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2017 Vacation & Tour Preview Day

Saturday, September 16th • Crowne Plaza Northeast

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2 Showtimes: 9:00-12:00pm & 1:15-4:00pm

- Get your exclusive advance copy of our NEW 2018 vacation/tour catalog
- Everyone in attendance receives a di\$count coupon
- Review of our “space available” 2017 fall and holiday tours
- Three NEW Mystery Tours, San Antonio, New York City, Route 66, Philadelphia, Polar Bears of Manitoba, Alaska Oprah, Lifestyle Cruise, Scotland – The Tattoo & The Beatles, Death Valley, Japan and dozens more...
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 1:15pm show – Lincoln, Rocklin and Roseville**



*Preview Day is at a new location this year, the Crowne Plaza Hotel off I-80 and Madison; Above: **Ramona Godge** and **Chris Galloway** give their audience the scoop on new tours at the 2016 event.*

Tour Preview Day is Just Around the Corner

Can it have been a year already since we gathered at the **Red Lion Inn** (the old Woodlake, which is now completely gone) to roll out the **2018 Tour?** About 600 **Sports Leisure** travelers will gather at the **Crowne Plaza Hotel** off Madison and I-80, for an advance look at our 2018 tours and cruises, on **Saturday, September 16th**.



Please make your reservations early, as the sessions fill up pretty quickly. We opened reservations on August 1st, so if you are reading this and haven't reserved your space, I encourage you to call as soon as possible.

If you are a **Sports Leisure Alumni** and are not an active traveler any longer, we would **LOVE** to see you. You are still an important part of our family. I hope you will come and see your friends.

If you are an active traveler, perhaps even new to our travel family, you'll have a chance to get an advance copy of the new catalog (and begin registering for your trips on the following Monday). Breakout sessions will give you the opportunity to glean more information about trips of interest to you.

Two important items to discuss here. We charge a \$10 admission to Tour & Vacation Preview Day. The admissions, **in total**, are donated to charity on the day of the event. The reason for the admission is not to line our coffers, or even to offset the cost of the event. When folks are paying for admission, the no-show count drops off dramatically. Because our Preview Day crowds are always at or close to capacity, this system allows more people to attend. Plus, we will give about \$6,000 to charities in our own community, 100% of every admission dollar is passed on.

Finally, over the years, we have expanded the refreshments at Preview Day to where we were basically providing a meal. The price of those refreshments goes up each

year. While the refreshments for the event is something we budget for, the cost keeps going up. Ultimately, those costs are recovered from our profits, which of course means they are paid for by our travelers.

This year, the refreshments at Preview Day will consist of a nice continental breakfast in the morning, a light midday snack with beverage in the afternoon.

What Are Your Coins

Before **Sports Leisure Vacations**, I had a stint as a coin dealer. From the age of 15 I had a booth at Auction City on Folsom Blvd. every Saturday, and a stand at Denio's Farmer's Market in Roseville every Sunday. The coin business gave way to a job at the Mission Oaks Recreation and Parks District, and eventually to taking folks on buses to baseball games in Oakland and San Francisco. From there, today's **Sports Leisure Vacations** emerged.

Now, all these years later, my interest in coins has returned. That's why you have seen the little notes on these pages, offering to appraise and/or purchase your coins. Almost everyone has a box or a bag or a suitcase with the old coins grandma gave them, or they collected as a child.

In the last 2-3 years, since my interest was rekindled, I've met with about three dozen members. Most bring their collection to the office, for those with very large collections, I have visited their home. I will tell you what your coins are worth (appraisal). In most cases, the appraisal is an offer to buy. You don't have to accept the offer, but at least you will leave having some idea of the value of your coins.

If the appraisal takes less than 60 minutes or so, and/or you decide to sell your items, there is no charge for my time. If you have a large collection, and only want to know their value, there is a \$20-\$50 charge for my time for appraising your collection. I'll give you a written list of what I paid you for your records. My offers are generally a bit higher than what you would receive from a coin store or pawn shop.

You are interested in having me look at your collection, just shoot me an email (marks1t@aol.com) or call the office and we can set up an appointment.

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Lastly, I want to respond to everyone regarding a phone call I received from a traveler the other day. The female traveler wanted to know how to get better seating on the airplane on our trips. She saw where some travelers had seats with extra legroom, or that a couple were in first class on her trip, and mentioned that even the tour director got an upgrade. After answering her questions, I realized there were probably others with the same inquiries.

On most fly-away trips, some sort of upgraded seating is available. Economy Plus, Comfort Class, whatever the airline calls it. There is an extra charge for this seating. We help you purchase it as a courtesy service, we receive no commissions. First class seating is also available on many trips and has become more reasonably priced (roughly double coach pricing instead of the 3-4x it used to be, the pricing might work for some). Ask **Michael** for details when you register for your tour/cruise.

In regards to Tour Director seating on planes, we regularly purchase the slightly upgraded seat for staff. Where you see a TD upgraded to first class (or boarding very early as is the case with Southwest), those are simply benefits of frequent travel. On Southwest, if you fly on 25 flights a year, you are automatically assigned a low boarding number. United, Delta, American and Alaska will upgrade high level frequent flyers to unsold premium seats. On rare occasions, your Tour Director will be lucky enough to receive an upgrade. Those are not purchased by the company (or by you), but are a perk of being a professional traveler.

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Thank you for your patronage. Perhaps our paths will cross at **Tour/Vacation Preview Day** or maybe I will see you on the radio.

And so it goes,

Mark Hoffmann, CTP
President



Ramona, this month's guest columnist, goes behind the counter to serve up ice cream on "The Enchanted Highway" in Regents, ND

Natural Explorer? Urban Traveler? Curious? A Collector?

The internet has a multitude of whimsical quizzes to help you identify and label your travel personality. Ask yourself, "What kind of traveler am I?"

- I love the scenic walks and drives through our iconic national parks
- I travel to experience new and different cultures, food and countries
- I look for the lounge chairs on the deck of the resort and love the time to relax with the sunsets (or sunrises)
- I research museums and galleries near the hotel so that I can make the "most" of my free time
- I am a "foodie" who loves to prepare and taste regional dishes
- I like to stay in the midst of vibrant cities and experience the arts, culture, theatre (and shopping)
- I want to be pampered with room service and spa treatments at a luxury resort
- I have a bucket list and I am working to check off places I have read about for years

Here at **Sports Leisure Vacations** our tour planners work very hard to discover, research and develop exciting vacations for all of our travelers. As we prepare for our *2018 Dream Book* we look at classic favorites and "off-the-beaten-path" destinations. Sometimes it can be a real challenge to liven up the classics or convince you to go off into the "unknown." For years, our mystery

tours have been one way to introduce some of those "off-the-beaten-path" destinations. Destinations we know you are going to love but may not get excited about if we just described them to you. Once we go, many of you come home and tell your friends it was "the best trip" and now suddenly everyone wants to go... My sold out mystery trip to the Okanagan region of British Columbia in June was just that kind of trip. When we landed in Kelowna, most admitted they had never heard of the Okanagan. We went, had a great time, and now it will return as a known destination, "The Lakes of Okanagan," in 2018.

My September "Cariboo Chilcotin" tour is a "not so successful" story of unknown destinations. If I had marketed this trip as a mystery, it probably would be sold out. But because I wanted you to know where you were going, and very few of you knew the destinations, I have only a small group of explorers joining me. I am confident that we are going to have a great time exploring the gold rush history of the Cariboo; eating "beavertails" and relaxing on the porch at Echo Valley Ranch because I have personally been there to check it all out. And I know when you hear about our experiences you are going to wish you had gone but it is doubtful if this trip will be repeated. (See *Land without Limits: British Columbia's Cariboo Chilcotin*, page 45 in the 2017 *Dream Book* or page 14 of this newsletter – it's not too late to sign up!)

I bring this particular trip up because it illustrates one of the challenges we have in creating new trips for you.

Sports Leisure prides itself on not doing the "cookie cutter" tours (the easy destinations) because we know you want life-enriching experiences. We seek to make the iconic destinations unique and

the unknown familiar. What I hope you understand is **Sports Leisure Vacations** has a very different business model from other tour companies. As a tour planner and tour director, what I appreciate about our model is the amount of time and effort we put into developing our new vacations. Working with our friends and suppliers, **SLV** planners actually travel to the destinations beforehand: driving the routes, eating at the cafes, walking the trails, staying at the hotels, and fostering relationships with the local folks. We know the product we are offering to you; yet because we have found new and unique experiences for you, they are often unknown to you, not on your bucket list. Our challenge is to educate you and entice you to travel beyond the iconic destinations to new experiences.

Speaking of NEW places to visit, please join us for our **Tour Preview Day on Saturday, September 16th** at a new location, **the Crowne Plaza Hotel at Madison & Highway 80**. You will see and hear the passion and enthusiasm our planners have for their trips. You can trust the planners have put together entertaining, educational life experiences with active, mature travelers in mind. Each tour planner/tour director has different interests and areas of expertise. Just like you, we are explorers and collectors; curious about natural and urban settings... Find your passion and trust **Sports Leisure Vacations** to take you to new limits, new destinations. You'll be glad you did!

– Ramona Goodge



SLV travels to the end of the road to find unique and breathtaking experiences just for you

The Customers Always Write

Hi Mark,

Thank you so much for your donation to our annual Crab Feed last Friday night. The tickets for the Giants on June 25th were a HUGE hit!

We really appreciate your support of Hornet Athletics and hope you will continue to participate in our events. The next fun event is our 10th Annual Wine and Food Classic on Friday, May 12th in the Alumni Center. I hope you can join us! Thanks again,

Cheryl Boyes

Director of Community Relations and Special Events, Sacramento State Athletics

Ed. Note: We are happy to support events in the community. Send your request directly to me at the address found at the end of this column. Due to the high volume of requests, we are unable to offer trips, except in very select situations (the tickets to the ballgame mentioned above were going to go unsold, as the bus was not full). What we can offer is a Travel Certificate that can be used as a prize or auction item (great for silent auctions, as almost every group of mature folks has a few **SLV** travelers in it who might bid on something like that).

Dear Mark,

Thanks for the Raptor Show refund check from the Skamania Lodge trip. Appreciate it very much. I must say I never felt deprived. It was such a nice trip. **Ramona** was just great as our tour director and other things we did never made me feel like I missed anything. Thank you again, and I'm hoping to sign up for more trips in the future.

Gail Lincoln

Dear Sports Leisure:

Thanks to **Michael**, our family had a wonderful Alaskan vacation. Lots of smiles and memories. Everyone enjoyed the cruise and their dinner at the Pinnacle Grill, especially the desserts. Thanks again for all you did. Most sincerely,

Kent & Kathleen Nakashima

Ed. Note: Appreciate your comments. Michael is a whiz at setting up independent travel. If you are considering a cruise,

overseas vacation or any travel outside of what **SLV** offers, give Michael a call. If your vacation package meets a certain dollar number (varies from trip to trip), we can provide that door-to-door service you are accustomed to **at no charge**.

Hi Mark,

Last night you got our luggage so fast and out to the car service that we didn't get a chance to thank you for a great three days of fun. We enjoyed having you for our tour director. Thanks again,

Tony & Rosemary Leo

Pat,

Thank you for being our tour director on today's tour. In my opinion **SLV** should have a rule re: mobility or enforce a rule they may already have. People on the tour without full mobility hold the entire group back and we aren't able to see as many sites. It doesn't seem fair. Thank you for hearing my concern.

Name withheld

PS – I also experienced this on another SF walking tour earlier this year – “Architectural Icons” in April.

Ed. Note: Thank you for your comments/observations. While we do make a lot of effort to help our travelers pick the right trip, sometimes they pay no heed to our advice. Because we are a public company, we cannot flatly tell someone they cannot go, unless previous documented experiences can be cited which show the person or persons is not able to handle the level of activity.

When you pick the wrong level of activity and cannot keep up with the rest of the gang, it does create a few issues. It's important to remember our tours and vacations are planned for **active, mature adults**.

Dear Kevin,

Received your letter regarding the change of venue for the concert on 12/30. We are somewhat disappointed we will not have a change of location since we had attended the performance at the Copley previously, however, we are surely looking forward to

the trip, and are so glad you did not change the date. All is well!

Audrey and Joe Samora

Dear Sports Leisure Vacations,

I will appreciate all information on your future trips, especially the day excursions for now. Will look forward to *The Traveler* for August/September and beyond. Have tremendously enjoyed the daytrips I have taken with **Sports Leisure Vacations**. Best,

Karen Dolinar

Dear Mark,

Just a note to thank you for all the amazing opportunities you opened up for me these past 12 years. Working with you and all the others at **SLV** truly enriched my life. I appreciate your support, encouragement and trust on all my tours. I could feel that even out on the road. I will miss everyone there at the office, the **SLV** travelers, Preview Day presentations and the wonderful tours. I wish you all the best and continued success and good health. Love,

Patty Thayer

Ed. Note: A classy exit by a classy lady. Patti's trip to Africa in June was her final tour. She told me recently she really wants to spend some time with her grandchildren. As Uncle Mark to a couple of wee ones (and a couple of not so wee ones), I get it. I know the staff and anyone who traveled with Patti joins me in wishing her happy trails. Patti, thank you for many years of outstanding service.

If you have a comment, suggestion or tour idea, we invite you to drop us a line. Due to space limitations, not all letters can be printed (others may be edited). Mail to:

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Mysteries Solved, Casino Trips & Baseball



We simply had to include a stop at the "The Mystery House" in Arizona

Where Did They Go? Mystery Tour Updates!

Our two spring Mystery Tours were loads of fun! **Scott's** trip went to Arizona and **Ramona's** trip went to the interior of British Columbia. Read on...

This past April "**The Great American Mystery**" spent time in Flagstaff, Arizona. We toured the historic Riordan Mansion, the home to two lumber mill families. The home boasts 40 rooms and over 13,000 sqft. and is made of lava rock and logs. We looked thru telescopes at Lowell Observatory, were serenaded by the waiters and waitress at Black Bart's Steakhouse & Musical Saloon and drove down Route 66 to Seligman to celebrate Angel Delgadillo's 90th birthday, a longtime **Sports Leisure** friend. We visited the mining town of Jerome, tasted wine in Cottonwood, and for the grand finale, flew in helicopters high above Sedona!

The highlight of our mystery trip to the Lakes of the Okanagan in British Columbia in June was the group paddle on Little Lake Shuswap. Imagine 12 people trying to paddle in sync... We laughed so hard as our canoe went around in circles! The views were stunning with Lake Okanagan (over 100 miles in length) dominating, while other smaller lakes dot the scenery. A forested shoreline provided an intimate setting for the Quaaout Lodge, our home for two nights. We dined on amazing clay baked salmon, visited a couple of farms to taste local products, and sipped wine at the elegant Quails Gate Winery. It was a real treat to meet folks so proud of their heritage: the First Nation staff at the lodge, the third generation farmer's daughter, and a recent immigrant. It was definitely a farm-to-fork-to-fun adventure off the beaten path!



At Quaaout Lodge, folks had to work for their dinner... clay baked salmon, with hammer included... just another example of exploring new cultures



These travelers discovered that even being "up a creek" with a paddle is good for a laugh

The 2017 Ballpark Express

Our original **Ballpark Express** allows you to travel to games in comfort without the traffic, tolls, gas, food stops, etc. Refreshments are served on board the motorcoach on your way to and from each game. You'll enjoy Field Reserved seating for A's games and Lower Box seating for all Giants games.

San Francisco Giants

Sun., Sept. 3	Giants vs. Cardinals	1:05pm	\$175
Sun., October 1	Giants vs. Padres	12:05pm	\$172

*Includes one-way transportation on the SF Bay Ferry from Vallejo to AT&T Park. Ferry schedule/availability subject to change.

The Champagne Express to Apple Hill

Tuesday, October 3

Our popular Champagne Express to Harvey's at Lake Tahoe and Apple Hill returns. Stop at High Hill Ranch for an apple treat before your 6-hour stay at Harvey's, which includes a \$20 slot credit and \$7 food credit. You must be a member of Harvey's Total Rewards Program to receive the bonus! **\$55**

Casino Mystery Overnighter

Three casinos you know not where!

2 Days • September 13-14

It's been a while since we have offered an overnight mystery tour to a casino. But the requests keep coming so here we are with a visit to a casino which now has an adjacent hotel. Our destination is relatively close (just a couple of hours by motorcoach). We'll visit a total of three casinos, including one en route to our destination and another on the way home. Casino bonuses will be included, of course. The tour includes transportation, accommodations for one night and the services of a **Sports Leisure Vacations** Tour Director. Limited space! 225/275 Gold Passport Points

\$225 p.p./dbl.occ., \$265 single

Add door-to-door transportation for \$80 per person

Technology Comes to Sunday Services

Pastor: "The Lord be with you!"

Congregation: "And with your spirit."

Pastor: "Will everyone please turn on their tablet, PC, iPad, smart phone, and Kindle Bibles to 1 Corinthians, 13:13. And please switch on your Bluetooth to download the sermon."

P-a-u-s-e...

"Now, Let us pray committing this week into God's hands. Open your Apps, BBM, Twitter and Facebook, and chat with God."

S-i-l-e-n-c-e...

"As we take our Sunday tithes and offerings, please have your credit and debit cards ready."

You can log on to the church Wi-Fi using the password 'Lord909887.'

The ushers will circulate mobile card swipe machines among the worshippers:

- a. Those who prefer to make electronic fund transfers are directed to computers and laptops at the rear of the church.
- b. Those who prefer to use iPads can open them.
- c. Those who prefer telephone banking, take out your cell phones to transfer your contributions to the church account."

The holy atmosphere of St. Matthew's becomes truly electrified as ALL the smart phones, iPads, PCs and laptops beep and flicker!

Church Bulletin Announcements...

- a. This week's ministry cell meetings will be held on the various Facebook group pages where the usual group chatting takes place. Please log in and don't miss out.
- b. Thursday's Catechism Study will be held live on Skype at 1900hrs GMT. Please don't miss out.
- c. You can follow your Pastor on Twitter this weekend for counselling and prayers.

God bless and have a nice day!

Proud members of the



Did You Know?

1. The moon moves about two inches away from the Earth each year.
2. Glass takes one million years to decompose, which means it never wears out and can be recycled an infinite amount of times!
3. Gold is the only metal that doesn't rust, even if it's buried in the ground for thousands of years.
4. Your tongue is the only muscle in your body that is attached at only one end.
5. Kites were used in the American Civil War to deliver letters and newspapers.
6. The song Auld Lang Syne is sung at the stroke of midnight in almost every English-speaking country in the world to bring in the new year.
7. The roar that we hear when we place a seashell next to our ear is not the ocean, but rather the sound of blood surging through the veins in the ear.
8. Nine out of every ten living things live in the ocean.
9. Airports at higher altitudes require a longer airstrip due to lower air density.
10. A tooth is the only part of the human body that cannot heal itself.
11. Warner Communications paid \$28 million for the copyright to the song *Happy Birthday*, which was written in 1935!
12. Due to earth's gravity it is impossible for mountains to be higher than 50,000 feet.

Is There a Doctor in the House?

The doctor answered the phone and heard the familiar voice of a colleague on the other end of the line. "We need a fourth for poker," said the friend. "I'll be right over," whispered the doctor. As he was putting on his coat, his wife asked, "Is it serious?" "Oh yes, quite serious," said the doctor gravely. "In fact, there are three doctors there already!"



A man realized he needed to purchase a hearing aid, but didn't want to spend a lot of money. "How much do they cost?" he asked the salesman. "We have units from \$2 to \$2,000." "Can I see the \$2 model?" asked the customer. The salesman put the device

around the man's neck and said: "You just stick this button in your ear and run this little string down into your pocket." "How does it work?" asked the customer. "For \$2, it doesn't work," said the salesman. But when people see it on you, they'll talk louder."

Two Travelers Will Play for the Angels

This section acknowledges travelers who have recently passed. If you know of someone who should be remembered here, send a note to marksit@aol.com.

Bob Englehart was one of our favorite travelers. He and Mark could sit and talk baseball all evening. Bob's team was the Pittsburgh Pirates. He lived and died with them every day of the baseball season. Mobility issues kept Bob off the road the last couple of years, but you read some of his forwarded contributions to the newsletter on this page from time to time. He is survived by his wife Fran.

Joe Handy was a Giants fan, but before that, he followed the SF Seals in the old Pacific Coast League. He had traveled with us to countless ballgames in the last few years. With 60 years of Giants history under his belt, he knew every player, and remembered stories that were just amazing.

Bob and Joe were the ultimate fans. Since taking folks to baseball games is how this all started, when we lose a baseball fan, it really feels like a cornerstone just fell out of the wall. God speed to both. Heaven's bleachers just got two new season ticket holders.

We also say goodbye to **Barbara Landrith** and **Joyce Hamilton**. Joyce was a longtime traveler we hadn't seen much of in recent years due to declining health. Barbara was a past Mather Toastmaster (they meet Wednesday nights at the **SLV** office) and also an occasional **SLV** traveler. Both super nice ladies who warmed a room. Farewell.

Godspeed



In each newsletter, we publish a number of proposed tour destinations and ask you to express your interest in any that tickle your fancy (or any other place). This allows us to cater our offerings to your interests and cut down on the number of tour cancellations. It's a win-win. This month, we offer two new teasers, and an update on tours teased previously. If you put your name on a **Priority Notification List**, and the tour is in the catalog, you will likely receive a notice for pre-registration just prior to Tour Preview Day. Those notices are sent only to those who place their name on the list(s). We thank you tremendously for your time and participation.

Death Valley & Nevada's Ghost Towns

6 Days • March or November 2018

This one is new to the page. With Scotty's Castle closed for repairs for several years, we needed something to liven up the visit to Death Valley. With a name like that, seems like ghosts would be a perfect fit. Fly to Las Vegas, visit Goodsprings, a ghost town in the desert which is home to many spirits. You'll have the chance to "talk" to them, using special ghost detecting meters. Then it's off to Tonopah, with stops in Goldfield, Gold Pointe, Rhyolite and Belmont (all ghost towns on some level). Overnight Las Vegas, two nights Death Valley, two nights Tonopah (in the haunted Mizpah Hotel). Sightseeing in Death Valley is included.

Presidential California

We proposed visits to the two California Presidential Libraries in SoCal. At this time, there isn't a tremendous amount of interest. We will look to offer this itinerary side-by-side with a museum-based trip next fall we think. You would have some options and be able to mix and match.

TV Land & Hollywood

Jim Pelley, who has a background that includes TV and other media, is working on this one. No announcement yet.

Philadelphia: Revolution to Brotherly Love

6 Days • September 2018

Response to this option has been strong and it will be featured in the new Tour Catalog and will be offered late next summer. Great time to go, after the summer crowds.

Japan, Land of the Rising Sun

10-12 Days • 2018

Chris Galloway just returned from a personal vacation which included an extended stay in Japan. Your response has been heavy and so Chris is working on a Japan tour for the catalog.

San Antonio, Deep in the Heart

5 Days • April 2018

Because of your response, this package will be offered in April of 2018. Watch the catalog for details.

Norway's Fabulous Fjords

12-14 Days • Summer 2018

Kevin Murphy is the planner for this Scandinavian adventure. Because of your interest, we have added it to the schedule for next year. The itinerary will appear in the catalog. We will visit more than just Norway (Finland? Lapland?) and this will likely be a combination land/ferry cruise package.

Polar Bears & Belugas

7 Days • Summer 2018

Ramona is the lead on this trip. She is researching the options for the excursion. If it all comes together, it will be in the catalog. If the details are not finalized, they will appear in the November newsletter update.

Scottish Tales & The Beatles Trail

12 Days • August 9-20, 2018

Clayton now has dates and is building an itinerary to include the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo and a visit to Liverpool. Can it have been 50 years since the Beatles came on the scene? Sounds groovy. Watch the catalog for details.

Switzerland & Northern Italy

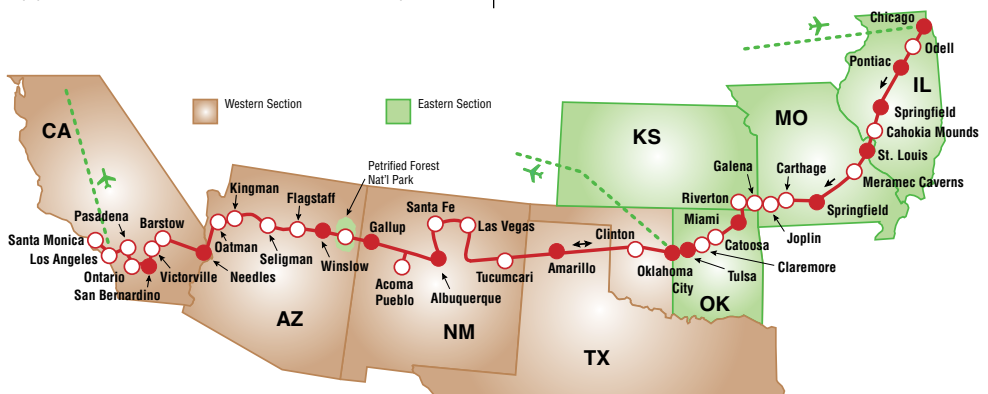
10 Days • Summer 2018

Looks like the international schedule got very crowded and pushed this trip back to 2019 consideration. Postponed is the word we would use.

Get Your Kicks on Route 66

Spring (Chicago to Oklahoma City) and Fall (Oklahoma City to Santa Monica) 2018; or...

Next year marks the 20th anniversary of our first trip on America's most historic road. **Mark** is a historian of the old road and knows dozens of folks along its path. It's really a look at America, covering a huge swath of the country. You can pick the half of the road which interests you the most, or cover the entire trip. We originally decided to split the itinerary in half, because it's a long trip. But some of our travelers have asked us to do it all together. If this trip interests you, tell us if you want the east or the west or the whole deal. Also, if you are interested in the entire journey, do you prefer it in two parts, or all at once? The catalog will reveal the decision.



Day Trips & Theatre Outings

Flower Power

Asian Art Museum, San Francisco

Tuesday, September 19

In celebration of San Francisco's 50th Anniversary of the Summer of Love, the Asian Art Museum presents a special exhibit of the meaning and significance of flowers in the Asian culture. During the "Summer of Love," flowers became the recognized symbol of peace. This concept of botanical imagery prevalent in Buddhist art is thousands of years old and still significant in paintings, scrolls, screens, porcelains, textiles, jewelry, and sculpture. A private docent tour is included to learn the unspoken language of favorite flowers and the message they convey. In the afternoon, enjoy free time to explore galleries of the permanent collection and lunch on your own in the museum café.

\$105

Degas, Impressionism and the Paris Millinery Trade

Legion of Honor and de Young Museums in San Francisco

Thursday, September 21

Due to its popularity and a long wait list, we offer a third tour to The Legion of Honor for *Degas, Impressionism and the Paris Millinery Trade*. Featuring not only works of Edgar Degas, the exhibit of 60 paintings and pastels also include Impressionist artists

Pierre-Auguste Renoir, Edouard Manet, Mary Cassatt, and Henri de Toulouse-Lautrec, contemporaries and friends of Degas. Many of these works are from private collections and never before placed on public display in the U.S. In addition to the paintings, the exhibit also features 40 exquisite hats of this stylish period. From large and lavish to small and simple, these hats were handcrafted and worn for show and to impress by the fashionable elite. The accompanying audio guide is included for your enjoyment of this exhibit. In the afternoon you have the option to remain at the Legion or shuttle to the de Young for its permanent collection and exhibits. Admission to the de Young is included. Lunch is on your own at either museum. **\$101**

An American in Paris

Orpheum Theatre, SF

Wed., September 20 or Sat., October 7

Winner of 4 Tony Awards this new musical is about an American soldier, a mysterious French girl, and the magic of Paris. Acclaimed director/choreographer and 2015 Tony Award®-winner Christopher Wheeldon brings the magic and romance of Paris into perfect harmony with unforgettable songs from George and Ira Gershwin including "I've Got Rhythm," "The Man I Love," and "But Not for Me." Wednesday trips include

a snack-sized box lunch, orchestra seating for the 2pm matinee and dinner on your own at Pier 39 after the show. The Saturday trip includes lunch on your own in Union Square before the 2pm matinee and return to Sacramento after the show. **Wed. – \$155, Sat. – \$181**

Man of La Mancha

Fallon House in Columbia

Saturday, September 23

In this Tony Award-winning musical, the character of Cervantes impersonates Don Quixote who dreams impossible dreams, fights windmills with faithful Sancho Panza, and woos the fiery Aldonza. The 2pm matinee offers an afternoon of fun and great music, preceded by lunch at the historic City Hotel in Columbia. **\$149**

Turandot

San Francisco Opera House

Sunday, September 24

Puccini's brilliant score and story of a beautiful princess who challenges her suitors to a deadly game of wits provides another memorable afternoon of grand opera. With one of opera's most familiar arias "Nessun Dorma" and production by Davis Hockney, be transported to a world of spectacle, myth, and majestic music. Your choice of seating is in side sections of the Orchestra or the first balcony of the Dress Circle. Be advised that Dress Circle seating requires the use of steep stairs with no availability of handrails. Also note group ticketing and price changes by San Francisco Opera this season has provided for a reduced cost of seating. A stop is included in Union Square for a no-host lunch prior to the 2pm matinee.

Orchestra – \$165, Dress Circle – \$171

Edvard Munch at MOMA

San Francisco Museum of Modern Art

Thursday, September 28

Considered a master by the age of 30, famed Norwegian painter Edvard Munch was among the most celebrated artists of his generation. Feeling that his true breakthrough came later in his career, this

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Tom Romano and Mark Hoffmann

special exhibit *Edvard Munch; Between the Clock and the Bed* uses his last self-portrait as a starting point to assess a lifetime of painting. Organized by SFMOMA, the Metropolitan Museum of Art, and the Munch Museum, Oslo, the exhibition features 45 landmark compositions as well as paintings from the artist's own collection. Enjoy an included private docent tour of the exhibit followed by free time to explore other galleries and lunch on your own in one of its cafes. **\$120**

Traveling The Lincoln Highway

America's First Transcontinental Highway

Saturday, September 30

Join **Mark** and Paul Gilger (a renowned Lincoln Highway expert) for a trip to San Francisco on the old road. We'll travel through Davis and Vacaville, finding original parts of the Lincoln. We'll enjoy lunch in San Francisco (included) and stop at the highway's western terminus, in Lincoln Park in The City. For one day, get off the interstate and travel the old road. **\$127**

A New Tribute to Glenn Miller

Gallo Center, Modesto

Sunday, October 15

The Tex Beneke Orchestra salutes one of the greatest big bands of all time. You will hear such favorites as "In the Mood," "Chattanooga

Choo Choo," and "Little Brown Jug." Special guests for this afternoon performance include the The Modernaires ("Serenade in Blue") and Madeline Vergari, a veteran of the Harry James and Les Brown Bands. Lunch is included at **Sports Leisure** favorite Canal Street Grille prior to the 3pm performance at the Gallo Center. **\$151**

Fall in the Sierra

Featuring one of our favorite road trips

Friday, October 20

Enjoy the beautiful fall scenery as we 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 drive home along Highway 50 and the American River, passing through the Tahoe Basin, in hopes of sneaking a peak at some fall color along the way. **\$118**

What a Wonderful World: A Tribute to Louis Armstrong

Luther Burbank Center, Santa Rosa

Sunday, October 22

The Santa Rosa Symphony is joined by powerhouse trumpeter Byron Stripling for a tribute to the music of Louis Armstrong that is both electrifying and heartfelt. Musical hits from the Armstrong songbook "What a Wonderful World," "Hello Dolly," and, of course, his signature hit "When the Saints Go Marchin' In" are sure to leave you humming on your way home. Lunch is included in Petaluma prior to the 3pm performance. **\$176**

A Day at the Races

Golden Gate Fields, Berkeley

Thursday, October 26

Our always popular Day at the Races includes a sumptuous buffet lunch and seating in the enclosed Turf Club at Golden Gate Fields by beautiful San Francisco Bay in Berkeley. Enjoy the races from a comfortable table with betting windows conveniently nearby and television monitors throughout the dining room. We'll arrive to get settled before post time and the first race. **\$119**

Aladdin, The Musical

Orpheum Theater, San Francisco

Thursday, November 2, Wednesday, November 15 or Saturday, December 2

Discover a whole new world at *Aladdin*, the hit Broadway musical! From the producer of *The Lion King* comes another timeless story. The thrilling new production is filled with unforgettable beauty, magic, comedy, music and breathtaking spectacle. It's an extraordinary theatrical event where one lamp and three wishes make the possibilities infinite. The show features all your favorite songs from the animated film as well as new music. Pricing for each show is based on the day of the week and seating location as determined by the theater. Our Wednesday and Thursday trips include a snack size box lunch onboard the coach, the 2pm matinee show, and dinner on your own at Pier 39. Our Saturday trip includes lunch on your own in Union Square and the 2pm matinee show. Seating for Wednesday is in the mezzanine with no access to an elevator. Seating for the Thursday and Saturday shows are in the orchestra. **Wed. – \$126, Thurs. – \$163, Sat. – \$186**

Beach Blanket Babylon Holidays

Club Fugazi, San Francisco

Sunday, November 19 or December 10

There's nothing quite like *Beach Blanket Babylon*, especially for the holidays! San Francisco's longest-running staged comedy show pokes fun at everyone – politicians, celebrities and other folks in the public eye. The songs are hilarious, the dancing wonderful, and the hats are really, really big! Reserved seats are upstairs (no elevator) in this historic theatre in the center balcony. Enjoy an included late lunch at **Sports Leisure's** new favorite, Trattoria Pinocchio in North Beach, prior to the 5pm show. **\$182**

Remember Meal Choices

When you receive your itinerary/confirmation for a trip, check to see if a meal choice is needed and take a minute to make your selection by calling or emailing our office or returning your choice with your payment. Thank you.



Blueberry takes a break during a hike around the village of Chase, located in British Columbia's Interior, during "Mystery Tours Are OK, Eh?" Congrats to Donna Sutton for her scenic photo!



The Barber Pole, or Once Over Lightly

Odds and Ends, Mostly Ends

Items of importance to **Sports Leisure Travelers**. Taking a minute or two to read this page on a regular basis will enhance your travel experiences.

Staff Gratuities

Last year at Tour Preview Day, we announced a change in the way gratuities are extended to our coach drivers on tour. It has created a bit of confusion, and we've been asked by many to clarify.

On a day trip, there is one envelope, shared by the driver and tour director. The two staff members share the gratuities equally. (Because you ask, we share that suggested gratuities on day trips are \$5-7 per person total to the two staff members.)

On multiple day tours from Sacramento, where you have an All West driver, you will have two gratuity envelopes, one for the driver and one for the tour director. (On multiple day trips, suggested gratuities are \$5-7 per person, per day of the journey, for the tour director; \$3-5 per person, per day to the driver.)

On multiple day fly-away trips from Sacramento where you meet your driver(s) at your destination, you no longer have a driver gratuity envelope. You told us having to extend gratuities to two people at the end of an extended trip meant carrying a lot of cash. Now the driver gratuity on fly away tours is included in the

trip price. You still have an envelope for your Tour Director.

Important: Staff gratuities, while tremendously appreciated, are truly optional. You participate only if you wish. If you do participate, feel free to include a personal note on or in the envelope. Thank you for your kindness and your generosity. Your questions or comments are welcome.

The Teaser Page & Priority Notification Lists

Each month in the newsletter (and annually in the catalog), we offer a page of "Teasers." The purpose of the page is to introduce you to trip ideas we are considering, "teasing" them and giving you the opportunity to show your interest by responding and putting your name on a **Priority Notification List**. When you add your name to the list, you are insuring that if the trip becomes a reality, you will be among the first to get the details. You would get "priority notice" and have an opportunity to register for the trip.

Putting your name on the list **does not** guarantee you a reservation. You are only showing your interest. You have no obligation to buy anything and we do not hold space for you. In some cases, the number of people who are on the **Priority Notification List** may exceed the number of spaces available, so when you get the notice, if you want to travel, it's important to respond quickly.

Cell Phone & I-Pad Etiquette

More and more of you are using your electronics on the coach to pass the time on the road. At the request of many of our travelers, we offer two **Electronic Rules of the Road**:

1. If you choose to watch video with sound, **please use headphones**. The reality is, not everyone on the coach will be as interested in that video as you are. Please use your headphones if you need to listen to sound, to be courteous to your fellow travelers.

2. If you receive a call on your phone on the bus while touring, quickly ask if you can call the caller back when time permits. If you need an extended call, please use the "cell phone booth" in the rear of the coach. It has seating and privacy. It also doubles as the lavatory. Extended personal cell phone calls on the bus are considered discourteous to all.

We reserve the right to decline your patronage if you are continually ignoring our Rules of the Road.

Carry-on Bags

Increasingly, we find travelers are bringing a second bag on tour, a personal carry-on, in a variety of sizes. Our policy regarding carry-on bags is as follows: If the bag is small enough to fit in the overhead on the coach, you may bring it into the cabin. If it is too large to fit in the smallish overhead, it must be stored in the baggage bin during the day, with a special tag, and made available to you coach side at the end of each tour day. You are responsible for taking it to your room and returning it coach side on departure. Carry-on bags are not handled by the bellman, they are your personal responsibility.

Simply, our policy is "seats are for people, not carry-on bags." Please don't be offended when your tour director informs you your bag must go under the bus. Take out any items you might need on board (or carry a small handbag for during the day) and allow the bag to be stored in the baggage hold. Space on the coach is limited, and this policy means we have as much available room as possible inside.



Ramona attracts a crowd wherever she goes!

New Vacations & Getaways

Ice Magic Festival in the Canadian Rockies

Featuring Lake Louise and Banff Nat'l Park

6 Days • January 18-23

..... Highlights

- Enjoy a horse-drawn sleigh ride at Lake Louise
- Travel amongst the clouds on the gondolas of Lake Louise & Banff
- Fly in a helicopter and experience a dogsled ride
- 8 meals: 4 full breakfasts, 1 brunch, 3 dinners
- Roundtrip airfare to/from Calgary
- Door-to-door airport service
- 2900/3150 Gold Passport Points

1. Fly to Calgary via Denver, arriving in the mid-afternoon. Travel into the Rockies to Banff National Park, Canada's first national park. In 1883, three railway workers discovered a natural hot spring and from there the park was born. Nowadays, Banff is one of the world's premiere destinations with unparalleled majestic mountain scenery. In Banff National Park you feel truly immersed in nature. Your accommodations are at the historic Deer Lodge, just minutes away from famous Lake Louise. The rustic lodge retains much of its original hand hewn log structure and décor. Built in 1923 as a teahouse, the lodge officially opened as a hotel in 1925 and was completely renovated

and winterized in 1985. **Deer Lodge – 3 nights (D)**

2-3. Over the next two days experience Lake Louise at its winter finest during the Ice Magic Festival hosted by the Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise. Watch in amazement as internationally-renowned professional ice carvers have 34 hours to sculpt towering, one-of-a-kind works of art from imposing blocks of solid ice on the shores of Lake Louise. With each ice block weighing a daunting 300 pounds, this exceptional art form involves grueling physical labor in a delicate balancing act with precision artistry. Other attractions include an old-fashioned horse-drawn sleigh ride along the Lake Louise shoreline (Dashing through the snow, anyone?). Get a new perspective on the stunning scenery of Lake Louise admiring postcard-worthy views on a scenic gondola ride. **(2FB,D)**

4. Depart Lake Louise for the town of Banff. Enjoy a guided tour around town with views from high atop on a gondola ride. Marvel at the unsurpassed view of Banff, Bow Valley, and a 360-degree view of six scenic mountain ranges from 7,486 feet above sea level. You will feel like you're on top of the world when you are standing on the spacious main level observation deck. After checking into your hotel located in town, choose to browse the shops along

Banff Avenue or perhaps take a dip at the hot springs. Soak in the steamy hot mineral water where travelers have come to "take the waters" for well over one hundred years.

Banff Park Lodge – 2 nights (BR)

5. Adventure, anyone? One last day in the Rockies, and what a day it will be! Take a scenic helicopter flight to the Spray Lakes; once you land you will be getting into dog sleds for an amazing ride through the forest and across the frozen lakes. Tonight enjoy dinner at one of Banff's most popular eateries. **(FB,D)**

6. A late afternoon flight from Calgary returns you home in the evening. **(FB)**

Note: You must be prepared for cold weather 0-35 degrees.

\$2885 p.p./dbl.occ., \$3105 single

Save \$100 until September 12*

This vacation requires a valid passport!

Important Notice Regarding Baggage Limitations for Extended Tours

On extended trips longer than three days, all travelers are allowed one checked bag and one carry on, plus a personal item such as a purse or briefcase. **Because of the space limitations in the vehicles used to transport you to the airport, it is critical you observe these limits.**

Effective immediately, if your carry-on is not of legal size* **we cannot accept it.** In addition, if you are bringing a walker, **you must notify us at least two weeks prior to departure.** If you do not notify us, we cannot guarantee space for your device in the car. If you notify us, we will make sure the vehicle sent to your home can accommodate your walker.

If you bring a checked bag and a full sized carry on, **your personal item must fit in your lap.** Space may allow it to go elsewhere, **but** it must be of the size to be held in your lap if necessary.

If you have any questions regarding Baggage Limitations, please contact our office, M-F, 9am-4:30pm.

*Legal size dimensions for a carry on bag are 9 inches (deep) x 14 inches (across) x 22 inches long, including wheels and handles.



Dashing through the snow near Lake Louise in Alberta



Eagles, Owls & Agriculture

Unique birds of prey viewing and agricultural education experience

3 Days • January 26-28

..... Highlights

- Private Ranch and Barn Owl tours
 - Sunday brunch at Harrah's Forest Buffet at Lake Tahoe
 - 3 meals: 1 brunch, 1 lunch, 1 dinner
 - Door-to-door service
 - 900/1000 Gold Passport Points
1. Depart Sacramento pausing at Lake Tahoe's South Shore before continuing into Nevada and the town of Minden. Welcome to the **16th Annual Eagles and Agriculture Festival**, where tours focus on the influx of bald eagles and other birds of prey that visit the scenic Carson Valley each year during the winter calving season. This remarkable interaction between nature and agriculture attracts photographers, birders and nature-lovers of all kinds who come to closely observe bald and golden eagles, hawks, falcons, owls, and a variety of other bird and wildlife species. Tonight meet fellow enthusiasts for the opening reception dinner. A cash bar and guest presenters set the tone for an evening of socializing and learning. **Carson Valley Inn – 2 nights (D)**
 2. This morning explore the area in more detail during a private "Ranch and Eagle"

tour. As the guest of the ranches, you'll observe their operations up close and meet the men and women who run them. You will learn about ranching and conservation in Carson Valley and have the opportunity to observe birds of prey from vantage points not available to the general public. This is a once in a year opportunity for eagle viewing and photography. In the afternoon, experience the "Owl Prowl" tour led by a local naturalist which visits historic area barns to view owls in their "natural" habitat.

(L)

3. A local guide joins us for a tour of Genoa and the Carson Valley Museum before returning to the south shore of Lake Tahoe where you will enjoy the popular Sunday Brunch at the Forest Buffet high atop Harrah's Casino. **(BR)**

\$875 p.p./dbl.occ., \$990 single
Save \$25 until September 12*

The Oregon Chocolate Festival in Ashland

The return of The Sweetest Weekend Ever!

3 days • March 9-11

Chocolate Lovers rejoice! This will be the 14th year of the **Oregon Chocolate Festival** and you're invited to come along! Stay two nights at the Plaza Inn and Suites, a short walking distance from downtown Ashland.

The Oregon Shakespeare Festival will offer a few plays and we will help you get tickets (additional cost) but as of press time the schedule has not been finalized.

1. Your sweet weekend begins with our exclusive door-to-door service. Travel aboard *Supercoach III* pausing in Redding to stretch your legs and for lunch at CR Gibbs American Grill. Once in Ashland, your hotel for two nights is The Plaza Inn and Suites. You'll have time to freshen up before heading out to the Ashland Springs Hotel for the kick-off event of your chocolate weekend, the ever elegant Chocolate Maker's Dinner. **The Plaza Inn and Suites – 2 nights (L,D)**

2. No need to rush this morning. Enjoy breakfast at the hotel and perhaps take a morning walk around town before being shuttled to the Chocolate Festival Vendor Showcase. Chocolatiers from all over Oregon and the West Coast come with their homemade specialties. Feel like you've indulged just a bit too much? Take a break and browse the many charming and eclectic shops in downtown Ashland. Dinner tonight is included at Larks Restaurant in Medford. After dinner, it's curtain time for those who opted-in to see a play. The rest of us will enjoy our chocolaty nirvana back in our rooms. **(B,D)**

3. Another leisurely morning with breakfast at your hotel. Another quick ride to Medford will bring you to Harry and David's Country Store with ample time for shopping. Didn't have a chance to taste the chocolate beer or wine? Was there something you've decided you wanted to give as a gift? You'll have one last chance to visit the festival today before heading home. A late lunch in Redding awaits before arriving in Sacramento with your delectable treats. **(B,L)**

This tour includes door-to-door service, roundtrip deluxe motorcoach service, 2 nights accommodations, all meals and attractions as listed in the itinerary and the services of a **Sports Leisure** Tour Director. 950/1100 Gold Passport Points

\$950 p.p./dbl.occ., \$1070 single
Save \$35 until September 12*



Birds of a feather flock together during the Eagles and Agriculture Festival in Carson Valley

Alaska's Aurora Borealis

Featuring small group travel with unique winter attractions

7 Days • March 16-22

..... Highlights

- Small group, 22 people maximum
- View the Aurora Borealis in the dark sky outside of Fairbanks
- Tour of the BP Ice Art Championship sculptures
- Stay at the spectacular Alyeska Resort, charming Talkeetna Alaskan Lodge, and Pikes Waterfront Lodge
- Travel on the Alaska Railroad from Talkeetna to Healy
- Dogsled at Dallas Seavey kennel, winner of four Iditarod Races
- Exclusive winter cruise in Prince William Sound
- See all the big land mammals at the Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center
- Star Lady Aurora presentation
- Door-to-door airport service
- Roundtrip air to Anchorage/from Fairbanks
- 13 Meals: 5 full breakfasts, 1 brunch, 4 lunches and 3 dinners
- 4800/5200 Gold Passport Points

1. Fly to Anchorage, starting our tour with lunch and a scenic drive down the Turnagain Arm – one of the most scenic byways in America! This All-American Road will be a highlight today as we travel between

the ocean and the towering Chugach Mountains before arriving at our overnight accommodations. The Alyeska Resort is a beautiful property; amenities include several restaurants, a sundry and gift shop, mountain sports store (for winter gear), fitness center, spa and an indoor saltwater pool & whirlpool. The aerial tram provides transportation to the fine dining restaurant at the top of the mountain. **Alyeska Resort – 2 nights (L)**

2. This morning explore the Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center, a 200-acre rescue and rehabilitation center for Alaskan wildlife. Here we will meet the moose, wood bison, musk ox herd, caribou herd, and other Alaskan animals that call the Portage Glacier Valley home. The afternoon finds us on a voyage in Prince William Sound's Blackstone Bay. Cruise close to the shore, admiring the sheer cliff walls and tumbling waterfalls in route to two tidewater glaciers – Beloit and Blackstone. You will be sitting face-to-face with an expansive wall of ice at Blackstone glacier. The rest of the day will be spent exploring and searching for sea and wildlife. The evening is at your leisure. **(FB,L)**

3. Visit the homestead of Dallas Seavey, the 2012, 2014, 2015 and 2016 Iditarod Champion to learn what it takes to train and race in the Last Great Race. Tour the kennel and go for a wilderness ride on a real dog sled with champion sled dogs! Lunch is served at the kennel before we travel to

the town of Talkeetna, a quaint "mountain climbing" town, featured on several TV shows for good food and fun personalities. Enjoy a hosted dinner and the Star Lady Aurora presentation this evening. The Star Lady will share with you her knowledge of constellations, aurora activity, and the Alaskan night sky. Ask questions of this local personality and stock up on knowledge before we head outside on to the lodge deck to look for the Northern Lights! **Talkeetna Alaskan Lodge – 2 nights (FB,L,D)**

4. Awaken today and look out your window and hopefully view the majestic Alaska Range and North America's highest mountain, Denali! Brunch at the famous Talkeetna Roadhouse is included this morning before a tour of town and an optional (extra cost) flightseeing tour. **(BR)**

5. It's an epic journey on the Alaskan Railroad today, through a true winter wonderland! Depart the train in Healey and continue by bus to Fairbanks. After checking into our hotel enjoy a hosted dinner followed by more aurora viewing this evening. The remote location will allow us to get away from the city lights of Fairbanks to enjoy the aurora and photograph this spectacular show! NOTE: The aurora is weather and solar flare dependent – it takes clear skies and active solar activity combined to make for a great viewing experience. **Pikes Waterfront Lodge – 2 nights (FB,L,D)**

6. This afternoon visit the Trans Alaska Pipeline and the Museum of the North. Get ready to be amazed at the BP World Ice Art Championships, where single and multi blocks of ice are sculpted into exquisite master pieces. The detail will astound you! Dinner is hosted before heading back to the Ice Park to see the sculptures illuminated for night! **(FB,D)**

7. You will not soon forget the magic you experienced in the Great North. It is time to take our photos and memories back home to share with our families and loved ones. **(FB)**

Please Note: You must be prepared for cold weather from 0 to 35 degrees. Boots and jackets may be rented (extra cost) if you do not own them.

**\$4790 p.p./dbl.occ., \$5195 single
Save \$125 until September 12***



Alaska in March? It's cold but a great time to see Blackstone Glacier and the Aurora Borealis!



The Tour Calendar *(Previously Announced)*

Land Without Limits: British Columbia's Cariboo Chilcotin

*Ramona's newest adventure to the interior
of British Columbia*

7 Days • September 22-28

..... Highlights

- Spend 2 nights in comfort and luxury surrounded by the beauty of the Chilcotin Mountains at the Echo Valley Ranch
- Step into the Gold Rush at Barkerville Historic Town and Park, with living history characters, and storytellers. Ride the stagecoach, visit with craftsmen
- Participate in a cooking demonstration, ride horseback, relax with a Thai massage at the Echo Valley Ranch
- Visit a First Nation site – Xats'ull Heritage Village; and a Gold Rush-era site – Hat Creek
- Dine next to the Fraser River, doze next to the South Thompson River
- Roundtrip airfare to Vancouver/from Kamloops in addition to air between Vancouver and Prince George
- Door-to-door airport service
- 11 meals: 3 full breakfasts, 4 lunches, 4 dinners
- Tour Director: **Ramona Goodge**

\$3990 p.p./dbl.occ., \$4330 single

This vacation requires a valid passport!

Magnificent Mammoth in Autumn

*Featuring Tioga Pass and Bodie State
Historical Park*

4 Days • October 12-15

Travel Tioga Pass through Yosemite Park and stay 3 nights at the Mammoth Mountain Inn. Featured attractions include Devil's Postpile Nat'l Monument, Mono Lake and a drive on the June Lake Loop taking in the beautiful colors of autumn. A visit to Bodie State Park, a historic gold mining town preserved in "arrested decay," is fascinating.

This mountain vacation includes roundtrip transportation aboard *SuperCoach III*, accommodations and 5 meals (1BR,3L,1D) Please note: this trip travels over roads above 9,000 feet and the hotel is located at

9,000 feet. This trip is not recommended for those with heart or respiratory conditions.

1150/1300 Gold Passport Points, Tour

Director: **Ramona Goodge.**

\$1130 p.p./dbl.occ., \$1275 single

Italy... That's Amore

*Three of the world's greatest cities –
Rome, Florence and Venice*

9 Days (7 Nights) • October 22-30

..... Highlights

- 2 nights each – Venice and Florence; 3 nights Rome
- See the Doges' Palace and St. Marks's Square in Venice
- Explore Florence's Ponte Vecchio, Uffizi Gallery and beautiful Dromo
- Witness Rome's ancient monuments from the Forum to the Colosseum
- Tour Vatican City, St. Peter's Basilica and the Sistine Chapel
- Visit the Medieval hill town of Assisi
- 14 meals: Daily full breakfast, 1 lunch, 6 dinners
- Services of a **Sports Leisure Tour** Director (**Clayton Whitehead**) and a certified Italian Guide
- Roundtrip air to Venice/from Rome

- Door-to-door airport transportation
- 5250/6100 Gold Passport Points

You can find the itinerary on our website,

www.sportsleisure.com

\$5240 p.p./dbl.occ., \$6095

(a waitlist is available for singles, as there are 10 singles on the trip and we have no more single rooms)

This vacation requires a valid passport!

Autumn in Appalachia, Asheville to Nashville

*The Blue Ridge and Great Smoky
Mountains in Fall majesty*

8 Days • October 23-30

..... Highlights

- Feel the thrill during a tour of Charlotte Motor Speedway
- Travel through the scenic wonder of the Blue Ridge and Great Smoky Mountains
- Sample flavored moonshine at Ole Smoky Moonshine Distillery
- Stay 2 nights in Pigeon Forge, see the "Hatfields & McCoys" show
- Dollywood Theme Park
- Behind-the-scenes-tour of The Grand Ole Opry and attend the show
- Roundtrip air to Charlotte/from Nashville



Entertainment Pigeon Forge-style is nothing but a whole lot of fun!



- Door-to-door airport service
- 14 meals: 7 full breakfasts, 5 lunches, 2 dinners
- Tour Director: **Chris Galloway**
\$3960 p.p./dbl.occ., \$4370 single

Tonopah, Laughlin & Las Vegas by SuperCoach III

Featuring a fresh approach to one of our most popular all-coach trips

7 Days • October 29 – November 4

Depart our office on board *SuperCoach III* for the south shore of Lake Tahoe where you will enjoy the popular Forest Buffet at Harrah's. Indulge yourself overnight at the Mizpah Hotel, a landmark of luxury since 1907. Due to a limited number of two-bedded rooms the **Mizpah hotel**, additional rooms will be provided at the nearby **Best Western High Desert Inn. (BR)**

2. Heading south stop for lunch in Beatty. Continue on to Las Vegas, where you will check in to your hotel located on Fremont Street. **Golden Nugget – 2 nights (L)**

3. Today is at your leisure to explore some of the amazing hotels and casinos in Las Vegas. A mid-morning shuttle will offered to visit the strip. This evening enjoy the Neon Museum's "boneyard" tour of the incredible collection of retired neon signs. (You may opt out of this tour and deduct \$20 from the price of your tour. Please let us know at the time of your reservation.)

4. Travel to Laughlin this morning. Check into your hotel later this afternoon and enjoy the view of the Colorado River from your room. **Golden Nugget – 2 nights (L)**

5. Travel the Colorado River by jet boat to Lake Havasu, home of the famous London Bridge. Enjoy a hosted lunch and some free time in Lake Havasu. (If you opt out of the jet boat ride and lunch at Lake Havasu, you may deduct \$100 from the price of the tour. Again, please let us know at the time of your reservation.) **(L-opt.)**



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6. Depart Laughlin for the trip back to Sacramento. We have added an additional night to break up the journey. Stop in Yermo for lunch at the fabulous and fun Peggy Sue's. Continue on to the **Tachi Palace Hotel & Casino. (L)**

7. The final stretch to Sacramento is not so long today. Enjoy a relaxing morning before traveling north, arriving in Sacramento in the early afternoon. Your transportation home awaits at the **Sports Leisure** office. **(L)**

This tour includes door-to-door service, roundtrip motorcoach service, 6 meals (1BR,5L), all included tours and attractions, and the services of a **Sports Leisure Vacations Tour Director**. 1800/2050 Gold Passport Points

\$1755 p.p./dbl.occ., \$2035 single

All Around California by Rail

Featuring five scenic Amtrak routes through the Golden State

6 Days • November 7-12

..... Highlights

- Ride Amtrak's *San Joaquin, Surfliner* (twice), *Coast Starlight* and *Capitol Corridor* trains
- *SuperCoach III* provides all transfers, city sightseeing and transports your luggage
- Enjoy an authentic Basque dinner in Bakersfield, lunch and tour at Union Station in Los Angeles
- Tour San Diego by Old Town Trolley
- 9 meals: 3 full breakfasts, 1 brunch, 2 lunches, 3 dinners
- Door-to-door service
- 2250/2550 Gold Passport Points

\$2240 p.p./dbl.occ., \$2545 single

Puttin' on The Ritz for Christmas

Featuring two nights at the Ritz Carlton Half Moon Bay

3 Days • November 26-28

1. Enjoy the lavish award-winning Champagne Sunday Brunch at the popular Dolce Hayes Mansion before heading to the coast and the charming town of Half Moon Bay. Check into the **Ritz Carlton Resort at Half Moon Bay for two nights. (BR)**

2. The amenities of the resort include a coastal trail, gas fire pits overlooking the ocean, a fitness center, indoor pool, hot tub and sauna. Spa services as well as a round of golf at one of their two championship courses are available for additional costs. When holiday schedules are set, an optional attraction/meal will be included during the day. **(L)**

3. Enjoy a free morning at the resort and a hosted lunch before returning home in the mid afternoon. **(L)**

This package includes door-to-door service, deluxe motorcoach transportation, all attractions listed above, 3 meals (1BR,2L), and the services of a **Sports Leisure Vacations** Tour Director. 1200/1450 Gold Passport Points

\$1195 p.p./dbl.occ., \$1440 single



Christmas cheer can be found overlooking the ocean at the elegant Ritz Carlton Half Moon Bay



16th Annual Christmas Mystery Tour

Featuring a theme of Christmas-style entertainment

5 Days • December 7-11

One of our most popular trips is back for another year! But here's the deal: The trip has filled once, but now some cancellations have opened up 3 seats. Call quickly to join us.

This year's trip visits a destination we have only been to twice in our 37+ year history, but it's a very special place, especially during the holiday season, when entertainment is king. **Chris & Mark** will return as your co-hosts, which pretty much guarantees you'll be rollin' in the aisles. So here are the clues...

Oh. What an interesting place. Who knew? So where should we go for Christmas? Greece? Mexico? To the train station? Maybe the old market has some great holiday gifts?

It snows here. A little or a lot you ask? Sorry, that would be giving away too much. They do have a lot of poinsettias, look there's a tree of them 20 feet high. The Mormons came here. So did the Germans. Probably came on the train I'm thinking. And no, we've already been to Salt Lake City. Scratch that one off your list. Las Vegas? Idaho? The Mormons went to those places too. Not sure about the Germans. Just don't go off

half-baked with all this information. There's a lot at "steak" here. What a beautiful baseball stadium. Who plays there in the summer? Hmm, that's unique.

Enough with the clues. The package includes your airfare, 11 meals and all the admissions to a wide variety of entertainment that is bound to leave you in the Christmas spirit for the rest of the season. Added bonus: One hotel for four nights, no packing and unpacking.

Note: Full disclosure, this trip visits a destination used previously for a mystery tour, but has an entirely different itinerary than was used for the previous visit. 2400/2650 Gold Passport Points

\$2375 p.p./dbl.occ., \$2625 single

A Coos Bay Christmas

See one of the best small town lights displays in the country

5 Days • December 23-27

This is an all-coach trip to northern Oregon. The itinerary features an overnight in Medford with the special **Christmas Feast** at the Winchester Inn. The six-course meal comes with carolers and costumed staff.

The next morning (Christmas Eve), before departing for the coast, make an early morning visit to Harry & David's. Travel to the coast, stopping in Bandon at

Washed Ashore, a most unique place that makes art out of ocean trash. At Cranberry Sweets, your sponsored-shopping activities continue. Finish the day at The Mill Casino/Hotel in Coos Bay. Dinner tonight is a Crab Fest (other options available), as the Dungeness season will have begun.

Christmas Day brings our legendary White Elephant Gift Exchange, an ecological tour of the area and a visit to Shore Acres State Park. Not only is there an interesting story, there is a wonderful display of Christmas lights. A holiday feast is planned.

The trip home takes you down the Oregon Coast. Spend the night in Eureka and head home through the redwoods. The package includes everything listed, door-to-door service, 11 meals and transportation via *SuperCoach III*. 1500/1700 Gold Passport Points

\$1475 p.p./dbl.occ., \$1670 single

The Tournament of Roses Parade & A Salute to Vienna!

Featuring the 129th Tournament of Roses Parade and Disney Concert Hall

3 Days • December 30 – January 1, 2018

1. Door-to-door service delivers you to the airport for your quick one hour flight to Southern California. Lunch is included in San Diego prior to a performance of *A Salute to Vienna*. The matinee performance at Copley Concert Hall celebrates the ageless beauty of Viennese music with Strauss waltzes and sweeping melodies from operettas which are performed by hand-picked European singers and a full orchestra. You'll fall for the Blue Danube Waltz all over again! **Hilton Hotel LAX – 2 nights (L)**

2. It's New Year's Eve and begin with a Champagne Sunday Brunch aboard the *Queen Mary* in Long Beach Harbor? After brunch you have the option of staying on board for a short highlights tour with time for browsing the shops in the ship's marketplace or visit the nearby Aquarium of the Pacific. There is a small additional charge of \$10 per person for the latter option. Tonight, join your Tour Director for a buffet dinner and "East Coast Toast." The hotel offers a midnight balloon drop for those who don't



Santa, disguised as Mark, gives instructions for our infamous Christmas gift exchange

mind staying up late for a true West Coast celebration! **(BR,D)**

3. The 129th Tournament of Roses Parade kicks off at 8am and your reserved seats are right along Colorado Boulevard. Following the parade, lunch is served en route to the airport where you will meet your flight for the return trip home. **(FB,L)**

This tour includes roundtrip air, deluxe accommodations, 5 meals, reserved seating for the Tournament of Roses Parade along with a seat cushion and parade program, all attractions listed in the above itinerary, and the services of a **Sports Leisure Vacations** Tour Director. 1700/1850 Gold Passport Points

\$1675 p.p./dbl.occ., \$1840 single

U.S. Figure Skating Championships

SAP Center Arena, San Jose

5 Days • January 4-8, 2018

This is the event at which the U.S. Olympic Team will be chosen. Your ticket allows you to see not only the evening programs, but the daily skating events at the SAP Center in San Jose. Friday morning you'll have the opportunity to visit one of San Jose's museums, including the Tech Museum of Innovation or the Rosicrucian Egyptian Museum. We will provide a sightseeing tour of Silicon Valley on Saturday morning, and enjoy a great brunch on Sunday. In the afternoons and evenings, you can enjoy the country's best skaters in action.

Your accommodations are at the **Embassy Suites Hotel** in Milpitas, where you will enjoy a full cooked-to-order breakfast each morning and complimentary cocktails if you are onsite in the evenings. Shuttle transportation to/from the arena will be provided on a daily basis. There will also be a guest skating speaker one morning at the hotel, to give you an insider's look at the competition.

Please note: You have a choice of seating. There is no difference in price. You can choose a seat closer to the ice (it will be cold because it's a big sheet of ICE, of course, but you will have an up close look at the action) or closer to the concourse (warmer, fewer steps to navigate up and down, better overview of the skating). There is a 6-8 row

difference in locations. (Lower seating is limited.)

According to the tentative draft schedule, you will have the opportunity to see the following: Opening Ceremonies, Championship Pairs Short Program, Junior Free Dance, Junior Men's Free Skate, Championship Short Dance, Championship Ladies Short Program, Championship Pairs Free Skate, Championship Men's Free Skate, Championship Free Dance, Championship Ladies Free Skate, and Smucker's Skating Spectacular featuring the winners (optional, \$84 per person). Only 12 seats remain.

\$2365 p.p./dbl.occ., \$2595 single

Cruising the Panama Canal

Travel in comfort aboard Holland America's m/v Westerdam

17 Days • February 3-19, 2018

..... Highlights

- Pre-cruise overnight stay at the Holiday Inn Express in Plantation, Bon Voyage Dinner at a South American steak house
- Ports of call include: Half Moon Cay, Bahamas; Cartegena, Columbia; Cruising the canal; Puerto Caldera, Costa Rica; Corinto, Nicaragua; Puerto Quetzal, Guatemala; Acapulco and Cabo San Lucas, Mexico; San Diego
- Sail through the old canal, viewing the new one (not all ships can go through the new canal, but you will travel in one and view the other)

- All meals included on board ship
- Prices include all transfers, port taxes
- R/T air to Ft. Lauderdale/from San Diego
- Door-to-door airport service
- Fully escorted by an **SLV** Tour Director **(Ramona Goodge)**

Inside cabins start at \$4095 p.p./dbl.occ., \$5610 single

Outside cabins start at \$4370 p.p./dbl.occ., \$6090 single

This vacation requires a valid passport!

Winter at the Majestic Ahwahnee

Featuring an overnight stay inside Yosemite National Park

2 Days • February 11-12

This trip is a **Sports Leisure Vacations'** favorite! And the focus is all about the Ahwahnee Hotel... recently re-named *The Majestic Yosemite Hotel*. But for this writer, and many others, it will **always** be the Ahwahnee!

1. Sunday Brunch is presented in the Ahwahnee Dining Room, with its 34 foot-high ceilings and floor-to-ceiling windows. A guided tour of the public areas of the hotel deepens your appreciation for the architecture and interior design. The evening is yours to enjoy the historic surroundings. **Ahwahnee Hotel (BR)**

2. Learn more about winter in Yosemite and enjoy the spectacular views as you explore from one end of the valley to the other from



Blueberry at the Ahwahnee Hotel – Yosemite National Park

the comfort of a heated coach with a local guide this morning. There is time for lunch on your own 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. 700/900 Gold Passport Points

\$695 p.p./dbl.occ., \$870 single

Add door-to-door service for \$80 p.p.

Cruising South America

Featuring Holland America's ms Zaandam

17 Days • March 2-18, 2018

On a Holland America Line South America cruise, you can experience these legendary lands in elegant comfort.

Begin in Argentina with two days to explore Buenos Aires while staying aboard ship. Then visit Uruguay, the Falkland Islands, Cape Horn, Glacier Alley and finally Chile. We are happy to arrange shore excursions for all ports of call. For a full listing of shore excursions available please visit www.hollandamerica.com.

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Designed to carry less than 1,500 guests while providing more space for maximum comfort, the *ms Zaandam* is a prize in the mid-size ship category. While on-board, choose from an array of onboard activities

that allow you to pursue new interests or relax and rejuvenate. Enjoy onboard cooking shows and hands-on workshops in partnership with America's Test Kitchen.

The package includes door-to-door airport service, airfare to Buenos Aires/from Santiago, your cruise with all meals served on board, and the services of a **Sports Leisure** Tour Director. Gold Passport Points dependent on cabin category.

Prices start at:

Inside: \$5065 p.p./dbl. occ., \$6350 single

Outside: \$5230 p.p./dbl. occ., \$6650 single

This vacation requires a valid passport!

Take the **Sunset Limited** to New Orleans

Cross the Southwest by rail

4 Days • March 9-12

Fly home after one night in New Orleans or extend your stay by adding our **New Orleans... And All That Jazz** tour.

1. Fly to Los Angeles on a mid-afternoon flight and enjoy dinner before the *Sunset Limited*, departs Union Station at 10pm headed for points east. **On board the *Sunset Limited* – 2 nights (D)**

2. All meals are included on board in the dining car. Your accommodations are either a full bedroom, complete with a full bathroom and shower, or a roomette,

a smaller accommodation with shared facilities. Throughout the day pass through New Mexico and into West Texas. **(FB,L,D)**

3. On into Louisiana and finally your arrival in New Orleans, the Crescent City, at 9:30pm. Your overnight accommodations are in the heart of the city and on the edge of the famed French Quarter. **Sheraton Hotel (FB,L,D)**

4. This morning we'll join fellow New Orleans travelers who arrived by plane last night for a buffet breakfast at our hotel. Following breakfast enjoy a morning tour of the Crescent City followed by free time for lunch and the opportunity to explore the French Quarter. Your return flight departs for home in the late afternoon. **(FB)**

This tour includes door-to-door airport service, roundtrip air, passage on the *Sunset Limited*, 8 meals: 3 full breakfasts, 2 lunches and 3 dinners, and the services of a **Sports Leisure** Tour Director. Gold Passport Points based on train compartment selection.

Please note: due to new restrictive Amtrak policies, we encourage you to sign up for this tour no later than December 1 as any extra compartments will need to be released near that time. Also, because of the limited number of bedrooms Amtrak offers on the *Sunset Limited*, single travelers will be initially restricted to roomettes to accommodate couples in bedrooms. If bedrooms are available on our space release date, we will accommodate singles who wish to have bedroom compartments in the date order reservations are received. We STRONGLY recommend AGAINST two travelers sharing a roomette. It simply is not comfortable.

Roomette:

\$1640 p.p./dbl.occ., \$1795 single

Bedroom: \$2265 p.p./dbl.occ.

Save \$50 until September 12*

Combination *Sunset Limited* & NOLA

Roomette:

\$3070 p.p./dbl.occ., \$3415 single

Bedroom: \$3695 p.p./dbl.occ.

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New Orleans... And All That Jazz

The Best of the Crescent City and the Bayou
5 Days • March 11-15

..... Highlights

- 4 nights at the Sheraton Hotel, right on Canal Street, on the edge of the French Quarter
- Experience the National World War II Museum including a luncheon show at the BB Canteen
- Fantastic dining experiences including beignets at Café du Monde, breakfast at Brennan's, dinner at the Court of Two Sisters, and a dinner class at the New Orleans School of Cooking
- Historic walking tour of the French Quarter
- Enjoy a daytrip to Houma to tour an oyster factory, gator farm and plantation
- Roundtrip air to/from New Orleans
- 8 meals: 4 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 2 dinners
- Door-to-door airport service
- 2300/2550 Gold Passport Points

\$2295 p.p./dbl.occ., \$2535 single
Save \$50 until September 12*

Tulip Time in Europe

Featuring Amsterdam and a 7-day river cruise aboard the AmaPrima

11 Days • April 25 – May 5

Fly from the US via Washington Dulles (one stop!) on an overnight flight to Holland's principal city, Amsterdam, for a 2-night stay at the 5-star **Grand Hotel Amrath**. Joined

by a local guide, explore the city from top to bottom with visits to the Anne Frank House, the famed Rijksmuseum and the Alida Hoeve cheese farm. Four meals are included in Amsterdam featuring a private canal boat dinner cruise designed to whet your appetite for Europe's culinary delights.

On the afternoon of Day 4 board the stunning *Ama Prima* for an 8-day celebration of spring cruising the waterways, rivers and canals of Holland and Belgium. AMA Waterways is no ordinary cruise line. On board you'll find included options far outweigh costly add-ons. Wine, beer and soft drinks at lunch, the cocktail hour and dinner? Included. Onboard Wi-Fi? Included. A choice of shore excursions at each port of call? Included.

All-outside cabins are offered on three levels to suit your budget and taste, and most boast a private balcony. Ample public spaces provide room for sightseeing, onboard entertainment and relaxing, as well as the pursuit of fitness with a walking track, heated pool and fitness room. Dining in the Main Restaurant is an unpretentious, yet elegant affair. For an even more memorable culinary experience, make a reservation at the Chef's Table, a nightly dinner event limited to just 28 where you'll witness the chef at work and sample his favorite dishes complete with wine pairings... all at no additional cost.

If this sounds like the trip of your dreams, call the office and speak to **Michael Downer** for a cruise catalogue and more

information. This tour includes door-to-door airport service, roundtrip air to Amsterdam, all activities listed in the itinerary and the services of a **Sports Leisure** Tour Director. Gold Passport Points dependent on cabin category.

2018 CRUISE ITINERARY

28 April	Amsterdam/Embarkation
29 April	Hoorn
30 April	Delta/Middelburg
1 May	Antwerp
2 May	Ghent (Visit Bruges)
3 May	Rotterdam/Schoonhoven (Visit Gouda and/or The Hague)
4 May	Keukenhof Gardens
5 May	Amsterdam/Disembarkation

Prices start at:

\$5325 p.p./dbl. occ., \$6995 single
Save \$200 until September 12*

This vacation requires a valid passport!

Things to Know Before You Go:

Airfare: On all trips where air travel is indicated, airfares are included in the listed prices.

Home Pick-up: Our exclusive home pick-up is included on all trips listed here of three days or longer. **Coastal Breeze Limousine** and its partners provide transportation to/from the airport, Sacramento's Amtrak station or the **Sports Leisure Vacations** office.

Meals: Please refer to the day-by-day itinerary for a break down of the included breakfasts, brunches, lunches and dinners.

***Early Registration/Payment Discounts:** Trips with this note after the price indicate there is a discount available for Early Registration and Payment. Please refer to the back page of the newsletter for more details on Early Registration/Payment Discounts.

The Fine Print: Our **Special Tour & Vacation Notes** brochure contains the answers to many often-asked questions. A copy is sent with your reservations.

Sports Leisure online: You are invited to visit our website at www.sportsleisure.com for more information on any tour listed here, or call our office and we will be happy to send you a detailed itinerary.





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Early Registration Payment Discounts listed here expire on **Tuesday, September 12, 2017**; or may be withdrawn 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, including the cost of Cancellation Protection, are returned to you in full 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. Within the time limits noted above, restrictions on refunds apply. See the **Special Vacation Notes & Information** brochure for complete details.

- Jan.** – Ice Magic & The Canadian Rockies – **Save \$100**
- Jan.** – Eagles, Owls & Agriculture – **Save \$25**
- Mar.** – Alaska’s Aurora – **Save \$125**
- Mar.** – Oregon Chocolate Festival – **Save \$35**
- Mar.** – Take the Sunset Limited to NOLA – **Save \$50**
- Mar.** – The Sunset Limited & All That Jazz – **Save \$50**
- Mar.** – NOLA & All That Jazz – **Save \$50**
- Apr.** – Tulip Time in Europe – **Save \$200**

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**.



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VALUABLE COUPON

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

Valid only when used with the adjacent coupon on the tours listed. 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. The regular cost of this protection is **\$15-\$295**, depending on the tour price. 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. Within 60/75 days of departure (see adjoining coupon), coverage is limited to verified medical emergencies. Please refer to the **Special Vacation Notes & Information** brochure for details, or call our office.

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 list available)

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| Postcards from Puget Sound | American Portrait Mystery Tour |
| Chicago: Your Kind of Town | Sedona & The Grand Canyon |
| Catalina Island Getaway | Thanksgiving in NYC |
| British Columbia Bear Experience | An Apple Farm Christmas |
| Oktoberfest, Canadian Thanksgiving | Christmas in Coos Bay |
| New England Fall Foliage Spectacular | Key West, Miami & The Everglades |
| Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta | |

Limited Space (10 or fewer seats)

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| Thanksgiving at the National Hotel (2) | Italy, That's Amore (6) |
| Puttin' on the Ritz for Christmas (8) | Christmas Lights Mystery (3) |
| Lake Powell, Mon. Valley, Canyon de Chelle (4) | Winter at the Ahwahnee (6) |
| Autumn in Appalachia, Asheville to Nashville (5) | Rose Parade & Salute to Vienna (10) |
| Christmas in Spokane & Leavenworth (1) | US Figure Skating Championships (10) |