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2022 DREAM BOOK



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# Just One Man's Opinion...

From the beginning, here at **Sports Travel** (1979 -80), **Sports Leisure Travel** (1981-99) and finally **Sports Leisure Vacations** (2000-21), it has always been about the people, the people who travel with us.

Many of you are second (or even third) generation travelers with our company. Your mom (or grandmother in at least two cases), aunt, neighbor or someone you knew when you were younger traveled with us. I know this because I hear your stories on a regular basis and never tire of them. Since we have been here for 43 years, it's not surprising. There is no better compliment than "word of mouth" advertising and that is the way most people hear of our offerings – through someone like you.

We are a small, local company. We have built our reputation on service and fairness. For over four decades we have tried to create travel adventures which are a "cut above." We have a reputation for staying in nice hotels, eating in quality restaurants, and peppering our itineraries with interesting twists and unique attractions over better known ones.

When it comes to refunds, changes and special requests, we pride ourselves on being fair and prompt. Even during 18 months of a pandemic, we strive to be the best. Our losses at this point are over half a million dollars. But because we planned for the possibility of such an event, we are still here. Your deposits with us are in escrow, as per California Seller of Travel rules, and those dollars only become ours after your travel is completed.

So that's how we got to this point, at least technically. But the real reason is our relationship with our travelers. It is the single thing we value the most.

There are lots of tour companies in the country. My best guess is 2,000-2,500 local players, with another 50 or so national/international operators for you to choose from. But this upstart from Sacramento has become widely known as "unique." The way our trips operate, how our itineraries are developed and executed is a little bit different, and we'd like to think better, than the ways of some. You contribute to that with all of your feedback. The

evaluations, the little things you share with us while traveling, the articles and notes you send to our office, all play a role in where we go next and what we do when we get there.

I believe because of the way we operate **Sports Leisure Vacations**, we attract a slightly different type of traveler, and more importantly a different kind of **person**. "Nice people travel with **Sports Leisure**" isn't just a catchy line, it's the truth. Our tours tend to cost a little more. We aren't in the same league as luxury operators, but we also don't run "budget" tours.

Back to the people – truly that is the secret to success. In over 42 years we have issued in excess of **50,000 Travel Club Memberships**. Think of that: **50,000**. Enough to fill a large city. Wonderful people, many of them no longer with us. Oh, the memories that have been created. The friendships which have formed. From this corner comes the feeling that no matter what else, we have had a lot of fun together. We have laughed and shared and gotten stuck overnight together. We've eaten in the nicest restaurants and even gone to a Dairy Queen or two. I look at a picture from years gone by and the people start coming back to me. I miss some of our friends, as we all do.

Through the worst pandemic of our lives, we have made it through. In the next twelve months, as COVID fades into the background (hopefully), we plan to be back on the road more than ever. Nice people, traveling together, creating memories and having fun. It's been that way for over 40 years. We see no reason to stop yet.



And so it goes...

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



# A Labor of Love...

That's a phrase I've heard all my life and often used, but never has it had quite the same punch as now. Yes, punch is definitely the right word. The pandemic came down upon us like a quick and unexpected blow to the stomach. Since then we've dreamed and schemed. We've planned and replanned (and often replanned again). We've created vacations, sold them, cancelled them, refunded your money, then started the process anew confident of better days ahead, all in a sincere and heartfelt attempt to keep the dream of travel alive.

I've never had a baby, but I will suggest that birthing a tour is a similar process in many ways. Our staff of tour planners and I put all our knowledge, creativity, heart and soul into everything we do. We design itineraries to places we love and hope you will, too. Tour planning is not rocket science, but it's hard work. The average tour day can take up to a week to fully plan. Nowadays it often takes even longer. When that tour never hits the road, air, rails and/or water it is quite literally like losing a close friend.

In the pages of this catalog you have tangible evidence of our firm resolve that defeat is not an option. We're going to take you somewhere over the rainbow. We're going to do our very best to make all your travel dreams come true. We're going to follow the science regarding issues like vaccination (and sincerely hope you will, too). Rest assured we're going to play it safe, but we absolutely are not going to let the pandemic beat us. We are going to win this labor of love and help you have the time of your life.

To you, our travelers, members and friends, thank you for your continued patience, support and confidence. You mean the world to us...more than words can say.



"Your Tour Guy,"

Clayton Whitehead, CTP  
Vice President

**Postscript:** As *Dream Book* editor I would be remiss if I didn't thank our staff for their many contributions in the areas of writing, photography and moral support, as well as the graphic expertise, advice and friendship of **Christine Knight, Imagesetter**. To **Kellie Melby, Liam Heckman** and the staff of **Commerce Printing Services** I offer my heartfelt gratitude for jobs well done far too numerous to list!

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## ACTIVITY METER



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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





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### MAP & MEAL LEGEND

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



# Sports Leisure's 12 Days (and Nights) of Christmas

December 1-12



Some of our December departures are already full, but there is still a wide variety of options available. This year we have created a new **Christmas Lights at Home Tour**, featuring lights in the Sacramento area, along with a refreshment stop and a few **Sports Leisure Hysterical Landmarks** along the way. There are daytrips to see the lights in San Francisco or to do some holiday shopping, a couple of regional trips and even Christmas and New Year's tours for those looking to fill the holiday(s). Please note that proof of vaccination is now required at many venues and restaurants. Please inquire about any restrictions at time of reservation so you won't be disappointed.

## Wednesday, December 1

### Christmas Lights at Home – Folsom/ Antelope Lights Tour w/refreshments

The 42 year history of Sports Leisure is woven into a circle itinerary around town. Stop at the Sports Leisure office for refreshments! See some great lights and learn how SLV got its start. **\$89**

## December 1-4

### Christmas in Victoria, BC

Chris loves Victoria during the holiday season, but then he's a sucker for the bright lights of Butchart Gardens and the Queen's Tea at The Empress Hotel. Christmas traditions are alive at the Royal BC Museum. **\$2200 p.p./dbl.occ., \$2360 single**

## December 2-5

### Solvang & The Apple Farm

We really should call this the Christmas Markets Tour. One in Cambria, one in downtown Danish-style Solvang. Plus a small town Christmas parade, a candlelight tour and more. Great opportunity for Christmas shopping. 6 meals included. **\$1395 p.p./dbl.occ., \$1635 single**

## December 2-7

### Candy-Covered Christmas Mystery – Sold Out

## Friday, December 3

### SF Christmas Shopping

Your choice of the Union Square area, and/or Pier 39/Ghirardelli Square, or use the shuttle to spend time at both. Lunch on your own. **\$90**

## Saturday, December 4

### SF Christmas Lights (overflow date)

This date will open when the Dec. 9 trip is full.

## Sunday, December 5

### Elf at the Woodland Opera House

Will Farrell starred on the big screen, now this wonderful modern Christmas story comes to the stage in a new musical adaptation. The Opera House is a beautiful venue and we'll include Sunday Brunch before the show. **\$158**

## Monday, December 6

### SF Christmas Shopping (overflow date)

## Tuesday, December 7

### "Sacred Stones" in Vina (near Corning)

An 800-year-old chapter house from a Spanish monastery has been reassembled, stone-by-stone, at the Abbey of New Clairvaux. It's a fascinating story. There is olive/wine tasting included and a couple of gift shops which might have the perfect "never-seen-before" Christmas present. Win points with the "home office" by buying your Christmas gifts at a monastery. **\$138**

## December 8-10

### Ashland Christmas Traditions – Sold Out

## Thursday, December 9

### SF Christmas Lights

Each year, our local guide finds fascinating places for "light watchers" in The City. Dinner is included at Swiss Louis on Pier 39. **\$145**

## Friday, December 10

### Christmas Lights at Home – Folsom/ Antelope Lights Tour w/refreshments

See Dec. 1 for details. **\$89**

## Saturday, December 11

### Christmas Lights at Home – Folsom/ Antelope Lights Tour w/refreshments

See Dec. 1 for details. **\$89**

## December 12-14

### Puttin' on The Ritz

Scott's annual trip to stay in the Ritz Carlton Hotel in Half Moon Bay. Lots of luxury, Sunday Brunch at the Hayes Mansion in San Jose and a Christmas visit to Filoli. If you want to pamper yourself spa services are available. 3 meals (brunch and 2 lunches) are included.

**\$1495 p.p./dbl.occ., \$1795 single**

## December 15-19

### A California Christmas Mystery – Sold Out

## December 23-25

### All Aboard the Christmas Train –

Our annual Christmas trip features the California Zephyr to Reno. Head up the hill on Thursday, return by coach on Saturday. We have a gift exchange or two, enjoy Christmas dinner together and still have time to explore/play a game of chance, 2 nights at the Silver Legacy, day trip to Virginia City on Christmas Eve.

**\$1060 p.p./dbl.occ., \$1160 single**





# 133rd Tournament of Roses Parade: A California Tradition

Join us for the most famous parade in the world

3 Days • December 30, 2021 – January 1, 2022



1. Fly to Burbank and head to the LA Farmer's Market. Founded in 1934 and situated near Hollywood, the market has grown into a collection of vendors ranging from high-end to comfort eats. Lunch features items from the market's top vendors with free time to shop. On a tram tour of Paramount Pictures Studios, the magic of Hollywood comes alive.

**Hilton Hotel LAX – 2 nights (L)**

2. At the Float Construction Barns in Pasadena, it's all hands on deck! Flowers, greenery and seeds are attached right up until the final hours. The task seems near impossible, but just you wait! Lunch is included on the Santa Monica pier. Stroll along the pier, watch the many performers, or find a comfy spot to sit and watch the waves. At your hotel, the evening festivities are being readied! Enjoy a New Year's Eve Buffet and toast to the ball drop in NY's Times Square. **(FB,L,D)**

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Tasty guided tour of the LA Farmer's Market
- Tram tour of Hollywood's Paramount Pictures Studio
- Pre-parade viewing float building
- Reserved parade seating, commemorative souvenir pin and program
- 6 meals: 2 breakfasts, 3 lunches, New Year's Eve dinner and toast
- Roundtrip airfare to/from Burbank
- Door-to-door airport transportation
- 1750/1950 Gold Passport Points

3. Arrive to the parade in time to get settled before an Air Force flyover sets the day into motion! Miraculously, the floats you saw the day before in parts and pieces are assembled. The imaginative, elaborate designs are simply astounding! Enjoy it all from your reserved seating. You'll receive an official Rose Parade seat cushion, program and souvenir pin. At the Tam O'Shanter, one of Walt Disney's favorite spots, fill up on prime rib and Yorkshire pudding before your early evening flight home. **(FB,D)**

**\$1745 p.p./dbl.occ., \$1915 single** **M**

# A Salute to Vienna with Southern California Style

Ring in the New Year with your Sports Leisure friends

3 Days • December 31, 2021 – January 2, 2022

Our July/August 2021 edition of *The Traveler* announced a trip featuring the annual *Salute to Vienna* in San Diego – a dazzling way to ring in the New Year.

This annual performance evokes the Golden Age of Viennese music, brimming with energy, merriment and romance. A glorious re-creation of the beloved Neujahrskonzert, this is the concert that has welcomed the New Year for more than 80 years in Austria and indeed all over the world.

Led by a witty and charming conductor and emcee, Salute to Vienna features a European cast of singers and dancers backed by the Strauss Symphony Orchestra. They sing, perform ballroom dances and ballet bringing the beloved music of Johann Strauss to life. The performance is rich with selections from popular operettas, lively overtures and as a grand finale the timeless "Blue Danube Waltz."

A few weeks after our newsletter hit mailboxes we received word that the performance must be relocated due to a planned renovation project in San Diego's performing arts center. We've recently learned the Segerstrom Center for the

Arts in Costa Mesa will now play host, but at press time the firm details are as yet unavailable.

In addition to the concert we are investigating New Year's Eve celebrations we might join and a well-located hotel in the middle of it all. Would you like to know more? Place your name on the **Priority Notification List** by sending an e-mail to [res@sportsleisure.com](mailto:res@sportsleisure.com) or calling the office.

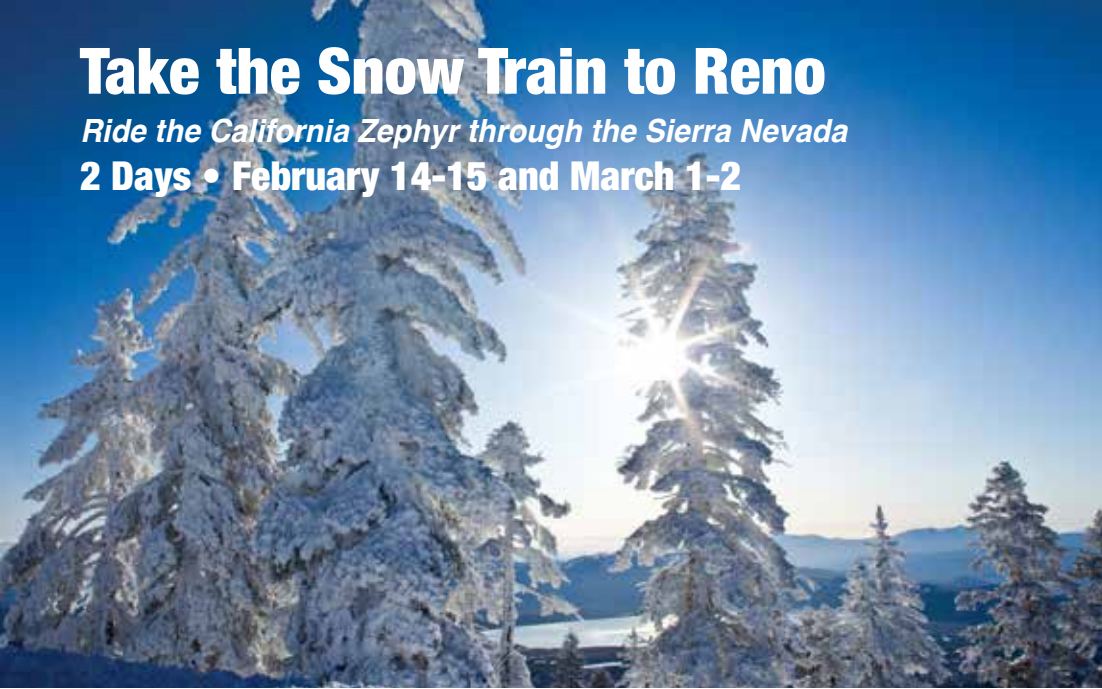
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# Take the Snow Train to Reno

Ride the California Zephyr through the Sierra Nevada

2 Days • February 14-15 and March 1-2




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 and

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

Enjoy relaxing views on the train from your seat or the domed observation car. A box lunch is included for you to take along 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

**\$335 p.p./dbl.occ., \$370 single** 

# Oregon Chocolate Festival in Ashland

The Sweetest Weekend Ever!

3 Days • March 4-6



It's no secret that *Sports Leisure* Travelers LOVE chocolate which is why this trip has always been so popular year after year. The Festival was virtual in 2021, but we are happy to announce they will be back live and in person for 2022! The Oregon Chocolate Makers Festival has grown since it started 18 years ago and now includes chocolatiers from all over the western states. Come along and join us for *The Sweetest Weekend Ever*. Chocolate nirvana indeed!

1. Our exclusive transportation service will pick you up at your home and bring you to the *Sports Leisure Vacations* office where you will board the motorcoach and begin the journey north. Stop for lunch in Redding en route to Ashland, Oregon. Freshen up before heading to the Ashland Springs Hotel for the festival's kick-off event, the elegant Chocolate Makers Dinner with beautifully crafted dishes paired with wine. If fancy wining and dining is not your thing, opt out and attend the more casual Friday Night Social. **Ashland Hills Hotel – 2 nights (L,D)**

2. Enjoy a relaxing morning visiting the Chocolate Makers Festival at your leisure – the event is at your hotel. There you can sample all things chocolate. Shuttle service will be offered between the hotel/festival and downtown so you can have lunch and browse their many quaint shops and boutiques. Dinner tonight is included at a local restaurant. The Oregon Shakespeare Festival typically offers a play this evening for those who can't visit Ashland without taking in a show. We will let you know when they announce their schedule and are happy to help you get tickets (optional, additional cost) and even provide transportation. **(CB,D)**

3. A short ride to Harry and David's Country Store in Medford affords ample time for sampling and shopping. Stop in Redding



## HIGHLIGHTS

- 2 nights at the Ashland Hills Hotel
- Attend the Oregon Chocolate Makers Festival
- 6 meals: 2 continental breakfasts, 2 lunches, 2 dinners including the exclusive Chocolate Makers Dinner
- Deluxe motorcoach transportation
- Door-to-door service to/from the office
- 1050/1150 Gold Passport Points

once again for lunch before returning to Sacramento and your awaiting ride home. Now, wasn't that *The Sweetest Weekend Ever?* **(CB,L)**

**\$1050 p.p./dbl.occ., \$1145 single** 





# Springtime in Monterey

Stay at the luxurious *Clement Intercontinental on Cannery Row*

**3 Days • April 3-5**



**1.** A Climb aboard our motorcoach for a comfortable and scenic ride bound for the Pacific. Recognized as one of the finest country estates of the early 20th century, Filoli House and Garden in Woodside is your first featured attraction.

The docent-guided tour includes both the 36,000 square foot Georgian house and spectacular 16-acre English Renaissance garden. Pause in Half Moon Bay for lunch before the afternoon coastal drive to Monterey. Rest well at your luxurious

**HIGHLIGHTS**

- Tour the magnificent Filoli House and Garden
- 2 nights on Cannery Row at The Clement Intercontinental
- Take a ride on famous 17 Mile Drive
- Visit Monterey Bay Aquarium
- 3 lunches including the Inn at Spanish Bay
- Deluxe motorcoach transportation
- Door-to-door service to/from the office
- 1200/1400 Gold Passport Points

accommodations located on historic Cannery Row next door to the auarium. **The Clement Intercontinental – 2 nights (L)**

**2.** Travel 17 Mile Drive paralleling the coast through Pacific Grove to Pebble Beach where lunch is served at the exclusive Inn at Spanish Bay. This afternoon visit the Monterey Bay Aquarium at your leisure and experience the cool vibe along Cannery Row in search of the perfect spot for dinner. **(L)**

**3.** Stop for a hosted lunch on the way back to Sacramento returning around 5 pm. **(L)**

**\$1200 p.p./dbl.occ., \$1365 single** **L**

# Desert Beauty

Visit *Anza-Borrego and Joshua Tree National Park*

**5 Days • February 28 – March 4**



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

**2.** Travel from the seashore into the mountains to Julian, a small mining town known for apple pies. A quick lunch and you are off to Anza-Borrego Desert State Park, California's largest. Famous for its

springtime display of wildflowers, this desert park has so much to offer: dramatic mountains and vast arid landscapes punctuated by oases prolific with all types of flora and fauna. Traverse the park with a guide to learn more about this "desert beauty." Our late afternoon drive to Rancho Mirage, home to a "hot water" resort, provides insight into the agriculture of the Coachella Valley. **Agua Caliente Casino Resort Spa – 3 nights (FB,L)**

**3.** The history, culture and legends of the Cahuilla people along with the beauty of the desert come alive on an open-air Jeep trek through slot canyons. See date palms surrounding a lush desert oasis! This afternoon ascend two-and-one-half miles through multiple life zones aboard the world's largest rotating tramcar showcasing the diversity of the desert and amazing views of the Coachella Valley. Dinner is on your own at your casino resort. Perhaps try your luck tonight!

**4.** Forests of trees and jumbles of massive rocks make Joshua Tree National Park enchanting. Two distinct desert ecosystems, the Mojave and the Colorado come together creating surreal geologic

**HIGHLIGHTS**

- Anza-Borrego State Park, Joshua Tree National Park and the gardens of The Living Desert provide spectacular examples of desert beauty
- Experience the desert first hand with a jeep ride, tram ride and guided tour of the region
- Stay 1 night waterside in San Diego; 3 nights at the Agua Caliente Resort in Palm Springs
- 6 meals: 1 full breakfast, 4 lunches, 1 dinner
- Roundtrip airfare to San Diego/from Ontario
- Door-to-door airport transportation
- 2750/3150 Gold Passport Points

features adding to the mystique of this vast wilderness. Tonight you have the option to stroll through Village Fest, a menagerie of crafts, art and music in downtown Palm Springs after an included dinner – a fun evening out for locals and visitors alike. **(L,D)**

**5.** At The Living Desert Zoo and Gardens get up close and personal with the "residents." Ever fed a giraffe? You will. Your tour provides insight to the survival of wildlife in the world's deserts. Before your afternoon flight from Ontario you have the chance to sample and buy the predominant crop of the region, dates! Lunch is included. You'll leave with a greater appreciation of the desert and her undeniable beauty. **(L)**

**\$2720 p.p./dbl.occ., \$3130 single** **A**



# New Orleans... And All That Jazz

Rest well in downtown accommodations adjacent to the French Quarter

5 Days • March 6-10 (sold out) or March 7-11



Two overlapping groups; two itineraries. This one is specifically for the March 7 departure. Both groups will experience the same things – sometimes together, sometimes separately, sometimes on different days. Call Tour Planner Clayton Whitehead with any questions.

**1.** Welcome to New Orleans! Rest well in your centrally-located hotel on Canal Street with the Riverwalk and French Quarter only steps away. This city is all about the food. Start it off right with dinner at the New Orleans School of Cooking where you'll learn the secrets of classic Creole cuisine, followed by a twilight horse and carriage ride through the Quarter. **Sheraton Hotel – 4 nights (D)**

**2.** An hour's drive outside the city places you in the heart of Plantation Country with a visit to the breathtaking Houmas House, the grandest of the Mississippi River sugar estates, built in 1840. You'll also tour the new Great River Road Museum, see alligators (please don't call them crocodiles!) in their natural habitat on a Cajun Pride Swamp Tours cruise and have lunch in the popular Dixie Cafe. How about a pub crawl tonight? **(FB,L)**

**3.** Start the day with Beignets and Cafe au Lait at famed Cafe du Monde. The National WWII Museum has grown into a massive, world-class museum covering four square blocks. To fuel you through your visit, take a midday break in BB's Stage Door

Canteen for lunch with live entertainment in the style of a nostalgic USO show. You'll also visit the museum's unique 4-D theatre for their acclaimed production, Beyond All Boundaries. **(CB,L)**

**4.** Plot your own course on a free morning to experience the Quarter at your leisure. In the afternoon explore the city beyond the river on a drive through Downtown, the Garden District and beyond. Tonight, your farewell dinner is served at the famed Court of Two Sisters. Eat all your veggies because you don't want to miss out on the pecan pie for dessert! **(FB,D)**

**5.** Breakfast at Brennan's is a true New Orleans tradition. Where else will you get a dessert of flaming Bananas Foster following the morning meal? Louis Armstrong International Airport is your next and final stop for you awaiting return flight in the early afternoon. **(FB)**

**\$2445 p.p./dbl.occ., \$2685 single A**



## HIGHLIGHTS

- All nights in the Sheraton Hotel on Canal Street
- National World War II Museum
- City tour by coach; Quarter tour by horse and carriage
- Plantation Country: Houmas House, Great River Road Museum, swamp cruise
- 8 meals: Daily breakfast, 2 lunches, 2 dinners
- Round trip airfare to/from New Orleans
- Door-to-door airport transportation
- 2450/2700 Gold Passport Points

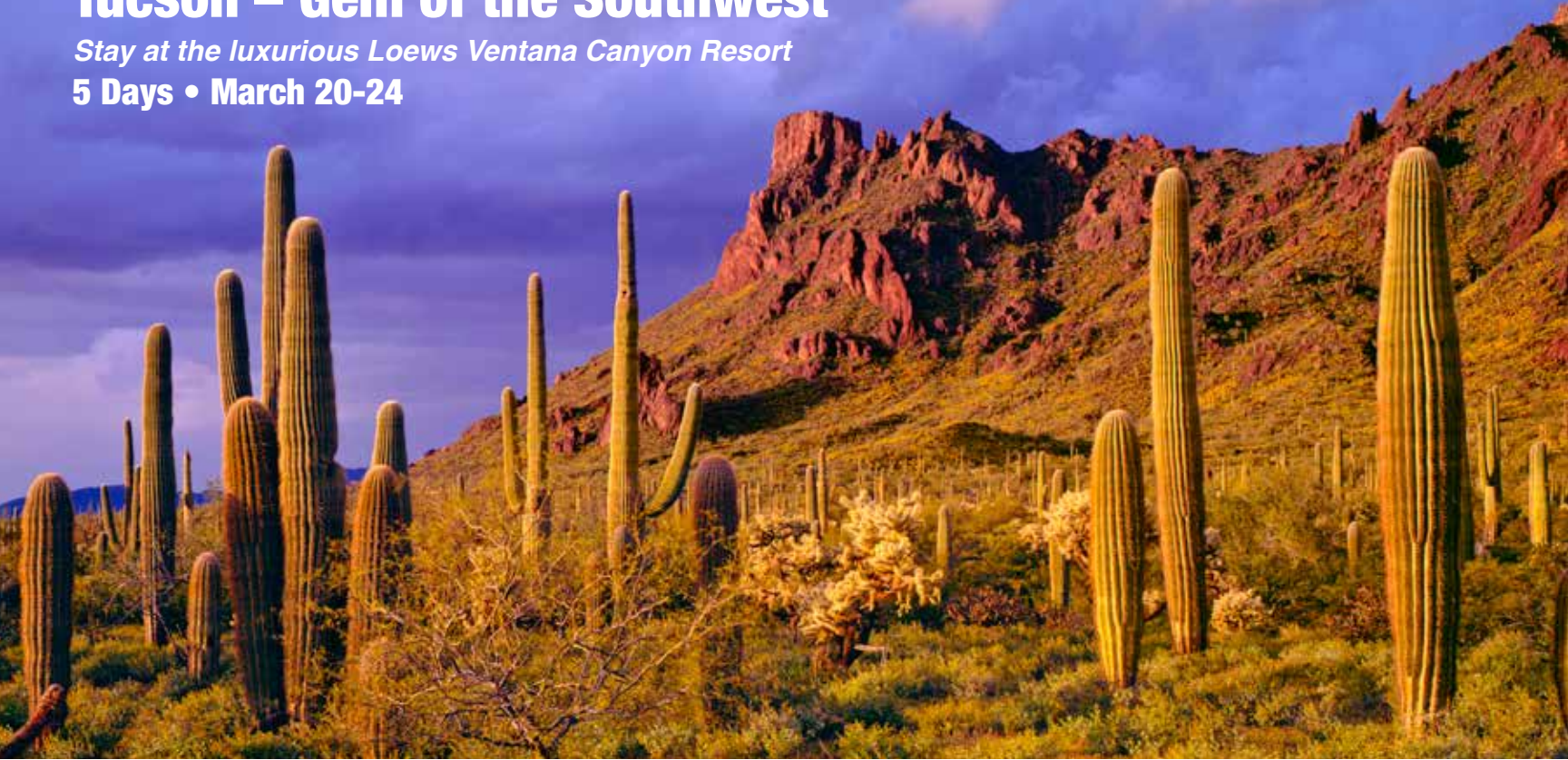




# Tucson – Gem of the Southwest

Stay at the luxurious Loews Ventana Canyon Resort

5 Days • March 20-24



## HIGHLIGHTS

- Visit the arts and crafts village of Tubac
- Docent tour of Mission San Xavier del Bac
- DeGrazia Gallery in the Sun, Old Town Artisans
- The Mini Time Machine Museum of Miniatures
- 4 lunches
- Roundtrip airfare to/from Tucson
- Door-to-door airport transportation
- 2400/2750 Gold Passport Points

**1.** Fly to Tucson, pausing for lunch before checking into your resort nestled in the foothills of the Santa Catalina Mountains amidst stunning desert landscapes. During your stay walk the resort's half-mile paved nature trail through the Sonoran desert with over 200 signs identifying native flora and fauna. The trail includes an 80 foot waterfall, and humming bird and butterfly exhibits, ending at their beautiful pool and hot tub. You'll find four days to be short affording ample opportunity to enjoy the resort to the fullest! **Loews Ventana Canyon Resort – 4 nights (L)**

**2.** A truly magical experience awaits you at The Mini Time Machine Museum


of Miniatures. Visitors set off on a tour through different lands and times, both real and imagined, with over 275 miniature houses and room boxes included in this extraordinary collection. Lunch is served before a docent-led tour of acclaimed Arizona artist Ted DeGrazia's Gallery in the Sun. View the six permanent collections of paintings that trace historical events and native cultures of the Southwest. Rotating exhibitions display some of the 15,000 DeGrazia originals oils, watercolors and sketches. **(L)**

**3.** Tubac is both a historic village and art destination. Visit galleries, museums and unique shops offering crafts, jewelry and fashion. Tubac is graced with family-owned

restaurants offering outstanding cuisine and service, one of which will host our lunch. **(L)**

**4.** *The White Dove of the Desert*, Mission San Xavier del Bac, is acclaimed by many to be the finest example of mission architecture in the United States. With its graceful blending of Moorish, Byzantine and late Mexico Renaissance styles, it's a site to behold. A Mexican lunch downtown and a visit to Old Town Artisans for some shopping finish the day. **(L)**

**5.** Depart Tucson, a true gem of the American Southwest, on a late morning flight.

**\$2360 p.p./dbl.occ., \$2735 single** 





# Nebraska: Honestly, it's not for everyone!

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

5 Days • March 21-25



1. Begin in Omaha. What's for lunch? Midwestern beef of course! Other options available. Check into your hotel, home of the popular Manager's Reception.

**Embassy Suites Omaha Downtown Old Market (L)**

2. At the Durham Museum, a once-busting train station bringing people and goods to and from the region. Dozens of tracks meet at the adjacent rail yard then veer in every direction. Stop for lunch as we travel to nearby Hastings, a quaint Midwestern town that everyone knows something about but doesn't know they do. Confused? Remember the Kool-Aid Man? The story behind this "fruit drink" born here is pretty interesting! Learn more at the Hastings Museum. **Best Western Plus Kearney – 2 nights (FB,L)**

3. Get acquainted at the Crane Trust Nature & Visitor Center on the Platte River where you'll see

hundreds of them eating in the fields and waterways. Lunch is back in town, then experience the Great Platte River Road Archway Monument, a must-see attraction! It's a museum straddling I-80 celebrating the courageous pioneers that set their sights on westward expansion, many bound for a place that should sound familiar – Sacramento! Recharge and grab a snack at the hotel before the evening fly-in. Over 250,000 cranes settle in for the night on the Platte River! You need to rest for an early morning. **(B,L)**

4. Why so early? To catch the morning lift-off from the Rowe Sanctuary, a truly amazing sight! You've never heard such raucous noise! Next up is Red Cloud, the childhood home of Willa Cather, award-winning author of American classics such as *My Antonia*, *The Song of the Lark* and *O'Pioneers!* Known for her poignant portrayal of European immigrants and their role in the settlement of the prairies, Cather


is beloved for her sense of place and

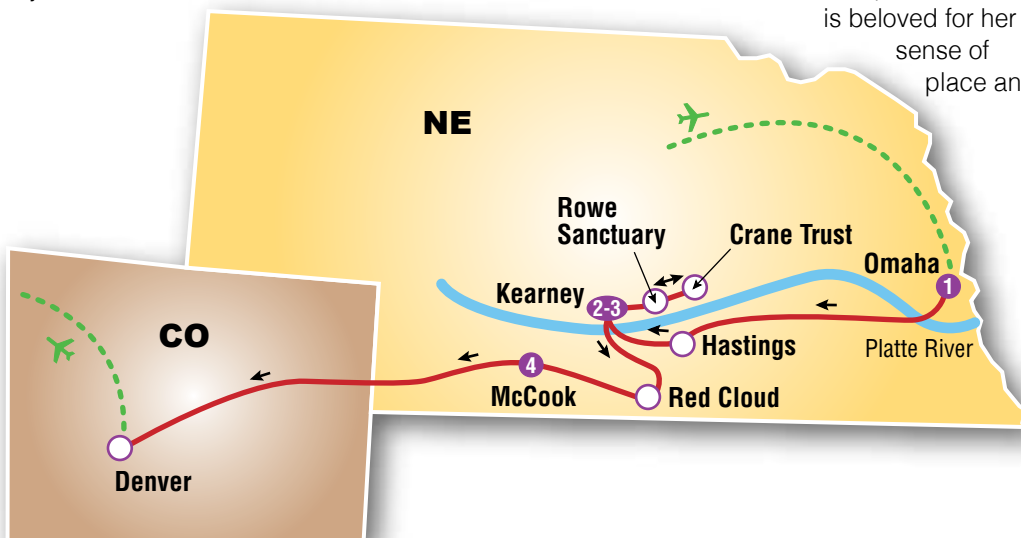
## HIGHLIGHTS

- Evening and morning viewing of cranes at Rowe Sanctuary
- Visit the Crane Trust Foundation headquarters
- Drive through the countryside with the local "Crane Guy"
- Check out the Kool-Aid exhibit at the Hastings Museum
- Spend the morning in Red Cloud, home to author Willa Cather
- Early morning "Chicken Dance" experience
- 10 meals: 4 breakfasts, 5 lunches, 1 dinner
- Roundtrip air to Omaha/from Denver
- Door-to-door airport transportation
- 2600/2850 Gold Passport Points

descriptions of the prairie. You'll visit the National Willa Cather Center to see her home and foundation museum. Tonight's dinner spotlights a regional fast food icon in McCook. Just hope it isn't chicken! Why? Keep reading. **Cobblestone Hotel & Suites – McCook (B,L,D)**

5. Rise and shine! You'll be the ones waking up the chickens this morning. There is nothing quite like a prairie sunrise! Well, that is until the prairie chickens magically appear out of nowhere. Once the females arrive, the males put on quite the show... dancin', stompin' and making their distinctive mating call. Who knew a little chicken could be so loud? Lunch is served en route to Denver for an early evening departure. **(B,L)**

\$2575 p.p./dbl.occ., \$2850 single 





# Washington State's Skagit Valley Tulip Festival

Celebrate the arrival of spring in the lush Pacific Northwest

3 Days • April 14-16



## HIGHLIGHTS

- Ascend Seattle's iconic Space Needle and visit Chihuly's Garden and Glass
- Stay 2 nights in charming seaside Mukilteo
- Visit two distinct tulip farms
- Shop and dine on Whidbey Island
- 6 meals: 2 full breakfasts, 3 lunches, 1 dinner
- Roundtrip airfare to/from Seattle
- Door-to-door airport transportation
- 1700/1950 Gold Passport Points

**1.** Soar above Seattle's busy streets on the iconic monorail, built for the 1962 World's Fair, right to the base of the Space Needle. From 605 feet above, take in panoramic views of Puget Sound, the Cascades and Olympic Mountains. At Chihuly Garden and Glass, internationally acclaimed glass artist Dale Chihuly's energetic and whimsical work blends harmoniously with nature. Lunch features local Pacific Northwest fare. In seaside Mukilteo you'll tour the quaint lighthouse before dinner with a view. **Silver Cloud Inn Mukilteo – 2 nights (L,D)**

**2.** Visit two working flower farms that are equally beautiful, but each unique. Hear the story of friendship and perseverance of Tulip Town's new owners, truly

inspirational. If you wish you can order bulbs from 25 varieties of tulips and shop locally made products and handicrafts. RoozenGaarde is a larger commercial operation with ribbons of color stretching across the valley floor. Keep your camera handy to snap that perfect profile picture or your next Christmas card! Lunch is in LaConner, a waterfront artist enclave full of eclectic boutiques. Back in Mukilteo, your evening and dinner are at leisure. Ivar's, a local institution with award-winning clam chowder, is served next door to your hotel! **(FB,L)**

**3.** Today, bus and all will board a Washington State Ferry to Whidbey Island where it's all things chocolate! Indulge yourself at Sweet Mona's. Marionberry truffles, anyone? Next, visit a one-of-a-kind boutique featured on HGTV offering a vast array of chocolate-infused products such as jams, tea and scented candles. On Blueberry Hill overlooking the harbor, Chef Gordon will whip up a lunch you won't soon forget. Sail back to the mainland to catch your early evening flight home. **(FB,L)**

**\$1695 p.p./dbl.occ., \$1910 single** **M A**





# From the Red Rocks to the Rockies

The best of Moab and the new Rocky Mountaineer Train

6 Days • May 2-7



1. Fly to Moab and board your motorcoach for a scenic drive along the Colorado River to your amazing accommodations. **Red Cliffs Lodge – 3 nights (D)**

2. Tour Arches National Park with a local guide stopping for a walk at several famous arches and viewpoints. After lunch board a jet boat for a one-hour cruise down the Colorado River. View arches and rock climbers scaling the sheer cliff at what they call Wall Street. **(FB,L)**

3. Soar above Canyonlands National Park on a one-hour flight over the Colorado River. Pass over the Island in the Sky and The

Maze districts. Near The Needles, fly over the confluence of the Green and Colorado Rivers, absorbing breathtaking beauty. Watch the red rocks change color over the Colorado River during a sunset dinner. **(FB,D)**

4. Travel by coach to one of the best vistas in the west at Dead Horse Point State Park where you will be 1,500 feet above the Colorado River. After lunch board the new Rocky Mountaineer train for your two-day journey to Denver. The train travels only during the day so you will not miss any of the extraordinary scenery. You will be traveling in style with upgraded SilverLeaf Plus service including access to the newly renovated lounge car. Enjoy an elevated dining experience with premium alcoholic beverages served at your seat before arriving at the resort town of Glenwood Springs. **Hotel TBA (FB,L,D)**

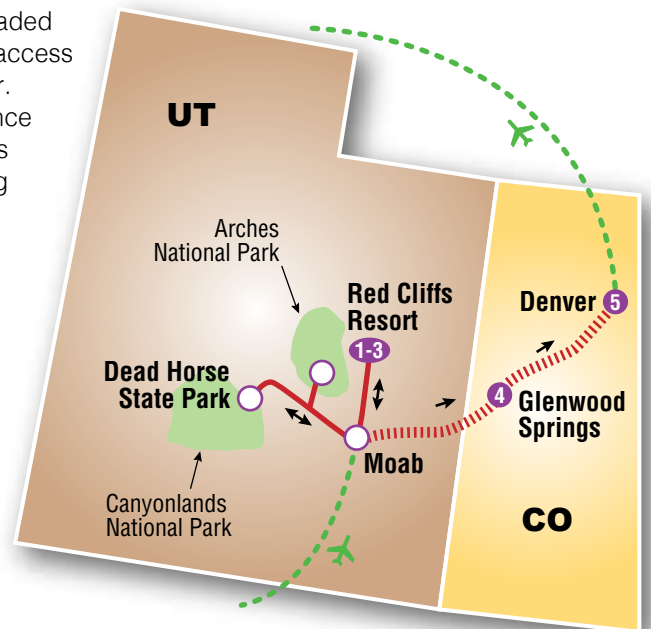
5. Take in the spectacular views of the rugged canyons and the Colorado River on your second day or rail travel. You'll cross the Continental Divide and arrive in Denver at approximately 5pm with upscale accommodations inside Union Station. **Crawford Hotel (FB,L)**

## HIGHLIGHTS

- 3 nights at the spectacular Red Cliffs Lodge
- Explore majestic Arches National Park
- Visit Dead Horse State Park (the most amazing view in the Southwest!)
- Thrilling jet boat ride on the Colorado River
- Flightseeing over Canyonlands National Park
- Ride the *Rocky Mountaineer* from Moab to Denver
- 12 meals: 5 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 3 dinners
- Roundtrip to Moab/from Denver
- Door-to-door airport transportation
- 5000/5400 Gold Passport Points

6. Enjoy a sightseeing tour of Denver and a hosted lunch before your return flight to Sacramento. **(FB,L)**

\$4975 p.p./dbl.occ., \$5380 single **M A**



# Springtime in Yosemite

Waterfalls and wildflowers - Mother Nature at her best

3 Days • May 10-12

## HIGHLIGHTS

- 2 nights at Rush Creek Lodge just outside the park
- Free time to visit Yosemite Falls, Ansel Adams Gallery, Yosemite Museum
- Guided park tour highlighting points of interest and history throughout the valley
- 3 meals: 2 lunches, 1 dinner
- Deluxe motorcoach transportation
- Door-to-door service to/from the office
- 1350/1600 Gold Passport Points

Springtime is the optimum season to view Yosemite's magnificent waterfalls and feast on the colorful display of wildflowers. 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. (It is unknown at this time whether Mariposa Grove will be available for a visit following last year's winds storms.) Return to your mountain resort in the evening and reflect upon your day over dinner with your fellow travelers.

We are confident you will love the improved accommodations at **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 surroundings on 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 nature in comfort, away from the crowds.

\$1340 p.p./dbl.occ., \$1590 single **A**





# Pathways of Patriots

Trace the footsteps of American patriots from Colonial times to the present through Virginia

7 Days • April 25 – May 1



## HIGHLIGHTS

- 2 nights Prince William County – Manassas National Battlefield, Ben Lomond Historic Site, Occoquan, Effingham Manor Winery
- Semper Fidelis! Quantico National Cemetery, Museum, 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
- Roundtrip airfare to Dulles/from Norfolk
- Door-to-door airport service
- 3500/3850 Gold Passport Points

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

**2.** The first major battle of the Civil War (a victory for the South) 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. Next up is the Colonial era Potomac-side town of Occoquan where you'll be shown around by the mayor before a dinner that ends 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, then visit Marine Base Quantico for lunch in one of the club facilities. Semper Fidelis! Onward to Richmond, capital of the Commonwealth of Virginia. **Delta Hotel Downtown (FB,L)**

**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! **Embassy Suites (FB,L)**

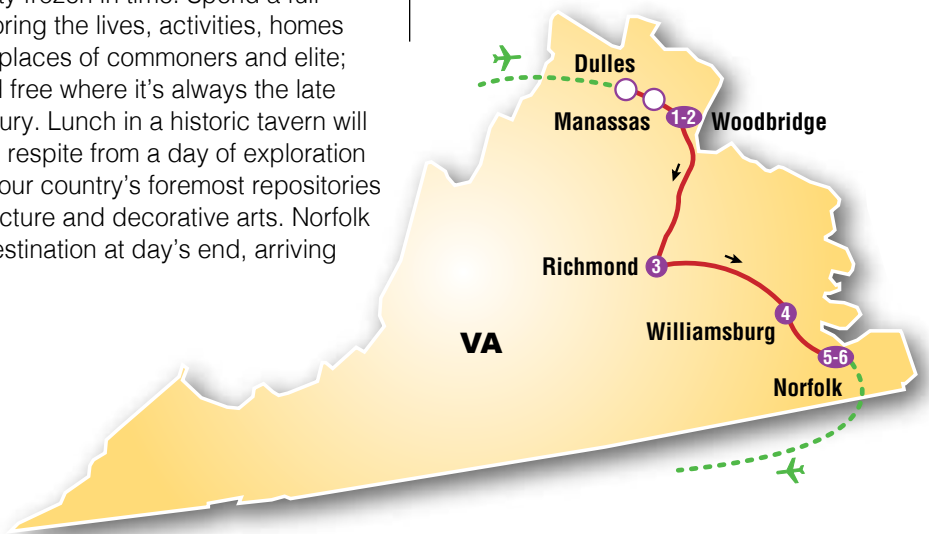
**5.** Welcome to Colonial Williamsburg, a community frozen in time. Spend a full day exploring the lives, activities, homes and workplaces of commoners and elite; slave and free where it's always the late 18th century. Lunch in a historic tavern will provide a respite from a day of exploration in one 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. **Norfolk Waterside Marriott – 2 nights (FB,L)**

**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 and might 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)**

\$3445 p.p./dbl.occ., \$3840 single **A**





# Chicago to St. Louis, Ride the Rails In-Between

Celebrating 43 years on the road (and tracks) with Sports Leisure Vacations

7 Days • May 18-24



**1.** Welcome to Chicago, that toddlin' town! Following the popular Manager's Reception rest well in accommodations located in the center of it all! **Embassy Suites Chicago Downtown – 3 nights**

**2.** Start the day with Buckingham Fountain, the official starting point of iconic **Route 66**. On to the Chicago River with a 90-minute cruise discovering the architectural wonders that populate this city. From the ashes caused by Mrs. O'Leary's cow the modern skyscraper was born. (The invention of the electric elevator around the same time didn't hurt!) Tonight you will feast on **Six**, a modern retelling of the lives and untimely "departures" of the wives of King Henry VIII. Presented as an upbeat pop concert, the six ladies take turns singing and telling their stories to see who suffered the most. According to one reviewer, audiences the world over are losing their heads over this original new musical! (Get it?) **(FB,L)**

**3.** Friday is Museum Day! Visit your choice of world-class institutions such as the Field Museum of Natural History, Shedd Aquarium or the Art Institute – we'll provide the shuttle. Maybe later in the day take a stroll on "State Street, that Great Street" or shop along the "Magnificent Mile," Michigan Avenue. Share your discoveries tonight over dinner at one of the city's popular family-style Italian eateries. **(FB,D)**

**4.** *The Lincoln Service* train departs Chicago at 9:25am, arriving in St. Louis at 3pm. The train closely follows the path

of the original Route 66. Mark will share Mother Road stories as you pass through Joliet and Pontiac. Arrive in time for Drury's nightly Kickback featuring hors d'oeuvres and adult refreshment. **Drury Inn Union Station – 3 nights (FB,L)**

**5.** "Meet" the city today. There's an abundance of history here. Beginning with Native Americans who settled and built mounds in the 9th century, this has been a story of migration. Started as a trading post on the Mississippi, it became a cultural hub and a starting point for many explorations of the West. Come to The Hill, where baseball legends grew up and bocce ball courts still reign. Enjoy lunch in an Italian eatery and dessert at Ted Drewes, a Route 66 institution. Conclude at the Budweiser Brewery, where the tour includes samples of *The King of Beers!* **(FB,L)**

**6.** The Gateway to the West Museum and the Gateway Arch are featured this morning. Explore the museum before boarding the tiny tram cars to wiggle your way to the top of the Arch where spectacular views await. Just across the Missouri River in historic St. Charles, stand on the spot where Lewis & Clark started their famous journey to the West Coast in 1804. There are quaint shops here for the curious. **(FB,L)**

**7.** With fond memories of two great American cities, board your return flight to Sacramento. **(FB,L)**

**\$3290 p.p./dbl.occ., \$3840 single** **A**

## HIGHLIGHTS

- 3 nights each in downtown Chicago and St. Louis
- Tickets to the new pop musical *Six*
- Architectural cruise on the Chicago River; visit one of the city's world-class museums
- Go to the top of the Gateway Arch
- St. Louis City Tour – featuring lunch on The Hill (home to Yogi Berra), Route 66 (treats at Ted Drewes Frozen Yogurt) and the riverfront, Budweiser Brewery Tour
- Lunch and shopping in historic St. Charles – see where the journey of Lewis & Clark began
- 12 meals: Daily breakfast, 5 lunches, 1 dinner
- Roundtrip air to Chicago/from St. Louis; Amtrak in-between
- Door-to-door airport transportation
- 3300/3850 Gold Passport Points





# Spring Training

The Cactus League in Arizona with the Giants and A's,  
great dining, baseball speakers  
5 Days • March 10-14



It's something a small group of us have done pretty much every year for a while. Sort of a rite of spring. We go to Arizona, sit in the shade, and watch the new baseball season come to life. For many reasons, it's a special time of the year. Maybe you've thought about making the pilgrimage to Spring Training, the Cactus League. Your story is not new. Once you actually go to Spring Training, like many of us, you'll likely be hooked and return many times.

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. A baseball old-timer, a player (or former player), manager or front office official joins us.

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.

Most teams put their tickets 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. Once the schedule is announced, we will forward the game schedule. Generally, we make the Giants our first choice, the A's our second. The schedule will include a total of five games.

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, but the weather is warm, so early evening games aren't an issue.

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, when we do brunch at the Wrigley Mansion) at the beautifully refurbished **Marriott Hotel Phoenix Airport**.

The package includes roundtrip air to/from Phoenix, 4 nights at the Marriott, game tickets in premium (and generally shaded) locations, 7 meals, door-to-door airport transportation, the services of a **Sports Leisure** Tour Director and 2600/3000 Gold Passport Points for qualified travelers.

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



## Spend a Day at the Ballpark

### A Sports Leisure History Lesson:

Back in 1978, **Sports Travel** (our original name) got its start by taking fans to the Bay Area ballparks. Mark had done ballpark trips for the Mission Oaks Park District and knew there was a demand for that product. When the park district cut staff in response to the passage of Proposition 13 (which reduced property taxes, which was where local park districts got their funding), Mark decided to run trips himself.

Fast forward 43 years and **Sports Leisure Vacations** has run over 500 trips on the **Ballpark Express**. We have attended regular season, playoff and World Series games, even taken a bus to the All-Star Game in San Francisco in the 80's. (40 of our folks were in the stands in 1989, the night of the earthquake.) Baseball is part of our soul at **Sports Leisure**.

After January 1st we'll announce our schedule of day trips to see the Giants and A's. If you attended a game with us this season, you'll automatically receive the schedule. If you are a newbie and would like to receive a copy, give our office a call.

The trips include coach transportation, game tickets (in the lower level, generally under cover), refreshments on board and at the park, along with a Tour Director on board. We'll see you in Oakland or San Francisco at the ballpark next summer!

### The Giants in San Diego or Denver

Keep an eye on your newsletter for this trip. For time to time, we offer a chance to travel to a Western Division city for a 3-4 game series. Often our hotel is walking distance from the ballpark. We add a little sightseeing, a few meals, bingo and we have a great baseball journey. Those who attend baseball day trips in the past will automatically be notified. Or call and ask to be added to the **Priority Notification List**.





# Baseball's Fields of Dreams

Featuring the Negro League Museum, the Field of Dreams, the Baseball Hall of Fame and more...

8 Days • May 1-8

## HIGHLIGHTS

- The **Negro Leagues Museum** in Kansas City
- The **Field of Dreams Movie Site** near Dyersville, Iowa
- **Cooperstown**, home of the **National Baseball Hall of Fame** with a special Curator's Program; stay at the elegant Otesaga Hotel
- **Yogi Berra** Museum at Montclair State University in New Jersey
- Sites of **Ebbets Field**, the **Polo Grounds**, **Yankee Stadium**
- **Gate of Heaven Cemetery**, final resting place of **Babe Ruth**
- 12 meals: 6 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 4 dinners
- Roundtrip airfare: Sacramento/Kansas City, Chicago/Albany, Newark/Sacramento
- Door-to-door airport transportation

1. A mid-morning flight connects us to our Kansas City-bound aircraft arriving in the late afternoon. Dinner is included tonight to kick off our travels. **BW Premier KC Sports Complex – 2 nights (D)**

2. For many years, baseball had a "double life." White players could play in the major leagues, but players of color were relegated to a "lesser" league. They couldn't stay in the same hotels, eat in the same restaurants, and in many cases were openly hated by the "real major leaguers." The quality of the competition was high, but acceptance by white society was not. Then came **Jackie Robinson**, and baseball, along with American society, would never be the same. The **Negro Leagues Baseball Museum** tells the story of the pre-Robinson days. If you are a baseball fan, it's a story you should hear. We'll visit the museum today, and attend a KC Royals game in the evening! This is a town known for its meat, so we'll sample some great barbeque at popular Arthur Bryant's near the museum. The National WWI Museum is an optional (admission included) afternoon stop. **(B,L)**

3. It's about 5 hours from Kansas City to Dyersville, Iowa, home of **The Field of Dreams**, either by air or coach. We've decided to stay on the ground and see the countryside, even traveling on a classic section of the original **Lincoln Highway** in Iowa, perhaps enjoying a meal in an old fashioned diner. **Best Western Inn & Suites - Historic Galena, IL (B,L)**

4. The **Field of Dreams** movie site is outside of Dyersville. It still looks pretty much like it did when the cameras were

rolling. Visit and hear the story this morning. Back in Galena, grab lunch on your own and perhaps spend a little time in the shops before continuing on to Rosemont, outside Chicago, our home for the night. **Hilton Garden Inn (B,D)**

5. A late morning flight takes you non-stop to Albany. From there it's only 90 minutes to the village of Cooperstown. Legend has it baseball was first played here. History says it's only a legend, but this picturesque spot certainly has the feel of being the Home of Baseball. We'll check into special accommodations, the **The Otesaga**, home of the Hall of Famers each year. Overlooking the lake by the same name, it's a ten minute walk into the village of Cooperstown. Your accommodations package includes breakfast and dinner in the elegant dining room. **The Otesaga Resort Hotel – 2 nights (FB,D)**

6. For a baseball fan the ultimate dream is to walk the corridors of **The National Baseball Hall of Fame**, reliving personal and/or historical moments from our National Pastime. When **Sports Leisure Vacations** visits, the museum curator brings out items not on display to the public and shares the story behind each piece, often related to the Giants and/or A's. Following the presentation you'll have time to explore the collection on your own.

Also in town: Lots of baseball gift shops, the Fenimore Art Museum and The Farmer's Museum. If you would like to visit one or both during the day, we would be happy to provide transportation. Tickets can be purchased at the door. Back at your hotel, the porch offers a number of large rocking chairs with a lake view, perfect for a relaxing afternoon. **(FB,D)**

7. An extended morning drive brings us to Montclair State University, home to the **Yogi Berra Museum**. We once met the late Hall of Famer here. The

museum is a monument to Yogi, his life and the Yankees. We'll bring the trip to an exciting conclusion with an overnight stay in **Times Square!** If you like, we'll help you add a Broadway show to your itinerary as most theaters are within a short walk of the hotel. **Marriott Marquis Times Square (FB)**

8. A look at ballparks and ballpark sites is on the menu this morning starting with **Ebbets Field** where the Brooklyn Dodgers played from 1913-1957. Next is where the **Polo Grounds** once stood. Actually, there were four Polo Grounds, the first one actually built for polo. It was the home of the **Giants** until they left for San Francisco. Just across the Harlem River is **Yankee Stadium**. How about a tour with lunch nearby?

The **Gate of Heaven Cemetery** is the final resting place of baseball greats like **George Herman "Babe" Ruth** and **Billy Martin**, actor **Jimmy Cagney** and other celebrities. We'll pause and pay our respects before our travels conclude at the Newark Airport in time for our 7pm non-stop back to Sacramento.

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*Dates tentative until the release of Major League schedules. Place your name on the **Priority Notification List** for pricing and further information.*





# Memorial Day in Washington, DC and Biden Country

Our Capital City experience is followed by a visit to Wilmington, Delaware

8 Days • May 26 – June 2



1. Take a morning flight bound for Reagan National Airport. From this in-town location it's only a short drive to your hotel – a welcomed relief after a long day of travel!

**Hilton Hotel Arlington – 5 nights**

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

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

4. A morning visit to Arlington National Cemetery includes a narrated tram tour with stops at the Tomb of the Unknowns for the Changing of the Guard ceremony and the home of General & Mrs. Robert E. Lee—no, that's *not* a mausoleum on the hill! You have options in the afternoon: Visit the estate of George and Martha Washington, Mount Vernon, or you might choose the new National Museum of the US Army located nearby. Tonight, dinner at Filomena Ristorante in Georgetown is a **Sports Leisure** favorite and sure to please. **(FB,D)**

5. Memorial Day offers a host of opportunities along our National Mall. Start the day with a visit to Ford's Theatre and the Petersen House to relive President Lincoln's final days. A new interpretative center offers

insight into this turbulent time in American history. From there your choices begin. Take your place along Constitution Avenue for the National Memorial Day Parade or use the time to continue your exploration of the Smithsonian Institution and National Museums. **(FB,D)**

6. A guided tour of the United States Capitol brings your time in DC to a monumental end. From here we're off to Biden Country – Wilmington, Delaware – but it would be difficult to pass through Maryland without a quick stop for crab cakes, don't you think? A visit to the Biden Welcome Center will acquaint you with #46, his family and his long association with the Wilmington area. Your hotel is located in the heart of downtown and features all-suite accommodations. **Sheraton Suites Wilmington Downtown – 2 nights (FB,L)**

7. With a local guide trace the footsteps of "Amtrak Joe" starting appropriately enough at the train station that now bears his name. In downtown Wilmington see other iconic Biden sites such as the Chase Center where he announced his presidential election victory and The Queen where his transition team worked before the move to DC. In nearby Greenville you'll visit St.

## HIGHLIGHTS

- 5 nights at the Hilton Hotel Arlington
- Tour Washington, DC by day and night
- Visit Arlington National Cemetery, the US Capitol, Ford's Theatre and Kennedy Center
- Explore the Smithsonian Institution and National Museums on the Mall
- See National Monuments including Lincoln, Jefferson, FDR, MLK, WWII, Vietnam, Korea and more
- Visit Mt. Vernon or the new National Museum of the US Army
- Tour sites in and around Wilmington in the heart of Biden Country
- 13 meals: daily breakfasts, 2 lunches, 4 dinners
- Roundtrip airfare to Washington National/from Philadelphia
- Door-to-door airport transportation
- 3250/3550 Gold Passport Points

Joseph on the Brandywine, the Biden's Church. Tonight dinner is served in one of Joe and Jill's favorites. **(FB,D)**

8. A short drive to Philadelphia brings your Memorial Day expedition to an end. **(FB)**

**\$3225 p.p./dbl.occ., \$3535 single** **E**





# Ferries, Islands and Towns of Old Cape Cod

Visit Boston, Martha's Vineyard, Provincetown and Nantucket

8 Days • June 10-17



## HIGHLIGHTS

- 2 nights Boston, 2 nights Provincetown on the Cape, overnight Hyannis, 2 nights Nantucket
- Ferry rides Boston-Provincetown and Hyannis-Martha's Vineyard-Nantucket-Hyannis
- Guided tours of Boston, Provincetown, Cape Cod National Seashore, Nantucket and Martha's Vineyard
- Ride the famous Swan Boats on Boston Common
- See the JFK Presidential Library or the Edward Kennedy Institute for the US Senate
- 16 meals: daily breakfast, 3 lunches, 6 dinners including a lobster feast
- Roundtrip airfare to/from Boston
- Door-to-door airport transportation
- 4000/4550 Gold Passport Points

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

2. With a local guide, walk through Harvard Yard to the famous Old North Church; Paul Revere's home to the site of the (in)famous Tea Party with lunch in Cambridge. Tour historic downtown by motorcoach and ride the iconic Swan Boats in service since 1877 in Boston Common. Dinner is included tonight. **(FB,L,D)**

3. Choose between a visit to the JFK Presidential Library & Museum or the Edward Kennedy Institute for the US Senate. Will it be a lobster roll or chowda', or both for lunch on your own at Quincy Market? Board a high-speed ferry for a 90-minute cruise to Provincetown. Your waterfront hotel is down a charming country lane, walkable to the center of town. **Surfside Hotel – 2 nights (FB,D)**

4. Tour by trolley to discover the rich history and unique flair of this "end of the road" community. In a special SUV climb the sand

dunes for amazing views of the Atlantic Ocean! After lunch, spend the afternoon in town or relax and enjoy the waterfront bay view at your hotel. **(B,L)**

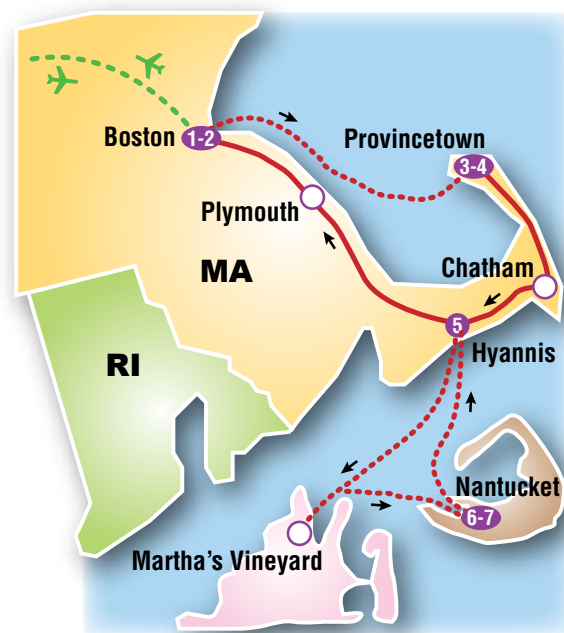
5. On the southeast end of the Cape pass through small New England villages arriving in Chatham. Take time for lunch and browsing. Continue to Hyannis and visit a museum focusing on JFK's life and the mystique of Camelot. Tonight it's time for a LOBSTA DINNER! **Hyannis Harbor Hotel (B,D)**

6. Arrive on Martha's Vineyard by ferry for a narrated van tour, then continue to Nantucket on the inter-island ferry where you'll stay two nights at the island's finest accommodations. A complimentary shuttle service is available from the hotel to town every hour. Dinner is included both nights. **Nantucket Inn – 2 nights (FB,D)**

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

8. Depart Nantucket by ferry this morning. Make a stop in Plymouth where the Pilgrims landed over 400 years ago for a self-guided visit and lunch. Your return flight is from Boston. **(B,L)**

**\$3995 p.p./dbl.occ., \$4550 single** **A**





# Secrets of Santa Fe

Featuring majestic scenery, Los Alamos and Bandelier Nat'l Monument

5 Days • June 4-8



Santa Fe holds many secrets. Twisted alleyways revealing hidden courtyard gardens, eclectic boutiques tucked away down narrow lanes and a national secret hidden in plain sight. The Central Plaza, the heart of town, is lined with boutiques, museums and restaurants. It's all yours to explore only a short stroll from your hotel!

**1.** Arrive in Albuquerque and make your way to the base of the Sandia Mountains. After your first taste of Southwestern cuisine, get a literal overview from nearly 4,000 feet above the valley floor on the Sandia Peak Tramway. Be greeted with Nightly Kickbacks, a generous complimentary buffet spread with cocktails at your hotel. Grab a drink and take a little tour. If the hotel were an art museum, it would be the largest in town! **Drury Plaza Hotel Santa Fe – 4 nights (L)**

**2.** Trolley through Santa Fe's unique history and architecture before a guided walking tour of the Palace of the Governors. At the

Loretto Chapel hear about the mysterious visitor that arrived, left his mark and disappeared. Intrigued? In the Plaza choose a spot for lunch then shop for authentic Native American jewelry. Tonight's dinner features upscale cuisine befitting of the town's flair. **(FB,D)**

**3.** Venture into the Jemez Mountains and immerse yourself in the ancient culture of the peoples that once called these cliffs home. In Los Alamos there was a very BIG national secret that was manufactured here; the atom bomb. Back in Santa Fe the Manhattan Project's offices are hidden in plain sight, but the happenings in this spot were top secret. Your guide grew up there, so hear about it firsthand. Just keep it quiet! Shhhh! Lunch is included. **(FB,L)**

**4.** Today is Santa Fe, your way! Explore the maze of alleys, discover hidden courtyards, shop 'til you drop, or find a spot in the Plaza to relax. Join a tour of the many galleries located along world-renowned Canyon

## HIGHLIGHTS

- 4 nights in a beautiful hotel 2 blocks from the Central Plaza
- Savor authentic Southwest cuisine
- Guided tour of the Palace of the Governors & visit the one-of-a-kind State Capitol Building
- Visit Los Alamos where the atomic bomb was created
- Tour Bandelier National Monument with a naturalist guide
- Immerse yourself in the art of famed Canyon Road
- 8 meals: 4 full breakfasts, 3 lunches, 1 dinner
- Roundtrip airfare to/from Albuquerque
- Door-to-door airport transportation
- 2300/2600 Gold Passport Points

Road, with all mediums of art! Opt to visit Museum Hill with four acclaimed collections to peruse. Maybe you'd like to learn more about Georgia O'Keeffe at her namesake museum. She lived, loved and painted the area's awesome landscape. What a fascinating woman! Pick your included attraction and transportation is provided.

**(FB)**

**5.** New Mexico's Capitol Building is unlike any other. Come in and see for yourself! You'll agree. Along the Turquoise Trail is the kooky artist enclave of Madrid. Last chance to find that perfect souvenir! Lunch is at a place known as much for their world-famous salsa as their amazing food. Pick some up to remember your time in the Great Southwest. Scour the shops of Old Town Albuquerque selling jewelry, souvenirs and specialty foods. Green chile potato chips pack an addictive and spicy punch! Depart Albuquerque, with secrets to share, and some better kept to yourself. Arrive home in the evening. **(FB,L)**

**\$2285 p.p./dbl.occ., \$2580 single** **A**

# Oregon's Coast, A Carousel and Covered Bridges

Coastal Oregon calls you with natural beauty, history and million-dollar sunsets

6 Days • June 26 – July 1

**1.** An early morning flight will have you in Portland in time to pick up some fresh berries and other treats at the Vancouver Farmer's Market. Travel along the Columbia River, heading to the Pacific Coast. Your home is the city named for John Jacob Astor, Astoria. This was a hard-scrabble fishing port, home of the first U.S. Post Office west of the Rocky Mountains. Stop at the Astoria Column before checking in and

preparing for a dinner of local fare. **Best Western Astoria (D)**

**2.** Over 200 years ago, the Lewis and Clark Party were among the first to map and explore this area. They ultimately decided on a spot south of the Columbia, naming it Fort Clatsop. Visit the reconstructed landmark, then continue on through the dairy community of Tillamook to Newport.

It's a scenic drive along the coast! A light dinner of chowder and salad is offered this evening. You're accommodations are among our favorite. Every oversized room has a full, facing view of the ocean and the beach below is smooth and very "walker-friendly". **Elizabeth Street Suites – 3 nights (B,L,D)**

**3.** No trip to the coast is complete without a visit to a lighthouse, and Yaquina Head is the perfect stop! Experience the life of the sea with a 2-hour cruise on the *Discovery*, learning about crab pots and the creatures who keep the bay and the ocean healthy. Grab lunch on your own on the waterfront. Tonight, weather permitting, we'll have a bonfire on the beach. **(B)**  
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# Roll On Mighty Columbia

*One of our country's grandest waterways – a river that helped shape the nation*

**4 Days • June 12-15**

Explore the abundant sightseeing opportunities located throughout the picturesque Hood River Valley and along the Washington and Oregon sides of the river. 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.

**1.** Arrive in Portland after your early morning flight. Visit the Vancouver Farmer's Market for a healthy snack (cherries and strawberries are already in season). It's a great way to get a feel for the "flavors" of the region and the people who live here.

Your motorcoach takes you on a short drive up the Columbia to **The Columbia Gorge Hotel**. Part of the National Register of Historic Places, the hotel has stood here for nearly a 100 years. Have brunch and take time to walk around the grounds to enjoy the gardens of this historic property. Learn more about the river, its geology and its place in American History at the **Columbia Gorge Interpretive Center**. Our accommodations for 3 nights are in rooms with a view of the Columbia at the **Best Western Plus Hood River Inn**. (BR)

**2.** Leaving after breakfast, we travel east in our coach and following the Columbia. 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. A dinner shuttle into Hood River is available this evening. (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 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. Let's visit one or two of the berry stands as we make our way back. Tonight, a dinner cruise on the Columbia River. (FB,L,D)



## HIGHLIGHTS

- 3 nights at the Best Western Plus Hood River Inn - all rooms with a view of the Columbia
- Visit the Vancouver Farmer's Market and Columbia Gorge Interpretive Center
- Daily/early evening excursions along/on the river, featuring the Maryhill Museum & Winery and a ride aboard the Mount Hood Railroad into the Hood River Valley
- 7 meals: 3 full breakfasts, Sunday Brunch at the historic Columbia Gorge Hotel, 2 lunches, 1 dinner cruise on the Columbia
- Roundtrip airfare to/from Portland
- Door-to-door airport transportation
- 1900/2150 Gold Passport Points


**4.** Enjoy a leisurely morning at the hotel. On the way to the airport, make a stop at magnificent Multnomah Falls for pictures and a dose of "waterfall mist." Arrive Sacramento about 7pm. (FB)

**\$1885 p.p./dbl.occ., \$2105 single** 

**4.** Begin the day with a visit to the Oregon Aquarium. A shopping stop at Nye Beach is optional, as is a visit to the nearby village of Toledo. Fine dining on the waterfront tonight at Clearwater. (B,D)

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

**6.** Stop in Albany to visit a museum workshop where carousel horses are created. After years of work the carousel itself is now open for all to enjoy. Return to Portland for your flight home. (FB,L)

**\$2270 p.p./dbl.occ., \$2745 single** 

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Overnight Astoria, 3 nights with ocean views in Newport, overnight in Eugene
- Vancouver Farmer's Market, Astoria Column
- Scenic drive along the Oregon Coast
- Visit Yaquina Head Lighthouse, shopping at Blue Heron Cheese Company
- Marine Discovery Cruise on Newport Bay, the best educational cruise in the country
- The Oregon Aquarium, Albany Carousel talk and ride
- 11 meals: 4 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 3 dinners
- Roundtrip airfare to/from Portland
- Door-to-door airport transportation
- 2300/2750 Gold Passport Points





# The Sound of Music in Leavenworth

Take the train to Washington State's Little Bavaria

4 Days • July 26-29

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



**1.** Fly to Seattle where lunch is included on the waterfront. Shop for a few goodies unique to the Pacific Northwest at Pike Place Market. Tour the city and board Amtrak's Empire Builder for a ride through the majestic Cascade Mountains. A deluxe boxed dinner provided onboard. At the heart of the state you'll find Leavenworth, Washington's own Little Bavaria. Your accommodations are located just across from the center of the village with a full breakfast included each day. **Bavarian Lodge – 3 nights (L,D)**

**2.** Surrounded by orchards, the community of Cashmere is the home of Liberty Orchards, makers of "Aplets and Cotlets" fruit and nut confections. Enjoy complimentary samples, time for shopping and tour the factory. The history of the region comes alive on a guided tour of the Cashmere Pioneer Village and Museum. Back in Leavenworth, enjoy lunch at your leisure and an optional walking tour of historic downtown. A hearty German dinner sets the mood tonight's performance of the popular musical *The Sound of Music*. Performed outdoors with the mountains of the Wenatchee Forest in the background,

## HIGHLIGHTS

- 3 nights at the cozy Bavarian Lodge
- 2 nights of theater under the stars
- Train ride through the Cascade Mountains
- Unique shopping opportunities
- 7 meals: 3 full breakfasts, 3 lunches, 2 dinners
- Roundtrip airfare to/from Seattle
- Door-to-door airport transportation
- 2050/2350 Gold Passport Points

you'll feel like you're in the hills of Switzerland with the Family von Trapp! **(FB,D)**

**3.** Travel alongside the mighty Columbia River to the Rocky Reach Dam, generating renewable energy since the 1960s. The new Discovery Center is yours to explore prior to lunch in a lovely mountain setting. Stop at a family-owned produce stand for a chance to buy locally grown valley fresh fruits and veggies! This evening, enjoy another night of theater under the stars (show TBA). **(FB,L)**

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

**\$2025 p.p./dbl.occ., \$2310 single** **A**

# Ferries and Towns of Puget Sound

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

5 Days • July 17-21

**1.** Fly non-stop to Seattle and enjoy brunch at Anthony's (with a view) near the airport. The afternoon ferry ride to Bainbridge Island is the second longest at 25 minutes and one of the most scenic on the sound. Suquamish is the home of the late Chief Seattle, the Native American who convinced his people to accept the coming of white settlers. Visit the museum, the Chief's grave and hear his unique story.

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

**2.** Just down the road from our waterfront home is Poulsbo. Founded by Scandinavian immigrants in the 1880's, today it's a popular tourist destination. We've arranged a short guided walking tour, along with a visit to Sluy's, the town's legendary bakery, where you can pick out a FREE treat! Port Gamble is another colorful little spot in the Pacific Northwest. The old mill town has been restored and is a National Historical Landmark. Our stop includes time for pictures and browsing. Dinner is in Poulsbo with a decidedly local twist, as the Sons of Norway Hall hosts us for this evening's dining and entertainment. **(FB,D)**

**3.** More ferry rides and a lighthouse today! Travel to the waterfront village of Port Townsend and hear of its bawdy history before boarding the ferry to Whidbey Island. Arriving on Whidbey, travel to the south end of the island for another ferry, this one the short ride from Clinton to Mukilteo on the

## 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 (COVID permitting)
- 4 nights Clearwater Casino Resort in Suquamish – gaming for those who enjoy it, beautiful views for those who don't
- Visit the grave of Chief Seattle, the Suquamish Tribal Museum and the Bainbridge Island Japanese American Exclusion Memorial
- 9 meals: Sunday Brunch (plated), 4 full breakfasts, 2 lunches, 2 dinners
- Roundtrip airfare to/from Seattle
- Door-to-door airport transportation
- 2550/2850 Gold Passport Points

mainland. Lunch is at Ivar's, overlooking the water. Take the short walk to the lighthouse and climb to the top if you wish, for the keeper's view. The ferry takes us from Edmonds to Kingston and then our coach brings us back to the resort. **(FB,L)**  
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# San Juan Island Explorer Cruise

Take in the Pacific Northwest spending two nights on San Juan Island  
**4 Days • August 3-6**

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

**2.** Perhaps we'll see a pod of resident orca whales en route to La Conner, a vibrant artist enclave. Stroll along the waterfront boardwalk and down the main street lined with unique boutiques. A decadent cracked

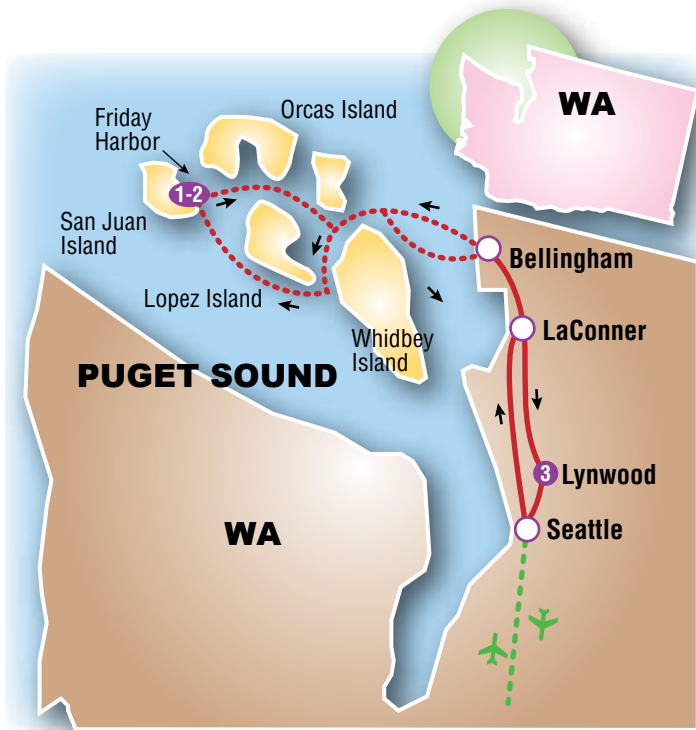
Dungeness crab lunch is served back on the ship (non-seafood options available). Return to Friday Harbor with time to explore town before dinner. **(FB,L,D)**

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

After breakfast, visit Seattle's famed Pike Place Market before the crowds to browse vendors selling everything from specialty foods to handmade crafts. Lunch is waterside with a spectacular view. Catch an afternoon flight home. **(FB,L)**

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**5.** Today you will travel south to Bremerton for the longest scenic ferry trip across the sound. First, an important stop. There is a small memorial here, honoring some of the first Japanese-Americans to be taken away to internment camps from Bainbridge Island. Their story is told and it's an important one. Off the ferry, arrive at Pike Place Market. Opened in 1907, it's one of the oldest continuously operated farmer's markets in the country. Spend some time looking for treasures and enjoy lunch on your own before we head to the airport and our late afternoon flight home. **(FB)**



**\$2585 p.p./dbl.occ.,  
 \$2880 single**




## HIGHLIGHTS

- Spend 2 days aboard a private nature cruise
- View marine life, birds, lighthouses and hidden coves
- Tour San Juan Island with time in upscale Roche Harbor
- Evening accommodations in Friday Harbor and Mukilteo
- 7 meals: 3 full breakfasts, 3 lunches, 1 dinner
- Roundtrip air to/from Seattle
- Door-to-door airport transportation
- 2600/2900 Gold Passport Points



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

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

**\$2545 p.p./dbl.occ., \$2815 single** 







# The Pageant of the Masters

An artistic extravaganza like none other in Southern California

3 Days • July 17-19 or August 28-30

## HIGHLIGHTS

- 2 nights at the Newport Beach Hotel & Spa
- Excellently located reserved loge seating for The Pageant of the Masters
- Behind-the-scenes presentation about the Pageant
- Champagne brunch cruise on beautiful Newport Harbor
- Visit the popular 19th Century vacation destination Balboa
- 3 meals: 1 brunch, 1 lunch, 1 dinner
- Roundtrip airfare to/from Southern California
- Door-to-door airport transportation
- 1900/2150 Gold Passport Points

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

1. Soon after arrival in Southern California you'll board a Hornblower vessel for a champagne brunch cruise on beautiful Newport Bay. With great views of spectacular homes and recreation on the waterfront, this is a festive and fun way to begin your holiday in Orange County. Following brunch a short ride takes you to Newport for two-night stay. A variety of stores and restaurants at Fashion Island are within easy walking distance making


the Marriott Hotel & Spa a perfect location to serve as your "home away from home."

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

2. Visit the Balboa Peninsula to explore and enjoy this popular vacation destination. Dating back to 1825, a welcome and introduction provides its history from sand bar to present-day wonderland for those who love the beach and ocean. Later in the afternoon Laguna Beach awaits with time to explore the Festival of Arts, included dinner on the grounds and the evening

performance of *The Pageant of the Masters* under the stars with reserved loge seating in the outdoor amphitheater. **(D)**

3. Return to the Laguna Festival of Arts Theater this morning to meet a representative from the Pageant to learn more about this amazing production, an annual labor of love for so many artists, performers and volunteers in the region. Lunch is included before an afternoon return flight to Sacramento. **(L)**

**\$1855 p.p./dbl.occ., \$2140 single** 







# Maine – Lobsters and Lighthouses

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

7 Days • August 17-23

## 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: Daily breakfast, 1 lunch, 6 dinners
- Roundtrip airfare to/from Portland, ME
- Door-to-door airport transportation

**1.** Dine on Portland's scenic waterfront. If you've not heard of Whoopie Pies and Moxie Soda, you will. When in Maine, do as the Mainers do! **Hilton Garden Inn Portland Downtown Waterfront – 2 nights (D)**

**2.** Portland is a collection of historic neighborhood. Get postcard-worthy pictures at Portland Head and Nubble Lighthouses. Grab some lunch and shop in Ogunquit, the "Beautiful Place by the Sea." Shop the many boutiques and stroll along the seaside walkway with sweeping views of the Atlantic Ocean. Kennebunkport may sound familiar. The Bush Family compound, once home to George and Barbara, is here at Walker's Point. Portland is a little kooky, so dinner is in a trendy bowling alley serving way more than just nachos and chili dogs. Strike! **(FB,D)**

**3.** Tour the Equestrian Center at Pineland Farm. Local ingredients are featured at their café. The Maine Balsam Fir Factory is in the mountain village of Bethel. The fragrant wood is used in a wide array of items that,

naturally, you can buy! Join a guided moose-viewing trek and relax by a crackling campfire at your mountain resort. Jordan Grand Hotel at Sunday River **(FB,D)**

**4.** At the Maine Capitol you'll find a museum 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 focused on the region's four Native American tribes. Tonight's dinner is a traditional Maine Lobster bake! Don those bibs and get to cracking! Non-seafood items also available.

**Atlantic Oceanside Resort – 2 nights (FB,L,D)**

**5.** Sip coffee in your room by the calm waters of Frenchman's Bay. Then sail aboard a lobster boat to gain an understanding of the industry, but I'm not kissing no lobster! Back in Bar Harbor enjoy some of New England's best restaurants, and create your own dining experience before touring Acadia National Park with a local guide. Climb to the top of Cadillac Mountain for sweeping coastal views, hear booming waves at Thunder Hole and revel in the quiet beauty of the inland scenery. After a dinner overlooking the bay, attend "The Olympics of the Forest," a lumberjack logging show full of brawn and laughter. **(FB,D)**

**6.** Charming Camden atop Penobscot Bay may look familiar to you. It's been the setting for many popular TV shows and movies. The Maine Lighthouse Museum presents a unique collection of U.S. Coast Guard artifacts. Next stop, prison! Yes, you read that correctly. At the Maine Prison Showroom, buy friends wood

products handcrafted by inmates. That's a conversation starter! **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. L.L. Bean's flagship store is located in Freeport Village. Your tour guide also knows where the outlet store is hidden! Next stop: Portland International Jetport for your return flight knowing you have experienced the absolute best of Maine! **(B)**

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# Fall for Niagara Falls!

Every room overlooks the Falls

5 Days • May 23-27 or September 5-9



1. Arrive in Buffalo, NY for dinner prior to crossing the border. At your hotel, throw back the curtains and relish that incredible view! The thundering falls below will be lighted to welcome you to your Niagara adventure. Get rested up because tomorrow is an exciting day featuring all the signature attractions. **Embassy Suites Fallsview – 4 nights (D)**

2. The Incline Railway delivers you down the hill to the Visitors Center. Descend beneath the bedrock and explore the tunnels of *Journey Behind the Falls*. The immense volume of water cresting the edge is awe-inspiring, and where the sun meets the water is the most brilliant shade of blue. Breathtaking! Board a cruise past the American and Bridal Veil Falls before sailing right to the base of Horseshoe Falls. Inevitable, 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. The iconic Floral Clock with its various blooms and colorful foliage create intricate designs. Travel alongside the Niagara River to the upscale resort community of Niagara-on-the-Lake where a wide array of shops await! Maple cookies, maple syrup and maple tea are some signature local products you can find. Lunch on your own is in town before riding the Whirlpool Aero Cars. The river's natural bend creates powerful, swirling rapids

below. You have the option for an included visit to the Niagara Butterfly Conservatory and Botanical Gardens. Choose decadent cuisine or casual dining for dinner at the hotel restaurant or one of the many eateries only steps away. Create your own experience! **(FB)**

4. Massive cargo ships circumvent the treacherous rapids between Lake Ontario and Lake Erie in the Welland Canal. You may even see one in the locks. Sample the most renowned product of the Niagara Region, ice wine, with lunch at a local winery. Harvested during the frozen winter months, it is hard work, but the results are worth the effort! Give it a taste and you'll see! It makes a wonderful gift for family, friends...or yourself! Tonight, do some last minute shopping, dine or kick your feet up and enjoy the stunning view from your room. **(FB,L)**

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

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

## HIGHLIGHTS

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





# Canada Coast-to-Coast by Rail

Three unique rail experiences from Atlantic to Pacific

9 Days • June 8-16



**1.** Fly to Halifax, Nova Scotia, arriving in the late evening. Your accommodations are in the historic Canadian Pacific hotel adjoining the train station. **Westin Nova Scotian Hotel – 2 nights**

**2.** Enjoy a late start to catch-up with your new time zone, then embark on a guided sightseeing tour of this modern Capital City with small town hospitality. Visit the waterfront, historic downtown and tour the impressive Citadel National Historic Site with a bistro lunch served along the way. **(FB,L)**

**3.** Explore Peggy's Cove, a quaint fishing village frozen in time, before meeting your first train, VIA Rail's *Ocean*. Onboard you'll enjoy the service and hospitality of *Easterly Class*. Couples will enjoy private sleeping quarters which feature upper/lower berths while single travelers will occupy a roomette, a smaller accommodation. The Dining Car serves a menu featuring local fare. **The Ocean (FB,L,D)**

**4.** Bienvenue à Montréal, but alas not for long. A quick connection has you aboard

Train 65 on a 5-hour ride bound for Toronto. Your accommodations there are in another historic Canadian Pacific hotel, one of the grandest of them all! **Fairmont Royal York (FB)**

**5-8.** Cross the street to the station and meet your final train, VIA Rail's Train #1, *The Canadian*, scheduled for a mid-morning departure. Yes, we've saved the best for last! Your remaining days in Canada will be spent surrounded by the spectacular scenery of the western and central provinces as you pass the lakes and rivers of Ontario, the prairies of Manitoba and Saskatchewan, and the tall mountain peaks of the Canadian Rockies in Alberta and British Columbia en route to Vancouver. While onboard the train you will enjoy VIA Rail's famed *Silver and Blue Service*. All meals are included in the Dining Car and you will have access to the Park Cars and Bullet Lounge with their popular sightseeing domes. VIA Rail's onboard service staff will be on hand during every mile of the journey to prepare your room and assist with meal reservations. **The Canadian – 4 nights (4FB,4L,4D)**

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Deluxe sleeper car accommodations aboard VIA Rail
- Spectacular scenery from coast-to-coast
- Halifax: 2 nights at the Westin Nova Scotian, city tour and Peggy's Cove
- Overnight at Toronto's Fairmont Royal York Hotel
- 19 meals: daily breakfast, 6 lunches, 5 dinners
- Roundtrip airfare to Halifax/from Vancouver
- Door-to-door airport transportation
- 6200/6600 Gold Passport Points

**9.** Your long journey across Canada from coast-to-coast comes to an end today with a morning arrival in Vancouver, British Columbia. A motorcoach takes you to the airport before a mid-day flight home. **(FB)**

**\$6175 p.p./dbl.occ., \$6580 single** **A**  
*This vacation requires a valid passport!*







# Newfoundland – Welcome to The Rock!

Home to unparalleled natural beauty and friendly folks

13 Days • June 24 – July 6

1. Arrive in Halifax and check-in to your downtown accommodations in Nova Scotia's Capital City. **Cambridge Suites Halifax**

2. Travel via Truro and Antigonish, crossing over the Canso Causeway to Cape Breton Island. At North Sydney board the ferry for a relaxing overnight crossing to Port aux Basques, your gateway to the island of Newfoundland. **Marine Atlantic Ferry (CB,D)**

3. Drive through the Codroy Valley and Gros Morne National Park to the fishing community of Port au Choix on the northwest coast. Here you'll learn of the ancient cultures that inhabited the peninsula 5,500 years ago. **Sea Echo Motel (FB,L,D)**

4. Ferry from St. Barbe across the Strait of Belle Isle to Labrador. Continue to Red Bay, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, where Basques had a whaling station in the 16th century. On this short visit you'll experience a taste of Labrador's rich tapestry of culture and history. **Northern Light Inn (FB,D)**

5. Return to Newfoundland and travel to L'Anse aux Meadows National Historic Site, the first cultural discovery in the world to receive recognition as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Learn of Vikings who walked here over a thousand years ago before continuing on to St. Anthony. **Haven Inn (FB,D)**

6-7. Take a morning whale watching cruise from St. Anthony before travelling to Cow Head in Gros Morne National Park where we slow the pace with a two-night stay. In the park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, you'll cruise on the deep-water fjords of Bonne Bay and visit the mysterious formations of the Tablelands. **Shallow Bay Motel – 2 nights (2FB,L,2D)**

8. Happy Canada Day! Travel through

central Newfoundland to Gander, famous as the inspiration the Broadway musical *Come From Away*. Learn about the hospitality and generosity of the local residents during the aftermath of 9/11 when 38 airplanes unexpectedly landed here. **Simbad's Hotel (FB)**

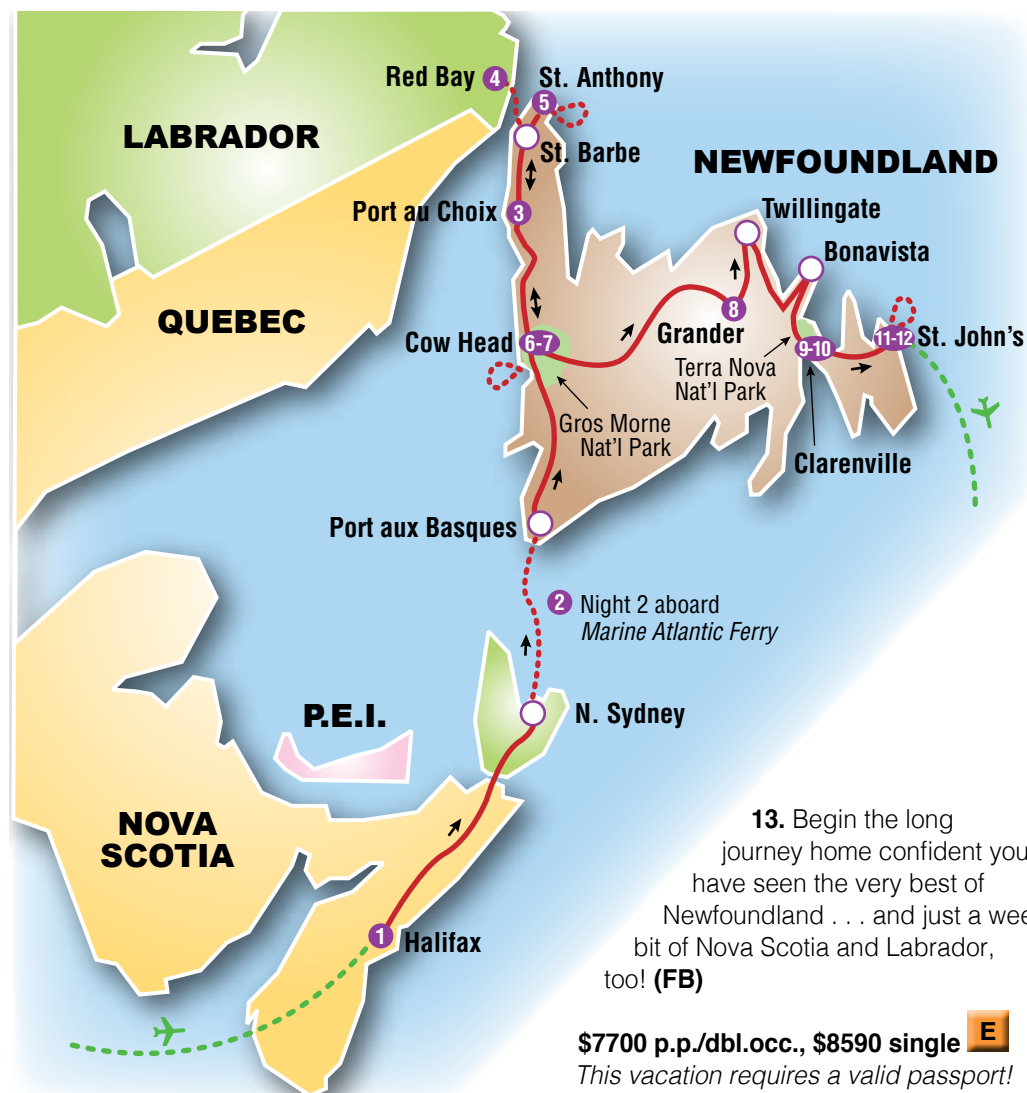
9-10. A scenic drive along the rocky coast of Notre Dame Bay leads to the beautiful outpost of Twillingate where you will visit Long Point Lighthouse and the Prime Berth Fishery & Heritage Centre. You'll also drive

### HIGHLIGHTS


- A comprehensive Newfoundland tour, with a wee taste of both Nova Scotia and Labrador
- Multiple ferries and cruises – these are the Atlantic Provinces after all
- 3 UNESCO World Heritage Sites
- Multiple days in spectacular Gros Morne National Park
- Celebrate Canada Day and July 4th
- 23 meals: daily breakfast, 4 lunches, 9 dinner
- Roundtrip airfare to Halifax/from St John's
- Door-to-door airport transportation
- 7700/8600 Gold Passport Points

through Terra Nova National Park and visit Cape Bonavista Lighthouse Provincial Historic Site marking the arrival of John Cabot in 1497. **Quality Hotel – 2 nights (2FB,2L,2D)**

11-12. While the US celebrates independence you'll travel to the intriguing seaport of St. John's. North America's oldest city and Newfoundland's capital boasts a stunning location nestled amid the granite cliffs and slopes of the Avalon Peninsula. Enjoy a city tour, visit Bay Bulls and Cape Spear Historic Site, and take a cruise on Witless Bay to see colorful puffins and other seabirds. **Delta Hotel by Marriott – 2 nights (2FB,D)**



13. Begin the long journey home confident you have seen the very best of Newfoundland . . . and just a wee bit of Nova Scotia and Labrador, too! **(FB)**

**\$7700 p.p./dbl.occ., \$8590 single**   
This vacation requires a valid passport!





# Bonjour, La Belle Quebec!

*French countryside, historic Quebec City and cosmopolitan*

*Montreal... it's all here!*

**8 Days • October 4-11**

Québec's geography, history, people and culture create a most unique identity. With fall colors ablaze, its warmth and authenticity experience the best of Québécois style!

**1.** Welcome to La Belle Province of Quebec. Arrive into Montreal with dinner served at your hotel. Our location provides easy access to travel through the Laurentian Mountains. **Hilton Laval (D)**

**2.** Go on safari at Parc Omega, home to various North American wildlife including moose, bear and wolves. A hearty farm-to-fork lunch is served right on a working farm. It doesn't get any fresher! Stay the night in the premier resort destination of Mont Tremblant. Take a cable car ride over stunning fall foliage. Choose from a varied selection of eateries at your resort for dinner. **Residence Inn by Marriott (FB,L)**

**3.** Along the north shore of the St. Lawrence River lies charming Trois Rivières. Maple syrup is featured during lunch at a sugar shack. Try maple sugar taffy for dessert. Bet you can't have just one! In Charlevoix, the land where the mountains meet the sea, the fall colors create a spellbinding setting. Enjoy your surroundings and accommodations at a traditional French auberge, best described as a larger Bed & Breakfast with home-cooked meals. **Auberge Beausejour – 2 nights (FB,L,D)**

**4.** Charlevoix's Flavour Trail has specialty farms producing upscale products used by Canada's top chefs that you'll have the opportunity to taste. Enjoy lunch on your own in charming Baie-Saint-Paul. After browsing the many shops and galleries,

return to your hotel for a French dinner sure to make you say "Oui, oui"! **(FB,D)**

**5.** Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré Basilica's towering spires extend to the heavens. Notice the elaborate bronze doors during your tour, then visit the artist's studio to learn about his craft. Continue to Quebec City stopping at one of the many roadside brick ovens baking fresh hot crusty bread. How will you take yours? Slathered with maple butter or jam? Enjoy lunch at Quebec City's iconic Chateau Frontenac perched high on the bluff. Walk it off on a tour of historic Lower Town Quebec. Your 4-star hotel is located at the heart of Old Quebec. Take your pick of charming cafes around the hotel for dinner. **Hotel Manoir Victoria– 2 nights (FB,L)**

**6.** Île d'Orleans, an island nestled in the St. Lawrence River is truly a special place.

**HIGHLIGHTS**

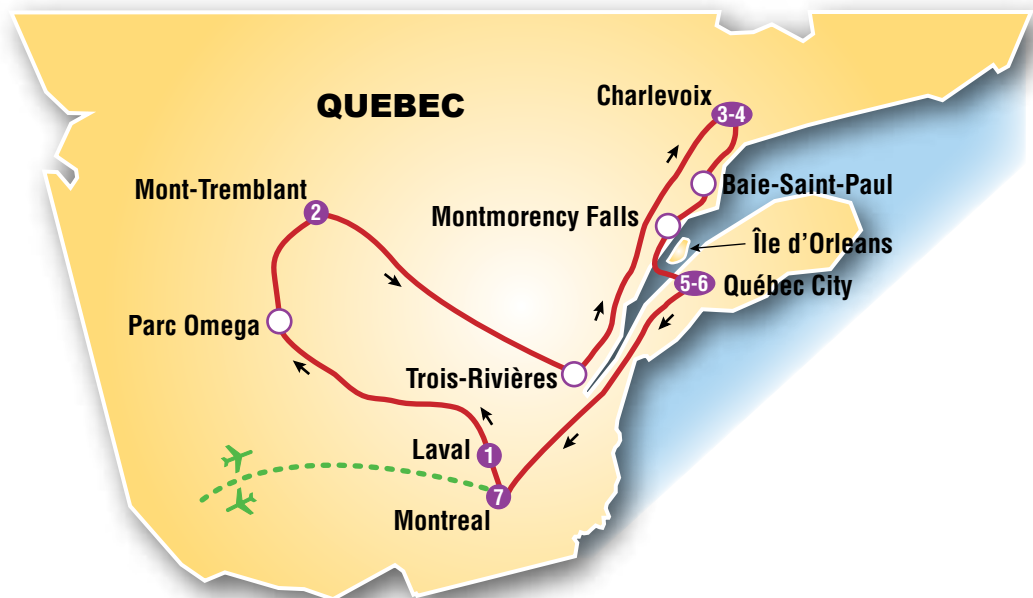
- 2 nights in a French Bed & Breakfast with home cooked meals
- Brilliant fall colors in the beautiful Charlevoix Region
- 2 nights in 4-star accommodations in Quebec City
- Visit Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré Basilica & Montmorency Falls
- Tour Montreal, including Notre Dame Basilica
- 15 meals: 7 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 4 dinners
- Roundtrip airfare to/from Montreal
- Door-to-door airport transportation
- 4700/5450 Gold Passport Points

At a ciderie, taste an array of apple wines and products after lunch in an 18th century gristmill. A gentle hike along the top of Montmorency Falls gives spectacular views. A gondola ride delivers you to the base and the gift shop, of course! The rest of the day is yours to explore town, or simply find a spot to enjoy your lovely surroundings. **(FB,L)**

**7.** We're off to Montreal! The cobblestone streets of Old Montreal transport to you to another time. The peace and tranquility of Notre Dame Basilica is palpable on a guided tour. Take a rest at the hotel before a fantastic farewell dinner. **Hampton Inn Montreal – (FB,D)**

**8.** Spin around the city on a guided motorcoach tour through distinctly unique neighborhoods that give Montreal a decidedly cosmopolitan feel. Make picture stops with expansive city views. Alas, it's time to bid "Au revoir" to La Belle province of Québec and catch your flight home. **(FB)**

**\$4675 p.p./dbl.occ., \$5430 single A**  
*This vacation requires a valid passport!*







# The Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta

Featuring deluxe access to the Chasers Lounge and Gondola Club  
5 Days • October 4-8

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Balloon Glow, Special Shapes, Mass Ascension – 3 spectacular balloon events
- Upgraded seating in the Chasers Lounge and Gondola Club
- Ride the Sandia Peak Aerial Tram
- Tour the Turquoise Museum
- Rio Grande Arts & Crafts Festival
- 8 meals: 4 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 1 dinner
- Door-to-door airport transportation
- Roundtrip airfare to/from Albuquerque
- 2900/3250 Gold Passport Points

1. Arrive in New Mexico and enjoy lunch before checking into your hotel.  
**Albuquerque Marriott Hotel – 4 nights (L)**

2. The Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta with over 600 balloons is the largest ballooning and most photographed event on earth! We have upgraded your experience this morning to the Chasers Club Lounge, which offers private seating on the field. Travel on the famous Sandia Peak Aerial Tramway. This afternoon visit Old Town for shopping or return to the hotel for R&R. **(FB,L)**

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

4. The Turquoise Museum is housed in a mansion full of antiques – one of Albuquerque's top attractions! Tonight we re-group for the Fiesta's "Glowdeo," a static display of special shape balloons. Dinner will be held in the private Gondola Club with live entertainment and an open bar. A spectacular afterglow fireworks show ends the night in style! (All events are weather permitting.) **(FB,L,D)**

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

**\$2870 p.p./dbl.occ., \$3250 single** 

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

A weekend packed with high-rising, fast-paced fun!  
3 Days • September 8-10

1. A chauffeured vehicle picks you up from your home and delivers you to the *Sports Leisure Vacations* office. The motorcoach departs Sacramento at 12 noon with an arrival in Reno around 3pm. Light refreshments will be served en route. Your accommodations are located in the heart of

"The Biggest Little City" and connect to the Eldorado and Circus Circus hotels to triple your fun on this evening at your leisure.  
**Silver Legacy – 2 nights**

2. This morning is balloon Mass Ascension! You will have Cloud 9 VIP Club access

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Attend the Great Reno Balloon Race with Cloud 9 VIP Club access
- Tickets to the Virginia City Camel & Ostrich Races
- Door-to-door service to/from the office
- Deluxe motorcoach transportation
- 3 meals: 1 breakfast, 2 lunches
- 1050/1150 Gold Passport Points

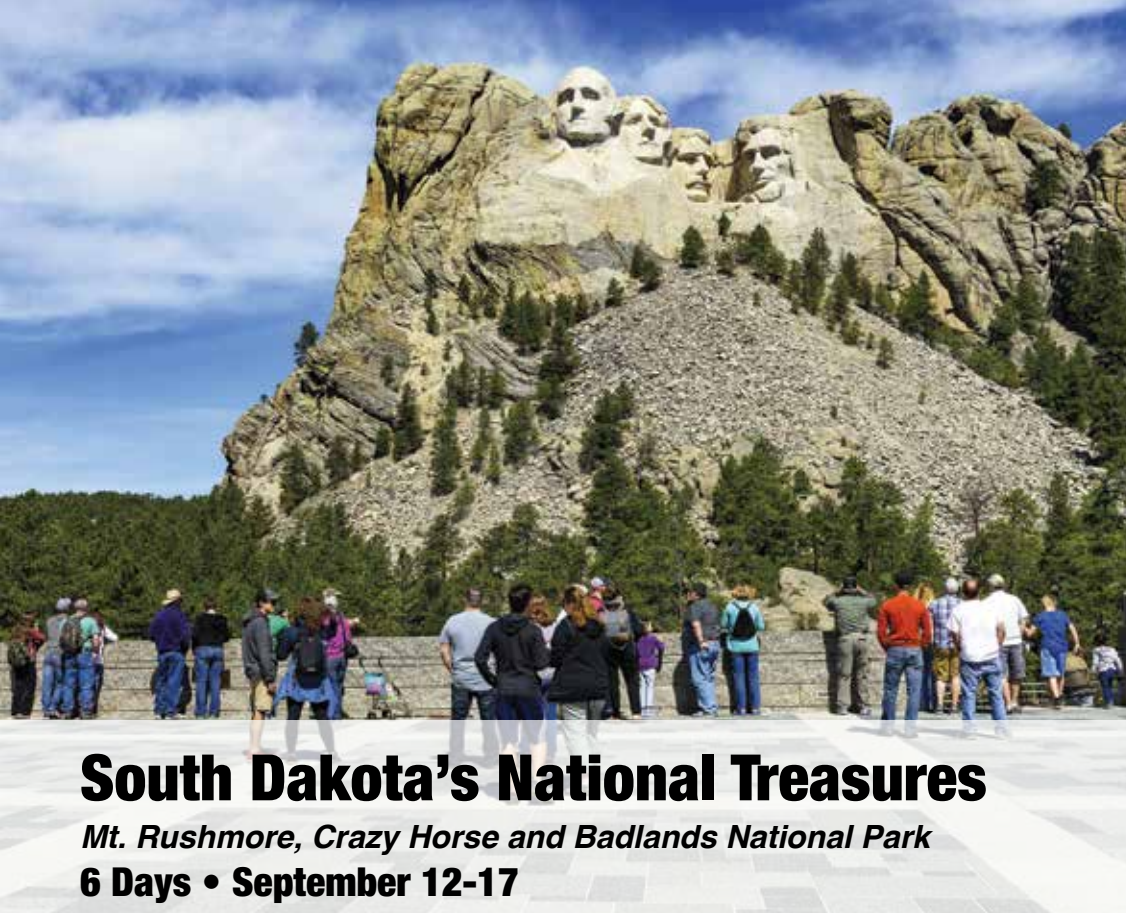
which includes heated indoor/outdoor seating on the field, a catered breakfast and lunch, a special-edition champagne glass and a hosted bar with champagne, mimosas and Bloody Mary's. During the morning there will also be time to shop along Balloon Boulevard for unique mementos of the event. **(B,L)**

3. Depart the Silver Legacy and travel to Virginia City for the 62nd annual Camel & Ostrich Races. Watch jockeys perched on their beasts maneuver the track while the audience cheers! Arrive back in Sacramento in the late afternoon where your driver awaits to take you home. (All events are weather permitting.) **(L)**

**\$1030 p.p./dbl.occ., \$1140 single** 







# South Dakota's National Treasures

*Mt. Rushmore, Crazy Horse and Badlands National Park*  
**6 Days • September 12-17**

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Visit Mt. Rushmore, both during the day and at night, for a patriotic tribute to the United States
- Experience the grandeur of the Crazy Horse Memorial as you stand atop the carving
- Thrill to the beauty of the Black Hills as you ride in jeeps in Custer State Park
- See the production of legendary Black Hills Gold jewelry with an opportunity to shop
- Uncover prehistoric fossils at The (Wooly) Mammoth Archeological Site
- "Meet" Wild West Outlaws in Deadwood
- 11 meals: 5 full breakfasts, 4 lunches, 2 dinners
- Roundtrip airfare to/from Rapid City, SD
- Door-to-door airport transportation
- 2550/2900 Gold Passport Points

**1.** Fly to Rapid City with lunch upon arrival. The Journey Museum gives a comprehensive overview of the Black Hills and early inhabitants. This area is where distinctive Black Hills Gold jewelry is produced...and sold. Wink, wink! Spend the night surrounded by limestone bluffs at the beautiful and relaxing **Spearfish Canyon Lodge. (L)**

**2.** Step back in time to the wild, Wild West in Deadwood. Wild Bill Hickok met his fate here while playing poker. Safe to say it was *not* a winning hand. After lunch, tour the cemetery to hear tales of the outlaws that once ran this town. At Tatanka: Story of the Bison, you'll be amazed at the huge bronze sculptures depicting buffalo hunts. Learn how Native Americans revered the majestic

creatures that played an integral role in their survival. The Homestake Mine produced over 41 MILLION ounces of gold! Exhibits and educational presentations will tell you all about it. Eureka! **Mt. Rushmore Resort at Palmer's Lodge (FB,L)**

**3.** The woolly mammoth once roamed across the northern United States. The Mammoth Site is a collection of over 100 gigantic prehistoric woolly mammoth fossils. What a sight! At Custer State Park see the wildlife that calls it home today as you traverse the rolling hills by jeep. This is where buffalo roam and antelope play! Lunch is included at the lodge. Dinner is on your own back in Rapid City. **Courtyard by Marriott – 3 nights (FB,L)**

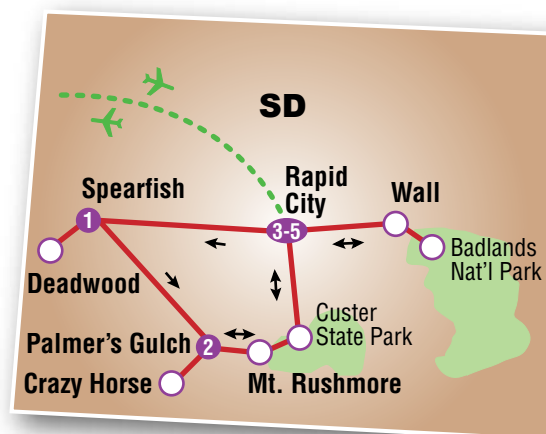
**4.** The Black Hills are sacred to the Lakota Sioux. Today they are home to monumental tributes to both the leaders of the United States and the Sioux Nation. Mt. Rushmore celebrates the birth, growth and tribulations of a young country. You'll visit twice! Once during daylight hours, then return to see it illuminated at night with a patriotic and rousing program. Crazy Horse, a monument still in the making, pays homage to the leader of the Sioux. Both monuments are breathtaking and awe-inspiring. Stand on Crazy Horse's outstretched arm and peer out over his peoples' lands. **(FB,D)**

**5.** The Badlands don't quite live up to their name. Though rough and rugged, the beauty of the terrain is

indescribable. Come see for yourself. You'll surely agree. Wall has really made a name for itself. Once a small stopover town it is now a booming not-to-be-missed attraction. Have lunch on your own here. Perhaps try buffalo burger, fresh homemade donuts and a cup of 5-cent coffee! Return to Rapid City and freshen up for a farewell dinner in town. **(FB,D)**

**6.** You've seen all the best of the region, but you haven't seen Rapid City. Since its founding in the 1800s, it has been a center for commerce, culture, transportation and education. Your guide will give you the details. Who is that on the corner? And that corner? Life-size bronze statues of past presidents dot the sidewalks. Fancy a picture with FDR? That can be arranged! After lunch, say goodbye to the wide-open space and catch your flight home. **(FB,L)**

**\$2545 p.p./dbl.occ., \$2895 single** **A**





# Michigan and Mackinac

Stay three nights in GRAND style on North America's favorite island

7 Days • September 18-24



## HIGHLIGHTS

- 3 nights at the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island
- Overnight stays in Grand Rapids, Traverse City and the Bavarian village of Frankenmuth
- Visit the Gerald Ford Presidential Museum and The Music House
- History abounds at The Henry Ford Museum's Greenfield Village
- 14 meals: Daily breakfast, 3 lunches, 5 dinners
- Roundtrip airfare to Grand Rapids/from Detroit
- Door-to-door airport transportation

1. Your first dinner and a good night's sleep await you in Grand Rapids, your gateway to Michigan, the Great Lakes State. **Hilton Hotel (D)**

2. Before traveling to the shores of Lake Michigan, stop at the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum. While president for less than a term, Ford holds an important



place in history. After lunch in the village of Cadillac, continue on the Traverse City and your home for the night. **Bayshore Resort (FB,L,D)**

3. At the Music House you'll discover an incredible collection of mechanical instruments, antique phonographs and the centerpiece of the museum, a huge Belgian pipe organ, all in perfect working order. Push north to Mackinaw City via lunch in Petoskey, then board 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. Your historic hotel built in 1887 lives up to its name! **Grand Hotel – 3 nights (FB,L)**

4. Discover Mackinac Island on your morning horse-drawn wagon tour, including a stop at the Wings of Mackinac, a butterfly house. Your afternoon is free for personal exploration. Perhaps you'd like to discover locations used in the filming of "Somewhere in Time," one of the great love stories ever. **(FB,D)**

5. A second, leisurely day on the island gives you the opportunity to visit Colonial Fort Mackinac, built by the British in the 18th century, part of a strategic

network of fortifications placed to protect the Straights of Mackinac and hold those pesky Americans and Frenchmen at bay. (It didn't work!) How about an afternoon bike ride around the island before dinner and dancing back at the Grand? **(FB,D)**

6. Take the ferry back to the mainland and travel south to the Bavarian village of Frankenmuth. Your local guide will lead you on a tour about town before checking into your beautiful hotel. The all-you-can-eat German dinner at the famous Bavarian Inn Restaurant is one to remember! **Bavarian Inn Lodge (FB,D)**

7. The memory of one of America's greatest industrialists lives on at the museum complex that bears his name. The crowning attraction at The Henry Ford Museum is Greenfield Village, an assemblage of historical buildings from around the globe saved from demise, moved here and restored, including the Eagle Tavern where lunch is served in Colonial elegance. **(FB,L)**

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# Cruisin' Aboard the *American Queen*

An autumn cruise on the grandest paddlewheeler ever built!

10 Days • October 23 – November 1



Though over a year away, this popular multi-river (Mississippi, Ohio, Tennessee, Cumberland) and state itinerary from St. Louis to Nashville is so popular you have to book your cabin over a year out to get one at all! *The American Queen* - the grandest of all riverboats ever to ply the waters of our nation's mighty rivers - "gets it" as evidenced by all the inclusions. Non-alcoholic beverages and snacks are available and complimentary all day long. Beer and wine is included with dinner, and two dining choices are now offered, one casual, the other fancy. Regardless of the dining option you select, you'll enjoy classic Southern cooking along with heart-healthy selections.

Onboard, an all-American staff assures no language barriers. Portside, a dedicated fleet of *Steamcoaches* follows the *Queen* so your complimentary shore excursions are handled by a familiar crew. Upgraded, small-group excursions are available at most ports for an enhanced experience. (Optional, additional cost.) Your onboard Riverlorian will have all the details during daily talks. Need to check-in with home? Internet access is available and free.

When the stars rise, it's time for the onboard entertainers to shine. You can count on Showboat-style spectacles nightly, followed by dancing. By day and by night, the dress code is "casual elegance." Wear what you like when you like. No formalwear is required.

1. Fly to St. Louis where your adventure begins. You can be sure REAL St. Louis

barbecue is on the menu for dinner. **Hilton St. Louis at the Ballpark (D)**

2. After breakfast, take in a few of the popular attractions the city has to offer such as the Gateway Arch and the original Budweiser Brewery. Embarkation is in the late afternoon. Don't forget to check *The Steamboatin' Times* daily for the list of activities. **(FB,D)**

3-8. Every port along the way is rich in history and beauty, and complimentary sightseeing tours introduce you to each and include selected attractions. Meanwhile daily activities onboard are available to fill your days without ever touching land. **(Daily FB,L,D)**

9. Happy Halloween! A morning disembarkation



## HIGHLIGHTS

- 7-night history-themed cruise aboard the *American Queen*
- Ports of Call: St. Louis, Chester, Cape Girardeau, Paducah, Dover and Clarksville
- All basic shore excursions included
- Showboat-style entertainment and dancing nightly; daily talks by Riverlorian
- Beer and wine included with onboard dinners; all-day bottled water, sodas, coffee and snacks are complimentary
- Overnight with attractions and meals in St. Louis
- Overnight and Halloween masquerade party in Clarksville
- 24 meals: 9 breakfasts, 6 lunches, 9 dinners
- Door-to-door airport transportation
- Round trip airfare to St. Louis/from Nashville
- Gold Passport Points based on cabin category

welcomes you to Clarksville, Tennessee. This historic city perched on a hill high above the Cumberland River offers so much to see and do. Tonight feast on the fruits of your labor as we bake our own biscuits, then celebrate the holiday with a masquerade party! **Hilton Garden Inn (FB,D)**

10. Our drive to the airport in Nashville may allow time for an attraction or two in Country Music City USA before our return flight. **(FB)**

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# Take a bite of The Big Apple with *Sports Leisure Vacations!*

## Broadway Goes to the Dogs!

Your chance to see the agility championships at the Westminster Dog Show, or skip the “dogs” and just see more Broadway shows!

**5 Days • January 19-23**

The **Westminster Dog Show** has been around for 145 years! You can see part of the championships while enjoying a host of New York attractions, and of course that includes Broadway theatre. May, our pup-crazed office staffer, and Chris (mainly there to keep May out of trouble) will host. Stay in Times Square at one of NYC’s finest hotels.

Since this trip is a bit different in content and *really* different as to the time of year (compared to our usual NYC trips), we are going to continue placing names on the **Priority Notification List** to judge your interest. We will make a decision on whether or not to move forward by October 1, giving everyone on the list the first opportunity to register. It’s winter, but The Big Apple has a host of world-class museums and warm indoor attractions to visit.

The package will include the Westminster agility championships and two Broadway tickets (most theaters are within walking distance of the hotel) with shows TBA. Four nights at the **Marriott Marquis Times Square Hotel**, airfare, admissions and selected meals like dinner at Carmine’s are all included. Call our office today and place your name on the list!



## New York City – Behind Broadway and The Bronx

**6 Days • April 23-28**

Our annual spring pilgrimage to “the city that never sleeps” has long been sold out. Maybe it’s because tickets to the highly anticipated revival of *The Music Man* starring Hugh Jackman and Sutton Foster are included? Not to worry, our theatre loving friends. The trip happens yearly. Watch future publications for your chance to sign up for the 2023 edition. You might also consider adding your name to the ‘22 waitlist. You never can tell when a cancellation will come along and have **YOUR** name on it!



## Thanksgiving in New York

**6 Days • November 20-25, 2022**

As Thanksgiving ushers in the Christmas season, you’ll find this to indeed be the most wonderful time of the year to visit New York. From your hotel home, the **Marriott Marquis Time Square**, the entire city is at your doorstep to shop, dine, sightsee and be entertained in any of her showrooms and stages. Broadway? Check! Radio City Music Hall? Yes, we have that one, too. Place your name on the **Priority Notification List** so you will be the first to know when the tour opens for reservations.





# Can you keep a secret?

What's this? A Mystery Tour page with no mystery tours? Indeed it is, but that's where you come in. We have some solid plans for the 2022 fall and holiday seasons (simply too early to announce in these pages), but all our ideas for the spring and summer fizzled out for one reason or another. Then Mark and Clayton had a silly idea... or is it?

Each mystery tour includes a core group of travelers we affectionately refer to as our "Regulars" – folks who sign up every time, paying their good money for trips into the unknown having absolutely no idea where the road might lead. And they love it! So the not-so-silly idea is this: Why don't we pick the brains of our travelers and offer a reward for the best suggestion!

## Announcing the First-Ever *Sports Leisure Vacations* Mystery Tour Contest

To all our Regulars, and anyone else who'd like to enter, we present this challenge: Outline a mystery tour to a destination or region you love or have always wanted to visit. Give us the top three reasons for your selection (bonus points for more) such as not-to-be-missed attractions, restaurants, hotels, natural wonders, scenic vistas and/or Kodak moments. Remember that a mystery tour generally visits places we've never previously explored, but it could certainly focus on an old favorite presented in an entirely new light.

Our discerning staff of tour planners will thoroughly review all entries. **The traveler who submits the best one will be awarded free passage on the tour and featured in an upcoming edition of *The Traveler*.** The only condition is that you have to PROMISE to keep the secret until the tour departs.

Entries must be in writing and received by September 30, 2021. Send your best idea to Clayton Whitehead at [clayton@sportsleisure.com](mailto:clayton@sportsleisure.com) or by mail to the office. Good luck!





# Tour Teasers...

At **Sports Leisure Vacations** we have always listened to our Travel Club members. If you see a "bucket List" destination on these pages, please send an e-mail to [res@sportsleisure.com](mailto: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 Discounts 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 and support!

## Hawaii – The Big Island & Kauai, add Oahu if you wish

Late March/Early April 2022 • 9 or 12 Days, 2 or 3 Islands

We are fortunate to live on the West Coast and be so close to such a wondrous destination as Hawaii. Our November departure is sold out. We would like to add this early spring departure while the whales are still visiting the Big Island.

**Big Island of Hawaii, 4 nights** – One day in Kona is a Hawaiian history lesson, the next a chance to meet creatures of the ocean. We'll introduce you to Hawaii's oldest church, a beautiful palace and King Kamehameha, the grandest of Hawaiian kings. Visit the Ocean Rider Sea Horse and the Kanaloa Octopus Farms for unique Hawaiian-aqua culture experiences, and meet some sea turtles along the way! On another day head to the north end of the island to visit a vanilla farm (vanilla lunch included). Shave ice, a local luau, accommodations at the **King Kamehameha**

**Hotel**, the best location in town.

**The Garden Isle of Kauai, 4 nights** – We have developed our own array of unique experiences including our own culinary foodie tour, a visit to a former plantation that now offers fine dining, Waimea Canyon, Poipu and more. **Kauai Shores**, on the ocean near Kapa'a, is our home.

**Oahu Option, 3 nights** – Pearl Harbor is here, as is the Iolani Palace. Make them part of your itinerary if you like. President Obama went to high school here. We'll take you on a tour of the neighborhood he grew up in, and buy you an ice cream cone in the store where he had his first job! Would you like to tour Doris Duke's Shangri La? We can include it for you. We call it the *Oahu option* because of the many things you can add to create your own custom stay on the island.

## Washington's Cascades to the Coast

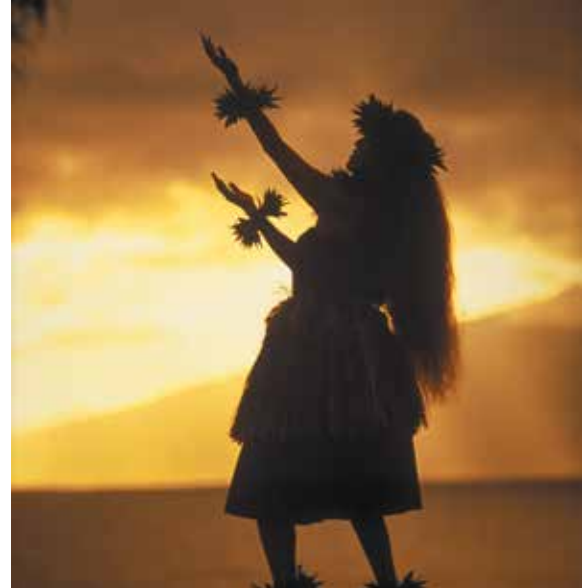
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Spend two nights on Lake Chelan with a boat tour. Travel through North Cascades National Park pausing for photos and short walks to enjoy the alpine scenery. Three nights in Bellingham allow time to see the local sites, take a dinner cruise on Bellingham Bay and a daytrip to off-the-beaten-path Mt. Baker National Forest. No one ever goes there! Roundtrip air to/from Seattle.

## Utah – Life Elevated

Mid-September 2022

Features include Zion National Park, Best Friends Animal Sanctuary and a performance at Tuacahn Center for the Arts. Three nights in Springdale puts you just steps from the entrance to Zion National



Park where you'll spend a full day. At Best Friends you'll meet hundreds of rescued pets and farm animals in a breathtaking setting. Spend one night in St George to visit the Dinosaur Tracks Museum and take in a performance at Tuacahn, a dramatic outdoor red rock amphitheater. Roundtrip air to/from Las Vegas.

## Autumn in Ireland

September 2022

Why do we only think of the Emerald Isle as a springtime destination? Let's give it a go in the fall! Days are long, temperatures mild and crowds are low. Gary Tierney, our Irish driver/guide extraordinaire, is working with us to create this tour. Similar to our last two trips, we will focus on historic castles and manor houses-turned-hotels for overnight accommodations in the lap of luxury and history. Those who sign up on the PNL will be surveyed to see what destinations you'd most like to visit before the itinerary is set in stone.

## The Azores and Lisbon

Spring or Fall 2023

The Azores, a small archipelago of nine islands off the north Atlantic coast of Portugal, are a European vacation hot-spot largely unknown to American travelers. We think it's time to turn this trend around! Fly to the Capital City of Lisbon on the mainland for a few days of exploration before the short air-hop to Terceira where you'll see the sights while on a food tour sampling local sweets, seafood (cracas with beer!), sausages, cheese, wines and liqueurs. Next visit São Miguel, the big island, for breathtaking natural scenery including Fogo and Sete Cidades Lagoons, both located in volcanic calderas. In Furnas you'll have lunch cooked inside a volcanic hole on this extremely active geothermal island. Natural beauty, botanical wonders, history, amazing eats and Europe's most hospitable people combine to make this THE vacation to take in 2023!

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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!



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

On August 13, 2020 we adopted a set of *Health and Safety Protocols* including an *Assumption of Risk and Waiver of Liability Agreement* which must be accepted and signed by every traveler before every trip. They are mailed with the Final Tour Notes shortly before each departure. In this ever-changing climate the protocols have been updated many times and will continue to be as science and circumstance dictate. You can review these documents in their current versions at any time on our website. Like you we greatly anticipate the day when they will no longer be necessary!

## Can I find you on the web?

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

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

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

## Are there any fees for cancellation after I make a payment?

Outside 60 days before departure (75 days on international vacations) all tour payments are refunded less a \$20 per person administrative fee upon cancellation, including CP. Within 60 days before departure refund provisions vary based on the tour and the reason for cancellation. Please refer to our *Special Vacation Notes and Information* brochure for 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 or 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. 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 Placerville on the east, Woodland to the north. Service is available for an additional charge for travelers living in Stockton, Yuba City/ Marysville, Grass Valley, Winters, Vacaville, Fairfield, Pollock Pines and Colfax. Nevada door-to-door service is provided by Bell Limousine to anyone living in the Reno/ Sparks metropolitan area and south to Carson City.

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

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



happy to make recommendations for our Nevada travelers in need of similar services.

On overnight and daytrips, motorcoaches depart from convenient neighborhood pick-up points in 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 at fly-away destinations, 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 in our region, 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](http://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 a minimum of three months 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 held in escrow until the tour returns in full accordance with the State of California Seller of Travel Law (#2011549-40).

### 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.

Let us assure you that people with mobility restrictions are welcome on our vacations. Many of our travelers are over 70, 80 or even 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.

### And that's the Sports Leisure Difference...







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### The Sports Leisure Dream Team

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| <b>Patricia Hansen</b>   |                          |

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

Almost everyone has a bag, box or stack of old coins, often left by a relative who collected them. Why take them to someone you don't know and allow them to value your treasures? Years ago, **Sports Leisure's Mark Hoffmann** was a coin collector and dealer.



Now he's back into the hobby and would be delighted to appraise your old U.S. and Canadian coins and currency, and in many cases make you an offer to purchase them. Or you can keep your treasures with the knowledge of their value. You may set up an office visit, or for collections too large to transport Mark is willing to come to your home for the appraisal. He can also help with estate sales. **To schedule your appointment call Bob or Mark at (916) 361-2051.**

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