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## COVID-19 is Messing with Our Travel Dreams, Big and Small

By Mark Hoffmann

The COVID-19 Virus has rocked the world of travel. It has caused many to pull back or cancel plans to visit exotic places and forced the cancellation or alteration of simple things like theatrical performances and important moments like graduation. Some companies have disappeared. **We will not be one of them.** As a company, we are learning how to deal with the virus on some level while we await a vaccine.

I've owned **Sports Leisure Vacations** since its beginning; **June 8, 1979**. Over 41 years. Two-thirds of a lifetime. So I'm pretty attached to the place. **Sports Leisure Vacations IS DIFFERENT** from many of our fellow tourism businesses. What makes us different is 1) Our Travelers and 2) The Way We Travel.

We have always been out front in our industry. That's due to our innovation and your acceptance of our slightly ahead of their times ideas. Smaller numbers of travelers

on longer trips, the inclusion of upscale meals and attractions, more leisurely/longer itineraries; these are all **Sports Leisure** signature items. They are a big part of the way we travel together because **YOU** and the travelers who came before you told us what you wanted.

Now life is different. This invisible virus is floating around. It's certainly not the first time in history this has happened, but it's serious. More serious for folks in certain categories, less for others. Many trips have been cancelled, long and short. Others have been reworked.

Inside you will find a limited number of day trips and a chart showing you how bus seating might look for now (page 6). If you are in a high risk category and cannot travel until there is a vaccination, we understand. We will miss you, for certain. Stay safe.

For those who can travel, we are starting to see some trips move ahead. Day trip groups will be smaller, and because of that, bus costs will be shared by fewer travelers, so the cost will increase a bit. Longer tours shouldn't go up in price much, because we already limit our extended tours to 25-30 people.

**Face masks or shields must be worn by every traveler at all times while with the group, on the coach, at meals, etc. There cannot be exceptions.** If you cannot wear a mask or a face shield, we cannot include you in our groups at this time.

**Seating on the coach will be a bit different.** If you are traveling alone, and wish to be seated without someone next to you, you will have that option. If you are

traveling with someone from outside your household, you will also have the option of an empty seat next to you if you wish. (Couples traveling together will be seated together, that's the only way this will work.)

**Masks/face shields must be worn on the bus at all times, unless a traveler is eating or drinking. We are sorry, there can be no exception to this rule.** (The fake medical cards **are not** going to get it done here.)

I really don't like the masks either. But it's the best way to protect each other for now. If the mask is something you just can't do, try a face shield. You'll look a little different, but then, some of us already have that challenge... of looking/being a little different. If you forget your mask, we are happy to provide you one.

**Please note that the masks with a ventilator opening will not be accepted.**

The purpose of the mask is to filter what you breathe in and out. That can't be done effectively with an open valve. Please don't make the masks an issue. They are there to provide a measure of two-way protection. If you decline to wear one where designated, we will not allow you to travel on tour with us until the masks are no longer needed.

It's looking like some of our trips will operate in the fall and into the holiday season. I don't have a magic genie, but treatments and vaccines appear to be within reach.

As has been the case for 41 years, if you have a concern, please don't hesitate to call me at our office, or write to me at **MarksIt@aol.com**.

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# Just One Man's Opinion by Mark Hoffmann

Throughout my life, I have been fortunate to have a safety net. It just so happens I'm one of those people who needs one. All of us are good at some things, not quite so good at others. In my personal case, the differences can be **massive**. Surely you know someone or ones like me. I could tell you the lifetime batting average of a baseball star or the diamond rating of a far away hotel, but might not be able to tell you the names of two different hammers if you held them in front of me.

From time to time, like every day, what seems like smarts gets in the way of common sense. Hard to explain. But what is easier to explain is that people like **me** need people like **Lynn Holton**. Lynn was the principal's secretary at Mira Loma High School during my time there (1969-73). Actually, she held that position for over **four decades**.

In high school, I was always in the middle of some event or something which required the permission of the "higher ups." Which explains why I was frequently in the vicinity of the principal's office. Lynn was the gatekeeper for the leader of the school, two men and then a woman during my time at Mira Loma. If you needed to get some crazy idea approved by the man or lady in charge, you had to go through Lynn first.

She wasn't a pushover, but I remember feeling she was "on my side," when it came to getting the go ahead for new student body ideas. She could "grease the rails" or give your idea the "not so sure about this" approach when she ran it by the boss. Lynn was always fair, always smiling and most of the time, on my side.

My time in high school was, well, a challenge. I missed some classes in my sophomore year and when I had to work my senior year and could only attend school

in the mornings, I knew I was in trouble. Indeed, it took 200 credits to graduate, and I was only going to get to 190. Tough times, but I went off to work at the March of Dimes and graduation was left behind. I thought about going to junior college the next year and getting the credits, but for a variety of reasons, that was a mountain I couldn't climb at the time. I became determined to make the lack of a high school diploma a reason to succeed. (Indeed, **Sports Leisure Vacations** would be born only six years later.) As time went on, the diploma has been mostly forgotten. Until recently.

Several years ago, I volunteered to be a part of the Board of Directors for the alumni group for my high school. They only cared you had been a student, so my lack on official diploma wasn't important. We organize different events for and with the school, raise a little money and give it back to the teachers in the form of "mini-grants" to help fill in the times the district doesn't or can't provide. One night, at a board



*Lynn and Mark, best friends for life*

meeting, someone announced **Lynn Holton** was very sick and suggested we might want to include a visit on our schedule.

I got some red (Mira Loma red of course) roses and headed to Lynn's house. Her son (obviously an angel) was there helping out. We spent over an hour letting the memories flow. Eventually, the part of the story where Mark doesn't graduate came up. But this is where this story takes the most amazing twist.

"Mark, I just knew that someday you were going to come back and get that diploma, so I put it in the safe. It stayed there for many, many years waiting for you," Lynn shared.

Hearing Lynn's words really took me by surprise. The principal's secretary, who really didn't know me that well (or so I thought), believed in me when not many people did. Through all the times I had to bother her to get to the man or woman at the top, she had faith in me. How ironic our paths went in different directions until now. What an incredible blessing to get to know "the rest of the story."

Lynn is hanging in there. I went back last week with a former teacher and alumni board member and we spent a long time talking old school stories. The memories flow like water and the time flies by. I know there won't be many more visits, but I'm hoping for at least one or two. It's an honor to be able to spend time with someone who believed in you, even when you could barely see through the rain. There just aren't many people like that who join you on life's journey. You never know who's looking over you.

Thank you Lynn, for believing in a young man who wasn't sure what direction he was going. He made it. Thanks, in no small part, to wonderful angels like you.

**And so it goes...**

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

## We appraise and/or buy old coins

Just about everyone has a jar of old coins sitting around. Turn those coin collections, big and small, into cash. Mark was a coin dealer in his previous life and is interested in expanding his collection. Call for an appointment to have your coins appraised and/or purchased. Find out what your treasures are worth! **916-361-2051** and ask for **Bob** or **Mark**.



## The Shows Must Go On . . .

Theatres all across NorCal are ramping up, hopeful to raise their curtains again next year. Dates are firm, but prices are based on current projections regarding group size and could require adjustment. You're invited to confirm your reservations now, however billing will not occur until closer to operation when everything is set in stone.



San Francisco's **Curran Theatre** is host to **Harry Potter and the Cursed Child**, the eighth story in the popular Harry Potter series and the first to be presented on stage. The show opened in 2016 in London and on Broadway in 2018. It was the most awarded show of that season having won 25 trophies including 6 Tonys. The story unfolds in two parts, opening with Harry who is now an employee of the Ministry of Magic, a husband and the father of three school age children. There are some amazing surprises in this show (but JK Rowling has secured a promise from us not to reveal anything more until you see the show for yourself). This Sunday trip includes a snack box lunch served on the way to *the city* prior to Part 1 with a 1pm curtain. Time is allowed for dinner at the Daily Grill (included) before the start of Part 2 at 6:30pm. Return to Sacramento immediately following. Everyone is invited to wear some (or all!) of your Harry Potter apparel and accessories. And don't forget to bring your wands and owls! **April 18 – \$415**

**San Francisco Opera** will present **The Barber of Seville** on **May 16**. Count Almaviva must rely on the talents of the quick-witted Figaro if he is to win the beautiful Rosina from her lecherous guardian. Rossini's timeless lyric comedy returns in **Emilio Sagi's** buoyant and irresistible Spanish-themed production. Your choice of seating is in the side sections of the Orchestra or the Dress Circle. Be advised the latter requires the use

of steep stairs with no handrails. A stop is included at Fisherman's Wharf for lunch on your own prior to the matinee performance.

### Orchestra – \$175, Dress Circle – \$195

**Broadway Sacramento** will present **Come From Away** the week of **June 29-July 4** in the newly renovated SAFE Credit Union Performing Arts Center (formerly the Community Center Theatre). Our group reservation will be transferred, but we have not yet been assigned a date. When details are confirmed all those who were on the 2020 trip will be notified and offered a seat. Any extras will be made available to the Travel Club.

**Broadway SF** is pleased to announce their 2021 season. All are Wednesday matinee performances at the Golden Gate Theatre, and include a snack box lunch en route to *the city* and time for dinner on your own following the performance at Pier 39.

Winner of the 2018 Tony Award for Best Musical (plus 9 others!) **The Band's Visit** is a delightfully offbeat story, set in a town that's way off the beaten path, in which a band of musicians arrive unexpectedly from out of the blue. Under the spell of the desert sky and with beautiful music perfuming the air, the encounter enlivens the town in unexpected and tantalizing ways. *The Band's Visit* rejoices in the way music can bring together the most unlikely strangers who only a few hours later part as friends.

### April 28 – \$190

**Mean Girls** is a ferociously funny musical written in part by Tina Fey ("30 Rock," "SNL") telling the story of Cady Heron. She grew up on an African savanna, but nothing prepared her for the wild and vicious ways of her strange new home in suburban Illinois. How will this naïve newbie rise to the top of the popularity pecking order? By taking on The Plastics, a trio of lionized frenemies led by the charming but ruthless Regina George. When Cady devises a plan to end Regina's reign she learns the hard way that you can't cross a Queen Bee without getting stung! **July 28 – \$215**

The most recent Broadway revival of Lerner & Lowe's beloved **My Fair Lady** has

hit the road and is headed our way late next year! Eliza Doolittle, a young Cockney flower seller, becomes the "student" of linguistics professor Henry Higgins. He's determined to transform her into his idea of a proper lady, but in the end who is really transformed? You'll be singing along with the classic score featuring "I Could Have Danced All Night," "The Rain in Spain" and "Wouldn't It Be Lovely." **November 3, 2021 – \$205**

Dating to the ancient Greeks, the international symbol for theatre is comedy and tragedy as represented by a smiling and frowning masks. Hopefully this exciting schedule will give you a reason to put on your happy mask!

"Your Tour Guy,"

*Clayton*

**Clayton Whitehead, CTP**  
**Vice President**

The photo on page 1 records a historic moment... as well as a funny one. Your patronage makes it possible for us to support PBS KVIE as the sponsor of "Rob on the Road" and a program underwriter now as we have for the past almost 30 years. With all that's going on Mark and Clayton felt a new spot would be in order. Since travel is currently on hiatus, they decided to talk about masks. Clearly they had different opinions on how to properly cover the face as demonstrated by the cloth mask Mark is holding up and the scuba gear Clayton is wearing! This is the first (and could be the only) spot recorded by KVIE during the pandemic. Thanks to station friends Barry and Ken for making it happen! (Another historic moment was aired recently with Clayton hosting "America's Test Kitchen 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Special," the station's first-ever virtual membership drive! Clayton was filmed in the **Sports Leisure** break room. Don't tell it wasn't a *real* kitchen!)





## Words of Wisdom:

1. Never slap a man who's chewing tobacco.
2. Never kick a cow chip on a hot day.
3. There are two theories to arguing with a woman. Neither works.
4. Never miss a good chance to shut up.
5. Always drink upstream from the herd.
6. If you find yourself in a hole, stop digging.
7. The quickest way to double your money is to fold it and put it back into your pocket.
8. There are three kinds of men: The ones that learn by reading. The few who learn by observation. The rest of them have to pee on the electric fence and find out for themselves.
9. Good judgment comes from experience, and a lot of that comes from bad judgment.
10. If you're riding ahead of the herd, take a look back every now and then to make sure it's still there.
11. Lettin' the cat outta the bag is a whole lot easier'n than puttin' it back in.
12. After eating an entire bull, a mountain lion felt so good he started roaring. He kept it up until a hunter came along and shot him.

The moral : When you're full of bull, keep your mouth shut.

I told my suitcases that there may be no vacation this year. Now I'm dealing with emotional baggage.

★★★★

They are working on pants for old guys. They'll combine the comfort of Dockers, with the protection of Depends. They will be known as Dry Dockers.

★★★★

I've got salad for dinner. Actually fruit salad. Well, mostly grapes. Ok, all grapes. Fermented grapes. Wine. Ok, I've got wine for dinner.

## Some Important Reminders...

- Aliens probably ride past earth and lock their doors...
- If you see me talking to myself, I'm having a staff meeting...
- Do you ever get up in the morning and look at yourself in the mirror and think, that can't be accurate...
- I don't usually go the extra mile, but when I do it's because I missed my exit...
- I told my wife I wanted to be cremated. Should I be concerned she called and made an appointment for Tuesday?

## ★★★★ MEMORIES ★★★★★

I can usually remember Monday through Thursday. If you can remember Friday, Saturday and Sunday, let's put our two heads together.

## ★★★★ MINT CONDITION ★★★★★

Male, 1932 model, high mileage, good condition, some hair, many new parts including hip, knee, cornea and valves. Isn't in running condition, but walks well.

## ★★★★ AND FINALLY ★★★★★

A lady in The Villages, in Florida, was sitting on a bench, near another bench where a gentleman was sitting.

She asked him if he was new to the community and he said "no, I have owned a condo here for 20 years".

She said, "I have been here for 15 years and I have never seen you around!"

He said, "I have been in prison for the last 17 years!"

She was stunned, and finally asked him what he had done. He said that he had murdered his first wife!

She was stunned again... and after a long pause she said... "So, you're SINGLE"

## Paraprosdokians

The first time I heard about paraprosdokians, I liked them. Paraprosdokians are figures of speech in which the latter part of a sentence or phrase is surprising or unexpected and is frequently humorous. (Winston Churchill loved them.)

1. Where there's a will, I want to be in it.
2. The last thing I want to do is hurt you... but it's still on my list.
3. Since light travels faster than sound, some people appear bright until you hear them speak.
4. If I agreed with you, we'd both be wrong.
5. We never really grow up... we only learn how to act in public.
6. War does not determine who is right, only who is left.
7. Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit. Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.
8. To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism. To steal from many is research.
9. I didn't say it was your fault, I said I was blaming you.
10. In filling out an application, where it says, "In case of emergency, notify..." I answered, "a doctor."
11. You do not need a parachute to skydive. You only need a parachute to skydive twice.
12. I used to be indecisive, but now I'm not so sure.
13. To be sure of hitting the target, shoot first and call whatever you hit the target.
14. Going to church doesn't make you a Christian, any more than standing in a garage makes you a car.
15. You're never too old to learn something stupid.
16. I'm supposed to respect my elders, but it's getting harder and harder for me to find one now.

## Friends We Have Lost...

John Caicchiolo      Don Christensen  
Dick Christianson      Hal Mattson

*Godspeed*

Proud members of the



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Here's a friendly reminder of our day trip safety and wellness policies at present: No tours will be sold above 25 to 30 people. Those traveling solo will be assigned a seat pair to themselves on the coach. Couples or those traveling with a friend will be seated together. Masks must be worn at all times when the group is gathered, even when outside, except while eating. Infrared temperatures will be taken at the start of the day. Hand sanitation is required every time you board the coach and supplies will be provided. In this ever-changing climate these protocols could require adjustment. Thank you for your understanding.

## Pass the Corn Nuts

**Tuesday, August 25**

Start the morning with a treat from a local donut shop, but we're not there for the donuts. We're not going to tell you what you're getting, but we promise you'll like it! Our next stop will be at **Ikeda's Country Store** in Auburn. You'll have time for shopping their fresh produce, sweets and *nuts*, but you won't need to buy a slice of their famous home baked pie – we're including it for you to take home. The last journey will take you to **Sloughhouse** and **Davis Ranch** where their legendary fresh *corn* will still be available! Now that you've got all the fresh produce you need, it's time to head back so you can start cooking... and top it off with that delicious pie! **\$110**

## Rockin' the River

**Saturday, September 12**

Raise your hand if you can't remember the last time you went down the Old River Road. Thought so. We'll start the day with an early included lunch at a local bar and grill on the Sacramento River, dining outdoors and socially distanced. All aboard the **Sacramento River Train Old Vine Express** for a ride along the river. This farm to *glass* event offers tastings of selected wines (included) and a DJ playing music. Due to current safety requirements all seating will be in open air cars. If you don't care to partake in the wine tasting, you can

OPT-OUT at time of reservation and receive \$30 credit. Just let us know at the time you make your reservation. **\$190**

## Wide Open Walls & A Royal Sunday, October 11

WOW has elevated Sacramento into the major leagues as a center for mural creation and appreciation. There are over 80 large-scale public art projects throughout our city. Today we'll learn about the artists and their influences, and experience for yourself how WOW is transforming Sacramento one wall at a time. This is a four-hour tour which includes both riding and walking led by WOW's mastermind, David Sobon. After the tour the *Delta King* in Old Sacramento is your host for an included Sunday Brunch complete with a mimosa! **\$150**

## A Day at Apple Hill

**Tuesday, October 13**

Join us for a fun day exploring the food and crafts booths at **High Hill Ranch** and one additional Apple Hill location. You'll enjoy a delicious BBQ picnic-style lunch including a piece of their scrumptious apple pie. You might even wish to purchase a fritter, pie or a bag of fresh apples to bring home! There are so many varieties available at Apple Hill that it will make your heads bob. **\$130**

## Fall in the Sierra

**Wednesday, October 14**

Drink in the beautiful fall scenery as you drive along picturesque Highway 88 through Hope Valley, looking for the shimmering aspens. Lunch is included at **JT's Basque Restaurant**, a Gardnerville landmark, then return home along Highway 50 and the American River, passing through the Tahoe Basin, in hopes of sneaking a peak at more fall color along the way. **\$150**

## Happy Birthday to Golden Gate Park

**Wednesday, October 21**

One of the world's largest and most beautiful, **Golden Gate Park** in San Francisco just celebrated its 150th birthday.

With local guide Craig Smith join the year-long commemoration as we tour, stop and learn how this vast area of sand dunes became the now verdant and horticultural diverse attraction it is today. Larger than New York's Central Park, its 1,017 acres include unique gardens, recreational areas, museums and renowned science venues. Lunch is included at the park's historic Beach Chalet Restaurant served *al fresco* style on their outdoor patio. **\$165**

## Napa in November

**Thursday, November 12**

Known as a wine capital throughout the world, November is a perfect time to experience a day in Napa. In the full glory of Fall, grapes have ripened and vineyards are ready for harvest. Enjoy a relaxing day as we drive through this scenic area of country roads and small communities with stops along the way in Napa and Yountville to do some shopping, sipping, browsing and have lunch on your own. **\$110**

## Christmas Shopping in San Francisco

**Tuesday, December 8**

Join our annual trip to downtown San Francisco to browse, shop or simply enjoy the festive window displays and decorations at your own pace and interest. Lunch is at your leisure in Union Square with an optional shuttle to Pier 39 for the afternoon before returning to Sacramento. **\$110**

## Christmas Lights in San Francisco

**Wednesday, December 16**

Our always popular trip to San Francisco welcomes the Christmas season with a narrated tour of *the city* dressed and decorated in celebration of the holidays. With visits and views of colorful Civic Center, Union Square, Embarcadero and Nob Hill, the lights of the stunning skyline, bridges and city will put you in the spirit of this festive time of year. A mid-afternoon arrival at Pier 39 provides a chance to dine on your own before the evening tour. **\$125**

# The Barber Pole, or Once Over Lightly

**A variety of information of importance  
to Sports Leisure Travelers...**

## How and When We Decide If/ When a Trip is a "Go"

This question has been asked more than a few times recently. We are happy to share a bit of our current procedures for determining if a trip moves into the final planning/departure stages. While no trip has departed since mid-March, we have reason to believe that will change in the coming weeks.

Right now, the pattern on longer trips is to wait until the 3 month to departure mark, or when the first tour deposit becomes non-refundable to us. We first check with those registered for the trip. Do you still want to go? If the answer is no, refunds are sent and the trip is cancelled. If there are enough travelers who still want to go, we move to the next step.

Can the destination accept us? Are at least 80% of the attractions/restaurants/amenities still available to us? If the answer is no, the tour is cancelled. If it's yes, we move forward. Twice in recent months, we have come within a few days of having a trip leave. But conditions changed, or didn't improve and we decided not to put our travelers at risk, or critical components for the trip were not available.

Through all of this, our travelers have been amazing. We have made an extra effort to get refunds to you as quickly as possible if your trip is cancelled. We are all working together, in the hopes of returning to our favorite destinations as soon as possible.

## Why Continue to Offer Tours if We Don't Know if We Can Travel?

Certainly, once a vaccine for the virus is widely available, travel will hopefully ramp up quickly. Traditionally, our tours are planned as much as 12-18 months in advance. Some reservations are difficult to secure, and often the first person/tour operator in the door gets a little better price than the second person. So it's important we continue to plan to a return to travel.

In some cases we have reduced deposits. For the new **2021 Theatre Day Trips** offered on these pages, we are only asking you to make a reservation. No invoice will arrive until we know the curtain will go up.

## New Day Trips

Our staff has gotten creative and their new ideas for day outings are on these pages. The number of passengers will be more limited, which results in an increased cost (the cost of the bus and the staff are shared by fewer passengers, resulting in a higher cost) that can't be avoided. It will give you more room, an increased amount of space on board and more space for any treasures you pick up along the way.

If the listed trips sell out, we may be able to add departures. You can read about our protocols on the **Daycations** page, but it's a new day for travel and expect some differences. You will also be asked to sign a release for each of the new trips. **Sports Leisure Vacations** and those we work with on tour are all working very hard to

keep you safe. But the virus is in our environment, and safety cannot be guaranteed. You will be asked to sign a "hold harmless" document in advance of your travels. You are simply saying you understand the risks, and as a responsible adult, you are accepting and dealing with them.

The new day trips are "creative." With restaurants down in California right now, we have tried to create trips that don't need a meal, or where it can be served al fresco. (Outdoor dining anyone?) With our November and December trips, we assume some restaurant services will be available. **For trips scheduled to depart in the next 30 days, please be prepared to pay by credit**

**card or mail a check the day you make reservations.** For some later trips, you will receive an invoice by mail.

## If You Have Decided Not to Go...

If you look at a tour you have scheduled and think to yourself, "I would never be comfortable making that trip right now," we would truly appreciate it if you cancel your reservation. We base our actions on the number of people still registered. If you are "dead weight," just waiting to hear from us to cancel, you create the illusion of more willing travelers than there really are. Does that make sense?

**Bottom Line...** this is going to be a bit different for a while. If you have health concerns, or are super picky about details, you should probably sit it out for a while longer.

**Concerns, questions?...** Bound to come up. That's why we are here. Please keep in mind our reduced hours (**9-3, M,T,TH,F**) if you need to contact us by phone.

## SAMPLE SEATING CHART

Trip: LAKE TAHOE		CP \$ 15	Dep. Arrt. \$ 0
Dates: JULY 4		DBL OCC \$ 99	SGL OCC \$ 99
P/Up: CH / AE / IBW		#Pax 25	Tour Code LKT076420
DRIVER		DOOR	
1	ESCORT	ESCORT	
2	BOBBIE	X	
3	GREG	LISA	
4	MARGARET	X	
5	ELAINE	X	
6	SUSAN	X	
7	GIGI	LINDA	
8	TONY	SALLY	
9	JO	X	
10	HANK	X	
11	X	X	
TD: <u>Wizeth</u>		TP: <u>MARK</u>	

	X	JOAN	1
	WALLY	KATE	2
	X	SUE	3
	X	JOHN	4
	X	BARBARA	5
	JOE	HELEN	6
	X	CARL	7
	MIKE	CAROL	8
	TOM	TONI	9
	X	X	10
	X	X	11
	X	X	12





# Special Announcement

## Vacation Preview Day

Friday, October 30, 2020  
and  
Saturday, October 31, 2020

**KVIE Studios • 2030 West El Camino Ave.**

Here's your opportunity to get an advance copy of our annual catalog and have a chance to get in the **CASH CUBE** and win some \$\$\$ to put towards your travels.

We all hope for an indoor event, where we can update you on our philanthropic projects, talk a little about the new trips and see our friends. If that isn't possible, we will still host you at KVIE, and distribute catalogs in the parking lot!

**Make your reservations NOW.**  
**Here's a list of session times:**

**Friday – October 30**  
**8:30am, 11:30am, 2:30pm**

**Saturday, October 31**  
**11:30am, 2:30pm**

Admission Fee (yes, even if it's outdoors) – \$10, which is ALL donated to local charities.

Featuring presentations on the new destinations and some of the repeats. Socially distanced seating in the building.

### Who wants to play Zoom Bingo?

**FREE**

You're invited to join us online for Zoom Bingo! Our first three games have shown that we have some serious Bingo players among us! Your host Chris is marginal, his "lovely" assistant Mark (A.K.A. Vanna) has seen better days, but luckily our youngster Tyler is there to keep things running smoothly. What can you win you ask? Some prizes are truly priceless, while others might actually be something you would want or could use. It's a mixed bag and best to keep your expectations in line with reality. It's all about good fun with nice people sharing laughs and camaraderie. Simply call the office or email [res@sportsleisure.com](mailto:res@sportsleisure.com) to register. You'll receive your official Bingo cards by mail and then you're all set! **You must have a computer or phone connected to wifi to play.** You don't have anything else to do, so why not go online and "get out of the house" so to speak? Hope to see you there! The fun starts at 11:00 on these upcoming dates:

**Thursday, August 20 / Wednesday, September 2 / Thursday, September 17**



**We have our costumes ready, what about you?**



# The Tour Calendar *(Previously Announced)*

## Santa Cruzin' at the Dream Inn

*Every room has an ocean view*

**3 Days • September 15-17, 2020**

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Come with us down to the beach for some sun-filled, fun-filled days in Santa Cruz. Spend two heavenly nights at the iconic **Dream Inn** where every room has an ocean view and you're steps away from the beach!

The **Dream Inn** has been a part of the Santa Cruz beach landscape since it opened in the early 70's. It quickly became THE PLACE to stay primarily because it's so close to the Santa Cruz Wharf and the popular Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk. It's been recently remodeled and walking into its retro-chic lobby immediately reminds you that you are near the beach.

Still not convinced? How about waking up both mornings (promise not to rush you), to the sound of the ocean, with the Beach Boardwalk and Santa Cruz Wharf in sight?

Included: lunches at Porter's Restaurant at the Poppy Ridge Golf Club in Livermore and the Crow's Nest in Santa Cruz, and dinner with a sunset ocean view at our hotel.

We've replaced the canceled Follies Show with visits to either the **Seymour Marine Discovery Center**, a community-supported marine science education center of the UC

Santa Cruz or the nearby **Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary Exploration Center**, featuring state-of-the-art exhibits and interactive displays highlighting the sanctuary and its incredible underwater environment. A docent-guided tour of Santa Cruz with one of the city's native sons and time to shop in nearby Capitola round out your three days of sun and relaxation in this popular beachside resort town.

This tour includes door-to-door service, deluxe motorcoach transportation, your accommodations, 2 lunches and 1 dinner, the activities mentioned and the services of a **Sports Leisure** Tour Director (Donnie Anderson). Meal locations and menus subject to change due to COVID-19 considerations. 25 passenger capacity, 4 open at press time. 1250/1450 Gold Passport Points

**\$1225 p.p./dbl.occ., \$1440 single**

## Pure Michigan: Mackinac & The Upper Peninsula

**8 Days • September 17-24, 2020**

**A**

At this time, this tour is sold out at 21 passengers plus staff. If you have any interest in joining us, call our office and inquire about possible cancellations.

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

**M**

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

**5 Days • September 29 – October 3, 2020**

Join Mark for his favorite thing – a trip down an old highway. This time, it's America's first transcontinental road, The Lincoln Highway. Travel across Nevada, mostly on I-80, then drop down to Ely, and pick up ghost towns and small towns along the route as you wind your way home on The Lincoln Highway, which later become US 50.

### ★ Highlights ★

- Authentic Basque-style lunch
- Visit the ghost town of Cherry Creek
- Explore McGill Drugs, frozen in time from 50 years ago
- Ride the Ghost Train of Old Ely, visit a bordello and meet the ladies... optional, of course
- Tour Eureka & Austin, tiny historical outposts on the historic Lincoln Highway
- Visit the Nevada State Museum in the old Carson City Mint
- Lunch atop Harrah's Tahoe, 11 included meals: 3 breakfasts, 1 full breakfast, 5 lunches, 2 dinners
- Door-to-door service
- 1550/1800 Gold Passport Points
- Tour Directors: Mark Hoffmann, Tyler Gerald
- 24 passenger capacity, 6 open

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

## Spectacular Sedona

**A**

*Four nights at the Hilton Sedona Resort*

**5 Days • November 1-5, 2020**

### ★ Highlights ★

- Brunch at the Wrigley Mansion
- Ride the Verde Valley Railroad
- Visit the town of Jerome
- Guided tour of the Copper Museum
- Lunch and entertainment in Flagstaff
- 8 meals: 4 breakfasts, 1 brunch, 2 lunches, 1 dinner
- 2500/2900 Gold Passport Points
- 25 passengers maximum, 5 open

**\$2495 p.p./dbl.occ., \$2885 single**



*Sweet treats are the perfect end to a great day of touring*



## Beautiful Bodega Bay and The Coast

Featuring the Sonoma Coastline

3 Days • November 8-10, 2020

### ★ Highlights ★

- Relax in comfort and enjoy the hospitality of Bodega Bay Lodge & Spa, overlooking Doran Beach
- Tour the Marine Biology Laboratory
- Dine at the historic Occidental Union Hotel; and legendary Tides
- 5 meals: 2 full breakfasts, 1 brunch, 2 lunches
- Door-to-door service and deluxe motorcoach transportation
- 1200/1400 Gold Passport Points
- 25 passengers maximum, 9 open

There is something special about the Sonoma Coast: beaches that stretch for miles, remnants of rocks forming striking sea stacks, and ah... the sound of the ocean. As you walk along Bodega Head, listen for the barking of the sea lions; and as you relax in your room, the sound of the fog horn.

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

## An Apple Farm Christmas

Featuring Hearst Castle and Cambria Christmas Market

4 Days • Nov. 30 – Dec. 3, 2020

A holiday favorite for **Sports Leisure** travelers for many years, the Apple Farm is classic Christmas. Add the grandeur of the Hearst Castle and their decorations and you will be inspired to come home and “deck your halls.” This early December holiday trip includes three nights at the favored Apple Farm Inn; an “upstairs tour” of the Hearst Castle including Hearst’s private office and living quarters; and the Cambria Christmas Market to get you into the holiday spirit.

1. Begin with a drive down through the western side of the Central Valley, arriving at Harris Ranch Inn for lunch. Their collection of Christmas decorations is sure to set the spirit soaring with delight. In the company store you will find almonds, apricots and other fine goodies fresh from the neighboring orchards. Continue to the coast, arriving in San Luis Obispo late afternoon. **Apple Farm Inn – 3 nights (L)**

2. Relax a bit with a later morning start before heading out on our excursions. Morro

Bay is a quaint coastal village with plenty of shopping, and great clam chowder. We’ll start with a visit to the “rock” to see if we can spot some harbor seals playing in the bay followed with time to browse the shops. This evening, stroll through booths at Cambria’s Christmas Market. Vendors, musicians and festive lights make this a great holiday event. **(FB,L)**

3. A nice hot breakfast prepares you for a day of touring along the Central Coast. First up, we will stop in at the little hamlet of Harmony. Once home to a dairy creamery, this little village is continually re-inventing itself with artisan shops. As time and weather allows, we will visit the Elephant Seal Rookery in San Simeon. December is the month the females arrive to give birth to their 70 pound pups! Then, step back in time as you tour the Assembly Room and the Upstairs Suites of Hearst Castle.

Please note: the tour is 60 minutes in length, includes **332 steps** both up and down, and **3/4 mile walk** with much standing. (You may OPT OUT of castle tour at time of registration and receive \$30 credit). **(FB,L)**

4. On our return to Sacramento, we make a brief stop in Salinas at the Steinbeck Center. This quintessential American author truly is the story of local boy “done good.” While Steinbeck’s writings were very controversial at the time they were written, today Salinas is proud of their Nobel Prize author. Arrive Sacramento, early evening to find the transfer to your home provided by

our local car service. **(FB,L)**

This holiday vacation includes door-to-door service, r/t motorcoach transportation, accommodations, 7 meals **(3FB,4L)**, all tours and attractions listed, and the services of a **Sports Leisure Vacations** Tour Director. 1450/1650 Gold Passport Points, 30 passengers, 9 open.

**\$1405 p.p./dbl.occ., \$1615 single**

## The California Christmas Mystery Tour

5 Days • December 3-7, 2020

It is perhaps our most sought after reservation of the year and this year was no exception. We actually added a second departure on Dec. 2nd, and it quickly filled. Currently, both departures are sold out. You can call and place your name on the wait list. The package includes 9 meals, one way airfare, train, boat and coach transportation, plus the services of a **Sports Leisure** Tour Director (or two). 2200/2450 Gold Passport Points

**\$2160 p.p./dbl.occ., \$2450 single**

## All Aboard the Christmas Train

A close-to-home holiday expedition to The Silver State!

3 Days • December 23-25, 2020

1. Start your holiday like all good vacations should – by sleeping in! The *California Zephyr* leaves the Amtrak Station at half past 11, arriving in Reno at 4 p.m. Whether there’s snow or not the trip through the Sierra



Santa and his elf look rather familiar, wouldn't you say?

Nevada, complimented by a gourmet boxed lunch, is always stunning. Tonight enjoy the gaming action, dining options and other exciting opportunities offered in The Row, the new interconnected entertainment venue in downtown Reno bringing the Silver Legacy, Eldorado and Circus Circus together under one roof. **Silver Legacy – 2 nights (L)**

**2.** Visit nearby Virginia City where a holiday scavenger hunt awaits prompting you to visit beautifully decorated shops, bars and historic sites as your interest warrants. Of course, in Virginia City bars and historic sites are often one in the same – not completely a bad thing and we think Mark Twain would agree! Back in Reno enjoy a traditional gift exchange and dinner followed by optional church services. Let's pray "midnight mass" begins well before midnight! **(FB,D)**

**3.** Our fun and funky gift exchange assures lots of laughs whether you end up with a keeper or white elephant! A midday Christmas feast and the scenic drive home via Lake Tahoe's south shore is the perfect way to end our holiday expedition. **(FB,L)**

Tour includes home pick-up and return, Amtrak ticket (one way), deluxe motorcoach service, accommodations, activities as indicated, 5 meals **(2FB,2L,1D)** and the services of a **Sports Leisure Vacations** Tour Director. 1000/1100 Gold Passport Points

**\$960 p.p./dbl.occ., \$1060 single**

## The Queen Mary, New Year's Eve and A Salute to Vienna

**A**

*Ring in the New Year aboard the historic Queen Mary*

**4 Days • December 30 – January 2, 2021**

Are you ready to "ring out" 2020 and start a new year? **Sports Leisure Vacations** has just the trip for you! A swanky New Year's Eve party aboard the historic *Queen Mary* in Long Beach. For several years now, travelers have been asking for a New Year's Eve party (we've had some great ones over the years especially at Harris Ranch Inn, and aboard the *USS Midway*) and **May** has discovered a new experience for you.

**1.** The festivities begin with a mid-morning flight to Long Beach. After lunch, settle into the *Queen Mary* Hotel. A docent-guided historical tour helps you get oriented to the docked ship; and provides some context for your stay. **Queen Mary Hotel – 2 nights (L)**

**2.** It is New Year's Eve Day, so we have planned a leisurely morning and afternoon. Choose from a visit to the Long Beach Aquarium, a nearby shopping center, or to just relax on the ship. Tonight, a fabulous dinner and music await, as everyone gets dressed up to ring out the old, and ring in the new. Get out your glitz and glitter... **(L, D)**

**3.** A late morning start is planned after an evening of festivities, but you have another full day ahead. Depart Long Beach for San Diego. After a quick lunch, arrive at the

Copley Symphony Hall in San Diego for the afternoon performance of *Salute to Vienna...* a dazzling performance evoking the golden age of Viennese music, and is a glorious re-creation of the beloved Neujahrskonzert, the concert that has welcomed the New Year for more than 80 years in Vienna and all over the world. **Embassy Suites Waterfront Hotel – San Diego (L)**

**4.** A mid-day flight returns you home after a festive beginning to 2021. With Strauss waltzes still playing in your ears, and visions of bygone elegance, you can welcome a new year filled with memories of beauty, joy and entertainment. **(FB)**

This package includes door-to-door service, roundtrip air to Long Beach/ from San Diego, deluxe motorcoach transportation, all attractions listed above, and 5 meals **(1FB,3L,1D)** along with the services of your **Sports Leisure Vacations** Tour Director.

**Pricing and final itinerary in October  
(when they determine if the entertainment and performances can be held)**

## Key West, Miami and The Everglades

**E**

*A SLV favorite; a winter tradition*

**6 Days • January 23-28, 2021**

This trip quickly sold out. We Invite you to place your name on the wait list. The tour doesn't depart until January, so there will be some movement no doubt.

**\$3725 p.p./dbl.occ., \$4250 single**

## Eagles and Owls

**A**

*Unique birds of prey viewing and an agricultural education experience*

**3 Days • January 29-31, 2021**

**★ Highlights ★**

- Private Ranch and Owl tours
- Sunday brunch at Harrah's Lake Tahoe
- 3 meals: 1 brunch, 1 lunch, 1 dinner
- Door-to-door service
- 1050/1150 Gold Passport Points

**1.** Experience the beauty of the Sierra Nevada Mountains in winter as you travel along Highway 50 to the south shore of beautiful Lake Tahoe. Pause for lunch before traveling east to Carson Valley and the town of Minden in Nevada. The annual *Eagles and Agriculture* gathering focuses on the



*The holidays are best spent with friends!*





influx of bald eagles and other birds of prey that come to the scenic Carson Valley each year during winter calving season. This remarkable interaction between nature and agriculture attracts photographers, birders and nature-lovers of all kinds who come to closely observe raptors and a variety of other birds. Tonight, dinner is hosted with guest presenters. **Carson Valley Inn – 2 nights (D)**

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

**3.** Time to head back over the mountains stopping again at Lake Tahoe's south shore where you will enjoy the popular Sunday Brunch at the Forest Buffet, high atop Harrah's Casino/Resort, before returning to Sacramento. **(BR)**

**\$1015 p.p./dbl.occ., \$1125 single**  
**Save \$20 until August 31**

## Winter in Yellowstone National Park

**A**

*Featuring stays at the Old Faithful Snow Lodge and Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel in Yellowstone National Park*

**7 Days • February 19-25, 2021**

Join our select group for a trip to the winter wonderland that is Yellowstone National Park. It's an adventure you'll never forget...

**1.** Fly to Bozeman Montana. Lunch is hosted before traveling to Gardiner situated at the North entrance of Yellowstone National Park. **Ridgeline Hotel (L)**

**2.** Enter the incredible landscape of Yellowstone National Park. Winter is a special time to visit Yellowstone. Deep snow in the high country pushes the wildlife down to lower elevations. Today we explore the famed Lamar Valley on a wildlife tour. Elk, bison, coyotes and fox are some of the animals we are looking for but our big prize here is to spot wolf packs. **Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel (B,L)**

**3.** Today we travel south to Old Faithful. Sit back and enjoy the spectacular scenery in comfort, as you move easily across the snow in custom snow coaches chauffeured by an experienced guide. Along the way learn about the park's history, walk thermal basins viewing geysers and hot springs. Your accommodations for the evening are just steps away from the famous geyser. **Old Faithful Snow Lodge – 2 nights (B,L)**

**4.** Today enjoy a free day to walk the Old Faithful geyser basin and spend time in the visitor's center. For (extra cost) rent snowshoes or cross-country skis and head off on your own adventure or join a guided expedition. **(B)**

**5.** Depart the park for West Yellowstone. Lunch is hosted before a visit to The Grizzly & Wolf Discovery Center. The Center is home for grizzly bears from as far away as Alaska. Each bear and its story is unique, but they all have something in common; they came to reside here after becoming nuisance bears or orphaned cubs of a nuisance bear.

**Holiday Inn West Yellowstone (B,L)**

**6.** Travel south through Idaho crossing the Grand Teton Mountains to the town of Jackson. Lunch is hosted before taking a horse-drawn sleigh ride among an elk herd numbering in the thousands at the National Elk Refuge. **Wort Hotel (B,L)**

**7.** Enjoy a free morning to visit the shops

in town before your afternoon flight back to Sacramento. A memorable trip you will not soon forget! **(B)**

This tour is limited to 20 people and includes roundtrip airfare, deluxe transportation and airport transfers, accommodations, all attractions and meals listed in the itinerary and the services of **Sports Leisure Vacations** Tour Director Scott Angeletti. 4000/4500 Gold Passport Points

**\$3950 p.p./dbl.occ., \$4495 single**

## Winter at the Majestic Ahwahnee

**A**

*Featuring an overnight stay in Yosemite National Park*

**2 Days • February 21-22, 2021**

This trip is a **Sports Leisure Vacations** favorite! And the focus is all about the Ahwahnee Hotel... recently re-named *The Majestic Yosemite Hotel*. For this writer, and many others, it will always be the Ahwahnee. Enjoy brunch in the Grand Dining Room, have a docent-guided historic tour of the public areas, and spend one night in what is considered the Grand Dame of National Park hotels.

**1.** Travel through the Central Valley to Yosemite National Park and to the historic Ahwahnee Hotel, built in 1926. Sunday Brunch is presented in the Ahwahnee Dining



*Yellowstone National Park in the winter will take your breath away*





Room, with its 34 foot high ceilings and floor to ceiling windows. A guided tour of the public areas deepens your appreciation for the architecture and interior design of this grand structure. Pause for a cup of tea in the Grand Lounge while awaiting check-in at 5pm. The evening is yours to enjoy the historic surroundings. **Ahwahnee Hotel (BR)**

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

This package includes motorcoach transportation, accommodations, 1 brunch, all tours and attractions as listed above and the services of a **Sports Leisure Vacations** Tour Director. 30 passengers, 12 seats available. 800/900 Gold Passport Points.

**\$770 p.p./dbl.occ., \$870 single**  
**\$ave \$20 until August 31**

## Tonopah and Laughlin with Just a Glimmer of Vegas

An "all coach" trip through the desert, with 3 nights on the Colorado River



**6 Days • February 28 – March 5, 2021**

### ★ Highlights ★

- 3 nights next to the Colorado River with river view accommodations
- Optional side trips to Oatman, AZ and Lake Havasu
- 1 night Tonopah, home of the Mizpah Hotel; and 1 night at Tachi Palace
- Door-to-door service
- 6 meals: 1 brunch, 4 lunches, 1 dinner
- 25 passengers, 13 available
- 1750/1950 Gold Passport Points

For many years we have stayed in Las Vegas but now travelers' comments ask for more time in Laughlin, and less in Vegas... We will still stop on "The Strip" for several hours to satisfy your curiosity, and then continue to your hotel on the Colorado River for 3 nights.

1. Our convenient door-to-door service

brings you to the **Sports Leisure Vacations** office. Depart for the south shore of Lake Tahoe for the popular Forest Buffet at Harrah's. Continue your travels down Hwy. 395, crisscrossing California and Nevada as you make your way to Tonopah. Indulge yourself at the **Mizpah Hotel**, a landmark of luxury since 1907, when Tonopah was the last of the Wild West boom towns, bustling with those seeking fortunes in the silver mines. Due to a limited number of two-bedded rooms at the historic Mizpah Hotel, additional double rooms will be provided at the nearby **Best Western High Desert Inn. (BR)**

2. A quick stop in Las Vegas is just enough to whet your appetite; next, drop by Sam's Town for a dinner. Arrive Laughlin early evening with three nights to enjoy the river view from your hotel. **Golden Nugget – 3 nights (D)**

3-4. With two full days in Laughlin, you have several options. Travel the Colorado River by jet boat to Lake Havasu, home of the famous London Bridge; and view breathtaking Topock Gorge, only accessible by river, along the way. Enjoy a hosted lunch before returning to Laughlin via our coach. (If you opt out of the jet boat ride and lunch at Lake Havasu, you may deduct \$100 from the price of the tour. This must be done at time of making your reservation.) Or maybe you'd rather visit Oatman, a Route 66 landmark and home to the famous burros. Have lunch at the Oatman Hotel; tho' a word

of warning – watch out those burros don't steal your ice cream! (Opt out at time of booking, and receive \$25 credit.) **(2L)**

5. Depart Laughlin this morning, stopping in Yermo for lunch at the fabulous and fun Peggy Sue's, then continue on through Mojave and Bakersfield to Tachi Palace for one more opportunity at the slots. This beautiful hotel is one of the finest casino hotels in California. **Tachi Palace (L)**

6. Enjoy a relaxing morning before traveling north, arriving in Sacramento early afternoon. Your transportation waits at the office to take you home. **(L)**

**\$1705 p.p./dbl.occ., \$1945 single**  
**\$ave \$40 until August 31**

## Alaska's Aurora Borealis

Featuring small group travel with unique winter attractions

**7 Days • March 6-12, 2021**



### ★ Highlights ★

- Small group; 20 max., 3 available
- View the Aurora Borealis in the dark skies outside of Fairbanks
- Tour of the BP Ice Art Championship sculptures
- Travel on the Alaska Railroad from Talkeetna to Healy
- Dogsled at Dallas Seavey kennel, winner of the 2012, 2014, 2015 & 2016 Iditarod
- Star Lady Aurora presentation
- Door-to-door airport transportation
- R/T air to Anchorage and from Fairbanks
- 8 Meals: 1 breakfast, 4 lunches,



The Northern Lights near Fairbanks are nothing short of amazing



3 dinners

- 4350/4650 Gold Passport Points

Please note: You must be prepared for cold weather (0 to 25 degrees Fahrenheit is typical) throughout this tour. See the complete day-by-day itinerary online, or refer to the May newsletter.

**\$4345 p.p./dbl.occ., \$4610 single**  
**\$ave \$75 until August 31**

## **Desert Beauty: Anza-Borrego and Joshua Tree National Park**

*Springtime wildflowers, majestic  
landscapes, and splendid beauty*



**5 Days • March 15-19, 2021**

### **★ Highlights ★**

- Anza-Borrego State Park, Joshua Tree National Park and the gardens of the Living Desert provide spectacular examples of desert beauty
- Experience the desert first hand with a jeep ride, tram ride and guided tour of the region
- Stay 3 nights at the Agua Caliente Resort
- Door-to-door airport service
- Roundtrip airfare to San Diego/from Ontario
- 5 meals: 1 full breakfast, 3 lunches, 1 dinner
- 2500/2900 Gold Passport Points
- 25 passengers max., 9 open

The desert is a place of silence, light and space with beauty in its arid landscape, and wildflowers tucked into its crevices. Spend enough time here and the desert will weave a spell upon you. Experience the beauty and grandeur for yourself in this springtime expedition.

**1.** A late-morning flight delivers you to San Diego for lunch in the beautiful Old Town. After lunch, enjoy the view of the Pacific Ocean from Point Cabrillo, a monumental site commemorating the first European explorer. **Embassy Suites Waterfront Hotel (L)**

**2.** Travel from the seashore into the mountains to Julian, a small mining town known for apple pies. A quick lunch and you are off to Anza-Borrego Desert State Park, California's largest. Famous for its springtime display of wildflowers, this desert park has so much to offer: dramatic mountains and

vast arid landscapes punctuated by oases prolific with all types of flora and fauna. Our late afternoon drive to Rancho Mirage, home to a "hot water" resort, provides insight into the agriculture of the Coachella Valley. **Agua Caliente Casino Resort Spa – 3 nights (FB,L)**

**3.** Climb into one of the famous "red jeeps" for a trek into slot canyons and an open air ride through the desert landscape. With a local guide explaining the history, culture and legends of the Cahuilla people, the beauty of the desert comes alive with your driver's interpretation. This afternoon ascend two-and-one-half miles through multiple life zones aboard the world's largest rotating tramcar to witness the diversity of the desert and amazing views of the Coachella Valley.

**4.** Two distinct desert ecosystems, the Mojave and the Colorado, come together in Joshua Tree National Park. Forests of trees and jumbles of massive rocks make this an enchanting place – a land sculpted by strong winds and torrents of rain. The surreal geologic features add to the mystique of this vast wilderness. This evening you have the option to stroll through Village Fest, a menagerie of crafts, art and music on Palm Canyon Road, in downtown Palm Springs. **(L,D)**

**5.** Desert beauty comes in many forms. This morning, go behind-the-scenes for a private tour at The Living Desert Zoo and Gardens, providing insight to the survival of life in many deserts around the world. An afternoon flight from Ontario returns you home with a greater appreciation of the desert and all her beauty.

**\$2490 p.p./dbl.occ., \$2880 single**  
**\$ave \$50 until August 31**

## **Nebraska: Cranes, Chickens and Kool-Aid**

*Featuring Willa Cather's prairie lands*

**5 Days • March 22-26, 2021**



- Evening and morning viewing of cranes at Rowe Sanctuary
- Visit the Crane Trust Foundation headquarters
- Drive through the countryside with local crane "guy"
- Walk through the Kool-Aid exhibit at the Hastings Museum

- Spend the morning in Red Cloud, home to author Willa Cather
- Early morning "chicken dance" experience
- 10 meals: 4 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 2 dinners
- Door-to-door service
- R/T air to Kearney/from North Platte
- 2350/2600 Gold Passport Points

**\$2335 p.p./dbl.occ., \$2580 single**  
**\$ave \$50 until August 31**

## **The Colorful Carolina Coast**

*Meander the beautiful Southern Atlantic coastline from Norfolk to Jacksonville*

**10 Days • March 23 – April 1, 2021**



### **★ 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
- Round trip air to Norfolk/from Jacksonville
- 4300/4850 Gold Passport Points

**\$4260 p.p./dbl.occ., \$4820 single**  
**\$ave \$75 until August 31**



*Serving up Toot's famous prune cake*



## NYC – Behind Broadway and The Bronx

Take a bite of the Big Apple with us!

6 Days • April 24-29, 2021

E

### ★ Highlights ★

- 5 nights at the Marriott Marquis Times Square, in the heart of the city
- 2 included nights of theater (*The Music Man* plus one of your choice – an exclusive **SLV** feature); a night at Carnegie Hall with the New York Symphony Pops Orchestra
- A Day Behind Broadway – meet Broadway actors/musicians/technicians to learn the inner workings. Talk hits and misses with Peter Filicia, a theater reviewer
- A Day in The Bronx – taste the real “Little Italy”, meet the FDNY and NYPD with stops at a working fire station and police precinct.
- A Day Downtown – stroll Wall Street & the Financial District, 9/11 Memorial/ Museum/Observation Deck (all 3 experiences included)
- Free day to visit Ellis and Liberty Islands; optional visit to Grand Central Station
- Roundtrip airfare to/from NYC
- 6 meals: 3 lunches, 3 dinners
- Door-to-door airport service
- 4300/4850 Gold Passport Points



All smiles for Susan and the Bronx fireman

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

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

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

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

**4. In Central Park pay homage to John Lennon. At Strawberry Fields, a mosaic spells out “Imagine”, timely still today. At a real working firehouse and precinct, Bronx FDNY and NYPD share the rigors of the job and their efforts to strengthen community relations and safety. True heroes! Eat your way along Arthur Avenue, The Real Little Italy. Meet shop owners producing the foods you enjoyed at lunch. Grab some to take home, our treat! Oh, and the fresh cannoli? *Mangia, mangia!* Tonight is your first night on Broadway seeing the show of your choosing. Your Tour Directors will be**

available to direct/escort you. **(L)**

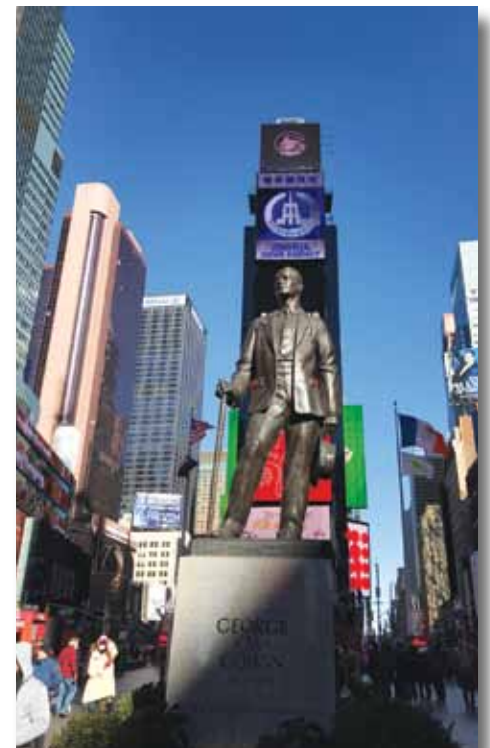
**5. Pull back the curtain of Broadway. At a rehearsal studio, ask actors, musicians and technicians about their training, path to the stage or insider gossip! Meet Peter Filicia, a theater critic, with deep roots and a long history in the Broadway world. An endless source of information and full of entertaining stories, he's a show unto himself! Lunch is at an authentic New York Deli; try the pastrami! *The Music Man*, the highly anticipated revival starring Hugh Jackman and Sutton Foster, rounds out your New York Broadway experience. Will Harold Hill survive the wrath of the people of River City, Iowa and win the heart of Marian the Librarian? Expect a few new twists and turns in this retelling of the beloved musical story by Meredith Willson.**

**(L)**

**6. Before Times Square roars to life, your Tour Director will walk you to Hershey's Chocolate World where you can tap into your inner child with a S'mores, customized as you wish! Why you ask? It's New York and anything is possible here, so why not? Take your last minute photos or find that perfect souvenir. With sticky fingers and a chocolate-smudged smile, head to the airport for your return flight home.**

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# Rescheduled Tours for 2021

*It is still too early to finalize air schedules and prices for many of these trips... Watch upcoming newsletters and the SLV Website for release of 2021 details. Call to book your seat on the new departure, with a minimal deposit. Once the final pricing has been determined, new Trip Invoices will be mailed later this summer and you will have the opportunity to cancel without penalty up to 60 days prior to departure. (Day-by-Day itinerary and highlights may be found in the 2020 Dream Book)*

## Skagit Valley Tulip Festival

*Celebrate the beauty of Spring in the lush Pacific Northwest*

**3 Days • April 15-17, 2021**

*See page 19 in our 2020 catalog*

## Moab, Gateway to Arches National Park

*4 nights at the spectacular Red Cliffs Lodge on the banks of the Colorado River*

**5 Days • May 2-6, 2021**

*See page 22 in our 2020 catalog*

## Springtime in Yosemite

*Giant Sequoias, waterfalls and spring flowers*

**3 Days • May 11-13, 2021**

*See page 6 in our 2020 catalog*

## Niagara Falls, Naturally Awesome!

*Your room overlooks The Falls*

**5 Days • May 17-21, 2021**

*See page 34 in our 2020 catalog*

## Walla Walla & Pendleton

*Lewis & Clark, Oregon's Cowboy country, the Columbia River*

**5 Days • June 1-5, 2021**

*See page 24 in our 2020 catalog*

## Falling for Boise

*Featuring Shoshone Falls in the Snake River Canyon*

**4 Days • June 1-4, 2021**

*See page 43 in our 2020 catalog*

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## Lassen Volcanic National Park

*Featuring rivers, lakes and waterfalls*

**3 Days • July 7-9, 2021**

*See page 7 in our 2020 catalog*

## The Sound of Music in Leavenworth

*Take the Train to Washington's Little Bavaria*

**4 Days • July 13-16, 2021**

*See page 41 in our 2020 catalog*

## Laguna Beach and The Pageant of the Masters

*Southern California's Premiere Event*

**3 Days • July 18-20, August 22-24 or August 29-31, 2021**

*See page 40 in our 2020 catalog*

## Cruising the St. Lawrence River

*Relax as the Canadian Empress weaves through the islands*

**9 Days • August 15-23, 2021**

*See page 33 in our 2020 catalog*

## Maine – Lobsters and Lighthouses

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

**7 Days • August 18-24, 2021**

*See page 29 in our 2020 catalog*

## Newfoundland

*Featuring rugged coastlines, quiet beauty and friendly folks*

**10 Days • August 30 – September 8, 2021**

*See page 35 in our 2020 catalog*

## New England Fall Foliage Spectacular

*Our annual expedition takes a new turn this year – to Lake Placid!*

**8 Days • October 3-9, 2021**

*Check out the SLV website for details in the coming weeks*

**Sacramento's Favorite Radio Show  
is now heard every Sunday from 3-4pm**

## 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**
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### EARLY PAYMENT DISCOUNT COUPON

Early Payment Discounts listed here expire on **Monday, August 31** and may be withdrawn or reduced when 50% of the available space has been reserved. To receive the discount you must pay in full within ten days of registration. If you accept this option the monies paid (less a \$20 administration fee), including the cost of Cancellation Protection, are returned to you if you cancel more than 60 days prior to departure for US and Canadian tours or 75 days prior for International tours, regardless of the reason for cancellation. Inside the time limits noted above restrictions on refunds apply as outlined in the **Special Vacation Notes & Information** brochure.

Jan. – Eagles and Owls – **Save \$20**

Feb. – Winter at the *Majestic* Ahwahnee – **Save \$20**

Feb. – Tonopah / Laughlin with a Glimmer of Vegas – **Save \$40**

March – Alaska's Aurora Borealis – **Save \$75**

March – Desert Beauty – **Save \$50**

March – Nebraska: Cranes, Chickens and Kool-Aid – **Save \$50**

March – Colorful Carolina Coast – **Save \$75**

April – NYC – Behind Broadway and The Bronx – **Save \$125**

### 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)

Michigan	Something to Talk About Mystery
Key West	Christmas Mystery Tour
New Orleans	Christmas Puttin' on the Ritz
Texas	

#### Limited Space (10 or fewer seats)

Santa Cruz (5)	Winter in Yellowstone (5)
Moab (9)	Alaska's Aurora Borealis (3)
Niagara Falls (6)	Ferries/Towns Puget Sound (1)
Maine (6)	Capitol Reef (9)
Quebec (4)	Bodega Bay (9)
US 50 (6)	Apple Farm Christmas (9)
Sedona (5)	Desert Beauty (9)

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