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Get the jump on Holiday Vacations at Spring Preview Day

Saturday, May 14th • KVIE Studios, 2030 West El Camino Ave. • 10am & 1:30pm

- **RSVP is required** – please **call** our office to confirm your space.
- Complimentary transportation is available.
- From **Lincoln/Roseville/Antelope** for the morning show; from **Bradshaw (SLV office)/Arden** for the afternoon show. Again, you must have a reservation for the coach, request when you call.
- **No admission** – There will be an opportunity to make a donation to the Ukrainian War Relief. Details on the charity/church are on pages 2 and 6. Check or cash donations will be accepted at the event.
- Attendees receive an advance copy of our **2022 Holiday Tours** and some new **2023 trips** (think Key West, Yellowstone, Alaska) – reservations open the following Monday.
- **Door Prizes – \$100 and \$250 Tour Certificates** given away at each session.
- For those who prefer not to be inside for the presentation, there is a Grab-and-Go option, pick up your info and depart if you wish.

- Those attending the main show are asked to be vaccinated and boosted. Each show is limited to 175 persons.

Featured Destinations

The preliminary list of holiday trips includes: **Christmas Markets – Cambria/Solvang/San Simeon, A Broadway Thanksgiving in New York, the Rose Parade in Pasadena, Nashville – Asheville, Leavenworth, the Christmas Mystery Tour, Christmas at the Ritz** (in this newsletter)... and finally, over Christmas itself, **Palm Springs OR Portland.**

In addition, we expect **Key West, Winter in Alaska or Yellowstone and New Orleans** to also be announced.

We will preview the other destinations we are looking at for 2023 and give you the opportunity to weigh in on our selections, and to suggest destinations we might have missed. Your chance to tell us where we should be going! It's not uncommon that one person's idea becomes a reality.

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Look at all those masked people at our 2021 gathering! Be sure to give our office a call to be a part of the May 14th event. Office hours are 9am-3:30pm, M-F. Please do not request reservations on line, as space is limited.

Six Weeks on a Walker

After hip replacement surgery in early February, I found myself getting around with a walker, delicately at first, more confidently as time went on. The whole walker experience has been quite an education. By and large, it has restored some of my faith in humanity.



Approaching the front door to the cleaners, I noted a man was holding the door open. I was still at least 15 feet away, so there was no reason for his random act of kindness, other than it being just that. Same thing happened at the Residence Inn the other day. (The stairs at my condo have been condemned, and must be replaced. So I'm living at the Residence Inn for a couple of weeks. Sort of like a long road trip.)

While at the hotel asking some questions, I tried to make sure I had an appropriate room, considering my lack of speed and mobility. I approached an elevator. Again, I was a bit of a distance away, and I looked up to see the housekeeper holding the door for me, with a smile on her face. When you really don't have a lot of extra energy or stamina, those little things make a great deal of difference. And while I've always tried to be a courteous traveler on this earth, I confess this experience has given me a new perspective.

You see, for over 40 years I've been on the **other side** of the coin. Travelers with walkers or other assistive devices were asking **us** the questions. They needed pre-boarding, or a wheelchair, or other considerations. So guess who pre-boarded at the airport last week? Yup, yours truly. "Will you need assistance getting down the aisle or will you be leaving your walker planeside," asked the gate agent. Heck, I don't know. I've never done this before.

It's going to happen again soon (hip on the other side), so it would probably behoove me to pay attention. Thanks to all

who sent cards, flowers, or contributed their "hip replacement hand-me-downs." Before the surgery, I already had two loonngggg shoe horns, a sock-putter-oner, two fancy walkers, two toilet seats and variety of other items. **Many of them came in really handy.**

This is the first time I've ever gotten old. Mom told me getting old wasn't all that much fun years ago, but she left out the falling apart chapter of the story. About how things stop working or just fall off. Speaking of Mom(s)...

Mother's Day is Just Around the Corner

Indeed, before our **Spring Preview Day** (see front page for details) is held, an important day will come up on the calendar May 8th, Mother's Day. My mother has passed. Years ago, Clayton helped secure the last remaining opportunity for a Rose Garden Memorial in Capital Park downtown. Mom loved roses and she retired from a career working for the state, so having her spirit among her favorite flowers is special. Her remains are in Corning, nothing I could do about that. But her **spirit** is in Capital Park.

She raised three children as a single mother in the 60's and 70's. I have no idea



how she did it. She always put her kids first. Her children all made it to adulthood and achieved some level of success. Thanks in no small part to an amazing lady. If you were/are a mom, Happy Mother's Day. I hope you get the opportunity to share it with your children, in some way shape or form.

In Our Business, There Are No Days Off

Sunday, literally while the **Travel Guys Radio Show** was being broadcast, United canceled a Denver-Omaha flight our group was to use the next day. Only a day out, there was no way to get our **Nebraska-bound travelers** an alternate way to get there, unless we wanted to spread arrivals out over several days/flights. (Monday morning, at 915, just after we opened, our entire phone and computer system went down. Only significant because Monday morning is our busiest time. Did someone stick a pin in a voodoo doll?)

Russia's War on Ukraine

Some of you have asked where you could donate to help those in Ukraine and who have become refugees elsewhere. See page 6 for information on how you can contribute to a local church's effort. No matter where you decide to contribute, try to make sure you are giving to an organization that is legit and your money will actually go to help. One of our limo drivers, Eugene, and his church, are behind this effort.

And so it goes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Hoffmann". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Mark Hoffmann, CTP
Owner/Founder (almost 43 years ago)

Proud members of the



Greetings from the Grand Strand – Myrtle Beach, South Carolina!

In the past three weeks I've led tours through Louisiana, Virginia and the Carolinas. Over the next couple of months I'll be in Georgia, Florida, Texas, Missouri, Illinois and pay Virginia a return visit. This spring seems almost normal...



Normal. Have we ever used that word more than over the past two years? So many ask me when things are going to get back to normal? Now that's the million dollar question. With all due respect, if I could answer that I wouldn't be working for a tour company in Sacramento! No – I'd be bigger than the president. I'd be the king of the world!

All kidding aside, what I can tell you is what I've seen and experienced both as a tour planner and director over these past few months. All my spring tours have been operated before, some of them annually, so I have personal knowledge of both pre-pandemic and post-pandemic "normal." Some things are just about the same, and wonderfully so. In New Orleans I had turtle soup at Court of Two Sisters, hot beignets at Café du Monde and Bananas Foster at Brennan's. Best of all I got to work with "my brother from another mother" **Willie Gibson**. He's been driving for us for years. It was

great catching up; trading battle stories of life and loves, wins and losses, storms and survival since we were last together in 2019. But we made it! We're still here!

One of **Sports Leisure's** most successful itineraries ever is the **Colorful Carolina Coast**. To the best of my memory I first ran the trip in 1995, and we've offered it nearly every year since. There have been occasional changes when a new hotel, restaurant or attraction entered the market, but by and large it has remained the same over the years. I could lead this tour with my eyes closed and hands tied behind my back, and historically the planning process has been just as simple. Well not this year! Only one restaurant – ONE! – from the 2019 itinerary is on this year's tour. Why all the rejections? Staffing issues were the most common excuse. One restaurant increased the per person minimum spend from \$30 p.p. to \$75; another to \$120 p.p. Regardless of the budget, we quite simply can't eat that much! One restaurant was quite literally "gone with the wind." It was blown away by Hurricane Dorian!

Feeding a group at a reasonable time ("we only take groups for lunch at 10:30 or 3." Who eats lunch then???) and price is one of our biggest challenges presently. We want to give you a memorable meal; something that's fresh and local. We want to avoid chains. And we almost never do a boxed meal. Well, never say never! Back in the day our hotel was always a fall-back food option, especially when it came to

breakfast, but that's also changing. With only a few days notice I was informed by one of the hotels on CCC that they were no longer serving breakfast. Hello muffins, yoghurt and bananas served on the coach! (And no, the room rate was not discounted when the continental breakfast went away.) Another hotel, a "full-service" one at that, decided not to reopen their restaurant this season – one I was counting for a couple of no-host meals. They told me the bar offered "grab and go" items.

I hope this doesn't sound overly negative. That's not my point at all. I'm just trying to give you a glimpse into our world. **Sports Leisure Vacations** is not a fly-by-night company, nor a budget one. We pride ourselves on quality and service. But our ability to provide you the very best depends upon our contracts, agreements and often personal relationships with suppliers. When they let us down, we let you down. When they cease to exist, we're left out in the cold. When they make significant operational changes, we're eating muffins on the coach. Suppliers aren't bad people. They're just doing their best to survive in what remain extremely challenging times for our industry, country and world. Just like us. Maybe this describes you, too.

At church I learned "and it came to pass" is the most-used phrase in the Bible. Nothing comes to stay – everything comes to pass. These challenging times will pass, and maybe – just maybe – the new normal will be better than ever. Until then thank you for sticking with us. Thanks for your understanding and patience; your love and support. It is a pleasure and honor to help make your travel dreams come true!

Get Your Old Coins/Currency Appraised/Purchased

Have a bag, box, suitcase, or collection of coins you would like to have appraised? Mark would be happy to give you an honest appraisal and if you wish, a purchase offer. Call 916-361-2051 for an appointment for a free appraisal and find out what your treasures are worth. If you have a large collection or an estate, Mark can come to you.

Two quick coin collecting tips: Do not EVER buy coins (or gold or silver bullion) advertised on television. They are often not good investments and even when they are, they can be purchased at a better price elsewhere. If you have coins of your own, never, ever clean them. No matter how dirty they are, leave them in their natural state to preserve their value.



"Your Tour Guy,"

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

Clayton Whitehead, CTP
Vice President

The Barber Pole, or Once Over Lightly

Information of Importance to Sports Leisure Travelers

Our gang gathered together twice in the same week recently, for **in person** staff meetings. Those were held every Tuesday at noon for years, but with COVID and office closures and people working from home, staff meetings became difficult. Once in a while on Zoom, but something was lost on those calls/meetings. In person meetings are far better.

When the staff came together, we asked them, "What would you like us to put on **The Barber Pole** page? What do we need to remind our travelers about? (This was also important for Mark, since he's been out of the office for a month after surgery.) What would make your job go smoother?" We invite you to read on and get important updates on a variety of **SLV** travel topics. – **Mark & Clayton**

Have a walker, scooter or other assistive device you are bringing on tour?

The only way we can guarantee space for your walker/scooter/etc. on trips with home pick-up is if you notify us in advance. That way, we can dispatch the proper

vehicle. **Please make sure you share this information no later than 3 weeks prior to departure.** Why three weeks? The car dispatch has to be prepared for everyone's pick up, and work on those schedules begins three weeks before the trip.

I Think I'd Like to Fly First Class...

Our tour prices include standard coach seating. When we aren't utilizing Southwest, there are a couple of ways to upgrade your ticket.

First, and most obvious, **upgrade to First Class.** If you are purchasing these seats, they generally cost about 2 ½ times the price of a coach ticket. Many of you have "mileage banks" that you have accumulated over the years. You can often use those miles to upgrade. Mileage upgrades are based on availability, so get your request in soon.

A second way to get a little more space on the plane is by purchasing **Economy Plus.** These seats are located behind first class. They offer extra leg room and generally cost \$40-\$100 per flight segment.

Really important: Make your upgrade request early. Cash customers are in, mileage travelers sometimes wait a day for confirmation or rejection or are put on our

upgrade waitlist.. Remember, **make your request early.**

Be a Good Customer/Traveler

From time to time on this page, we talk about the importance of getting your tour payments in on time; ditto for meal choices when we send them to you. Most often, we find ourselves waiting for one or two people to fall in line. Talking among ourselves as a staff, we found that **often it's the same people who cause extra work and complications.** We don't want to charge people for late payments or reminder phone calls, because generally, that doesn't change behavior.

So starting April 1, we are going to do something a little different. If you are on the list on chronic "non-responders," and your name pops up on the "didn't pay/didn't respond" list for a tour, you will get one reminder call. One time. From Mark Hoffmann, the owner. After that call, you will only be a welcome traveler if you pay in full at the time of registration and provide us three ways to reach you.

Our apology if this sounds negative. We faithfully make payments for your trip in advance, often months before your final payment is due. We also know lots of people don't read articles like this in the newsletter.

Mask and Vaccine Card Update

We are now going mask less at most venues. At this time, you **must be vaccinated and boosted to travel with Sports Leisure.** Because we know you have met that requirement before boarding the coach, we are comfortable not wearing masks on board. However, until at least April 18th, you must wear a mask on any sort of public transportation, including train depots, airline and bus terminals.

In addition, some of the places we visit are still requiring masks to be worn. **For this reason, you MUST travel with your own mask.** Sometimes you can get one at the venue, but often they don't have extras. On one trip, we had a number of people who didn't have masks with them. Others shared extras, but we barely covered everyone.

For emphasis, one more time – Bring a mask with you when you travel, or risk not being admitted to some places. Ditto for vaccination cards. You must show one, or a suitable copy, to board the coach. Recently, a traveler went with us to Modesto, but couldn't get into the theater...no vaccination card.

You also need your ID. Because some people have taken to using others vaccination cards, many venues requiring vaccination are also asking for the ID, so they can see it matches the name on the card. (This is more about the general public than it is SLV, but we have to play by the rules.)



Our Key West tour included a stop to see the dolphins. Not just ANY dolphins. This was "Flipper's" home and where his grand-dolphins now live!

WARNING! New Virus!

We are still battling COVID-19 but the next thing is here already. Virologists have identified a new Nile virus – type C. It appears to target those who were born between 1930 and 1970, and goes after their technology skills.

Symptoms:

1. Sending the same email twice.
2. Sending a blank email.
3. Sending a message to the wrong person.
4. Sending it back to the person who sent it to you.
5. Forgetting to attach the attachment.
6. Hitting SEND before you've finished.
7. Hitting DELETE instead of SEND.
8. Hitting SEND when you should hit DELETE.

That is why it is called the **C-NILE** virus.

If you cannot admit to doing the above, you have obviously caught the mutated strain – the **D-NILE** virus.

Culinary Pro-Tip

If you stir coconut oil into your kale it makes it easier to scrape into the trash.

And Then It Is Winter

By now we all know that time has a way of moving quickly and catching us unaware of the passing years.

It seems just yesterday that I was young, just married and embarking on my new life with my mate. Yet in a way, it seems like eons ago, and I wonder where all the years went. I know that I lived them all. I have glimpses of how it was back then and of all my hopes and dreams. But, here it is ... the winter of my life and it caught me by surprise. How did I get here so fast? Where did the years go and where did my youth go?

I remember well seeing older people through the years and thinking that those older people were years away from me and that winter was so far off that I could not fathom it or imagine fully what it would be like. But, here it is! My friends are retired and getting greyer. They move slower and I actually *see* older people now. Some are in better and some worse shape than me ...

Bet you know “Big Cheeks”

Big Cheeks was a grandson of slaves, a boy born in a poor neighborhood of New Orleans known as the “back of town.” His father abandoned the family when the child was an infant. His mother became a prostitute and the boy and his sister had to live with their grandmother.



Early in life he proved to be gifted for music and with three other kids he sang in the streets of New Orleans His first gains were coins that were thrown to them.

A Jewish family, the Karnofskys, who had emigrated from Lithuania to the USA, had pity for the 7-year-old boy and brought him into their home. Initially giving ‘work’ in the house. There he remained and slept in this Jewish family’s home where, for the first time in his life, he was treated with kindness and tenderness. When he went to bed, Mrs. Karnovsky sang him a Russian lullaby that he would sing with her. Later, he learned to sing and play several Russian and Jewish songs.

Over time, this boy became the adopted son of the family. The Karnofskys gave him money to buy his first musical instrument; as was the custom in the Jewish families.

The little black boy grew up and wrote a book about this Jewish family who had adopted him in 1907. In memory of this family and until the end of his life, he wore a Star of David and said that in this family, he had learned “how to live real life with determination.”

You might recognize his name, **Louis “Satchmo” Armstrong** Louis Armstrong proudly spoke fluent Yiddish! “Satchmo” is Yiddish for “Big Cheeks”!

but, I see the great changes. Like me, their age is showing and we are now those older folks that we used to see and never thought we’d be.

Now I enter into this new season of my life unprepared for all the aches and pains and the loss of strength and ability to go and do things that I wish I had done but never did! Though the winter has come, and I’m not sure how long it will last. Humans don’t get “expiration notices”.

There are things I wish I hadn’t done ... things I should have done, but indeed, there are many things I’m happy to have done. They all blend together to form a lifetime.

If you’re not in your winter yet ... please, take my word for it, it will be here faster than you think. So, whatever you would like to accomplish in your life -- please do it soon! Don’t put things off too long!

Life goes by quickly. Do what you can today, as you can never be sure whether this is your winter or not! You have no promise that you will see all the seasons of your life. Live for today and make a special effort to say all the things that you want your loved ones to know ... and hope that they

appreciate and love you for all the things that you have done out of love for them through all the years past!

“Life” is a gift to you. The way you live your life is your gift to those who come after. Make it a fantastic one.

Live well! Enjoy today! Do something fun!
BE HAPPY!

Friends We’ve Lost...

We pause for a moment to remember our traveling friends who have passed. Billy McCarty must have gone to 200 baseball games with us. Even after her Rosie left us, she still soldiered on. Ornerly and stubborn (which is why she hung in there so long, no doubt), she was a huge baseball fan. These are more than just names on a list. They were/are people we created memories with, in our lives, on the road, often with others. Rest in peace friends.

Babs Allen

Donna Bryant

Dan Garcia

Eric Gibian

Kenji Iwanaga

Billie McCarty

Jim McCaullay



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Re: Helping Hands

Dear Friends,

It is with sincere joy and a humble spirit that we share with you the impact we have made for the people of Ukraine with the generous support and contributions of our Sacramento community.

Many of you have already contributed countless hours, belongings, and finances to bless those who are in need. Your extraordinary help allowed us to pack and prepare four (4) cargo containers with humanitarian aid (see video below).

Humanitarian Aid collection video: https://youtu.be/S_LXUVUQupQ

We were able to collect and pay for the shipping costs of two (2) containers - \$12,000 (\$6,000 for each). These containers are already en route to a trusted organization in Ukraine that is kept accountable for every item delivered and distributed to those remaining in their homes in war zone and most in need, as promised.

Now, we reach out again to our community to help us meet our second immediate goal of \$12,000 to ship the remaining two (2) containers. As of this day we are still majorly short, but full of faith...

If your heart desires, we welcome any amount you can donate through:

- check by mail or local drop off
- electronic payments (PayPal, Venmo, Zelle with note: Ukraine) - photo below

Please make your donations payable to:

Second Slavic Baptist Church

6601 Watt Ave

North Highlands, CA 95660

Note: Ukraine

All donations are tax deductible. If you would like to be provided with a donation receipt, please provide us with the following information: name, address, phone #, and email (if you wish to receive it by email).

We are forever grateful for your helping heart and pray for Our Lord to abundantly bless you and your family!

Sincerely,

Eugene Ivanilov

Deacon, Second Slavic Baptist Church

and Your humble chauffeur ☺



Oh So Cheesy!

Petaluma and Sonoma County

Thursday, May 19

Join us on a visit to the Achadinha Cheese Company and Farm, a family operation led by Jim and Donna Pacheco and their four children. This family tradition of cheese-making began three generations ago in Achadinha, Portugal, then Vallejo and now Petaluma. Tour the farm and meet “the girls.” See how their award-winning artisanal cheese are made (both cow and goat milks are used) and have a chance to meet the rest of their animal family – beef cattle, pigs, sheep, horses, chickens, dogs, cats and ducks! Lunch is included at Pub Republic before a stop at the Petaluma Creamery for a sweet finish. **\$162**

Where the Wild Things Are

Safari West

Wednesday, June 1

Our first trip was so popular that we've added a second date! Nestled in the Sonoma foothills between Calistoga and Santa Rosa lies a unique preserve for animals from around the world. Your time at Safari West includes an open-air tram ride out through the compound with a knowledgeable guide to see the animals up close and personal, followed by a walk through the aviaries and small animal compounds. A barbeque lunch is served on the grounds along with time to explore their everything-animal gift shop before returning to Sacramento. **\$171 – limited space available!**

Sweet Smells of Summer

Friday, June 3

Start the morning at family-owned Newcastle Lavender Farm nestled in the beautiful foothills of Northern California. The farm provides a serene location to harvest your own lavender or buy pre-harvested bundles, crafts and other lavender products. From there it's a short drive to High Hand Nursery (not to be confused with High Hill) where you will take a guided tour of the nursery and have lunch in their Beautiful Café. After the meal take time to explore the

many exhibits and shops featuring art, olive oil, metal works and much more. **\$153**

Bouquets to Art

de Young Museum, San Francisco

Thursday, June 9

This popular event returns to the de Young blooms with bouquets of floral arrangements throughout the galleries. Inspired by the museum's paintings and sculptures, floral designers bring these masterpieces to life with their own fresh and imaginative creations. There is also option to shuttle to the Legion of Honor Museum in the afternoon. A visiting exhibit also at Legion is “Guo Pei: Couture Fantasy.” Known for exquisite craftsmanship, Guo Pei's lavish creations are a fusion of China's imperial past and European influences. This exhibit will require an additional fee at entrance. Lunch is on your own at either of the museum cafes. **\$115**

Summer, Sausalito, San Francisco Bay and Spinnakers

Tuesday, June 21

Enjoy a day with guide Craig Smith in Sausalito beginning at the San Francisco Bay Model. At over 400 feet long, the Bay Model – the only one of its kind in the world – provides visitors a unique opportunity to view the enormity, complexity and importance of the region's watershed. Then follow Craig on a walking tour providing history and commentary of downtown Sausalito including a break for lunch at Spinnakers on The Bay. Back on our feet, we conclude with a short walk along the shoreline and free time for shopping or relaxing on your own. More so than most daytrips, this day is high on the activity scale. Did we mention it features a walking tour? **\$153**

Don Giovanni

San Francisco Opera

Sunday, June 26 – 2:00 pm

Fleeing the scene of his crime, a lecherous nobleman commits a heinous murder – an act so depraved that it unleashes the

vengeance of hell itself. Pleasure has its price, sometimes a great one. The third in Mozart's da Ponte Trilogy, *Don Giovanni* concludes the story with a post-apocalyptic future; an opera that masterfully blends dark comedy with even darker deeds. Heralded as Mozart's greatest work, seating is available in the orchestra or dress circle. Time is allowed for a no-host lunch at Fisherman's Wharf before the performance.

Dress Circle – \$226, Orchestra – \$211

Jim Henson Exhibition

Contemporary Jewish Museum, San Francisco

Friday, July 8

The Jim Henson Exhibition: Imagination Unlimited celebrates the legacy of Jim Henson (1936–1990), trailblazing puppeteer, animator, cartoonist, actor, inventor and filmmaker. Featuring more than 150 objects drawn from the beloved worlds of *Sesame Street*, *Fraggle Rock*, *The Dark Crystal*, *Labyrinth* and more, the exhibition highlights Henson's groundbreaking work for film and television, and his indelible mark on popular culture. It also includes material from Henson's experimental film projects and his early work, presenting him as a restlessly creative performer and technical innovator. Lunch is included. **\$128**

Picasso in Clay Nevada Museum of Art, Reno

Wednesday, July 13

Although Spanish-born artist Pablo Picasso is best known as a Modernist painter who invented the artistic style known as Cubism, he also produced a lesser-known, but equally impressive body of decorative ceramic objects during the latter part of his life. This exhibition features thirty ceramic works designed by Picasso while his involvement in the production of each piece varied. Picasso's ceramics reflect the joy and newfound freedom he embraced while living in southern France following the WWII. Lunch at the popular Louis' Basque Corner precedes the museum visit. **\$152**

Theatre Outings

Broadway San Francisco has announced their 2022 and we've got tickets! Call and book your seat today . . . and may the shows go on! All Wednesday matinees include a box lunch served onboard the coach to San Francisco, orchestra seating at the theatre and time for dinner on your own at North Beach or Pier 39 after the show.

Cats, The Musical

Golden Gate Theatre

Wednesday, June 8 – 1:00 pm

Join us as we rediscover this beloved musical with breathtaking music and stunning choreography. Winner of 7 Tony Awards including Best Musical, *CATS* tells the story of one magical night when an extraordinary tribe of cats gathers for its annual ball to rejoice and decide which cat will be reborn. The original score by Andrew Lloyd Webber, original scenic and costume design by John Napier, all-new lighting design by Natasha Katz, all-new sound design by Mick Potter, new choreography by Andy Blankenbuehler based on the original choreography by Gillian Lynne and direction by Trevor Nunn make this production a new *CATS* for a new generation! Free time for dinner is in North Beach (where all the Cool Cats hang out!) **\$195**

The Prom

Golden Gate Theatre

Wednesday, June 29 – 1:00 pm

Loosely based upon a true story of a teen from Mississippi, Constance McMillen was not allowed to bring her girlfriend to the Itawamba County Agricultural High School prom, in a case that ignited media attention across the world. Many details of the plot are taken straight from McMillen's real life, though the musical version has been relocated to Indiana. The parents of her school, for example, really did organize a second secret prom which everyone was invited to except her. In the musical the Broadway actors come to her assistance – this is fiction, but makes for great theatre! Enjoy time for dinner at Pier 39 before the return trip to Sacramento. **\$185**

Hadestown

Orpheum Theatre

Wednesday, June 15 – 1:00 pm

"Raise a cup to the world we dream about, and the one we live in now," is a toast by Orpheus in Anaïs Mitchell's retelling of two intertwined Greek myths. And so we shall because the message in this soulfully poetic musical is sorely needed. It is about the ability to create a better, freer world through creativity and imagination even as people are blindly subjugated by encrusted patterns. Winner of 8 Tony Awards including Best Musical in 2019, you'll have time for dinner on your own at Pier 39 following the matinee performance. **\$195**

Harry Potter and the Cursed Child

Curran Theatre

Wednesday, July 20 – 1:00 pm

Harry Potter and the Cursed Child is a 2016 British play written by Jack Thorne based on the eighth original story by J. K. Rowling, John Tiffany and Jack Thorne. It was always difficult being Harry Potter and it isn't much easier now that he is an overworked employee of the Ministry of Magic, a husband and father of three school-aged children. While Harry grapples with a past that refuses to stay where it belongs, his youngest son Albus must struggle with the weight of the family legacy he never wanted. As past and present fuse ominously, both father and son learn the uncomfortable truth: Sometimes darkness comes from unexpected places. Join **Sports Leisure Vacations** and other muggles at Platform 9 $\frac{3}{4}$ to begin this new and thrilling adventure. Free time for dinner will be in North Beach after the show. **\$295**

OKLAHOMA!

Golden Gate Theatre

Wednesday, August 24 – 1:00 pm

This is *OKLAHOMA!* as you've never seen or heard it before – re-imagined for the 21st century, taking the Tony Award for Best Revival of a Musical in 2019. Direct from an acclaimed run on Broadway comes a musical

that looks and sounds like America today. *OKLAHOMA!* tells a story of a community banding together against an outsider, and the frontier life that shaped America. This production still showcases the timeless songs of Rodgers and Hammerstein, but this visionary new production allows the classic musical – and our country – to be seen in a whole new light. Critics call it funny and sexy, provocative and probing, a smashing rebirth! **\$185**

To Kill A Mockingbird

Golden Gate Theatre

Wednesday, September 21 – 1:00 pm

To Kill a Mockingbird is a play based on the 1960 novel of the same name by Harper Lee and adapted for the stage by Aaron Sorkin. The revival opened at Broadway's Shubert Theatre on December 13, 2018, winning nine Tony Awards the next year. The story revolves around a black man accused of rape in pre-civil rights era Alabama and the white lawyer who defends him. The iconic role of Atticus Finch will be performed by Emmy Award winner Richard Thomas. (Yes, John Boy has grown up!) Free time for dinner will be at Pier 39. **\$205**

Moulin Rouge! The Musical!

Orpheum Theatre

Wednesday, September 14 – 1:00 pm

Enter a world of splendor and romance, of eye-popping excess, of glitz, grandeur and glory; a world where Bohemians and aristocrats rub elbows and revel in electrifying enchantment! Welcome to *MOULIN ROUGE! THE MUSICAL!* Baz Luhrmann's revolutionary film comes to life onstage, remixed in a spectacular new musical mash-up extravaganza. Directed by Tony Award winner Alex Timbers and winner of the 2021 award for Best Musical, *MOULIN ROUGE! THE MUSICAL!* is a theatrical celebration of Truth, Beauty, Freedom, and – above all – Love. Visit Pier 39 for dinner on your own before the return to Sacramento. **\$212**



New Vacations & Getaways

Baseball is Back!

Giants/A's Games, & a special overnighter

The Giants Honor Will Clark

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2 Days (Sat.-Sun.) • July 30-31

The Chicago Cubs make their only appearance of the season in San Francisco and the Giants retire #22, long worn by fan favorite **Will Clark**, in a pre-game ceremony Saturday. Seats are in the lower lever, sections 134 (Sat.) & 129 (Sun.). The Saturday game is a 6pm start. Stay at The Courtyard Union Square in SF. The package includes breakfast and a snack lunch on the way home.

\$575 p.p./dbl.occ., \$660 single

For all Giants and A's Games: Numbers in () are the section number for the tickets for that game. All tickets are in the lower level, at the top of the sections, in an effort to cut down on stairs and sun. Each package includes refreshments en route and a snack lunch on the return trip.

*Sept. 14 & Sept. 28 Giants games include the **ferry ride from Vallejo to the ball park** (one way)

Giants Regular Season Schedule

Sat., May 7 – St. L. Cardinals (Buster Posey Day) – Limited Space – **\$158** (sec. 130)

Wed., May 25 – New York Mets – **\$142** (sec. 129)

Sat., June 11 – Los Angeles Dodgers – **\$161** (sec. 134)

Wed., Aug. 3 – Los Angeles Dodgers – **\$158** (sec. 129)

***Wed., Sept. 14** – Atlanta Braves – **\$151** (sec. 129)

***Wed., Sept. 28** – Colorado Rockies – **\$138** (sec. 129)

A's Regular Season Schedule

Sat., June 4 – Boston Red Sox – **\$150**

Wed., Aug. 10 – Anaheim Angels (see Shohei Ohtani hit & perhaps pitch) – **\$133**

Sat., Aug. 27 – New York Yankees – **\$150**

Mamma Mia! (Here we go again) at Lake Tahoe (outdoors)

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2 Days • August 18-19

NEW DATES ADDED

We now have a second date for this ever-popular musical presented by the Lake Tahoe Shakespeare Festival. A midday motorcoach departure gets you to South Shore just in time to check into your hotel for the night, the Lake Tahoe Resort. Then head west to Sand Harbor where you will see tonight's performance of Mamma Mia! A box dinner will be served prior to the performance.

After an included breakfast at the hotel on Day 2, you'll have time to wander the nearby shops or perhaps get a few pulls in at a machine in one of the nearby casinos. A lunch and live Magic Show are on tap before heading back to Sacramento.

This overnight package includes roundtrip deluxe motorcoach transportation, resort accommodations, three meals, theatre and magic show tickets and the services of a **Sports Leisure Vacations** Tour Director. 750/850 Gold Passport Points

\$720p.p./dbl.occ., \$825 single

Rocky Mountaineer Fall Foliage Mystery

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Featuring the new Rocky Mountaineer train from Moab to Denver

7 Days • September 27 – October 3

Join **Scott** on this fall foliage mystery tour. Board the new Rocky Mountaineer train in Moab for your two-day journey to Denver overnighing in Glenwood Springs. Since this is a mystery we will not be doing anything in Moab, we offer a 4 night stay in Moab each May. 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. So where else will we go? well it's a mystery! Clues: it's the largest of its kind in the world. You are going to want to sing a Jimmy Buffett song (Inside joke for past mystery travelers). You will be raised to new heights! (note: this is not the tour for you if high elevation bothers you).

Includes door-to-door service, airfare and 13 meals. 4850/5600 Gold Passport Points

\$4850 p.p./dbl.occ., \$5595 single



Mamma Mia! The Lake Tahoe Shakespeare Festival has one of the most beautiful outdoor theater settings this side of Greece, don't you agree?



Autumn in Ireland

See the very best of Ireland and Northern Ireland leaving no stone unturned!

12 Days • September 28 – October 9



★ Highlights ★

- 2 nights each and touring in Belfast, Derry, Galway, Killarney, Dublin
- Titanic Belfast Exhibition & The Giants Causeway
- Visit a working sheep farm
- Cliffs of Moher, Blue Stack Mountains, Connemara, the Burren, the Ring of Kerry
- Waterford Crystal Factory & Guinness Storehouse
- Kiss the Blarney Stone (if you *really* want to)
- ABC – Another Bloody Church, Castle, Cemetery daily!
- 15 meals: 9 full Irish breakfasts, 6 dinners
- Roundtrip air to/from Dublin
- Door-to-door airport transportation
- Fully escorted by Irish driver/guide and **Sports Leisure** Tour Director
- 6750/7300 Gold Passport Points

1-2. Depart the US via a transatlantic overnight flight to Dublin, arriving mid-morning on Day 2. Your driver/guide Dr. Gary Tierney will greet you with *céad míle fáilte* and escort you to your awaiting luxury motorcoach. You'll be whisked away to the North of Ireland through a countryside of rolling hills and lush fields in "40 shades of green." Overnight in the centre of Belfast City

with a welcome dinner served at the popular Seahorse Restaurant. **Grand Central Hotel – 2 nights (in-flight meals, D)**

3. Start this and every morning with a full Irish breakfast (you must try the black pudding... it's an acquired taste). With a local guide hear the stories of Belfast through the ages, from its rich literary tradition to the more recent history of *The Troubles*. You'll see the Peace Wall, Queens University and of course make a stop at the Titanic Belfast Exhibition – built on the site where the legendary ship was constructed, it tells the story of the shipbuilding industry in Belfast and about life at the time, specifically through the lens of the ill-fated first and final voyage of the *HMS Titanic*. Explore Belfast on your own this evening for dinner, perhaps served in one of the traditional local pubs. **(FB)**

4. OK, so you didn't like the black pudding. This morning try Scruffins – a cross between a scone and muffin! Continue your exploration of Northern Ireland as you travel the Causeway Coast of County Antrim. If you've watched the series "Game of Thrones" you'll be familiar with the landscape as many scenes were filmed here. You'll have a stop at The Giants Causeway so you can experience this legendary World Heritage Site, then continue on to a local sheep farm where you'll meet Farmer Jamesy and his collie dog Jess. He'll introduce his flock of sheep and you'll see how he works daily

with Jess to operate his farm. **Holiday Inn Express Derry/Londonderry – 2 nights (FB,D)**

5. Derry (aka Londonderry depending on your loyalties and religion) is famed for its walls built between 1613 and 1619. Today it is the only city in the British Isles to have its walls completely intact after 400+ years. You'll walk the walls, and hear tales of Derry's sadness and triumph throughout the ages with a local guide. Your hotel's city centre location makes personal exploration easy. **(FB)**

6. Cross into County Donegal and the Republic of Ireland today, so put those Pounds away and pull out the Euros! You'll see the Blue Stack Mountains while on your journey to County Sligo, stopping at the Megalithic Cemetery at Carrowmore and WB Yeat's Grave at Drumcliff Church along the way. Next stop is Galway City and your historic accommodations on Eyre Square. This is where the gentry would have vacationed when arriving by train in Victorian times. **Hardiman Hotel Galway – 2 nights (FB,D)**

7. Travel into the west through the towns of Oughterard and Moycullen to the amazing landscape of Connemara. It's a perfect time of year to see Connemara as the colours are at their most vibrant. There'll be plenty of purple heather, orange and yellow leaves, and (hopefully) a bright blue sky! The beautiful Victorian Mansion of Kylemore Abbey is your first stop for the day with time to walk around the lake and experience the tranquillity where the Benedictine nuns made their home for over 100 years. You'll also visit Cong, home of The Quiet Man Pub. **(FB)**

8. Head south to County Clare via the moon! The lunar-looking limestone landscape of the Burren is mesmerising. Catch a boat in the village of Doolin for a short ocean cruise to see the famed Cliffs of Moher. The Cliffs stretch for 500 metres out of the Atlantic Ocean and continue for 5 miles along the coast. Onward to Killimer where you'll catch a ferry across the mouth of the River Shannon to Tarbert in County Kerry. From there it's less than an hour to Killarney. **The Brehon Hotel Killarney – 2 nights (FB,D)**



Here is Clayton at the Cliffs of Moher on **Sports Leisure's** last trip to Ireland



9. A visit to Kerry wouldn't be complete without driving the Iveragh Peninsula – more commonly known as the “Ring of Kerry.” Killarney is famous for its Jaunting Cars, so you'll meet the drivers along the road and travel back to your hotel in these traditional horse-drawn carriages. **(FB)**

10. Today the circle is complete as you return to Dublin via the Derrynasaggart Mountains and County Cork. There you'll have a chance to kiss the Blarney Stone and visit Waterford and her world-renowned crystal factory. From there it's only a short drive to Dublin and your home located on one of the city's famed Georgian Streets in one of Ireland's only fully sustainable hotels. **Iveagh Garden Hotel, Dublin. (FB)**

11. A half-day orientation tour of Dublin will include a stop at the Guinness Storehouse in the morning, leaving the afternoon free for some last-minute shopping and sightseeing. Maybe you'd like to visit one of Dublin's many fine museums or see the historic Book of Kells at Trinity College. Reunite in the evening for a farewell dinner to share memories and highlights of an amazing “Autumn in Ireland.” **(FB,D)**

12. Gary and all of Ireland bid you a fond farewell as you head to Dublin International Airport for the return flight. *Slán abhaile!* **(FB, in-flight meals)**

\$6750 p.p./dbl.occ., \$7275 single

This vacation requires a valid passport!

Branson, Gem of the Ozark Mountains



Featuring 5 nights at the Hilton Promenade Hotel and live music in Branson

6 days • October 21-26

1. Fly to Springfield, Missouri where lunch is hosted before the drive to Branson. Enjoy five nights in the heart of historic downtown Branson and the shopping and dining area called the Branson Landing. **Hilton Hotel** – 5 nights **(L)**

2. This morning you will get the lay of the land with a scenic tour of the local area including the College of the Ozarks. Known locally as “Hard Work U,” no student pays tuition. Rather, they work

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on the school farm and elsewhere to earn their education. Tonight, Steve Presley and the four generations of Presley's perform country classics to Gospel with zany antics from Herkimer and Cecil guaranteed to have you rolling in the aisle at **Presley's Jubilee. (B,D)**

3. At the **Top of the Rock, Ozark Heritage Preserve**, enjoy a Champagne brunch with sweeping views of the Ozark Mountains and Table Rock Lake at Osage Restaurant, which features unique artwork and native American artifacts. Then experience the Lost Canyon by golf cart! A paved trail highlights stunning rock formations and waterfalls. And to cap off our time at Top of the Rock you will visit the Ancient Ozarks Natural History Museum. Tonight **Dolly Parton's Stampede** performance features 32 magnificent horses and a cast of trick riders in a 35,000 square foot area. Accompanied by a phenomenal musical production, all while enjoying a four-course meal. **(BR,D)**

4. Step aboard an open air tram and explore the beauty of **Dogwood Canyon** on a Wildlife Tram Tour. You'll wind through the canyon floor, past towering bluffs and waterfalls. Tonight embraces autumn at the **Silver Dollar City's Harvest Festival featuring Craft Days and Pumpkins in the City** with thousands of illuminated pumpkins. Watch chuck wagon cooking demonstrations and craftsmen from across the nation. **(B,L)**

5. At the **Titanic Museum** enjoy a guided tour; experience life on board just as it was on her maiden voyage 100 years ago. Walk the hallways and grand staircase while surrounded by more than 400 rare artifacts. **The Hughes Brothers** show boasts crisp harmonies, impressive instruments and multi-layered musical arrangements. From pop, rock, country and even Broadway these singers, comedians and instrumentalists will make for a great evening. **(B,D)**

6. Depart Branson for Springfield. At **Fantastic Caverns**, America's Ride-Thru Cave, a natural adventure awaits. Jeep-drawn trams tour the path left behind by an ancient underground river while you view up close beautiful cave formations. Lunch is hosted before your flight home. **(B,L)**

\$3595 p.p./dbl.occ., \$3965 single

Feel the Ocean Breeze, A Visit to Santa Barbara

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4 Days • October 17-20

Enjoy accommodations near the beach and a variety of sights in what is often referred to as “the American Riviera,” Santa Barbara. Thanks to its Spanish Colonial Revival architecture, rich heritage, world-renowned food and wine scene, stunning natural beauty and the near-perfect weather, it's a favorite destination of many.

Now, because of new non-stop service on Southwest, we can fly directly into Santa Barbara, making it perfect for a short getaway. You'll stay three nights at the Mason Beach Inn, just steps from the ocean.

On the first day, our noon departure from Sacramento brings us to the beach in time for a late lunch on Ocean Drive, followed by a short walking/driving tour of some of the beautiful homes. You'll marvel at the architecture. **(L)**

Day Two brings a city tour with a knowledgeable local guide and even a **Land and Sea** adventure. Our first tour might even include a sample of a local delicacy. Now you've seen the city! After a little down time (Perhaps a walk near or on the beach?) we'll catch an early dinner (and maybe a sunset) at another of the many eateries. **(B,D)**

Day Three sends us just a little over an hour north to the lovely Danish-style village of Solvang. A favorite of **SL Travelers** for decades, Solvang is famous for bakeries,



Celebrate new non/stop service to the beautiful Santa Barbara Airport from Sacramento with a new adventure



great shopping, great things bought at bakeries, wonderful restaurants, the smell of things being made at bakeries, nice people and a host of local attractions. Just make time to stop at one of the bakeries before you leave. Or two. Two is probably better.

(B,L)

What makes Solvang fun is its authenticity. Founded in 1911, it hosts a summer Theaterfest, Danish Days and decorates wonderfully for Christmas. Our visit includes a tour, time to shop and maybe even a short cooking lesson. Back in Santa Barbara before the sun falls. **(B)**

Day Four and it's time to head home. Because the non-stop home leaves at 10am, we are still developing this day. To leave later in the day would mean making a connection, or going to Burbank. Consider this a mystery day for now. **(B,L)**

\$2075 p.p./dbl.occ., \$2430 single

Spectacular Sedona

Featuring four nights at the Hilton Sedona Resort

5 Days • November 13-17

★ **Highlights** ★

- Ride the Verde Canyon Railroad fall foliage train
- Guided tour of the Copper Museum
- Trolley tour to the Chapel of the Holy Cross
- 9 meals: 4 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 2 dinners – 2 meals with entertainment!
- Roundtrip airfare to/from Phoenix
- Door-to-door airport transportation
- 3000/3300 Gold Passport Points

1. Fly direct on Southwest Airlines to Phoenix. Pause for a special lunch in Mesa with entertainment before traveling to Sedona and your hotel that boasts beautiful indoor and outdoor public spaces. **Hilton Sedona Resort – 4 nights (L)**

2. This morning take a Trolley tour around greater Sedona to include the Chapel of the Holy Cross. Head north up scenic Oak Creek Canyon hoping to catch some fall colors making for a spectacular drive along the river with towering red rock views. Arrive in Flagstaff for a special evening with dinner and entertainment. **(FB,D)**

3. At the Copper Museum learn why Arizona is nicknamed the Copper State

during a tour that combines history and stunning artifacts. Board the Verde Canyon Railroad for a fall foliage tour you won't soon forget. Gaze at the brilliant blue skies and red rock cliffs spotted with amber and gold Cottonwood and Sycamore trees along the Verde River. **(FB,L)**

4. Spend some time in the Mexican Village Tlaquepaque. Wander through courtyards and under stone arches while viewing the White Sycamore trees changing colors. Gather tonight for a wonderful farewell dinner. **(FB,D)**

5. Travel back to Phoenix this morning. Enjoy a hosted lunch and tour before your return flight to Sacramento. **(FB,L)**

\$2895 p.p./dbl.occ., \$3285 single

Puttin' on the Ritz for Christmas

Featuring a holiday visit to Filoli House & Garden

3 Days • December 4-6 or 11-13

1. Be picked up at your home and driven to the **Sports Leisure Vacation** office where you will board our comfortable motorcoach for the ride to the coast. Enjoy a Champagne Sunday Brunch in San Mateo before continuing on to the charming town of Half Moon Bay. You will have time to browse the shops before checking into the **Ritz Carlton Resort Half Moon Bay for two nights**. Resembling a grand European country estate, the hotel is set on a rocky bluff overlooking the Pacific Ocean. **(BR)**

2. Enjoy a free morning to experience the resort to the fullest. Amenities include a coastal trail, beach, gas fire pits overlooking the ocean, a fitness center, indoor pool, hot tub and sauna. Spa services are available at an additional cost. Lunch will be hosted at a wonderful Italian restaurant followed by a visit to Filoli House and Garden, all decked out with lights and décor for the holidays. **(L)**

3. Sleep in! (When's the last time you heard that on a **Sports Leisure** getaway?) Lunch is hosted at a popular seafood restaurant in Half Moon Bay before returning to Sacramento and our awaiting fleet of sedans and SUVs. **(L)** 1600/1950 Gold Passport Points

\$1595 p.p./dbl.occ., \$1930 single

U.S. Skating Championships in San Jose

5 Days • January 25-29, 2023

You'll have lower-level overview seating for all the final and semi-final events, women's, men's, pairs. Plus, you'll see the **Skating Spectacular** on Sunday, after the competition has concluded. See the Junior Dancers on Wednesday night, then move to the adult skaters on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

The times for the event will not be announced until later, but in addition to the skating programs, we will add breakfast each morning (3), Sunday Brunch, plus one early dinner and two lunches. Other sightseeing elements could be added, depending on the announced skating schedule. In addition, we will have a guest speaker one morning, a coach or skating official, to give you a little "behind-the-scenes" rundown.

Depart Wednesday morning from our office (after home pick-up) and return Sunday evening. Your accommodations for 4 nights are at the Delta Hotel by Marriott (formerly The Biltmore) in Santa Clara. Transfer will be provided to/from the SAP Arena, which is about a mile away.

Space is limited, as we are sharing this trip with an Arizona group. Early reservations are strongly recommended, as previous trips of this type have been popular.

\$2265 p.p./dbl.occ., \$2515 single



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The Tour Calendar *(Previously Announced)*

All vacations listed in this section were announced in past publications and have limited space available, some only one or two seats (see list on back page). Don't worry if you've signed up for a tour you don't see listed – it's probably sold out. For day-by-day itineraries and complete details please refer to our 2022 Dream Book, *Having the Time of your Life* or: www.sportsleisure.com.

Pathways of Patriots A

Trace the footsteps of American patriots from Colonial times to the present through the Commonwealth of 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
- 3450/3850 Gold Passport Points
\$3445 p.p./dbl.occ., \$3840 single

Springtime in Yosemite A

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

Chicago to St. Louis, Ride the Rails In-between A

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

7 Days • May 18-24

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

Secrets of Santa Fe A

Featuring majestic scenery, Los Alamos and Bandelier National Monument

5 Days • June 4-8

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

Ferries, Islands and Towns of Old Cape Cod A

Visit Boston, Martha's Vineyard, Provincetown and Nantucket

8 Days • June 3-10

- 2 nights Boston, 2 nights Provincetown on the Cape, overnight Hyannis, 2 nights Nantucket



The Wigwam Motel was a stop on last year's California Route 66 tour. Look for the complete Route 66 tour, Chicago to Los Angeles, in two sections, coming in 2023

- 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
\$3995 p.p./dbl.occ., \$4550 single

Newfoundland – Welcome to The Rock!

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Home to unparalleled natural beauty and friendly folks

14 Days • June 23 – July 6

★ 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
- 27 meals: 13 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 10 dinners
- Roundtrip airfare SFO/ Halifax and St John's/SFO
- Door-to-door airport transportation
- 7700/8600 Gold Passport Points
\$7700 p.p./dbl.occ., \$8590 single
This vacation requires a valid passport!

The Pageant of the Masters

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An artistic extravaganza like none other in Southern California

3 Days – July 17-19 or August 28-30

★ Highlights ★

- 2 nights – 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
\$1855 p.p./dbl.occ., \$2140 single

The Sound of Music in Leavenworth

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Take the train to Washington State's Little Bavaria

4 Days • July 19-22

- 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
\$2025 p.p./dbl.occ., \$2310 single

Michigan & Mackinac

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

7 Days • September 18-24

★ Highlights ★

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- 3 nights – Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island
- Overnight stays in Grand Rapids, Traverse City and the Bavarian village of Frankenmuth
- Visit the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum and The Music House
- See Mackinac Island by carriage tour; visit the butterfly conservatory and historic Fort Mackinac
- Scenic tour of Frankenmuth and Bronner's Christmas Wonderland
- History abounds at The Henry Ford Museum's Greenfield Village

Proud members of the



- 15 meals: Daily breakfast, 3 lunches, 6 dinners
- Roundtrip airfare to Grand Rapids/from Detroit
- Door-to-door airport transportation
- 4350/5100 Gold Passport Points
\$4335 p.p./dbl.occ., \$5095 single

Bonjour, La Belle Quebec! #2

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French countryside, historic Quebec City and cosmopolitan Montreal...it's all here!

8 Days • September 20-27

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

The Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta

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

Relax on Catalina Island

Enjoy three nights in the heart of Avalon

4 Days • October 16-19

★ Highlights ★

- 3 nights at the Pavilion Lodge
- Champagne Sunday Brunch along Long Beach's Shoreline Village,
- Be whisked away across "26 miles across the sea" on the *Catalina Express*
- Tour the historic Casino's grand Avalon Ballroom and theater
- Explore the island with a scenic guided tour and special "undersea" experience
- 3 meals: 1 brunch, 1 lunch, 1 dinner
- Roundtrip airfare to/from SoCal
- Door-to-door airport transportation
- 2000/2300 Gold Passport Points

\$1975 p.p./dbl.occ., \$2300 single



Teasers

Put your name on the **Priority Notification List** and join Scott on one of his winter adventures. When the tour is confirmed you will be notified sometime this summer.

You must have winter clothes and be prepared for temperatures between 0-30 degrees. You must be able to walk several blocks in the snow.

Ice Magic in the Canadian Rockies

Featuring Two nights at the Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise

6 Days • January, 2023

The Canadian Rockies are one of the worlds premiere destinations with unparalleled majestic mountain scenery.

Stay two nights at the iconic Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise. Watch ice carvers work 34 hours to sculpt towering one-of-a-kind works of art from solid blocks of ice on the shores of Lake Louise. Take an old-fashioned horse drawn sleigh ride along the Lake Louise shore and travel through the forest with a dog sled team. Spend three nights in Banff during snow days with snow sculptures lined up downtown. And soar to new heights on a gondola to the top of Sulphur Mountain.

Winter In Yellowstone

Featuring the winter wonderland of Yellowstone without the crowds!

7 Days • February, 2023

In the winter there are only two hotels open in Yellowstone: the Snow Lodge at Old Faithful and the Mammoth hotel; we will stay at both. The park roads are closed to cars so you must travel in snow coaches. During this tour see pristine scenery, geysers, hot springs and lots of animals, they are actually easier to see in the snow. We will also stay in Jackson and take a horse pulled wagon ride through the Elk Refuge.

Alaska's Aurora Borealis

Featuring small group travel with unique winter attractions

8 Days • March, 2023

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Buy tickets at: voicesofcalifornia.org or call 1-800-385-3659

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TOUR UPDATE...

Two lists of multi-day vacations which are sold out or have only a limited amount of space remaining (10 or fewer seats, number in parenthesis). Waiting Lists are available for sold out tours. Daycations are not included in these lists.

Sold-Out Tours

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| Cape Cod (June 10) | Niagara Falls (May & Sept.) |
| Roll On Mighty Columbia | Pageant of the Masters (Aug.) |
| San Juan Island Cruise | Reno Balloon Festival Oregon Coast |
| Maine Lobsters | Ferries & Towns of Puget Sound |
| South Dakota | Quebec (Oct. – 2nd trip has space) |
| Canada Coast to Coast | |

Limited Space

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| Pathways of Patriots (4) | Cape Cod – June 3 (1) |
| Yosemite – May (2) | Leavenworth – July 19 (3) |
| Maine Lobsters (1) | St. Lawrence River Cruise (10) |
| Santa Fe (6) | Pageant of the Masters – July (8) |
| Newfoundland (3) | Michigan & Mackinaw (3) |
| Chicago to St. Louis (5) | Catalina Island – Oct. (10) |

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