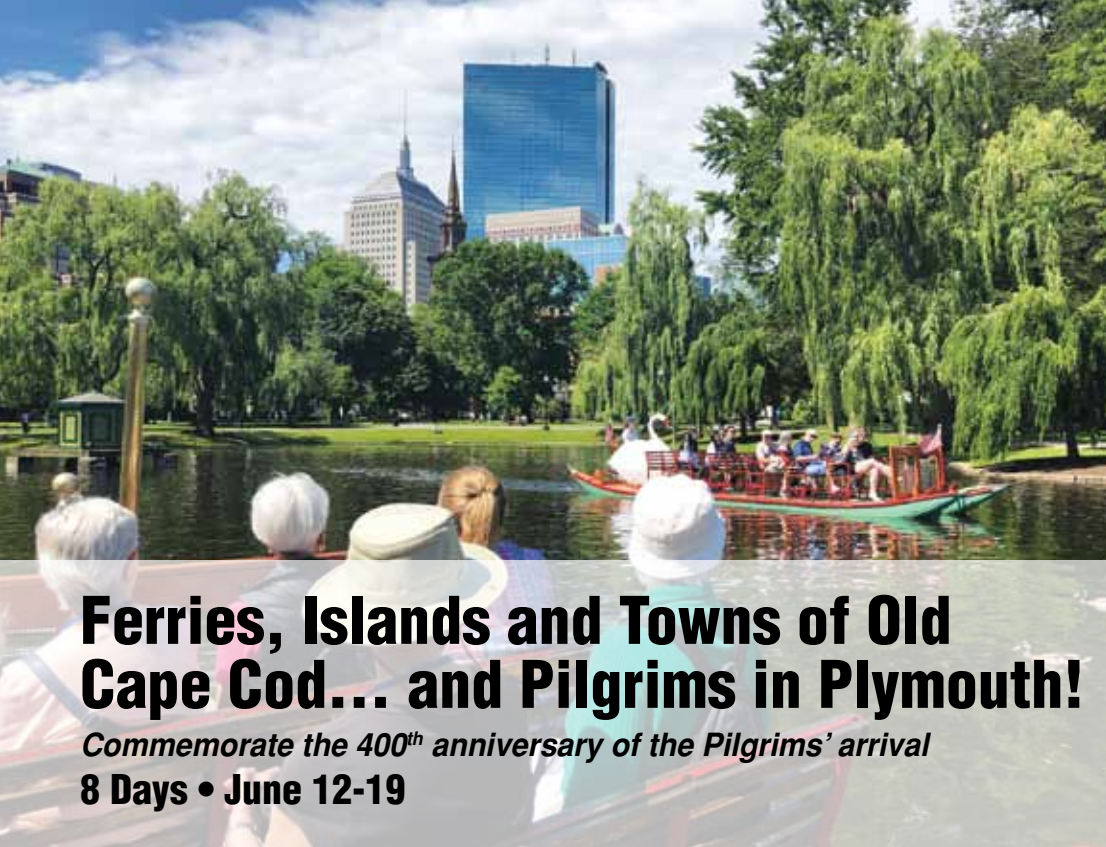
Our lodging for **two nights** will be overlooking Noyo Harbor at the familiar **Harbor Lite Lodge**. In the early morning, as

you enjoy your first cup of coffee, watch as the fishing fleet heads out for the day. In the evenings, enjoy the fresh catch of the day as we dine at some of the area's oldest and finest establishments.

This tour includes door-to-door service, motorcoach transportation, accommodations, all attractions as listed above, 9 meals (3 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 2 dinners), and the services of a **Sports Leisure Vacations** Tour Director. 1500/1750 Gold Passport Points

\$1490 p.p./dbl.occ., \$1725 single M





Ferries, Islands and Towns of Old Cape Cod... and Pilgrims in Plymouth!

Commemorate the 400th anniversary of the Pilgrims' arrival
8 Days • June 12-19

1. Travel south to Plymouth, MA from Boston. Dinner is traditional New England seafood and steaks served waterside. Rest up because tomorrow you're off to trace the footsteps of the Pilgrims. **Hotel 1620 – 2 nights (D)**

2. A costumed guide takes you on a leisurely walking tour of town, ending along the waterfront at Plymouth Rock and Mayflower II, a replica of the Pilgrim's vessel. Explore the ship and learn of the Mayflower Compact that served as the blueprint for American Government. It's 1620 and tonight we party with the Pilgrims at Plimoth Plantation! Wampanoag Tribal members provide musical accompaniment over a feast of traditional turkey and Native American dishes. **(FB,D)**

3. Breeze through Boston's history on an abbreviated tour and ride the famed Swan Boats in Boston Common. Take your pick of one of the many eateries at Quincy Market and Faneuil Hall for lunch. Lobster roll, anyone? A high-speed ferry comfortably sails you across the harbor to Provincetown at the far tip of the cape. Plymouth doesn't like to talk about it, but the Pilgrims first landed here. See the monument erected to commemorate the occasion and visit the Provincetown Museum. Tonight all rooms have unobstructed harbor views. **Surfside Hotel – 2 nights (FB,D)**

4. Squeeze down the narrow streets aboard a trolley tour passing gray-shingled homes typical of Cape Cod. It really is as pretty as you've always imagined! This is Boston's playground so the shops are quaint boutiques – some are not for the

faint of heart. It takes all kinds and **ALL** are welcome here! Before lunch scale the sand dunes in an SUV. Dotted with secluded artist shacks, many notable writers and painters have come here to escape distractions. At the Cape's edge atop pristine rolling sand dunes, the view of the Atlantic Ocean is simply awesome! This evening attend an inspirational one-man musical comedy show starring six different characters and 11 costume changes, all in less than 90 minutes! This evening is colorful, lively and definitely befitting of the spirit of "Ptown"! **(B,L)**

5. At the Cape Cod National Seashore Visitor Center see how glacial activity created this unique stretch of land jutting into the ocean. If inclined, connect with nature on a gentle walk along the edge of a salt marsh. Lunch is on your own in Chatham with time to stroll the town. Continue to Hyannis and visit a museum focusing on John F. Kennedy's life and the mystique of Camelot. After checking into your hotel, it's *lobstah* time! Tie that bib on and get to cracking... and bring your camera! **Hyannis Harbor Hotel (B,D)**

6. Across the street, board the ferry to Martha's Vineyard. On arrival a tour of the island showcases the famous gingerbread houses, lovely lattice and rose covered cottages and some very impressive estates. Grab a bite for lunch and set sail for Nantucket, the more relaxed of the two islands. Shuttles transport you to the hotel a few miles from town. Complimentary shuttle service is available to take you back

HIGHLIGHTS

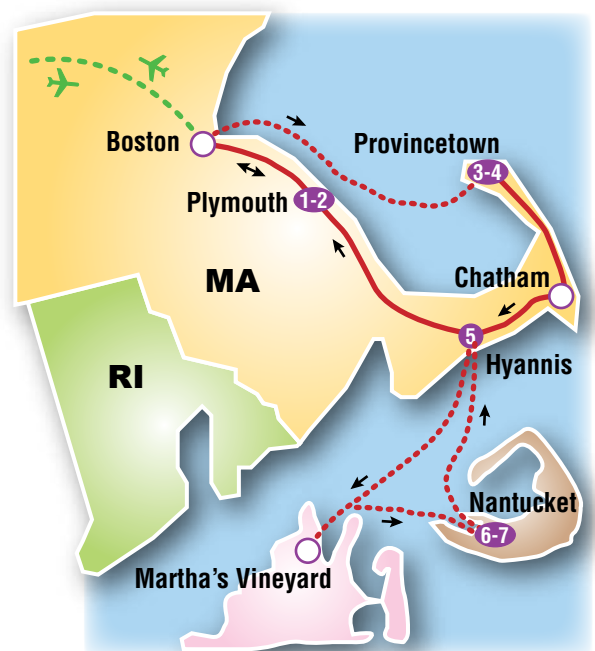
- 2 nights Plymouth, 2 nights Provincetown, overnight Hyannis, 2 nights Nantucket
- Guided Tours of Plymouth and Plimoth Plantation, Provincetown, Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket; Cape Cod National Seashore
- Tour Boston, ride the famous Swan Boats on Boston Common
- Ferry rides from Boston to Provincetown, Hyannis – Martha's Vineyard – Nantucket – Hyannis
- Sand dune excursion and Trolley tour of Provincetown with colorful theatrical entertainment
- 15 meals: breakfast daily, 2 lunches, 6 dinners
- Door-to-door airport service
- Roundtrip airfare to/from Boston
- 4250/4900 Gold Passport Points

and forth as you wish. **Nantucket Inn – 2 nights (FB,D)**

7. See cranberry bogs, lighthouses and rumble along the cobblestone streets before visiting the Whaling museum. Your admission is included and yours to enjoy at leisure. Fantastic exhibits explain how the once thriving whaling industry made Nantucket the richest town in the country. Spend the afternoon exploring, dining and shopping. It's all yours to enjoy! When ready, hotel shuttles will provide transportation back to the hotel, returning for a final night dinner. **(FB,D)**

8. With a heavy heart and even heavier suitcases from all that shopping, depart by ferry returning to Hyannis. Meet the motor coach bound for Boston. Lunch is at The Union Oyster House before catching your flight home. **(FB,L)**

\$4245 p.p./dbl.occ., \$4880 single A



Maine – Lobsters and Lighthouses

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

7 Days • August 19-25



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

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

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

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

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

HIGHLIGHTS

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

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

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

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



Classical Empires of the Mediterranean

Cruise from Monte Carlo to Barcelona, with stops in Italy, Malta and Spain

14 Days • April 17-30



DATE	PORT OF CALL
April 17	In-flight
April 18	Arrive Monte Carlo – 1 night
April 19	Monte Carlo – Ship departs at 8pm
April 20	Florence/Pisa/Tuscany, Italy
April 21	Rome, Italy
April 22	Amalfi/Positano, Italy
April 23	Taormina (Sicily), Italy
April 24	Valletta, Malta
April 25	Cruising the Mediterranean Sea
April 26	Alicante, Spain
April 27	Valencia, Spain
April 28	Palma de Mallorca, Spain
April 29	Arrive Barcelona – 1 night
April 30	Fly Home

Over the years, **Sports Leisure** travelers have asked for a Mediterranean cruise aboard a luxury cruise ship. We are pleased to partner with **Oceania Cruises** for such a vacation aboard the *Riviera*. Designed with luxury and comfort in mind, the *Riviera* offers an impeccable level of personalized service with a country club casual ambiance. This ship which carries 1250 passengers (and an 800 member crew) offers unique epicurean and travel experiences with multiple dining venues, of which six are open-seating gourmet restaurants with no surcharges. Intimate spaces throughout the ship provide relaxing escapes; and specially designed shore excursions highlight the culture, history and arts of this fascinating region.

A newer ship (launched in 2012, and refurbished in 2015), the *Riviera* includes Inside, Ocean View and Veranda Staterooms. All the cabins include minibars, full-sized bathtubs and flat-screened televisions. A variety of suites are also available with 24-hour butler service.

The 10-day cruise includes iconic Mediterranean ports of call with shore excursions offered to highlight the culture and natural beauty of each stop. While shore excursions are not included in the package price, this particular departure does include an on-board credit which may be used for shore packages, on-board services such as the Canyon Ranch Spa, or on-board shopping.

Upon arrival in Monte Carlo, a city tour acquaints you to the sights and sounds of this famous city. Overnight and enjoy another day on the French Riviera before boarding your floating home for the next 10 nights. Visit the Renaissance city of Florence or Pisa; travel through the Tuscan countryside to San Gimignano with medieval towers. In Rome, revel in the timeless monuments, from the ancient Roman Forum to the splendor of St. Peter's Basilica. Amalfi, Taormina, Valletta, Alicante and Valencia offer opportunities to bask in the sun, marvel at buildings seeming to

stand suspended on the cliffs, and partake in the ancient history of this spectacular area. Palma de Mallorca is a beautiful island rich with the magnificent Seo Cathedral and amazing natural wonders. In Barcelona, disembark from the ship early in the morning, allowing for a full day of touring before spending your final night in the Mediterranean. Enchanted by the beauty and romance of the Mediterranean, it is time to board your return flight, leaving the azure seas and ancient buildings to your memory.

This package includes the services of a **Sports Leisure** Tour Director, door-to-door service, roundtrip airfare to Nice/from Barcelona, two additional nights' lodging (1 – Monte Carlo; 1 – Barcelona), local touring in Monte Carlo and Barcelona.

Veranda Staterooms start at:
\$7910 p.p./dbl.occ., \$11,175 single
Prices based on estimated air.
Gold Passport Points based on cabin.
This vacation requires a valid passport!





Cruise Norway and the North Cape

“Voyage of the Midnight Sun”

17 Days • July 3-19

DATE	PORT OF CALL
July 3	Overnight flight
July 4	Arrive Amsterdam – 1 night
July 5	Amsterdam – Ship departs at 5pm
July 6	At Sea
July 7	Eidfjord / Scenic cruising Hardangerfjord
July 8	Bergen
July 9	Molde
July 10	Trondheim
July 11	At Sea
July 12	Honningsvag / Scenic cruising-North Cape
July 13	At Sea
July 14	At Sea
July 15	Alesund
July 16	Flam / Scenic cruising-Sognefjord
July 17	Stavanger
July 18	At Sea
July 19	Arrive Amsterdam – Fly Home

The *Nieuw Statendam* features light-filled spaces with interiors inspired by the fluid curves of musical instruments. The ship typically carries 2600 guests. **Holland America’s** signature experiences cover arts, culinary delights, history and culture at each port with a variety of shore excursions ranging in levels of activity. Note: Shore excursions are not included in the package price, allowing you the freedom and choice to design your own experience.

The flight from California to Amsterdam takes a full day, arriving the following morning. A city tour and lunch ease the transition into the European culture; visit the Rijksmuseum, one of the world’s foremost museums dedicated to Dutch arts and history. As you sail out of Amsterdam the next day, journey north to the land of the midnight sun, stunning fjords and vistas, and charming Viking villages.

In the shadow of snowy peaks and stunning blue-green fjords, **Eidfjord** is considered to one of the most beautiful villages in Norway. **Hardangerfjord** is the fourth-longest fjord in the world and plunges down almost a half mile at its deepest point. Take in the best of the landscape as you sail toward the ever-imposing mountains of Hardangervidda National Park. Waterfalls, islands and shoreline villages dot the journey.

In beautiful **Bergen**, step off the ship where small boats line the harbor and wooden gabled buildings stand proud along the waterfront. The city is one of Europe’s oldest settlements with cobblestone streets and narrow alleyways and medieval cathedrals.

All of the stunning beauty you associate with Norway is on display in **Molde** with white clapboard houses sitting alongside a sparkling fjord, and flowers blooming everywhere, from the roof of the town hall to the picket fences.

Norway’s Viking capital, **Trondheim**, is enclosed by the Nidelva River. The medieval Gothic grandeur of the Nidaros Cathedral is a must-see, as is the historic riverside Bakklandet neighborhood.

Amidst colorful buildings, **Honningsvåg’s**, cultural life and strong economy are driven by the shipping through the Barents Sea. Be sure to stop by the statue of Bamse, the Saint Bernard dog that became the mascot of the Free Norwegian Forces during World War II.

Nordkapp (North Cape) is the headland in northern Norway, commonly known as the northernmost point in Europe. While that claim

may not be technically true, the starkly beautiful, barren and intimidating coastline of Finnmark contrasts dramatically with the majestic fjords to the south.

Alesund, a quaint fishing town in western Norway, was destroyed by fire in 1904. When Norway gained its independence from Sweden, Alesund was rebuilt as a “Norwegian town” to celebrate the creation of a new nation. The buildings feature Viking-inspired facades and decorations.

Cruise the **Sognefjord**, the longest and deepest fjord in the world; and visit **Flam** situated on the banks of Aurlandsfjord. You will find an easy pastoral rhythm in these steep-sided fjords.

In **Stavanger**, there is a blend of proud Viking heritage; and as the epicenter of North Sea oil extraction, a bustle of wealth in one of world’s top energy capitals.

This package includes the services of a **Sports Leisure** Tour Director, door-to-door service, roundtrip airfare to/from Amsterdam, one nights’ accommodation and local touring in Amsterdam.

Inside Cabins start at:
\$6108 p.p./dbl.occ., \$8417 single
Outside Cabins start at:
\$6810 p.p./dbl.occ., \$9715 single
Prices based on estimated air.
Gold Passport Points based on cabin.
This vacation requires a valid passport!

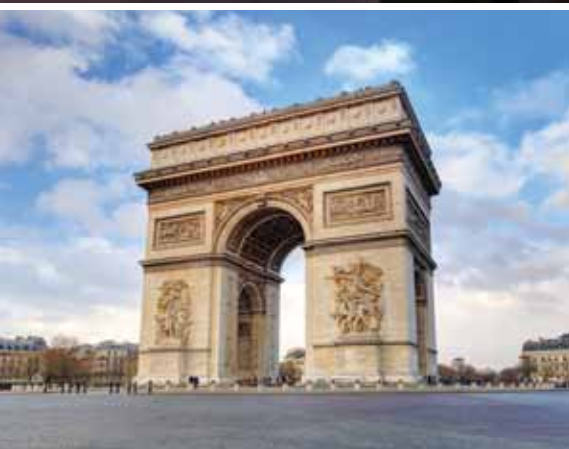




A Connoisseur's Tour through Holland, Belgium and France

For aficionados of history, art, architecture... and fried potatoes!

11 Days • June 5-15



1-2. Depart the U.S. and arrive in Amsterdam the next morning. Meet your guide, and embark on a highlights tour including lunch and a canal boat ride. Your hotel is in nearby Haarlem where dinner is served before an early night's sleep. **Carlton Square Hotel – 3 nights (L,D)**

3. Start the day with a visit to the Rijksmuseum, the largest and most important museum in the Netherlands, where you'll find works by Rembrandt, Vermeer and other renowned Dutch Masters. After lunch visit the magnificent synagogues and impressive memorials in Amsterdam's old Jewish neighborhood, home to the Hollandsche Schouwburg and the National Holocaust Museum. **(FB,D)**

4. Travel to famous Zaanse Schans with windmills at nearly every turn. Here's your chance to step back in time and view a living village of the past including demonstrations of Dutch crafts as cheese and clog making. In the afternoon visit the picturesque fishing village of Volendam located along the shoreline of the Zuiderzee. **(FB)**

5. Delft is famous for its prized blue porcelain. Visit the Royal Delft Factory and Museum where you will discover its history and production process. Continue to Antwerp, known for its Old Harbor and Gothic Cathedral, with free time for browsing, shopping and lunch. Onward to the medieval city of Bruges, a UNESCO World Heritage site. **Hotel Academie – 2 nights (FB,D)**

6. Bruges is a feast for the senses with centuries-old architectural gems best discovered on foot. A guided walking tour spotlights both the fantastic and funky, such as the Friet Museum, the first and only museum in the world dedicated to fried potatoes, and the 'De Halve Maan Brewery introducing you to traditional Belgium Zotse blond beer. We hope they both offer samples! **(FB)**

7. Dating to the Middle Ages, Ghent is one of Belgium's most celebrated cities. There you'll visit St. Baaf's Cathedral, home to paintings by Peter Paul Rubens, and Belfry Hall. Arras, France is your home for the evening, famous for its two arcaded Flemish-style squares, Grand Place and Place des Herós. **Mercure Arras Centre Gare (FB,D)**

8. On to the shining capital city of Paris. See the Eiffel Tower, Notre Dame, Napoleon's Arc de Triomphe and drive the Champs Elysees on a city tour. On foot explore Montmartre, famous for the iconic Sacré-Coeur Basilica; and the Abbesses, site of the famous

HIGHLIGHTS

- Holland: 3 nights Haarlem; visit Amsterdam (Rijksmuseum), Zaanse Schans, Volendam and Delft
- Belgium: 2 nights Bruges; visit Antwerp and Ghent
- France: 1 night Arras, 3 nights Paris; visit the Louvre and Musée de Orsay
- All well-located 4-star hotels
- 16 meals include full breakfast daily and a farewell dinner cruise on the *Bateaux Mouches*
- Door-to-door airport service
- Roundtrip airfare to Amsterdam/from Paris
- 5650/6150 Gold Passport Points

cabaret Moulin Rouge. **Paris Marriott Rive Gauche – 3 nights (FB,D)**

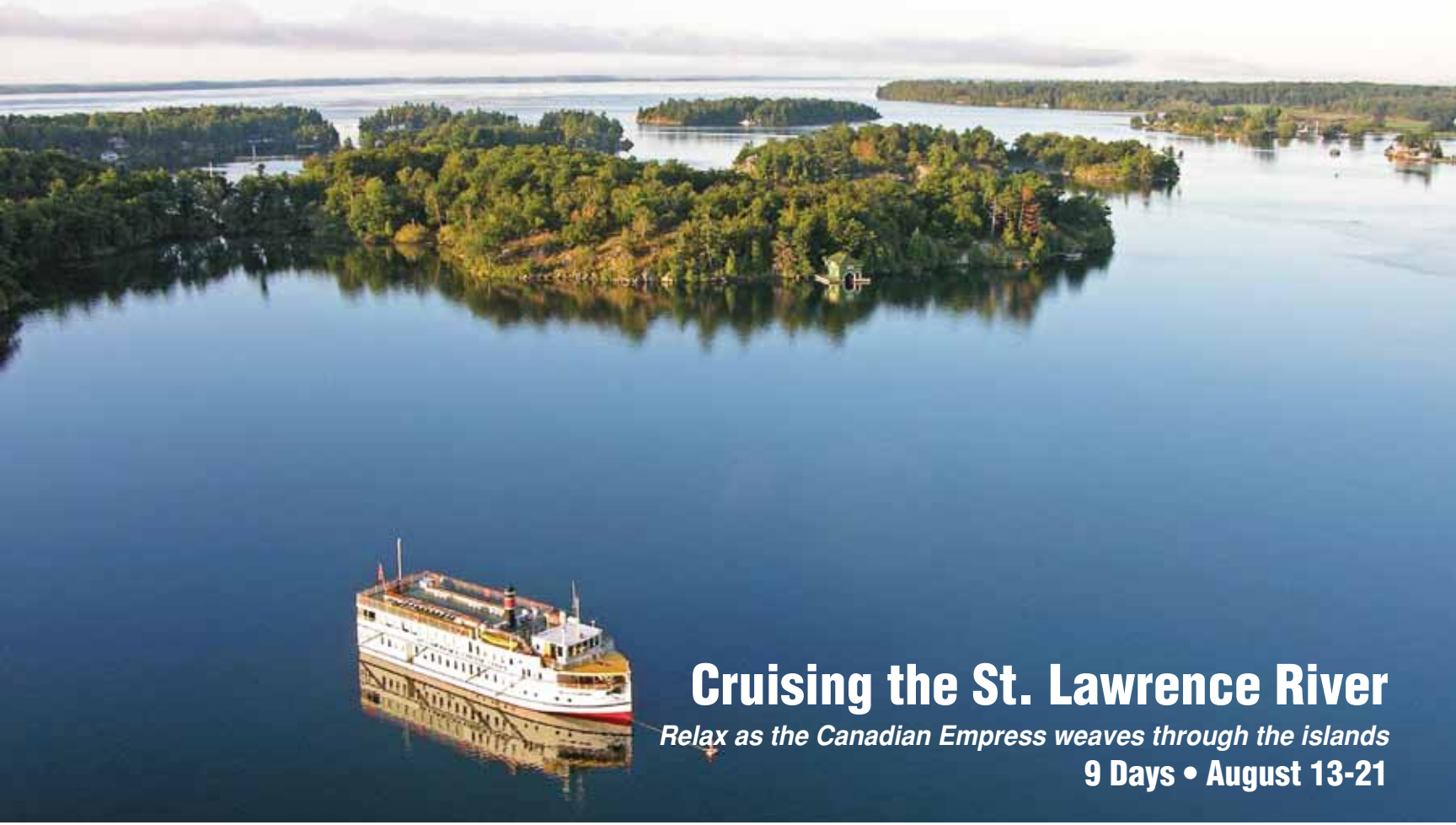
9. The most famous museum in Paris, if not the world, is the Louvre. Home to *Mona Lisa* and *Venus de Milo*, the Louvre welcomes almost 9 million visitors a year. Take some time to people watch in the idyllic Jardin des Tuileries which separates the museum from the Place de la Concorde. The afternoon and evening are free for personal exploration. **(FB)**

10. Located on the banks of the River Seine, the Musée d'Orsay is renowned for its collection of 19th century sculptures and impressionist paintings. End the day with a truly grand *grande finale* – a farewell dinner cruise aboard the *Bateaux Mouches*. **(FB,D)**

11. The drive to Charles de Gaulle Airport concludes your connoisseur's tour. **(FB)**

\$5650 p.p./dbl.occ., \$6105 single **E**
This vacation requires a valid passport!





Cruising the St. Lawrence River

Relax as the Canadian Empress weaves through the islands
9 Days • August 13-21

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Traditional Staterooms start at:
\$5185 p.p./dbl.occ., \$6405 single
Prices based on estimated air.
Gold Passport Points based on cabin.
This vacation requires a valid passport!



Niagara Falls, Naturally Awesome!

Your room overlooks The Falls

5 Days • May 18-22



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

2. Ride the Incline Railway down the hill to the visitor center and descend beneath the bedrock through tunnels to Journey Behind the Falls. You'll be awed at the sheer volume of water cresting the edge. Where the sun meets the water, is the most brilliant shade of blue. It's breathtaking! Board a cruise past the American and Bridal Veil Falls and sail right to the base of Horseshoe Falls. You will get wet but that's the fun of it!

Dry off and enjoy a complimentary cocktail back at your hotel before dinner overlooking the falls. **(FB,D)**

3. Travel along the Niagara River to the famed Floral Clock with various blooms creating intricate designs on its face. In charming Niagara-on-the-Lake, the shops are waiting! Maple cookies, maple syrup and maple tea are some signature local products you can find. After lunch on your own, head to the Whirlpool Aero Cars to sail over swirling rapids caused by the river's natural bend. Stroll through the Niagara Butterfly Conservatory and Botanical Gardens before a rousing night of entertainment at *Oh Canada Eh?* Dinner Show. The Canadian humor and menu highlight the best of each province. It's a great time, eh? **(FB,D)**

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

HIGHLIGHTS

- 4 nights Embassy Suites Fallsview – premium views of Niagara Falls – daily breakfast & evening cocktails included
- Take a *Journey Behind the Falls* & sail to the base of Horseshoe Falls
- Enjoy the hilarious *Oh Canada Eh?* Dinner Show, IMAX Niagara Presentation & Daredevil Museum, ride the Whirlpool Aero Cars
- Stroll the boutiques of Niagara-on-the-Lake; visit the Niagara Botanical Gardens & Butterfly Conservatory
- Sample "ice wine," an uniquely Niagara Region product
- Visit the Welland Canal, a shipping lane connecting Lake Ontario & Lake Erie
- 8 meals: 4 full breakfasts, 1 lunch, 3 dinners
- Door-to-door service
- Roundtrip airfare to/from Buffalo
- 2550/ 2800 Gold Passport Points

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

\$2515 p.p./dbl.occ., \$2765 single **A**
This vacation requires a valid passport!

Newfoundland

Featuring rugged coastlines, quiet beauty and friendly folks

11 Days • June 1-11



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

1-3. There are no direct flights, or even conveniently scheduled flights to Newfoundland from California, so we are going to make it a leisurely journey across the continent so that when we do land, we are ready to fully experience the grandeur of Western Newfoundland. Drive to San Francisco, with an early morning flight to Toronto the following day; overnight in Toronto, with another morning flight arriving in Newfoundland early afternoon. Tonight you have your first sample of Newfoundland entertainment at the Gros Morne Theatre Festival. **San Francisco Airport hotel; Toronto Airport hotel; and Shallow Bay Motel, Cow Head – 1 night each (2D)**

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

Bay is another more easily accessible option. Tonight a special treat has been created just for you... a progressive dinner featuring local regional foods. **Ocean View Hotel – 2 nights. (B,D)**

5. Continue your exploration of Gros Morne National Park with a park geologist, travel through the park with a local guide to Trout River for lunch and a look around. Dinner is on your own tonight but you are going to want to eat in the pub so you have a good seat for the show, *Anchors Aweigh*. **(B,L)**

6. The journey begins today as we head to Gander, made famous on September 11, 2001 when dozens of planes and hundreds of people from around the world landed on their runways. With a local guide, visit the airport, the aviation museum and other sites made famous in the hit Broadway show, *Come from Away*. The folks in Gander are both shy and proud of the role they played. Nearly everyone you meet has a story from that fateful incident; yet many choose not to openly share it. **Sinbads – 2 nights (B,L)**

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

HIGHLIGHTS


- 3 nights in Gros Morne National Park region
- 2 nights in Central Newfoundland – Gander and Twillingate
- Visit the Gander International Airport, Aviation Museum and other “Come from Away” sites
- 3 nights in St. John’s, the largest city with a dash of the Irish Coast
- 18 meals: 7 breakfast, 6 lunches, 5 dinners (including 3 dinner shows)
- Door-to-door service
- Roundtrip airfare from San Francisco to Deer Lake/from St. John’s
- 6550/7150 Gold Passport Points

favorites and a little step dancing gives you another taste of Newfoundland. **(B,L,D)**

8-10. Leaving Gander behind, continue east towards St. John’s on the Avalon Peninsula. Spend the next few days on the “Irish Coast.” Wander down narrow criss-crossing streets past colourful jellybean row houses lining the sides of steep hills; visit Quidi Vidi, a charming village that embodies the spirit of an old fishing outpost; walk up Signal Hill to the iconic Cabot Tower, commemorating John Cabot’s discovery of Newfoundland, and Marconi’s first transatlantic wireless message. Within a short drive of St. John’s, travel the historic Irish Loop, take a boat ride out to Bay Bulls and Witless Bay for puffin viewing and whale watching. The Spirit of Newfoundland dinner show concludes our time on “The Rock,” as we weave our own tales into their tunes.

Sheraton St. John’s – 3 nights (3B,2L,D)

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

\$6510 p.p./dbl.occ., \$7135 single 
This vacation requires a valid passport!





Circle British Columbia

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

8 Days • July 2020

HIGHLIGHTS

- Flight over the Georgia Strait into Port Hardy
- BC Ferry daylight cruise through the Inside Passage
- Travel through British Columbia's beautiful rugged interior by train during daylight hours: VIA's *Skeena* (Prince Rupert to Prince George)
- Jet boat ride on the Fraser River through the Fort George Canyon
- 9 meals: 2 breakfasts, 5 lunches, 2 dinners
- Door-to-door airport service
- Roundtrip airfare to Vancouver/from Prince George

1-2. After a flight to Vancouver, transfer to a smaller aircraft for your flight over the Georgia Strait. This flight gives you your first glimpse of the beautiful coastline of British Columbia. Located at the northern tip of Vancouver Island, Port Hardy is a remote village with a big history. Explore the legends and cultures of the First Nation at the U'mista Cultural Centre and snack on delicious salmon candy, a local delicacy. **Quarterdeck Inn – 2 nights (B,L)**

3. Board the *Northern Expedition* this morning for the 15 hour sailing through the Inside Passage to Prince Rupert located on the coast of mainland British Columbia. Enjoy enchanting views of the many islands and surrounding mountains from the comfort of the Aurora Lounge. Watch for bald eagles, dall porpoises, and whales from your reserved seats. Arrive in Prince Rupert late evening. **Crest Hotel – 2 nights (B)**

4. Prince Rupert, is dubbed the “end of the rainbow”... sitting at the northern end of the BC Ferry system, the southern end of

the Alaska Marine highway, and terminus of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway (now the Canadian National). Perched on the shores of the harbour, Prince Rupert is an intriguing mixture of old buildings decorated with English coat of arms, modern civic buildings and Pacific Northwest native totem poles. Tour the North Pacific Cannery and learn the important role it has played in the settlement of British Columbia. **(L)**

5. Head east this morning on VIA's *Skeena*, towards the geographical center of British Columbia. Aboard the train, you will be enjoying first class touring service, with your meals served at your seat. You will have exclusive access to the train's Skyline Car with its breathtaking views from the dome. The journey to the interior is approximately 12 hours, arriving into Prince George late evening. **Coast Inn of the North – 3 nights (L,D)**

6-7. Prince George, the largest city in northern British Columbia is dubbed the “Northern Capital” because of the commercial importance of the city. Located at the confluence of the Fraser and Nechako Rivers, the area has long been a gathering place for the Lheidli T'enneh First Nation peoples, fur traders, timber and railway entrepreneurs. Visit the Central BC Railway and Forestry Museum. Lunch will be waiting at the Northern Lights Winery, located on the banks of the Fraser River. Walk through this unique “vineyard” featuring raspberries, blackberries, goji berries and other fruits used in the locally produced wines. A jet boat ride on the Fraser River. **(2L,D)**

8. Catch an early morning flight from Prince George to Vancouver. From there, it is a direct flight to Sacramento, arriving mid-afternoon.

Due to limited services in the remote areas we will be visiting, and the modes of transportation, you must be prepared to handle your own luggage at airports, ferry terminals and train stations.

Date, prices after November 1st **E**

Place your name on the **Priority Notification List** now!

This vacation requires a valid passport.





The Calgary Stampede

Featuring the chuckwagon races and visit to Banff

6 Days • July 1-6

HIGHLIGHTS

- Reserved seating for the opening day parade, afternoon rodeo and evening chuckwagon races
- 2-day ticket for all the Stampede activities: music, horse shows, and demonstrations
- Gondola ride with spectacular views of Bow Valley and Banff National Park
- Step back into the history of Calgary at Heritage Park
- Visit Studio Bell, home of Canada's National Music Centre
- 5-night stay in Calgary lends itself to a more leisurely pace
- 9 meals: daily breakfast, 3 lunches, 1 dinner
- Door-to-door service
- Roundtrip airfare to/from Calgary
- 3600/4100 Gold Passport Points

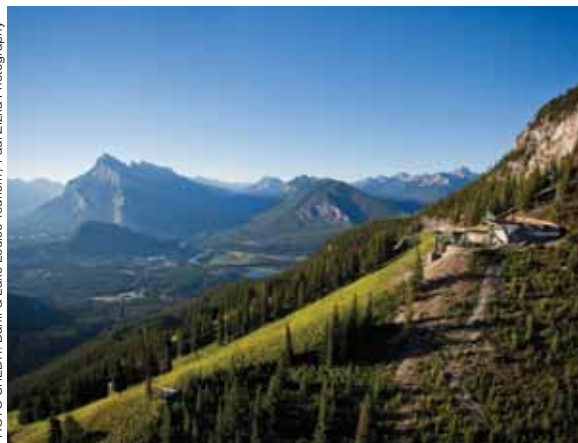
Much more than a ten-day long celebration with midway rides and bucking broncos, the Calgary Stampede is a gathering place that hosts, educations and entertains visitors from around the world. The purpose of the event is to preserve and celebrate western heritage, culture and community spirit. It is billed as the Greatest Outdoor Show on Earth; and Canada's largest music festival with five stages and over 300 performers from around the world. You can take in world-class agricultural events, experience First Nations culture and shop in western-theme stalls. And of course, best of all, is the nightly entertainment featuring the famous Chuckwagon Races and fireworks.

1-2. Upon your arrival in Calgary, spend the afternoon and next day getting a feel for Alberta. Dinner is included tonight at the Calgary Tower, overlooking the city. Spend Thursday at the Heritage Park Historical Village, one of Canada's largest living history museums complexes. The park's exhibits span the early 1860s fur trade to the petroleum and automobile-dominated 1950s. Enjoy a contemporary cowboy lunch and tour of the park with a costumed living history guide. **Hiton Garden Inn – Downtown Calgary – 5 nights (B,L,D)**

3-4. It's stampede time! Don your cowboy boots, all things denim, and top it off with a cowboy hat and bandana! Festivities begin with a two hour parade right through downtown Calgary as the horses, cowboys, cowgirls and other participants walk along Main Street. You will enjoy the pageantry from reserved bleacher seating. After the parade, depart for Stampede Park and an afternoon of exploration. Reserved seating for the afternoon rodeo is included; but if you are busy out in the Park enjoying the other sights and sounds, good for you! Return to the park for a second day of festivities, taking a break in the afternoon. The evening show is the highlight of all events with the exciting Chuckwagon races and evening show celebrating everything "Canadian Cowboy." Our two days at the park conclude with fireworks. **(2B,L)**

5. Leave the city and festivities behind for a quieter day. Travel east into the Canadian

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Rockies for a day trip to Banff. Ride up the new Banff Gondola for spectacular views out over Bow Valley. With six mountain ranges and the Bow River below the views are breathtaking. Walk along the Sulphur Mountain Boardwalk to learn more about Canada's first national park; or stroll through the interpretive center; or maybe just get a beverage and sit enjoying the fresh air. Later browse the streets and shops of Banff for one last souvenir or gift before returning to Calgary. **(B,L)**

6. There is time for one more quick activity, a visit to Olympic Park, before catching your flight home. **(B)**

\$3585 p.p./dbl.occ., \$4075 single **A E**

This vacation requires a valid passport.



Bonjour, La Belle Quebec!

Featuring Canadian Thanksgiving Day and fall colors

8 Days • October 6-13



Its geography, history and culture give Québec a most unique identity. With fall colors ablaze, experience the warmth and authenticity of a Canadian Thanksgiving, Québécois style!

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

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

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

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



5. En route to Québec City tour Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré Basilica.

HIGHLIGHTS

- 2 nights in a French Bed & Breakfast with home cooked meals
- Brilliant fall colors in the beautiful Charlevoix Region
- Enjoy a Thanksgiving Dinner with a French flair
- 2 nights 4-star accommodations in Québec City
- Visit Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré Basilica & Montmorency Falls
- Tour Montreal, including Notre Dame Basilica
- 15 meals: 7 full breakfasts, 4 lunches, 4 dinners
- Door-to-door service
- Roundtrip airfare to/from Montreal
- 4250/4750 Gold Passport Points

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

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

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

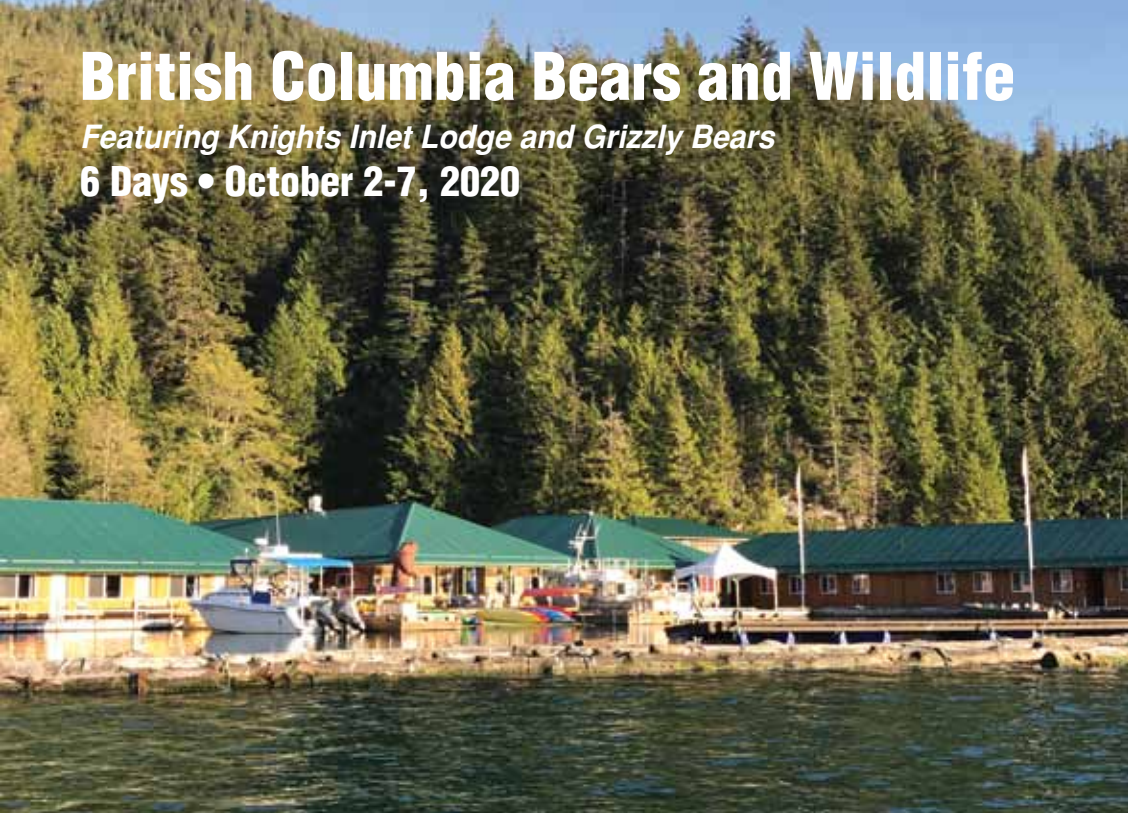
8. Board the motorcoach and take a spin through the city on a guided tour with picture stops along the way. The many varied and distinct neighborhoods give Montreal a decidedly cosmopolitan feel. Alas, it's time to bid "Au revoir" to La Belle province of Québec and catch your flight home. **(FB)**

\$4220 p.p./dbl.occ, \$4710 single **A**
This vacation requires a valid passport!

British Columbia Bears and Wildlife

Featuring Knights Inlet Lodge and Grizzly Bears

6 Days • October 2-7, 2020



An amazing wildlife viewing adventure – this is an awesome wilderness experience with all the comforts. It provides a glimpse into the life of some of our continent's most iconic animals... grizzly bears and bald eagles, and it's just an absolutely fantastic good time! Glendale Cove in Knight Inlet is home to one of the largest concentrations of grizzly bears in British Columbia. With ample seafood and other food sources, these grizzlies are magnificent! During the fall salmon run, bears are observed from viewing platforms filling up on fresh salmon. Bring your cameras and binoculars for spectacular viewing! This is truly an incredible opportunity and a must on your bucket list if you are a nature enthusiast.

*This is a **Sports Leisure Vacations exclusive*** as we are the only tour operator with premier fall viewing season access!

1. Arrive in Vancouver mid-day in time to catch another smaller plane for a quick hop over Georgia Strait. Arrive in Campbell River in the early evening and settle into your room. **Comfort Inn Campbell River**

2-4. A morning seaplane flight delivers you deep into Knight Inlet for two and half days of immersion into the lives of the wildlife. Naturalists are on hand to answer all your questions, to direct your viewing experiences, and to provide evening conversation about the day's sightings. Activities *may include (weather permitting)* excursions into Johnstone Strait for marine wildlife viewing, bald eagle and other birdlife viewing, and, of course, daily excursions by either boat or foot to watch the grizzlies. Daily schedules are arranged with optimum wildlife viewing in mind. Check out **Knight Inlet Lodge** on Facebook

for weekly photos and updates. You will want to be there!

Accommodations include modest, yet comfortable rooms featuring queen-sized beds with private washrooms and showers. The dining room features fresh, local ingredients prepared in West Coast cuisine, included fine wines and decadent desserts. (The lodge will try to accommodate most dietary preferences, however, this is a *remote* lodge with limited storage. Please advise our staff at the time of reservation if you have dietary restrictions.) **Knight Inlet Lodge – 3 nights (1B,2FB,3L,3D)**

5. Say goodbye to the lodge and wilderness as the seaplane arrives to return you to Vancouver Island. Spend the final evening in Nanaimo, the "Harbour City." For the adventurous, go out and walk this picturesque harbor-side town in search of the perfect Nanaimo Bar (a local sweet, not an adult beverage establishment)! **The Dorchester Best Western (FB,L)**

6. The morning ferry returns you to the mainland. Stop in seaside Steveston and enjoy lunch on your own prior to a late afternoon flight home. **(B)**

The Knight Inlet Lodge is a **remote floating** lodge **in the wilderness**, accessible only by seaplane or boat; and many activities include climbing into marine vessels or walking on uneven surfaces. For these reasons, **you must be in stable physical condition, with good mobility. We do not** recommend this tour for travelers with moderate to serious mobility issues. If you have questions or concerns, talk with Ramona before booking. Due to limited

HIGHLIGHTS

- 3 nights at the Knight Inlet remote floating wilderness lodge in a comfortable room with private washroom and shower
- 2 full days of guided wildlife viewing, including watching Grizzly Bears from nearby viewing platforms
- Marine wildlife excursions as weather allows
- Seaplane to/from Campbell River
- 12 meals: daily breakfast, 4 lunches, 3 dinners
- Door-to-door airport service
- Roundtrip air to Campbell River/from Vancouver
- 6550/8000 Gold Passport Points

services in the remote areas we will be visiting, and the modes of transportation, you must be prepared to handle your own luggage at the airports and hotels. **Space is limited, with only 5 rooms available for single occupancy.**

\$6520 p.p./dbl.occ., \$8000 single **E**
This vacation requires a valid passport!



Laguna Beach and The Pageant of the Masters

SLV's annual summer tour to Southern California's Premiere Events

3 Days • July 26-28 OR August 26-28



HIGHLIGHTS

- Excellently located reserved loge seating in outdoor amphitheatre
- Behind-the-scenes presentation about the workings of the pageant
- Champagne brunch while cruising beautiful Newport Harbor
- Morning visit to Balboa, a popular 19th century vacation destination
- Dinner at Terra Restaurant overlooks the Festival of Arts
- 3 meals: 1 brunch, 1 lunch, 1 dinner
- Door-to-door service
- Roundtrip airfare to/from Southern California
- Motorcoach transfers and the services of your **Sports Leisure Vacations** Tour Director
- 1600/1800 Gold Passport Points

One of the world's most unique festivals, The Pageant of the Masters captivates and entertains audiences with a show hard to explain. Celebrating its 87th year of production, experience well-known paintings and sculpture as they come to life in a live two hour performance accompanied by a full orchestra. Words fail to describe it. You have to see it to believe it!

1. The tour begins with a morning flight to sunny Southern California. Soon after arrival, you'll be off on a Hornblower Yacht for a private champagne brunch and narrated cruise on beautiful and blue Newport Harbor. Following brunch, a short ride takes us to our hotel in Newport for a two night stay. With full-service amenities and variety of shops and restaurants within walking distance, the Marriott provides a convenient location and pleasant stay. Please note that despite the name, the hotel is not on or within walking distance to the beach. **Marriott Newport Beach Hotel & Spa – 2 nights (BR)**

2. Begin the day with a late morning departure for Balboa Island to explore and enjoy this popular vacation destination. Dating back to 1825, a short tour will provide its history from sand bar to present day mecca for those who love the ocean and beach. Mid-afternoon we depart for Laguna Beach and evening at the Pageant of the Masters. The activities begin with a docent tour of the Festival of Arts, included dinner at Terra Restaurant, followed by the Pageant which begins at 8:30pm. With reserved seating in the loge of the outdoor amphitheater, the theme of the 87th Presentation is "Made in America" and is sure to be a memorable and moving experience. **(D)**

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

\$1590 p.p. /dbl.occ. \$1795 single **M**



The Sound of Music in Leavenworth

Featuring beer, bratwurst and an outdoor theater experience

July 2020



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

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



Our summer getaway to the lovely Bavarian-themed mountain village Leavenworth, WA for the summer theater series is always a crowd favorite. During a performance of beloved classic, *The Sound of Music*, the hills come alive with Maria and the Von Trapp Family. A second show will be added once the schedule has been released. Take a scenic train ride through the Cascade Mountains and spend a day in orchard



country, Cashmere and Wenatchee. Stop for a tour, shopping and lots of samples at the Aplets & Cotlets Factory and a quirky family owned produce stand! A tour of Rocky Reach Dam gets you up close to the inner workings of this engineering marvel, while a visit to the Pioneer Museum and Village highlights the Native American history and geology of the area. Grab a bratwurst and a beer and you've got a rousing good time without the long plane ride over the Atlantic Ocean. Prost!

Add your name to our **Priority Notification List** and as soon as the theatre schedule has been release and the trip finalized, we will send a letter. You will be in the know before it is advertised again in the newsletter.

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Mystery Tours – Adventures to the Unknown

Who Goes on Mystery Tours? Actually, pretty normal people. Those in search of adventure, of seeing or learning about a cool place they might not have visited if they knew the destination ahead of time. Yes, we tell you what the weather might be and give you some idea of your travels in the “clues,” like those offered below. Many travelers enjoy trying to decipher where we are headed. Some just enjoy seeing someplace new, or a previously visited place from a new point of view. Did you know some of our most popular destinations have been introduced to the Travel Club as mystery tours?

A Mystery Tour to Talk About

Two nights in four-diamond accommodations
5 Days • March 29 – April 2

Join **Scott** on this mystery tour that he has not stopped talking about since he came back from scouting. This is going to be a fun one, gang! Take a non-stop flight. Stay two nights each in two hotels, one of which is a stunning four-diamond property. How about some clues as to our destination? Have your camera ready because you will not believe your eyes! It is the largest of its kind in the country. Orange is a color you will remember. Love food? How about getting your fingers into the flour? If you have never taken a mystery tour and have been thinking about it, sign up for this one.

The tour will include amazing attractions and activities, fabulous accommodations, door-to-door service, airfare and 7 meals.
 2350/2650 Gold Passport Points

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



Old West Mountain Mystery

Featuring fire and ice, water and the Old West
6 Days • July 15-20

Although this is partly a mountain tour you will not have to worry about elevation. If you are a walker there will be a few options to go for a walk.

Visit a quaint village, take in the beautiful vistas and as the title of the tour states spend a day visiting the old west. How about some clues as to our destination? You might have the urge to start singing a Jimmy Buffett song. Okay, that is actually two hints in one, that's all I am giving you.

The tour will include door-to-door service, airfare and 10 meals.
 2650/2950 Gold Passport Points

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

Falling for Boise

Featuring Shoshone Falls in the Snake River Canyon

4 Days • June 6-9



HIGHLIGHTS

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

1. Boise has a vibrant Basque community. There are several communities of Basque-Americans in our country but Boise has the largest concentration. Just two blocks from our hotel is the “Basque Block” with a museum, cultural center, restaurants and a market. We will have a docent tour of

the museum and a city tour with a local guide before checking into the newest upscale boutique hotel in the heart of downtown. Dinner will be hosted at one of Boise’s popular fine dining restaurants. **Inn at 500 Capitol – 2 nights (D)**

2. Today enjoy a progressive walking

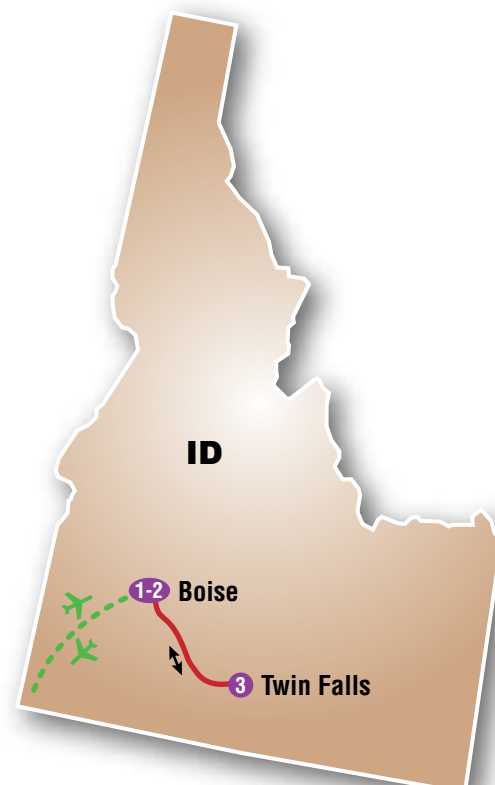
food tour. Stroll through Boise’s hottest foodie neighborhoods as you sample foods from Award-winning chefs and learn about the city’s emerging culinary scene. From the culinary scene; to architecture and history, this experience will cover it all. This afternoon there is an optional visit to a winery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

3. Depart Boise for Twin Falls. At the Perrine Bridge gaze into the Snake River Canyon; where base jumpers leap off the 486 foot structure. Not far away in where in 1974 notorious motorcycle daredevil Evel Knievel attempted a jump across the quarter-mile-wide Canyon. Visit towering Shoshone Falls in the Snake River canyon;

at 212 feet high and 900 feet wide its one of the largest natural waterfalls in the United States, surpassing the height of the famous Niagara Falls. Overnight this evening at the **Hilton Garden Inn. (FB,L)**

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

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





The Historic Columbia Gorge Hotel

On the banks of the Columbia River, on the Oregon-Washington border, sits a wonderful old hotel
4 Days • September 29 – October 1, 2020



Located in the heart of the Columbia Gorge National Scenic Area, The Columbia Gorge Hotel is perfectly situated for guests seeking to explore the abundant sightseeing opportunities located throughout the picturesque Hood River Valley. From the majestic cliffs and waterfalls of the Columbia River Gorge and the snow-capped peak of Mt. Hood to over 15,000 acres of farms, orchards, vineyards and the Hood River – there’s something for everyone.

The Columbia Gorge Hotel & Spa has a rich history and was a favored retreat for many movie stars such as Clara Bow, Rudolph Valentino, and Shirley Temple, presidents like Roosevelt and Coolidge and other social and political dignitaries. During the time of steamers and speakeasies, Valentino and the Model T people were dancing the Charleston and listening to jazz throughout our wonderful hotel. The same lush, romantic ambiance and lavish service of the past continues to delight.

We'll stay three nights in this beautiful retreat, laced with gardens and greenery, with the mighty Columbia nearby, this is truly a landmark hotel. Come, enjoy a step into the past with us...

1. Arrive in Portland after your morning flight from Sacramento. First stop is at Fort Vancouver. A docent guide will help you learn a little about the settlers who followed Lewis and Clark to the untamed west. It's just a short drive up the Columbia to our home for the next **three nights, The Columbia Gorge Hotel**. Part of the National Register of Historic Places, the hotel has stood here for nearly a 100 years. Relax, explore the beautiful grounds and enjoy dinner together in the dining room. When you retire tonight, perhaps you are sleeping in the same bed as Shirley Temple, or Burt Reynolds or... **(L,D)**

2. Traveling east and following the Columbia, we cross to the Washington side of the river and stop at the **Maryhill Museum of Art**. How could something this remarkable be so far from **anything?** Originally intended as a mansion home for entrepreneur Samuel Hill, it's a museum with an eclectic collection. Nearby is a replica of the original Stonehenge. Pause to enjoy lunch and sample some local wines before heading back down the Columbia. **(FB,L)**

3. The town of Hood River is a quaint little village. The hillsides produce a hoard of berries in early summer and now, the

HIGHLIGHTS

- 3 nights at the Columbia Gorge Hotel
- Breakfast each morning in the hotel dining room, 8 included meals (3 full breakfasts, 3 lunches, 2 dinners)
- Daily excursions featuring the Maryhill Museum and Winery, the Hood River Valley and a cruise on the river, Multnomah Falls
- Ride the Mount Hood Railroad to Parkdale
- Hotel History Talk – learn about the people who have visited, when the hotel was built (1921) and about the early settlers
- Visit the Vancouver Farmer's Market
- Door-to-door service

crowds have died down and fall is around the corner. All aboard the Mount Hood Railroad for a ride to Parkdale, in the shadow of the mountain. A boxed-lunch is included. **(FB,L,D)**

4. A morning cruise takes you out on the river we've been traveling along. A relaxing way to bring our time together to a close. On the way to the airport, stop at magnificent Multnomah Falls. Arrive home about 9pm. **(FB)**

Prices available after October 15th **L M**

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US 50, The Lincoln Highway, America's Loneliest Road

Journey across Nevada on the loneliest and most historic highway in America

5 Days • September 29 – October 3



1. The road trip starts with a ROAD TRIP! Indeed, we'll spend the day getting to Elko via I-80. Take a rest at Donner Lake, have lunch in Reno, head past the turn for Burning Man, arriving in Elko in time for dinner. **Hilton Garden Inn – Elko (L)**

2. The California Trail Interpretive Center tells the stories of the road, the wagon road. From the ill-fated Donners to other more successful groups, it's a big part of western history. At the Star Hotel, a Basque family-style lunch will leave you satisfied.

You may not know this, but both I-80 and US 50 are routes of the Lincoln Highway. The Lincoln was the first road to cross the entire country, in 1913. It wasn't a real highway, but more a cobbled together collection of farm-to-market and city-to-city roads. But it was a beginning. We'll talk more about America's first highway along the way.

Out again on the highway, we head east to Wells. We leave I-80 and head south on US 93. While US 50 has the "Loneliest Road" nickname, US 93 is certainly not filled with big cities. Indeed, on the two hour journey, you won't see much except sagebrush and watering holes until you reach McGill.

La Quinta, Ely – 2 nights (FB,L)

3. Attractions in and around Ely include the ghost town of Cherry Creek (it really is a ghost town, as most of it is **gone** – but the stories and the remaining **characters** in town are fun), and a stop at the "frozen in time" day the owner locked the door and walked

away in 1979" drug store in McGill. How about a visit to a working **bordello** or a ride on a "ghost" train? Both are on the itinerary today. Of course, we'll visit the bordello and talk with the ladies BEFORE they begin the evening's duties. After dark, we go out into the desert, past the lights of town, with a naturalist guide, to view the wonders of the Milky Way. **(B,L,D)**

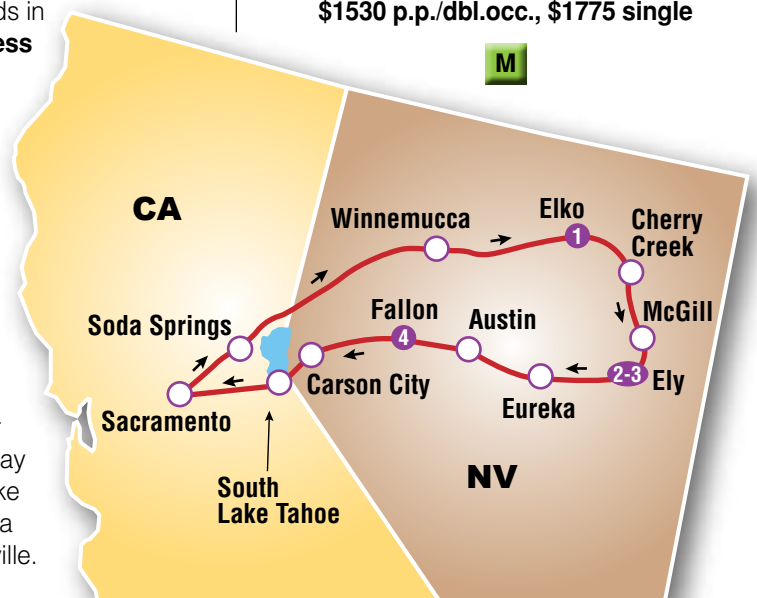
4. Two of our favorite "lonely road" towns lie ahead, one prospering, and one... not so much. First Eureka, where you discover a historical "snapshot." A restored old Opera House, a great museum and the look of a town gone "boom" in a small way are all a part of Eureka. We'll join some townsfolk for a special lunch, then continue to Austin. Here things are not as prosperous, but still full of history. The day ends in Fallon. **Holiday Inn Express (B,L,D)**

5. The route home takes us through historic Dayton and Carson City, with a stop at the State Museum. If seems fitting, considering the amount of ground we've covered in Nevada. Lunch is atop the world at Harrah's in Tahoe, with a spectacular view. More Lincoln Highway history awaits, as you make the familiar drive home, via Echo Summit and Placerville. **(B,L)**

HIGHLIGHTS

- Authentic Basque-style lunch
- Visit the ghost town of Cherry Creek
- Explore McGill Drugs, frozen in time from 50 years ago
- Ride the Ghost Train of Old Ely, visit a bordello and meet the ladies... optional, of course
- Tour Eureka & Austin, tiny historical outposts on the historic Lincoln Highway
- Visit the Nevada State Museum in the old Carson City Mint
- Lunch atop Harrah's Tahoe, 11 included meals: 3 breakfasts, 1 full breakfast, 5 lunches, 2 dinners
- Door-to-door service
- 1550/1800 Gold Passport Points

\$1530 p.p./dbl.occ., \$1775 single



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

Explore the magnificent Keweenaw Peninsula and Mackinac Island
8 Days • September 17-24



HIGHLIGHTS

- 2 nights at Mackinac's famous Grand Hotel, tour by horse and carriage
- 2 nights Houghton, Keweenaw National Historic Park
- 2 nights Marquette on the shores of Lake Superior
- 1 night Green Bay – Go Packers!
- Shipwreck cruise on Lake Superior by glass bottom boat
- 18 meals: daily breakfast, 5 lunches, 6 dinners
- Door-to-door service
- Roundtrip airfare to Green Bay/from Traverse City
- 4200/4800 Gold Passport Points

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

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

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

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

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

6. Push east to St. Ignace to catch the ferry for the 20-minute ride to Mackinac Island. Prepare to fall in love at first sight with its historic buildings, quaint shoppes and "no motor vehicles allowed" policy. It's a short horse-drawn carriage ride to Mackinac's iconic landmark – the Grand Hotel. Built in 1887, the Grand is prepared to satisfy your every desire this evening starting with a formal dinner and ending with live music and dancing. Best of all, you get to do it all over again tomorrow! **Grand Hotel – 2 nights (B,L,D)**

7. Discover Mackinac's natural beauty on a morning horse-drawn wagon

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

8. Take the ferry back to the mainland and travel along the scenic east shore of Lake Michigan on the LP (Lower Peninsula) with lunch served in the quaint community of Petoskey. In nearby Acme you'll discover an incredible collection of mechanical instruments and antique phonographs at The Music House. The centerpiece of the museum, a huge Belgian pipe organ, is simply amazing, and all instruments are in perfect working order as you'll see... and hear! The short drive to Traverse City is where your return flight awaits. **(FB,L)**



National Treasures of the West

Featuring the Black Hills, Crazy Horse Memorial, Deadwood and Mount Rushmore

6 Days • September 21-26



1. After a midday arrival in Rapid City and a quick lunch, we are off to our destination hotel located in beautiful Spearfish Canyon. Our creek-side location provides dramatic views of steep canyon walls and aspen trees. **Spearfish Canyon Resort (L)**

2. Dedicated to Native Americans, the Crazy Horse Memorial includes an arts and crafts center in addition to the museum and memorial. Here you have the unique opportunity to stand *on* a monumental carving project that is still a work in progress! Enjoy a daytime visit to Mount Rushmore and walk along the base of the mountain. This evening return to Mount Rushmore for the very poignant lighting of the mountain. **Palmer Gulch Lodge (B,D)**

3. Travel south to Hot Springs, where more than 26,000 years ago Woolly Mammoths were stuck *in situ* in a sinkhole. A visitors center and tour into the labs enables you to

view firsthand this working paleontological site. Over the years, this has been one of the Black Hills' best kept secrets and is often a surprise to **Sports Leisure** travelers. This afternoon, board a jeep for a ride through the rolling hills of Custer State Park. Who knows what wildlife we'll see? After all, this is the land where buffalos roam, and deer and antelope play! **Alex Johnson Hotel – 3 nights (B,L)**

4. Drive through Badlands National Park, or *Mako Sico* as the Native Americans called this spectacular land of awesome wonder and nature in action; a land of soft clays and sandstones carved by wind and water. You are on your own for lunch in Wall, home of Wall Drug Store, famous for offering a free cup of ice water to weary travelers. Today, "Wall Drug" is a multi-complex of restaurants, museums, and shops. **(B)**

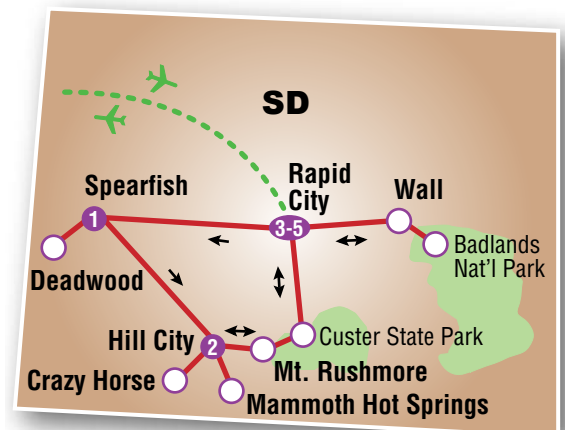
5. At *Tatanka: Story of the Bison*, learn from your Sioux guide about the historic importance of buffalo and view a spectacular sculpture commissioned by actor Kevin Costner. In Deadwood there is time for lunch and browsing the shops, before you spend time at the visitors' center at the Sanford Labs Homestake Mine site. At an orientation talk, learn about the work being done deep underground as scientists search for answers to the most fundamental questions about the universe. And, for fun, try a hole-in-one. **(B,D)**

HIGHLIGHTS

- 4 days sightseeing in the Black Hills including Badlands National Park, and both day and night visits to Mt. Rushmore
- Go into the lab with researchers at the Mammoth Dig Site
- Ride the jeeps through Custer State Park's bison herd
- Stand on top of the arm of the Crazy Horse Memorial
- A guided tour at Sanford Labs explains the importance of neutrinos
- 9 meals: 5 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 2 dinners
- Door-to-door airport service
- Roundtrip air to/from Rapid City
- 3100/3450 Gold Passport Points

6. Depart Rapid City in late morning with an early evening arrival home. **(B)**

\$3060 p.p./dbl.occ., \$3445 single **A E**



Toe Tappin' Tennessee

Rock, soul, country and blues are all found along

Tennessee's Musical Corridor

7 Days • October 20-26



HIGHLIGHTS

- Stay on the grounds of the new Graceland entertainment complex and tour Elvis' home
- Tour RCA Studio B and Music Row
- Visit the Country Music Hall of Fame and the new Johnny Cash & Patsy Cline Museums
- Behind-the-scenes-tour of The Grand Ole Opry and attend the show
- Narrated tour of Nashville including a drive along Millionaires Row
- See Dale Chihuly's glass art instillation at Cheekwood Estates and Gardens
- 14 meals featuring a wide range of regional flavors: 6 full breakfasts, 5 lunches, 3 dinners
- Door-to-door airport service
- Roundtrip airfare included
- 3700/4200 Gold Passport Points

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

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

1. Don't waste any time getting into the groove of Memphis! Before dinner featuring upscale innovative Southern Cuisine, a local guide spins you around town pointing out the sights with musical accompaniment... naturally! At the new entertainment complex at Graceland, it's all things Rock and Roll!
Guesthouse at Graceland – 2 nights (D)

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

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

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

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

5. Visit the Patsy Cline and Johnny Cash Museums, two hot new attractions before a sweet stop at the Goo Goo Clusters store! Luscious caramel, smooth creamy

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

6. Sleep in this morning and take a Sunday drive to charming Franklin, TN. It's nearby but a world away from the bright lights of the city. Loveless Café has been serving up its famous chicken and biscuits to hungry travelers since 1951. After lunch take a lazy Southern saunter along quaint boutique-lined Main Street or simply kick back and enjoy the relaxed Southern charm. On the way back to town make a stop at Cheekwood Estate and Gardens where Dale Chihuly's elaborate glass art will be on display in the gardens. He never does anything small, so it's sure to be a spectacle! **(FB,L)**

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

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

Ice Magic Festival in the Canadian Rockies

Featuring three nights at the Chateau Lake Louise and Banff National Park

6 Days • January 15-20

A few seats remain on this special winter getaway! **Sports Leisure Vacations** Tour Director, Scott Angeletti, has hosted this trip in previous years and always come back so excited about Lake Louise, the ice carvings and of course the sleigh ride.

This package includes door-to-door transportation, roundtrip air to/from Calgary, iconic accommodations in the Canadian Rockies and some incredible winter activities in Lake Louise and Banff National Park.

1. Lunch is hosted before traveling into the Rockies and Canada's first national park, Banff, one of the world's premiere destinations with unparalleled majestic mountain scenery. In Banff National Park you feel truly immersed in nature. Your accommodations are at the iconic **Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise – 3 nights (L)**

2-3. Over the next two days experience Lake Louise at its winter finest during the Ice Magic Festival. Watch in amazement as internationally renowned professional ice carvers have 34 hours to work sculpting towering one-of-a-kind works of art from imposing blocks of solid ice on the shores of Lake Louise. Other attractions include an old-fashioned horse drawn sleigh ride along the Lake Louise shore (Dashing through the snow, anyone?) Travel through the forest with a dog sled team, an incredible ride one you will not forget any time soon. **(2FB)**

4. Depart Lake Louise for the town of Banff. Today you have a guided tour around town. Sit back and relax in a 4-passenger, glass enclosed gondola. Marvel at the unsurpassed view of Banff, the Bow Valley and a 360-degree view of six scenic mountain ranges. Check into your hotel located in the middle of town in the late afternoon. **Banff Park Lodge – 2 nights (FB)**

5. During our last day in this winter wonderland you will have a free day to visit local museums, shop or perhaps take a dip

in the hot springs. We will gather tonight for a hosted dinner at a favorite eatery. **(FB,D)**

6. After breakfast travel back to Calgary for your flight home. **(FB)**. 3150/3550 Gold Passport Points

Note: Be prepared for cold weather. Average daytime high is 22 degrees

\$3125 p.p./dbl.occ., \$3540 single **A**
This vacation requires a valid passport!



TURN YOUR COINS INTO CASH!

Pennies

1959 – present = spend them
1940 – 1958 = About 2¢ each
Before 1940 = worth looking for rare dates

Nickels

1946 – present = spend them
1945 and before, possible premium value
Buffalo nickels with the date worn off have no value

Dimes & Quarters

1965 – present = spend them
1964 and before = worth at least 8x face value, rare dates worth more

Half Dollars

1971 – present = spend them
1965-70 = worth at least 4x face value
1964 and before – worth at least 8x face value, rare dates worth more

Dollars

Susan B. Anthony, Ike and Sacagawea = spend them
Silver Dollars, 1935 and before = worth at least \$14-\$17, rare dates worth more

Government Issued Proof and Mint Sets, Ike Dollars, Commemoratives

These coins have special packaging and have a premium value. For recent issues, the premium is small, but over face value.

Special Coin Sets from Private Mints

Never buy these sets thinking they will appreciate in value over the years, because generally they do not. These special coin

sets, (like the ones they pedal on TV all the time, commemorating some event in history), have little premium value. Certainly not what you pay for them. Never, ever buy these TV coin sets. There is virtually no resale market. While they have a value, it is usually just for the silver or gold they contain. Bring them in and we will look at them. But if you haven't bought these sucker items, DON'T.

One Final Tip: NEVER, EVER clean your coins. To get your coins (and currency) appraised, call **Mark** or **Bob** at the **Sports Leisure** office for an appointment at (916) 361-2051. For large collections, Mark is happy to come to your home for an appraisal/sale. Appraisals are free and there is no obligation. This offer extends to friends and family of Travel Club Members. We are also happy to assist with coins which are part of an Estate Sale.

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We appraise and/or buy US and Canadian coins

Almost everyone has a box, a small suitcase or even an old sock with coins from days gone by. Are they worth anything? This is your opportunity to find out. Here's a general guide to what might have a value:



Tour Teasers...

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

Alaska's Marine Highway Summer 2020

Here's your invitation to join us on the most distinctive of all Alaska vacations. Fly to Seattle and board the Alaska ferry in Bellingham. It is a unique experience shared with those traveling to Alaska for summer work on the fishing boats, locals returning home after visiting in the lower 48, and travelers from all around the world seeking an amazing experience. Traveling the Marine Highway gives us the chance to visit smaller destinations like Petersburg and Haines. This trip is about meeting Alaskan people, seeing where they live and learning what makes them endure harsh conditions to enjoy the quality of life that they so treasure. It's a special and memorable travel experience.

New England Fall Foliage Spectacular

7 Days • October 4-11

Drive across New Hampshire and Vermont, and spend three nights in lakeside cabins at the historic Basin Harbor Club on Lake Champlain. See Canterbury Shaker Village, St. Gaudens National Historic Site, Ben & Jerry's, the Trapp Family Lodge and the Shelburne Museum. New in 2020 we'll then cross into New York State bound for three nights in Lake Placid for extraordinary



scenery, 1980 Winter Olympic memories and early American history at John Brown's Farm and Ft. Ticonderoga.

The Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta

5 Days • October 6-10

Stay four nights at the Marriott Uptown. Three balloon events are included: Glow, Special Shapes and Mass Ascension, each with upgraded seating and hospitality offered at the Chasers Lounge or Gondola Club. You'll also ride the Sandia Peak Tram to the mountaintop where a fine dining lunch awaits along with great views of the city and countryside below.



Spectacular Sedona

5 days • October/November

Stay four nights uptown at the Orchards Inn where each room has breathtaking views of the famous red rocks. See Sedona on a trolley tour including The Chapel of the Holy Cross and lunch at the incredible Enchantment Resort. Visit the historical mining town of Jerome, the Copper Museum in Clarkdale and the Museum of Northern Arizona in Flagstaff. Optional off-road jeep tour in Sedona will be offered.

Tonopah and the Colorado River November

A fall trip to the desert and the Colorado River offers perfect weather and perhaps a little gambling, with a respite before the holiday festivities begin. An all-coach trip overnight in Tonopah, visit Las Vegas during the daylight hours, and spend three nights in Laughlin on the Colorado River. Ride the jet boat down through Topock Gorge and visit the donkeys in Oatman. This is not just a gaming junket but fun for nature lovers too.

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Thanksgiving in New York

6 Days • November 22-27

What would the holidays be without our annual pilgrimage to The Big Apple? Stay at the Marriott Marquis in the heart of Times Square, see two Broadway shows as well as the *Christmas Spectacular* at Radio City Music Hall featuring the amazing Rockettes. Visit Liberty and Ellis Islands, the One World Trade Center, the 9/11 Museum, Freedom Tower, Central Park, Rockefeller Center and, if you like, bundle up and join the throngs on 6th Avenue to see the Macy's Parade!



European Christmas Markets

8 Days • December 3-10

An overnight flight takes you to Frankfurt. From there it's a short drive to Rothenburg ob der Tauber, followed by Salzburg and Munich – each for two nights. Touring is limited to only must-see attractions (city centers, Mozart's birth home, “Sound of Music” filming locations, Neuschwanstein) to allow ample time for three of Europe's most popular Christmas Markets. Spectacles for all the senses, markets operate daily from late morning until the wee hours offering eats, drinks, shopping, entertainment and holiday decorations. You might even enjoy a white Christmas while visiting Germany and Austria!



Haida Gwaii Summer 2021

Far off the coast of British Columbia is an archipelago of islands, once called Queen Charlotte Islands. Today, the lands have been reclaimed by the Haidas. Learn about the Indigenous culture of these islands, the fabulous artistry in the carvings, and enjoy the beauty of the rugged coastline. As you fly towards the islands, the magic of another time, reaches out and draws you in...



Italy Cooks October 2021

How does this sound? Fly to Tuscany and stay a full week in a private rural villa where you'll experience daily food celebrations such as scratch cooking, shopping for fresh ingredients, baking, visiting wineries, pasta making and meeting locals, all guided by two American chefs and their Italian friends and helpers. Strictly limited to only 15 participants plus your **Sports Leisure** Tour Director. Please answer another question when you place your name on the list: Do we extend for a couple nights in Florence? Rome? Both?



Cruises

Michael Downer, our Travel Agency Manager, has a host of big plans and dreams for both big ship and river cruising in 2021. Which ones make you want to pack your bags and sail away?

Panama Canal January or February 2021

Traverse one of the greatest engineering projects ever...The Panama Canal. Your journey begins as your ship slips away from the dock in Fort Lauderdale, down through the Caribbean to the port of Colon on the Atlantic side. Feel your ship rise 85 feet as water fills the locks, and the gates open to Gatun Lake. On the Pacific, stop in Costa Rica, Guatemala, Nicaragua and Mexico as you explore the lands, cultures and peoples of this amazing region. The cruise ends in San Diego and it is just a quick flight home.



European River Cruise on the Danube Spring 2021

Those longing for the romance of Old-World Europe will get to travel into the very heart of the continent, where empires were built, kings and queens crowned, and some of the world's greatest music was composed and performed. Cruise along Austria, Germany, Hungary, Slovakia with visits in Salzburg, Vienna, and Budapest. Enjoy the comfort of small river barge cruising, impeccable food and service.



European River Cruise on the Rhine Spring 2021

Grand cities gracefully blend their historic past with the progressive future. Visit Zurich's medieval architecture in the midst of the trendy metropolis. Amsterdam's Golden Age blends seamlessly with its famous museums. Heidelberg inspired great stories and philosophers. Pass 40 castles, magnificent cities and charming villages as you cruise France, Germany, the Netherlands and Switzerland.

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The Sports Leisure Difference...

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

Can I find you on the web?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Can I make other special requests?

You are invited to make special requests of the airline and hotel(s) serving your vacation at the point of reservation. The more notice we have, the better our ability to accommodate you. Requests might include specific airline seating, an upgrade and the

need for wheelchair assistance at airports; and at hotels a king bed or handicap-accessible room. Handicap-accessible rooms are limited. We ask you to make this request only if your condition demands it. There could be another traveler who needs the room more than you.

Please note we automatically request a non-smoking room for everyone in the group and a room with two beds for those traveling double occupancy unless you tell us otherwise.

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

We welcome our Nevada travelers with open arms! Most of you live in residential communities in Reno and Sparks. Our fly-away tours are priced to include air and door-to-door service for those living in the Sacramento, Reno/Sparks, and Carson City areas. Those living a distance from the airports in Sacramento or Reno should consult with our office to determine the options best for you, some of which may add to the advertised tour price. At present, motorcoach tours depart only from the Sacramento area.

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

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

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

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

An \$85 per person credit is available for travelers to whom this service isn't available or for those who wish to opt out and meet us at the point of departure.

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

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

What can I expect from the motorcoaches you charter?

If you haven't been on a bus since school days, you'll find modern motorcoaches to be a vastly different experience. Whether locally or in fly-away destinations on our continent and beyond, we seek only the best equipment and drivers available with three things in mind: Your pleasure, your comfort and above all your safety. Onboard amenities usually include plush seating, audio and video systems, wifi, electrical outlets, climate control and a restroom. Additionally, your Tour Director is never far away with a bottle of water and other refreshments. Of course, our exclusive galley-equipped coach is used on many daytrips and overnights, as well as selected long-distance trips unless it is unavailable due to maintenance or highway size restrictions.



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

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

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

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

Have passport rules changed?

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

Do I need to worry about airline baggage charges?

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

Each checked bag has a strict weight limit of 40 or 50 pounds (depending on the trip). Bags weighing more will incur additional fees or be rejected. This policy applies throughout the tour. Many "wheelie" bags

and oversized carry-ons that fit in airline overhead bins cannot be accommodated within the cabin of the motorcoach. In such cases, you will be asked to check them coachside with your Tour Director. They will be tagged and available coachside at each overnight stop.

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

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

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

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

Can I extend my vacation to visit friends or relatives?

The answer is almost always yes, particularly if you register and make your request at least 60 days prior to departure. Many travelers take advantage of this opportunity to visit friends or relatives, or explore a destination in greater detail on their own. There could be additional charges for flight deviations, but generally they are small. Local airport transportation can be provided for an additional \$50 per household. Please note unique air schedules are not covered by Cancellation Protection on domestic trips.

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

In order to get full value from a travel experience, it is important to be in good mental and physical health. Walking and some step-climbing are necessary to participate in the normal activities on our vacations. While we can do almost everything for you on a **Sports Leisure** vacation, the Tour Director cannot provide sustained attention to individual clients. Please be advised that we visit many cultural sites on tour, not all of which meet A.D.A. requirements due to their historic status. Refer to the Activity Meter and/or call our office to consult with the tour planner.

Let us assure you that people with mobility restrictions are welcome on our vacations. Many of our travelers are over 70 (or even 80 or 90), something we keep in mind when planning our itineraries. In our office, the Tour Planner for each departure knows the itinerary well and would be happy to consult with you personally should you have questions regarding the amount of walking, elevations, etc., on a particular trip. Additionally, each trip is identified with an activity level. Check out the Activity Meter for each tour to get a feel for how it matches your interests, energy and fitness levels.

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

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

How does your company deal with "chronic complainers?"

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

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

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