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Tour Preview Day

Saturday, September 14 • Crowne Plaza Hotel at Madison/I-80

FREE Parking • Complimentary Shuttle Available • 9am or 1:15pm

\$10 Admission in Advance • Limited Seating

Reservations are now being accepted for our annual gathering of the **Sports Leisure** clan, also known as **Tour Preview Day**.

This is the time each year when the new catalog is released, and you have the opportunity to get an advance copy, along with hearing about the trips in special breakout sessions, and watch as we give out our annual scholarships. Admission fee is **\$10 per person**. (Every penny of that admission is given to 3-4 local charities on the day of the event. We charge an admission fee to keep the no-show rate to a minimum.)

There are two sessions, morning and afternoon. **Lite** refreshments are served complimentary at both sessions (not designed to be a meal replacement), and you'll receive an advance copy of our new 2020 catalog, titled "**LIVE.**" Inside will be

dozens of new and returning destinations for next year. Registration for the new tours begins on the Monday morning following Preview Day.

YOU MUST RSVP AND SEATING IS LIMITED. Please consider calling our office today to reserve your space. You may also **request** seats on line and we will confirm them the next working day if space is available.

A sample of new destinations: A Stay at the Columbia Gorge Hotel (June), Pathways

of Patriots (featuring the Military Tattoo in Norfolk), Walla Walla & Pendleton (Lewis & Clark History), a cruise on the St. Lawrence Seaway on a small ship, Hwy 101/Southern Oregon, Capitol Reef & Monument Valley, Nebraska's Sand Hill Cranes, the Calgary Stampede, several new Mystery Tours, Belgium/Holland/Paris, Christmas Markets in Germany & Austria, Tucson, the New Fixin' Up Texas, Idaho, Newfoundland and many, many more. Plus a host of your favorites, back and ready to be enjoyed all over again.

2018 Scholarship Winners



Each year, at Tour Preview Day, we honor the next generation of future travelers by awarding scholarship(s) to assist them in their journey. The recipients are generally relatives or friends of Travel Club Members. See The Barber Pole on page 3 for details on how to apply.

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The "Circle of Life" Begins Anew at Sports Leisure

How do we decide what trips go in the catalog, what destinations we will offer in the coming year? How does that all happen?

Perhaps our travelers would like a little insight into the 60 days before they see our "new baby," our annual catalog of extended tours (and cruises). This year it debuts on **Saturday, September 14th** (details on the front page), and will be mailed the following week to those not attending **Preview Day**.

For a number of months now, we have been holding meetings, giving each of our tour directors the opportunity to put forth their ideas. At **Sports Leisure Vacations**, we have a very unique business model, in that most of our tour directors plan their own trips. We don't have, as other companies often do, a group of tour planners who only work in the office organizing tours. By having the planner be the tour director, we feel the quality of the experience for the traveler goes up significantly (and the chances for problems on the road drop as well).

So **Scott, Ramona, Clayton, Chris, Michael, Donnie, Patricia** and even **Jim**, have shared where they would like to take you next year. I've scoured the tour evaluations to add and/or support destinations you have requested.

Once in a while, long standing favorites are given a "rest." **Victoria, BC**, and **Washington, DC**, are two you won't find on the schedule next year, for just that reason, **Chris/Clayton** have decided to give them a year off. It should be noted both already have plans for new and improved versions of tours to those destinations for 2021. We have more than a handful of "new/back from a rest" destinations to entice even the most experienced traveler ready for the 2020 schedule.

Other factors: Two major trips cannot depart on the same day unless they are at least two hours apart (ditto for returning trips), because our friends at Coastal Breeze who provide transportation have a limited number of cars. We have shifted many trips from July and August which head

to destinations which could be impacted by wildfires to earlier in the summer. Because of increased heat, we are being careful about where we go after mid-June. Overcrowding at some popular spots have made it necessary to shift to shoulder seasons to insure you have a quality experience during your visit.

Each year, we work hard to find some great regional trips for those who might not be in a position to travel across the country or around the world, because of the expense and/or physical demands of such travel.

Over the next two months, the team at **SLV** will put in some long hours to shape our Dream Book, our catalog, for 2020; and to create the **Tour Preview Day** presentations. I believe I speak for my staff when I say the catalog is a labor of love for us, because our job is to make your dreams come true. That opportunity comes with great responsibility, for after all, they are your dreams. It's not just a PR line, it's our reality.

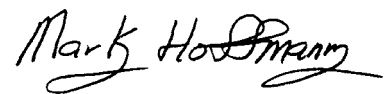
Make your travelers dreams come true, offer them a good time and fair value, they will come back, and most importantly, they will tell their friends. On the other hand, treat people unfairly and with indifference, offer them a product that isn't worth the extra dollars they paid for it, and you will be soon gone from the landscape.

That is part of some important wisdom gained in 40 years of owning and operating a small tour company. Be a part of the community, give back where you can, don't try to be something you aren't. Some might say the model has worked pretty well. I would tell you it is still a work in progress!

You and those who preceded you, along with some dedicated team members, have made it an awesome and still ongoing ride! Thank you for your support. Hope to see you at **Tour Preview Day**. If you can't make it, a limited number of catalogs will be available at the office Monday after the event, and of course, one will be mailed to every person receiving this newsletter.

Thank you all, and especially to anyone whose travel days are winding down, **thank you**. Looking at old passenger lists over the past few months has made me realize how many people have supported our little company for so many years. Hope to see you on the radio, Sundays at 3pm.

And so it goes...



Mark Hoffmann,
CTP, President

The Travel Guys

Radio Show

- **Making you a smarter traveler with tips you can use on the road**
- **Weekly Travel News, with updates on stories you won't hear elsewhere**
- **Consumer Advocates Chris Elliott and Ed Perkins**

Every Sunday 3-4pm
KFBK, 1530, 93.1FM



Tom Romano and Mark Hoffmann

The Barber Pole, or Once Over Lightly

This is a place to find information of importance regarding your travels...

Overcrowding at Popular Tourism Destinations

If you pay attention to the media, you have likely heard this story, maybe even more than once. Local attraction **Daffodil Hill**, which had been open to the public for free for decades, was so overwhelmed their opening weekend, they closed immediately for the season, and have indicated they may be out of the daffodil viewing business forever. A remote canyon in Iceland was forced to close indefinitely after a horde of tourists showed up, based on seeing the canyon featured in a music video.

The point to this is this is two-fold. If you are traveling independently, or know someone who is, buy tickets for popular "bucket list" attractions in advance. Buy "time-dated" tickets, allowing you entry at a specific time. This is one of the reasons some folks choose to purchase packaged travel from a tour operator like **Sports Leisure**. We do that work for you, doing the homework and making the difficult reservations. In recent times, that has become a tougher and more time consuming job. But it's one of the reasons you pay more to travel with an organized group, with a reputable tour operator who delivers on the promises made in the brochure.

Starting Earlier

One thing we are doing to fight back against crowds at popular destinations is to start our days earlier. By getting to the first attraction on the schedule right when it opens, we get the jump on those who were too lazy to get out of the sack.

In some cases, this allows us to have a break in mid-to-late afternoon before going out for the evening, or just finishing our structured itinerary a little earlier in the day. This allows those who want to keep going to see optional/additional attractions on their own, particularly in major cities. When we are at beautiful resort properties, the down time during the afternoon allows for enjoyment

of the facility and even a walk around the grounds. We know from your comments these things are important to some, but not all, of our travelers.



Ethan Bortnick Concert

If you are a viewer of **KVIE**, you may be familiar with a young performer named **Ethan Bortnick**. He began performing at 10, and now, at 18, he is an accomplished singer, pianist, composer, songwriter, actor and musician. He will perform at the **Crest Theater, on Fri., Sept. 20**. We are offering a package which includes transportation and the ticket for **\$105**. If you would like the ticket only, they are available in limited numbers without the bus for **\$65**. Reservations are limited to one bus and you can meet the bus in Citrus Heights, at Arden or downtown. It is rare that we get an opportunity like this. Ethan is quite the showman and performs music across multiple generations.

If You are Expecting a Ride Upon Your Return from a Day Trip

We have long had a policy upon returning on a coach trip that the bus doesn't pull away until we can see that everyone is safely to their vehicle and begin to pull away. Many of our travelers are ladies, often alone, and we don't want someone alone in a parking lot at night if we can help it.

Some folks who travel with us use ride shares or taxis to get to/from their home and the pick-up point. If you are one of those people, please check with your Tour Director so you will know when you are 10-15 minutes from your stop. That's the appropriate time

to start lining up a ride share, or updating with your ride to make sure he/she will be at the drop spot about the same time as the bus. Remember there is the diner at Arden and the Raley's store at Antelope, should you find yourself waiting on a late friend who is picking you up.

The point: We don't want to leave you, but we also would prefer not to delay the rest of the travelers. Working together, we can prevent that and keep safety as a priority.

Know a Young Student in Need of Help?

We annually award at least one scholarship to a student looking for help. The applicant should have a tie to a **Sports Leisure Traveler** (parent, grandparent, friend). Applications are due by **August 26th**. \$2,000 in scholarship funds are awarded. For more information, contact **Clayton** at **Clayton.Whitehead@sportsleisure.com**, or call him at the office.

Proud members of the



The 50th anniversary of Woodstock will be celebrated in August. We found this guy, who was obviously part of the original event, well preserved in Sequim, WA, at the Blue Haze Lavender Farm. Woodstock, Blue Haze... no wonder he ended up in Sequim.

Day Trips & Theatre Outings

Many of the Day Trips listed below were previously announced and have only a few seats remaining. Full details are available on our website.

Anastasia, A Musical

At the Golden Gate Theatre

Saturday, September 7

This musical, with opulent settings, a Russian princess, dazzling costumes and a soaring score. **\$199**

The Gatlin Brothers:

Legendary Country Music Stars

come to The Gallo

Sunday, September 15

Larry, Steve and Rudy present a heartwarming patriotic show featuring their best-loved hits spanning a career of over 60 years. Dinner included prior to the 8pm performance at Canal Street Grille. **\$174**

Hamilton

At the Orpheum Theatre

Wednesday: Nov. 20 OR Dec. 11

Lin-Manuel Miranda's story of Alexander Hamilton, an immigrant from the West Indies who was the new nation's first Treasury Secretary. Featuring an award-winning score that blends, jazz, blues, rap, and Broadway; this is absolutely must-see theatre! Includes a snack box on board the coach, orchestra seating at the 1pm matinee, followed by dinner on your own at Pier 39. **\$305**

The USS Potomac

Thursday, September 19

A two hour Bay cruise on the historic *USS Potomac*, President FDR's "Floating White House". A late lunch is included at Kincaid's following the cruise. **\$171**

Italian for a Day

in San Francisco

Tuesday, October 1

Explore this colorful neighborhood known as "Little Italy" with guide Craig Smith. Lunch is included at the Original Joes. **Please note this is a walking tour with some stairs and uneven walkways.** **\$161**

Beach Blanket Babylon

Sunday, October 6

Now in its 45th year of sold-out shows at Club Fugazi, this internationally acclaimed institution is closing its doors at the end of the year. An early lunch is included prior to the 2pm matinee performance at Pinocchio's Italian Restaurant. **\$197**

Fall in the Sierra

Friday, October 11

Drive through Hope Valley, with lunch included at a Gardnerville landmark; then drive home along Highway 50, passing through the Tahoe Basin. **\$125**

A Day at the Races

Golden Gate Fields, Berkeley

Friday, October 18

Includes a buffet lunch and finish line seating in the enclosed Turf Club. The trip is timed for arrival before the first race and departure after the last race of the day. **\$147**

A Day at Apple Hill

Wednesday October 23

Browse the craft booths at High Hill and enjoy a BBQ picnic-style lunch including a piece of their delicious apple pie! Visit one other Apple Hill location. There are so many varieties of apples available at Apple Hill that it will make your heads bob. **\$110**

On a Mission to the Mission

Thursday, October 24

Tour Mission Dolores and the colorful Mission District with Craig Smith. At the Delancey Street Restaurant your lunch is prepared by members of a program providing training to overcome personal trials. It's a fantastic organization and a superb meal! To-scale replicas of all 21 missions built for the 1939 World's Fair are on display at Cline Family Cellars. "Visit" all the missions in one afternoon! **\$156**

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James Tissot:

Fashion and Faith at the Legion of Honor in San Francisco

Tuesday, October 29

The first major presentation of French artist James Tissot in over twenty years is co-organized with the Musees d'Orsay and l'Orangerie of Paris. Approximately 60 paintings with additional works reveal Tissot's ebullient and complex artistry. The audio guide is included. Optional afternoon shuttle to the de Young Museum. Lunch is on your own at the museum cafes. **\$109**

Follow the Seagulls in San Francisco

Scenic 49-Mile Tour

Wednesday, November 6

Originally designed for the 1939 Golden Gate Expo, these iconic blue seagull signs remain throughout the neighborhoods of San Francisco. Enjoy a nostalgic ride around the city and along The Great Highway with guide Craig Smith. Lunch is included at the Beach Chalet in Golden Gate Park. **\$139**

Cuisine and Culinary at Copia

Tuesday, November 12

Visit Napa's Copia in celebration of Fall and Thanksgiving. Enjoy a variety of culinary treats including a facility tour, lunch in the restaurant, and a demonstration class by one of the master chefs of the Culinary Institute of America. Finish this "tasty" day with some free time to browse their gift shop and the specialty shops at adjacent Oxbow Market before departing for Sacramento. **\$183**

Terry Fator:

Ventriloquist and Comedian Extraordinaire comes to The Gallo

Saturday, November 16

Called the "voice of entertainment" Terry Fator has dazzled Vegas crowds the past 10 years. Dinner is included prior to the 7:30pm performance at Firenze. **\$202**



Manon Lescaut

San Francisco Opera House

Sunday, November 24

From the most renowned composer of opera, this early work skyrocketed Giacomo Puccini to his success and fame. *Manon Lescaut* brings Italian passion to the tale of a young woman searching for satisfaction, but too easily seduced by luxury. Too late she realizes her mistake after leaving her true love for a wealthy older man. With grand arias and a melodic score, experience the drama and story as only opera can do. Your choice of seating is in side sections of the Orchestra or the Dress Circle. An early stop is included at Fisherman's Wharf for no-host lunch prior to the 2pm matinee. **Orchestra – \$184 Dress Circle – \$196**

Thanksgiving at the National Hotel in Jackson

Thursday, November 28

A buffet dinner prepared by Chef Chuck will have all the traditional Thanksgiving provisions. Prior to the Thanksgiving feast, be entertained by the folks at Baker Street West. The coach will return to Sacramento between 4-5pm. Why dine alone or be exhausted from all that cooking? **\$153**

Mannheim Steamroller

Presents an evening of Holiday Music at The Gallo

Saturday, November 30

Chip Davis and his orchestra have become a holiday tradition. This year's show will feature the original classic Christmas hits from the first Mannheim Steamroller Christmas album, along with multimedia effects. Lunch is included prior to the 2pm matinee at the Canal Street Grille. **\$199**

The Great American Trailer Park Christmas Musical

East Sonora Theatre

Saturday: Nov. 30 OR Dec. 7

It's holiday time down in Armadillo Acres and when a freak bout of amnesia strikes the trailer park Scrooge, neighborly love is put to the test. Join us for an afternoon of fun and laughter. Lunch is included prior to the matinee performance at the City Hotel in Columbia. **\$152**

A Tribute to Karen:

The Music of the Carpenters at the Gallo

Thursday, January 30

Lisa Rock creates a nostalgic Carpenters' experience. Performing with a 6 piece band and backup singers, close your eyes and remember... Dinner included prior to the 7:30pm show at the Canal Street Grille. **\$174**

Escape to Margaritaville

At The Gallo Center

Thursday, February 13

A musical comedy featuring both original songs and the most-loved Jimmy Buffet classics is sure to knock your flip-flops off! Dinner is prior to the show at Firenze. **\$185**

★★★★ TEASERS ★★★★★

Too early to finalize pricing, the dates have been set for these upcoming vacations. If you are seriously interested in any of these destinations, we encourage you to put your name on the **Priority Notification List**. When the trip is finalized and ready for announcement, we make every effort to notify those on the list before the tour is announced to the rest of the Travel Club.

Eagles and Owls of Carson Valley

January 24-26

Carson Valley is the winter home to hundreds of eagles and owls. Visit ranches, attend wildlife lecture and spot these birds in their winter setting.

Death Valley National Park

February 3-7

Stay at Furnace Creek Ranch; visit Zabriskie Point, Badwater, Rhyolite, the dunes and Ubehebe Crater; tour Manzanar Na'l Historic Site. Fly into Las Vegas, coach from Las Vegas to Sacramento. 1 night Las Vegas; 2 nights Death Valley; 1 night Bishop.

Winter at the Ahwahnee

February 9-10

The grand hotel of Yosemite National Park beckons. A late Sunday Brunch, guided tour of the historic hotel and a narrated tour of the Valley Floor is included with this overnight stay at the Ahwahnee.

Tucson: A Gem of the Southwest

Featuring four nights at the Loews Ventana Canyon Resort

March 10-14

Culinary tour and other fine dining experiences, tour Kartchner Caverns State Park, visit Mission San Xavier del Bac "White Dove of the Desert," lunch and tour the gardens at Tohono Chul.

Cranes, Cather and Prairie Chickens

March 23-26

Yes, Nebraska in March! Witness the fly-in of thousands of Sandhill Cranes, the dancing Prairie Chickens and Midwestern hospitality in Kearney, Red Cloud, McCook and Hastings. Visit the origins of Kool-aid, and experience the landscapes that inspired the writings of Willa Cather.

The NEW Fixin' Up Texas

April 16-21

Austin, College Station, Waco and Ft. Worth are highlighted including Chip and Jo's Silos and Fixer Uppers, LBJ and Bush Sr. Presidential Libraries, the Texas State Capitol, the birthplace of Dr. Pepper and even a steer drive through the Stockyards.

Virginia: Pathways of Patriots

April 27 – May 3

America was born, divided, reunited and continues to be defined in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Visit Manassas Battlefield, Marine Base Quantico, the Statehouse and Museum of the Confederacy in Richmond, and Colonial Williamsburg. Arrive in Norfolk for a performance of the Virginia International Tattoo, the nation's largest military band spectacular!

Newfoundland

June 1-11

A unique blend of Irish history, Canadian hospitality and spectacular scenery greet you in this far-off land. Wander through Gros Morne National Park, Gander, St. John and along the coast. Eat some lobster, drink some screech and have some fun on "The Rock."

The Tour Calendar *(Previously Announced)*

Rails Around Colorado

3 scenic train rides during fall foliage

7 Days • September 21-27

★ **Highlights** ★

- 3 scenic trains: Royal Gorge, Cumbres & Toltec, Durango & Silverton
 - Royal Gorge Bridge and Park
 - Jeep ride in the San Juan Mountains
 - Fly above Telluride on a gondola ride
 - Historic guided walking tour of Telluride
 - 11 meals: 3 breakfasts, 3 full breakfasts, 5 lunches
 - Roundtrip airfare to Denver/from Durango, Tour Director: **Scott Angeletti**
 - 3800/4300 Gold Passport Points
- \$3770 p.p./dbl.occ., \$4280 single**
5 seats remain at press time

Lake Powell Splendor

No words can describe its beauty

5 Days • October 3-7

★ **Highlights** ★

- Narrated Lake Powell boat tour
 - Guided walking tour of Antelope Canyon
 - Enjoy 3 nights in a lakeview room
 - Helicopter flight over Lake Powell
 - 8 meals: 4 breakfasts, 4 lunches
 - Tour Director: **Scott Angeletti**
 - 2750/3150 Gold Passport Points
- \$2735 p.p./dbl.occ., \$3120 single**
8 seats remain at press time

Old Man River

A leisurely ramble along the Great River Road from St. Paul to St. Louis

8 Days • October 11-18

★ **Highlights** ★

- Visit and sleep in five states!
- 2 nights in Dubuque and Hannibal
- Overnights in Egan, La Crosse and Rock Island
- Tour Minnesota's Mill City and Watkins Company Museums
- See Iowa's Effigy Mounds, Pike's Peak and Field of Dreams
- Visit Illinois' John Deere Pavilion
- Explore Missouri's Hannibal and St. Louis' Gateway Arch Complex
- 16 meals – Daily breakfast, 7 lunches, 2 dinners

- Door-to-door service
 - Roundtrip airfare to Minneapolis/St. Paul/ from St. Louis
 - 3100/3400 Gold Passport Points
- \$3090 p.p./dbl.occ., \$3395 single**

Magnificent Mammoth in Autumn

Featuring Tioga Pass and Bodie State Historical Park

4 Days • October 14-17

Three nights at the Mammoth Mountain Inn, along with some truly spectacular sightseeing. Mono Lake, the June Lakes Scenic Loop, Bodie State Park (a unique ghost town), Tioga Pass through Yosemite National Park and more. Ramona is your Tour Director for this trip to the Eastern Sierra in the fall.

Please note that this trip travels **over roads above 9000'** and that the hotel is located at **9000'**. Many sleeping rooms are accessible by stairs. **Not recommended for those with heart or respiratory conditions.** This mountain vacation includes door-to-door service, roundtrip coach transportation, accommodations, 8 meals (3FB,4L,1D), all tours and attractions listed, and the services of a **Sports Leisure Vacations** Tour Director.

1300/1450 Gold Passport Points

\$1295 p.p./dbl.occ., \$1435 single

A Dazzling Desert Christmas in Phoenix

4 Days • December 23-26

★ **Highlights** ★

- 3 nights in a beautiful Marriott hotel
 - Amazing desert views on a scenic cruise & valley tour
 - Hosted White Elephant Gift Exchange with "Santa and Eggnog the Elf"
 - 2 evenings of incredible drive-thru lights displays
 - 7 meals: 3 full breakfasts, 2 lunches, 2 dinners
 - Door-to-door transportation
 - Roundtrip airfare to/from Phoenix
 - 1800/2000 Gold Passport Points
- \$1790 p.p./dbl.occ., \$1995 single**
1 seat available at press time

Legendary Aloha! Hawaii's Big Island and Kauai

8 Days • February 16-23, 2020

★ **Highlights** ★

- 4 nights in Kona on the Big Island; 3 nights Kauai
 - Enjoy a luau in the historic spot King Kamehameha first landed on the island – visit ancient temples and ceremonial grounds
 - Tour a Seahorse Ranch, Hawaiian Vanilla, an Orchid Farm and a Chocolate & Tropical Fruit Farm
 - Flightseeing over Kauai's lush tropical jungles and Napali Coast
 - Sample Kauai's local culinary specialties on a Foodie Tour
 - 15 meals: 7 full breakfasts, 5 lunches, 2 dinners, 1 brunch
 - Door-to-door transportation
 - Roundtrip airfare to Kona/from Lihue, Kauai; inter-island airfare Kona to Lihue
 - 5000/5800 Gold Passport Points
- \$5000 p.p./dbl.occ., \$5755 single**
Ocean-view accommodation upgrade on Kauai: 3 nights –
\$60 p.p./dbl.occ or \$120 single
4 seats available at press time

Optional Oahu Extension

Add-on to Legendary Aloha!

3 Days • February 23-25, 2020

Depart Kauai and head to Oahu

Enjoy a guided tour of the acclaimed Bishop Museum where the rich history of the islands is on display. Pay your respects to those who perished on "The Day That Lives in Infamy" at the recently revamped World War II Valor in the Pacific Na'I Monument. Visit the neighborhood where former President Obama spent his formative years. See the expansive personal collection of Middle Eastern art and artifacts amassed by Doris Duke on a tour of her private home, now museum, Shangrila. All airfare included. Arrive on Oahu from Kauai; returning home to Sacramento from Honolulu. 4 meals: 2FB,1L,1D.

\$1085 p.p./dbl.occ., \$1295 single
3 seats available at press time



Cruise The World Down Under

Australia, Tasmania and

New Zealand aboard the ms Noordam

21 Days • February 21 – March 12, 2020

★ Highlights ★

- 3-night pre-cruise program in Sydney including daily breakfast and lunch
- Visit Ku-ring-gai, Blue Mountains and Featherdale Wildlife Parks
- Tour Sydney sites including the famous Opera House
- All meals included on board the *ms Noordam*
- Prices include all transfers and port taxes, door-to-door transportation and round trip air to Sydney/from Auckland
- Fully escorted by a **SLV** Tour Director

Inside Cabins: Category J starts at \$6467 p.p./dbl.occ., \$8320 single

Outside Cabins: Category F starts at \$6633 p.p./dbl.occ., \$8620 single

This vacation requires a valid passport!

DATE	PORT OF CALL
Feb. 26	Sydney, Australia
Feb. 27	At Sea
Feb. 28	Melbourne
Feb. 29	At Sea
Mar. 1	Port Arthur
Mar. 2	Hobart, Tasmania
Mar. 3	At Sea
Mar. 4	At Sea
Mar. 5	Milford Sound/Fiordland Nat'l Park, New Zealand
Mar. 6	Port Chalmers (Dunedin)
Mar. 7	Akaroa (Christchurch)
Mar. 8	Wellington
Mar. 9	Gisborne
Mar. 10	Tauranga (Rotorua)
Mar. 11	Bay of Plenty/Coromandel Peninsula
Mar. 12	Fly Home

Winter Ice Magic Festival in the Canadian Rockies

Featuring three nights at the Chateau Lake Louise and two nights in Banff National Park, outstanding accommodations

6 Days • January 15-20

Fly to Calgary via Seattle, arriving early afternoon. Travel into the Rockies

and Canada's first national park. Our accommodations are at the iconic **Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise for 3 nights.**

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

Depart Lake Louise for the town of Banff. Sit back and relax in a 4-passenger, glass enclosed gondola as you tour. Marvel at the unsurpassed view of Banff, the Bow Valley and a 360-degree view of six scenic mountain ranges. **Banff Park Lodge for 2 nights.** 3150/3550 Gold Passport Points

Note: Be prepared for cold weather.

Average daytime high is 22 degrees

\$3125 p.p./dbl.occ., \$3540 single

Save \$100 until September 3

This vacation requires a valid passport!

Oregon Chocolate Festival

The Sweetest Weekend Ever

3 Days • March 6-8

★ Highlights ★

- Taste your way through the Oregon Chocolate Festival
- Explore the charming town of Ashland
- Stay at the charming and conveniently located Plaza Inn

- Optional performance by the Oregon Shakespeare Festival
- Shop for your favorite treats at Harry & David's Country Village
- Door to door service
- Deluxe motorcoach service
- 6 meals: 2 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 2 dinners
- 800/900 Gold Passport Points

\$755 p.p./dbl.occ., \$875 single

2 seats available at press time

The Colorful Carolina Coast

Meander the beautiful Southern Atlantic coastline from Norfolk to Jacksonville

10 Days • March 24 – April 2

★ Highlights ★

- Visit North Carolina's Outer Banks, Kitty Hawk, New Bern and the *USS North Carolina*
- See South Carolina's Myrtle Beach, Brookgreen Gardens, Charleston and Ft. Sumter
- Enjoy Georgia's first city, Savannah, and historic Jekyll Island
- 2-night stays oceanfront on Myrtle Beach and in Charleston and Savannah's Historic Districts
- Overnights in Norfolk, the Outer Banks and New Bern
- 17 meals: 7 breakfasts, 5 lunches, 5 dinners
- Door-to-door airport service
- Roundtrip air to Norfolk/from Jacksonville
- 4300/4850 Gold Passport Points

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

Save \$100 until September 3



A morning trolley tour passes sites related to Savannah's rich past and present



Old Coins = New Wealth

We appraise and/or buy U.S. and Canadian coins

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



Pennies

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

Nickels

1946 – present = spend them
1945 and before, possible premium value

Dimes & Quarters

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

Half Dollars

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

Dollars

Susan B. Anthony, Ike and Sacagawea = spend them
Silver Dollars, 1935 and before = worth at least \$14-\$15,
rare dates worth more

Government Issued Proof and Mint Sets, Ike Dollars, Commemoratives

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

One Final Tip: NEVER, EVER clean your coins. To get your coins (and currency) appraised, call **Mark** or **Bob** at the **Sports Leisure** office for an appointment at (916) 361-2051. For large collections, Mark is happy to come to your home for an appraisal/sale. Appraisals are free and there is no obligation.

VALUABLE COUPON

Save \$10–\$40 per person on Cancellation Protection

Valid only when used with Early Payment Discounts. **Your savings depend on the double-occupancy price of the tour. Save \$10** on tours priced from \$451-\$800, **Save \$20** on tours priced from \$801-\$2250, **Save \$30** on tours priced from \$2251-\$3500, **Save \$40** on tours priced at \$3501 or more. To receive the above discounts, you must pay in full within ten days of registration and purchase the protection at the time you pay for your tour.

TOUR UPDATE...

A brief list of tours which are sold out, or have only a limited amount of space (10 or fewer seats, number in parenthesis) remaining. Day trips are not listed.

Sold-Out Tours (waiting lists available)

Laguna Pageant	Annual Christmas Mystery
Sedona	Leavenworth Christmas
Memphis and Nashville	Olympia Harbor Days
Pilgrimage to Plains	Alaska's Kenai Peninsula
Switzerland	Cruise Canada and NE
Santa Cruz	Rose Parade
Key West	Albuquerque Balloon Festival
South Dakota	Thanksgiving in NYC
Ritz Christmas	Apple Farm Christmas
St. Pat's Day in NOLA	

Limited Space (10 or fewer seats)

Lake Powell (8)	Catalina Dreamin' (2)
Colorado Rails (5)	Old Man River (9)
Meet at the Fair Mystery (4)	Hawaii (3)
Mammoth (4)	OR Chocolate Festival (3)
Phoenix Christmas (1)	