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Sports Leisure in Pictures...



Looks like the "Head Turkey" showed up for the Thanksgiving Day trip to Jackson. A 64-year-old man still dressing like it's Halloween...

**Spring Preview Day Sign Up
Begins Monday, February 24th
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Beach Blanket Babylon closed it's San Francisco run after 45 years. **Sports Leisure Travelers** were a part of the audience for several of the final shows and we honored the cast with a creative cake (pictured), which became legendary in San Francisco.

Seriously, our cake got shared and liked by cast members and other theater folks in town. How cool is that? Congratulations to everyone associated with the show on the most amazing run in The City's colorful history. **Beach Blanket** was San Francisco, from the day it opened. Known for their crazy hats, they filled the theater, year after year. And they **always**

found room for our gang. Nice people, we wish them all the best and hope another creative production will at least try to take its place.



Longtime travelers **Gary** and **Sheri Beck** celebrated their 50th anniversary recently and received a special blessing. Actually, it was Gary who received the blessing, having survived 50 years with Sheri by his side... just kidding, they are two of our all-time favorite folks and we wish them many years of happiness together.

Weekend Ramblings

Weekends and holidays have always been my favorite time to drop into the office, and just catch up on things. There's a certain peace to it. Many reading these lines might say, "I can't understand why you would go to work on a weekend or holiday and how that would give you ANY peace."

The answer is, my office isn't just any office. It's sort of a **dream factory**. It's where great ideas which evolve into happiness for lots of people are born. To coin a comparison to the season, it's a little bit like Santa's home at the North Pole, where he and his elves make and gather all those gifts for Christmas. Around here, that is known as "catalog season." And I'm probably crazy (staff would confirm that I'm sure), but I've always enjoyed reflective time in what is really my home.

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As I look out my window on this New Year's Eve afternoon, across the parking lot I see the 24-hour Veterinary Hospital. The number of cars and the parking lot....and if I stand up...yup, and the number of people in the waiting area tell me there aren't many places in town to take a sick pet at 3pm on New Year's Eve.

That hospital is a pretty amazing place. One day, several years ago, I looked out to see police cars from every jurisdiction you could think of, parked all over the place. There must have been 30 or 40 police and sheriff vehicles. Why were they all here?

The answer sadly become apparent within minutes. The officers lined up formally outside the hospital, each one in full uniform, from hat to shoes shined that morning. They were there to honor a fallen comrade, one of the K-9 officers, who had died in the line of duty. It was quite a sight. The K-9 dogs are frequently brought here for treatment, so seeing out of area police cars is not unusual. Brave animals for sure.

Because people are so close to their pets, I occasionally see sadness outside my window. Today, what looks like a young girl and her mother are hugging each other, hoping for good news from inside

the hospital. I can only imagine what the conversation is they are having. Maybe they are just silently sharing memories. At least they have their moment together.

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Since it's the end of the year, and the end of the decade, satellite radio is counting down songs. I'm listening to the top 600 songs of the 60's. You remember the 60's? I've already heard **Puff, The Magic Dragon** and **King of the Road**. Did you know Roger Miller, who wrote the *King of the Road*, came from a little Route 66 town on the Oklahoma-Texas border? Roger passed a number of years ago, but his music lives on. Just like the old highway itself.

Already Planning for Next Christmas

My apologies to the travelers on the **Christmas Mystery Tour** this year (it went to Houston to see a HUGE lights display, and then on to Galveston Island for three nights). I missed the trip, because of the need to check out a special event which will be part of **next** year's trip. For those who make this an annual excursion, I have found the best destination ever for this December. Actually two neighboring places, both full of holiday spirit in a unique way. More information at our **Spring Preview Day**, slated for **Saturday, April 4th**. See *The Barber Pole* on page 5 for more information.



Route 66 Fans Lose a Friend

Two years ago, on our last run down The Mother Road (one of the nicknames for Route 66), we stopped just outside Barstow,

in the high desert, to view the **Bottle Tree Ranch**. I'd tried in vain to reach the curator, Elmer Long, for months. (Elmer didn't have a computer and rarely returned phone calls.) But sure enough, while we were getting off the coach and looking at the "bottle trees," Elmer appeared.

He regaled us about the metal "trees" and the bottles sticking out in every direction. He had started his collection of bottles with his father, in the desert, at the age of six. The "ranch" is a tribute to his dad. Now, Elmer has passed, at the age of 72. He didn't have a lock for the gate at the Bottle Tree Ranch, because Elmer said "I wouldn't ever want to disappoint anybody who came from so far, and I'm sorta hoping this place will live forever, long after I'm gone."

And so a piece of road folk art has lost its founder. He was a wonderful man, full of stories about the desert and his collection of bottles. If you ever get out that way, between Riverside and Barstow, at the top of the hill, stop in and see Elmer's collection. My guess is his spirit is still in residence.

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...the New Year's Eve music countdown is still rolling on. Do you remember **"She wore an Itsy Bitsy Teenie Weenie Yellow Polka Dot Bikini?"** That was the 60's? What a scandalous song for the times, I'm thinking. Oh, and just to provide balance, Louis Armstrong's **What a Wonderful World** is the next song.

Which gives me the perfect chance to end this little trip to nowhere. Thanks for sharing my holiday journey at the office. Hope the holidays made you smile. Thank you for your business. There are a ton of choices when you travel. That you would choose **Sports Leisure** (and often recommend us to your friends), is a great gift. Stay warm. I'll see you on the radio, Sundays at 3.

And so it goes...

Mark Hoffmann

Mark Hoffmann, CTP
Owner/Founder

Hello Friends!

Spring is busting out all over... at least in my mind. We find these cold, wet and foggy Sacramento days to be the perfect time for putting finishing touches on all our spring vacations. Are you also dreaming of someplace warm and sunny? If so, please fly away with me this season!



St. Patrick's Day in New Orleans flew off the shelf when first announced, selling out in a matter of hours, but we've just had seven cancellations. This fun 5-day getaway is easy to enjoy (but not easy on the waistline). Indeed, it's all about the food and drink that makes New Orleans famous, from Hurricanes to catfish and beignets to Bananas Foster... served for breakfast no less! As I said, NOT easy on the waistline. Our trip this spring is positioned around St. Patrick's Day promising good fun for all, especially when the Irish Club's Twilight Parade begins to snake its way through downtown and the French Quarter on the evening of the 17th.

Colorful Carolina Coast is another sell-out – must be Toot's prune cake – and one with no cancellations thus far. So this begs the question: Do I run it again in 2021? Who's in for a slow and scenic 10-day sojourn down North Carolina's Outer Banks, land of lighthouses and pirates; a full free day on the Atlantic shore in Myrtle Beach; and 2-night stays in the historic districts of Charleston and Savannah? One Travel Club member loved the tour so much she took it five times! Please place your name on the **Priority Notification List** if interested.

Pathways of Patriots is a new itinerary spotlighting the treasures of eastern Virginia. Highlights include a full day exploring the past and present of the US Marine Corps in Quantico, the quaint waterfront villages of Occoquan and Brentsville, tasting Virginia's fine wines at Effingham Manor, Manassas Battlefield (better known to most as Bull

Run), both candlelight and daytime visits to Williamsburg and finally your arrival in Norfolk. This Chesapeake Bay-side community will be pulling out all the stops for your visit with two special events designed to both entertain and rejuvenate your patriotic spirit. NATOfest is a celebration of the United States and some of her most treasured allies. You can bet there will be much cheering and saluting during the colorful Parade of Nations where you'll have reserved seating. That evening the Virginia Arts Festival's signature event commands the stage with the whirl of the tartans, the drone of the bagpipes and the rattle of the drums. It's the Virginia International Tattoo, a military band performance with a decidedly Scottish flair, featuring the talents of over 1000 performers from 8 countries. And yes, your Tour Director WILL be wearing his kilt! You can, too!

A Connoisseur's Tour through Holland, Belgium and France is just that – a tour focused on the best each country has to offer with a nod towards the finer things. In Holland you'll visit the Rijksmuseum, home of the Dutch Masters, the Royal Delft Factory and Museum, and the country's grandest collection of windmills in Zaanse Schans. Belgium's crown jewel is indisputably the Medieval community of Bruges, a World

Heritage Site. Our lovely hotel is located within the city walls to facilitate walking tours as well as your personal exploration. In France you'll overnight in the Flemish town of Arras en route to Paris where our adventure ends with a 3-night stay. Together we'll visit the Louvre and Musée d'Orsay with ample free time allowed to plot your own course. Our visit culminates with dinner served aboard the *Bateaux Mouches* to witness the city all aglow as we slowly float by on the River Seine. Single accommodations are sold out, but we have room for a few more lucky couples eager to experience springtime in Paris for themselves!

Availability on all these trips is extremely limited and cutoff dates will quickly be upon us. Call today for more information and to reserve your space. Complete itineraries can be found in our 2020 Dream Book *Live* and/or at www.sportsleisure.com. I look forward to seeing you soon!

"Your Tour Guy,"

Clayton

Clayton Whitehead, CTP
Vice President

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Tom Romano and Mark Hoffmann



Now You Know Why They Say, “Never Mess With Lucille”

Lucille decided to give herself a big treat for her 70th birthday by staying overnight in a really nice hotel. When she checked out the next morning, the desk clerk handed her a bill for \$250.00.

She demanded to know why the charge was so high “I agree it’s a nice hotel, but the rooms aren’t worth \$250.00 for just an overnight stay – I didn’t even have breakfast!”

The clerk told her that \$250.00 is the “standard rate,” and breakfast had been included, had she wanted it.

She insisted on speaking to the Manager. The Manager appeared and, forewarned by the desk clerk, announced: “This hotel has an Olympic-sized pool and a huge conference center which are available for use.”

“But I didn’t use them.”

“Well, they are here, and you could have.” He went on to explain that she could also have seen one of the in-hotel shows for which they were so famous. “We have the best entertainers from around the world performing here.”

“But I didn’t go to any of those shows.” “Well, we have them, and you could have.”

No matter what amenity the Manager mentioned, she replied, “But I didn’t use it!” and the Manager countered with his standard response.

After several minutes discussion, and with the Manager still unmoved, she decided to pay, wrote a check and gave it to him. The Manager was surprised when he looked at the check.

“But Madam, this check is for only \$50.00.”

“That’s correct. I charged you \$200.00 for sleeping with me.”

“But I didn’t!”

“Well, too bad, I was here, and you could have!”

From The Creator of “Peanuts”

You don’t have to actually answer the questions. Just ponder on them (like Charlie Brown would have). Just read the e-mail straight through, and you’ll get the point.

1. Name the last five Heisman trophy winners.
2. Name the last five winners of the Miss America pageant.
3. Name ten people who have won the Nobel or Pulitzer Prize.
4. Name the last half dozen Academy Award winners for best actor and actress.
5. Name the last decade’s worth of World Series winners.

How did you do? The point is, none of us remember the headliners of yesterday. These are no second-rate achievers. They are the best in their fields. But the applause dies. Awards tarnish. Achievements are forgotten. Accolades and certificates are buried with their owners. Here’s another quiz. See how you do on this one:

1. List a few teachers who aided your journey through school.
2. Name three friends who have helped you through a difficult time.
3. Name five people who have taught you something worthwhile.
4. Think of five people you enjoy spending time with.

Easier? The lesson: The people who make a difference in your life are not the ones with the most credentials, the most money... or the most awards. They simply are the ones who care the most.

“Be Yourself. Everyone Else Is Taken!”

City, County and State leaders dedicate statue honoring Rosa Parks

MONTGOMERY – Rosa Parks now sits center stage in downtown Montgomery six decades after her arrest.

Community leaders marked the 64th anniversary of Rosa Parks’ courageous stand and subsequent arrest with the dedication of a life-size, bronze statue of the seamstress.

The statue stands near Montgomery Plaza downtown – just feet from the spot Parks boarded the now infamous city bus on Nov. 26, 1955.

“This statue has been a long time coming and Mrs. Rosa Parks is more than deserving as she represents all of the many foot soldiers who sacrificed their lives and families to make a change. She is standing where she belongs at the heart of Montgomery where the historical Civil Rights Movement all started,” said Montgomery County Commission Chairman Elton Dean. She paved the way for us, both minorities and women, we stand on her shoulders and we are forever grateful.”

Ed. Note: One of the most amazing evenings of my life is the late night Clayton and I spent in line in Detroit, waiting to view the casket of Ms. Parks. We waited in line for hours, in a neighborhood we wouldn’t have normally ventured to. It was an amazing night and I know we are both glad we went. We learned a lot standing in that line. One thing we already knew was that Ms. Parks was a woman of great courage.

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**.



OFFICE HOURS:
9:00am – 4:30pm MON. thru FRI.
Closed weekends & major holidays
CLOSED TUES. 12:00pm – 1:15pm

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

Formulating a Green Plan for Sports Leisure, with Your Help

Climate change is starting to have a significant impact on travel. At **Sports Leisure**, we have shifted most of our Pacific Northwest schedule out of August and the first half of September, because of increased fire and smoke possibilities. Our cruise group to Australia will likely see record summer temperatures down under, not to mention the fires in the bush which are aggravating the situation tremendously.

Europeans are starting to look at trains instead of short haul flights, to reduce emissions in the sky. A young lady from Sweden, who advocates dealing with climate change **now**, was named Time Magazine's person of the year. In the San Francisco Airport, plastic water bottles have been replaced with faucets to refill your water bottle. Plastic soda bottles are still there, but hey, it's a step-by-step process.

At **Sports Leisure** we are joining the march to lower emissions to make sure our planet is safe for the generations which follow us. We are inviting you to join us in that goal. At our **Spring Preview Day on April 4th**, we will announce some of our modest plans to move forward. We are encouraging our suppliers to offer ideas for reducing the pollution/waste we create as travelers. And yes, plastic bottles are high on our hit list.

If you have any thoughts on this issue, or ideas for conservation, we invite your calls/comments. We just have the one planet. Let's make sure our grandchildren can live on it.

My Seat is Missing...

Was the comment from one of our travelers upon boarding the coach on a recent trip. "I'm in row 11 and there are only nine rows.."

Indeed, in some cases, we are not using full size coaches on our extended tours. In some cases, the smaller coach allows us to get into places a bigger bus couldn't. The dollar savings from a smaller coach

are minimal (generally about 5%), but the coach is easier to double park for loading/unloading. Problem is, some of our travelers like to reserve a seat towards the rear, knowing the coach won't be full and they can have more personal space. But occasionally we will contract a smaller bus, so yes, your seat might be "missing" and you might have to share a double seat with another traveler.

Parking Update

Antelope – Park close to Lichen Drive in parking lot, away from Raley's. DO NOT park close to the store. The bus pulls up on Lichen and DOES NOT enter the parking lot.

Arden/Black Bear – Park away (east) from the diner, near the driveway. This also keeps you away from Kohl's.

18th & W – We are looking for a better spot. It costs \$2 to park, and the machines are frequently out of service. We are looking for a better option here, and West Sacramento is high on our list. Watch for an announcement in the next newsletter.

A Reminder – Please do NOT suggest our pick-up locations to other groups you may be a part of. We have secured permission to park at these locations. When other groups (without permission, just on a suggestion) park in our locations, they create additional congestion, which often leads to us being asked to find another location. **If you value your SLV parking location, please do not suggest it to other groups.**

Spring/Holiday Preview

Our Spring Tour Preview Day, at which we announce all of our holiday trips for 2020, will be held on **Saturday, April 4th**. There will be morning and afternoon sessions, each lasting about an hour and 45 minutes. There is no admission charge for Spring Preview. Details are still coming together for the event. **Reservations will be accepted beginning Monday, February 24th**. We are looking for a community group to partner with for the event, so our coming together can benefit others. The **Christmas Mystery Tour**, our **Thanksgiving in New York** and a slew of new destinations will be announced.

Gold Passport Rewards Points Program

Gold Passport is our **bonus program** for frequent travelers. Once you travel 20 days with us, you will become a **Gold Member** and begin to receive points at the rate of approximately one point per dollar spent. The chart below shows you how your points can be redeemed for \$\$\$ credits towards your travels.

Number of Points Required	Travel Reward Value
5,000	\$50
7,000	\$75
9,000	\$100
11,000	\$125
15,000	\$175
20,000	\$250
25,000	\$325
30,000	\$400
35,000	\$500
40,000	\$750
50,000	\$1,200
60,000	\$1,800
70,000	\$2,500
75,000	\$3,000

Travel Rewards can be used on any trip created by **Sports Leisure Vacations**. They cannot be redeemed for independent travel. Travel Rewards are transferable, but actual points are not. Points stay in account holders name until used, provided you travel at least once every 24 months.

To redeem Travel Rewards, simply advise us when making a tour payment by telephone or in person. You may also redeem your Travel Rewards points and take the award in the form of a Travel Certificate. The Travel Certificate can be issued in your name or in the name of another should you wish to give the gift of travel.

PASSPORT INFORMATION

Your passport must be valid for at least six months past the end date of your tour.

The Customers Always Write

Dear Sports Leisure Family

Attn: Mark Hoffmann

We have just finished reading the current newsletter and were flabbergasted that you would charge people \$20 each for canceling a trip. Many of us are not guilty of what you are accusing us of. I think you should reconsider who to charge. I am sure you keep a file on all of us, figure out something to charge the guilty people and not the whole travel group.

First, you put your trips out there so very early that most of us can't fathom making the trip, then you want payment for the trip now, that is if you want the discounts, so you hold on to all this money, paying us no interest and now you want to charge us for canceling.

I understand the issue but charge the people who are doing this, I know many times I have heard people say, oh sign up for it and we can cancel and get our money back. I have heard many times on a trip people saying they have booked several trips knowing they won't make them all they just need to decide and cancel later.

I myself have cancelled 1 trip in the many years I have traveled with you and it was due to family issues, my sister in law was dying, and did during that particular trip. I may only have 20 or so trips under my belt with you but that shouldn't matter. Files are meant for notes and when someone cancels you should notate it in their file and look to see if this is a person who cancels a lot. I thought we were family!

A very concerned traveler

Editor's Note: Generally, I do not print letters we receive without a name or any identification of who the letter came from. In this instance, we are making an exception to that rule, because I really want to respond. Since the writer of the letter gave me no option to answer personally, I'll respond here.

The letter references a policy printed in the November newsletter. It was on **The Barber Pole** page and read:

Effective January 1, our Cancellation Policy will change slightly. There will

be a **\$20 charge** for any reservation on an extended (more than one day) tour canceled after the deposit has been paid. Previously, there was no charge until 60 days prior to departure. The change was made necessary because some people are booking multiple tours and canceling all but one at the 61 day mark. We are hoping this small tweak will eliminate that issue.

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Word for word, that is the new policy which sparked the above response. I'd like to make a clarification on the policy, and then respond to the anonymous writer's concerns.

The reason this is a problem for us is our limited inventory. Unlike large national companies, we don't have 8 or 10 departures annually to a destination. We have one or maybe two. We also limit the number of participants on longer tours, to provide a higher quality experience. Why is that important here? With limited departures **and** a limited number of seats, we have to carefully manage what's left on the "shelf." Ok, let's respond to the letter.

"Many of us are not guilty of what you are accusing us of..." Fair statement. The word **accusing** is strong, but ok. Some people are booking multiple tours and canceling all but one at the 61 day mark... If this isn't you, then you are right, you are not guilty.

"I am sure you keep a file on all of us..." Well, if a record of the trips you've taken with us and those you registered for and canceled is a "file" on you, then you are right. We also keep some special requests and if a staff member or a traveler has ever registered a complaint about your behavior on tour, yes, we keep a record of those things. We don't however, have a system which allows us to identify the offenders in this case.

We do announce trips early. That is the industry standard, 9-15 months before departure, as a rule. We used to release our catalog for the year in January. Our travelers told us "everyone else sends their months before and we want to know what Sports is offering so we can shop."

As I explain on the stage every year at Preview Day, the **Early Registration Discounts** are basically a refund of the marketing dollars we save when you register early (unless of course you cancel). People who pay in full are historically way less likely to cancel, so they get a discount. The discount is generally in the range of 3%. I believe 3% is quite a bit better than the current interest rate at many banks. Mine is paying 1.15%. You give us your money months ahead, we try and give you a discount which makes up for the lost interest and then some.

The letter writer says he or she has heard **others** talk of how they have used the loose policy to book multiple trips and then cancel. (Sorta first person witness to proving the point, it seems.) But he or she has never done that themselves. Hmmm. Ok. But is it really fair for someone to hold space and keep someone else from reserving it, just so they can decide which one they want later?

We had already decided to tweak the new policy just a bit. If you call to cancel and it's obvious to staff (by looking at those files we keep on you) that you don't have multiple reservations in a short period, and you aren't trying to game the system, they have the power to waive the charge. But if they can see you made multiple reservations and are weeding them out, you pay \$20 for making us chase someone to take your place, issue you a refund, etc. Thank you for the letter.

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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Spring Training

Cactus League in Arizona with the Giants and A's, great dining, baseball speakers

6 Days • March 12-17

Game Schedule

Thurs., Mar. 12	A's vs. L.A. Dodgers in Glendale
Fri., Mar. 13	Giants vs. Arizona Diamondbacks/Scottsdale
Sat., Mar. 14	Giants vs. Cincinnati Reds at Goodyear
Sun., Mar. 15	A's vs. San Diego Padres at Mesa
Mon., Mar. 16	Giants vs. Colorado Rockies at Talking Stick
Tues., Mar. 17	Giants vs. Texas Ranger at Scottsdale

Due to a scheduling issue, we had to add a day to the Spring Training trip. Currently, there are two seats available. We have a convenient location between all eight parks, just north of the airport. Enjoy a great buffet breakfast every morning (except Sunday) at the **beautifully refurbished Marriott Hotel**.

The package includes 7 meals, roundtrip air to/from Phoenix, four nights at the Marriott, game tickets in premium (and generally shaded) locations, the services of a **Sports Leisure** Tour Director and 2800/3300 Gold Passport Points for qualified travelers.

\$2793 p.p./dbl.occ., \$3273 single

Baseball, History of America's Pastime

Pilgrimages to see and learn about

baseball's landmarks – The Negro Leagues Museum, The Field of Dreams, Wrigley Field tour, plus the Giants in Minnesota

Part 1 – May 2-7 • 6 Days

1. Fly to Kansas City, late lunch at legendary Arthur Bryant's BBQ, Negro Leagues Museum. – 2 nights
2. Truman Presidential Library, WWI Museum, Detroit Tigers vs. K.C. Royals.
3. Fly to Minneapolis, Giants vs. Twins. – 2 nights
4. Meet the son of a baseball legend, sights in the Twin Cities, Giants-Twins.
5. Travel by coach to the Field of Dreams in Iowa. Overnight Dubuque
6. Wrigley Field Tour, fly Chicago to Sacramento

\$2980 p.p./dbl.occ., \$3390 single

Part 2 – September 22-27 • 6 Days

Yankee Stadium, Fenway Park, Cooperstown, Hoboken, Polo Grounds site

1. Fly to Newark – 2 nights.
2. Hoboken (first baseball game site), Yogi Berra Museum, Polo Grounds site, Astros vs. Yankees.
3. Gates of Heaven Cemetery – Babe Ruth gravesite (plus Billy Martin and a host of others), travel to Cooperstown – 2 nights

4. Visit the Hall of Fame. Special program featuring artifacts not on display, presented by the museum curator.
5. Travel to Boston, stop in Mudville (Holliston, MA). Orioles – Red Sox at Fenway. Overnight.
6. Tour Fenway Park, fly home.

Prices available February 1

Place your name on the Priority Notification List now!

See page 13 in our 2020 Dream Book

Giants/A's Day Trip Schedule for 2020

Before you know it, the catchers and pitchers will be reporting to training camp and the 2020 season will be underway. It's time to announce our slate of day trips to Giants and A's games. For the Giants, our seats are in the lower level, up close to the overhang (to give us some sun protection), on the third base side. For A's games, we are on the Plaza (second of three) Level. We believe these seats provide the best view of the field and are located on the second level at about first or third base. Call for specific ticket locations if you wish.

Packages include coach transportation, refreshments on board and game tickets. **The Padres and Cardinals weekday games with the Giants feature a one way ferry ride from Vallejo to the ball park, returning by bus. Game times are listed. Coaches depart Sacramento roughly 4 hours prior to the game

2020 San Francisco Giants

Sun., Apr. 5	vs. Los Angeles Dodgers	5:37pm	\$139
Thurs., June 4	vs. San Diego Padres**	12:45pm	\$138
Thurs., June 25	vs. New York Mets	12:45pm	\$139
Sat., June 27	vs. Los Angeles Dodgers	4:15pm	\$159
Thurs., July 30	vs. Chicago Cubs	12:45pm	\$159
Thurs., Aug. 13	vs. Los Angeles Dodgers	12:45pm	\$139
Wed., Sept. 9	vs. St. Louis Cardinals**	12:45pm	\$138
Sun., Sept. 27	vs. Milwaukee Brewers	12:05pm	\$139

Tickets for Giants games are located in section 128, on the lower level, rows 31-35, on the third base side, three sections past third base.

2020 Oakland Athletics

Sun., Apr. 12	vs. New York Yankees	1:07pm	\$112
Wed., Apr. 15	vs. Boston Red Sox	12:27pm	\$115
Sun., June 7	vs. San Francisco Giants	1:07pm	\$124

Tickets for As games are located in section 227 (NY, BOS, section 208 Giants) on the second level.

Day Trips & Theatre Outings

Hamilton

The smash hit is carried over

Wednesday, May 6

**NEW DATE
ADDED**

Lin-Manuel Miranda's story of Alexander Hamilton, an immigrant from the West Indies, is absolutely must-see theatre! This is the story of America then, as told by America now with an exciting musical score accentuating a dramatic story. Our Wednesday departure includes a lite snack on the way to San Francisco; orchestra seating, and a stop at Pier 39 after the show for dinner on your own. **\$198**

Civic Center of San Francisco

Tour City Hall, Opera House and Davies Hall

Monday, February 24

Located in the heart of San Francisco, the Civic Center provides a vast amount of the city's history and is a designated National Historic Landmark. With both Craig Smith and docents from the Performing Art Center, tours include Louise M. Davies Symphony Hall, War Memorial Opera House, Herbst Theatre, and iconic City Hall. **Be advised these are walking tours.** Lunch is included at Max's Opera House Café. **\$141**

The Last Ship

At the Golden Gate Theatre

Wednesday, March 18

**NEW DATE
ADDED**

The acclaimed new musical, starring and with music and lyrics by internationally renowned musician Sting, is the tale of Wallsend in the northeast of England, a shipbuilding community torn apart by the closing of the shipbuilding industry. Sting wrote this musical as homage to where he came from as well as to those that raised him. Sting plays Jackie White, the shipyard foreman who rallies the workers as their corporate overlords threaten closure. Trip includes snack box onboard the coach, orchestra seating at the 2pm matinee, dinner on your own at Pier 39 after the show and return to Sacramento. **\$216**

Camelot

At the East Sonora Theatre

Saturday, March 14

The legendary love triangle of King Arthur, Guenevere and Sir Lancelot leaps from the pages of T.H. White's novel in this adaptation of Lerner and Lowe's award-winning musical.

Lunch is included at Firenze in Oakdale prior to the 2pm matinee. **\$127**

Roll with the Bakers

Boudin's Bakery in San Francisco

Thursday, March 19

Spend the day at Boudin Bakery on Fisherman's Wharf learning the history of their Sourdough Bread, the original "San Francisco treat." Along with your bread lesson (no experience required), enjoy watching the bakers at work from a glass-walled catwalk above their professional kitchen; also included lunch in the Boudin Restaurant, docent tour of their collection of bread-making memorabilia, and a take-home loaf of their delicious bread! There will be a little free time to browse on your own before boarding a Bay Ferry to Vallejo where our coach waits to return you home to Sacramento. A tasty day, rain or shine. **\$158**

A Day at the Races

Golden Gate Fields, Berkeley

Friday, March 27

This always popular outing includes a multi-course buffet lunch and finish line seating in the enclosed Turf Club at Golden Gate Fields. Enjoy the races from your comfortable table overlooking the track, television monitors for a close-up view, and betting windows conveniently nearby. Arrival is timed for the first race and departure after the last race of the day. **\$147**

Happy Birthday, Golden Gate Park!

Thursday, April 2

One of the world's most iconic parks is celebrating its 150th Birthday in April and you are invited to the party! With Craig Smith as guide, we will tour and stop throughout

the park learning how this vast area of nothing but sand dunes is the verdant and horticulturally diverse attraction it is today. Larger than New York's Central Park, its 1,017 acres includes not only gardens and recreational areas, but renown cultural and science venues as well. Enjoy included lunch at the Beach Chalet Restaurant located in the park and conclude the day at the serene and picturesque Japanese Tea Gardens. **\$147**

San Francisco Cherry Blossom Festival

Saturday, April 11

The Northern California Cherry Blossom Festival is one of California's most prominent celebrations of Asian traditions and the biggest on the West Coast. The festival is held in Japantown on Post Street. Come along with us and enjoy the many food and craft booths, cultural performances, live bands and so much more! You will have ample time to discover all the Festival has to offer and lunch on your own. **\$83**

A Day Out in San Francisco

Saturday, April 11

Take a ride to The City with us and enjoy a day of shopping, lunch or just a day out enjoying the sights. The motorcoach will stop at Union Square and Pier 39/Fisherman's Wharf and give you time to explore The City as you please. **\$83**

Easter at Ironstone Vineyards

Sunday, April 12

Enjoy a festive Easter at the Ironstone Vineyards & Winery near Murphys. Following a lavish Sunday Brunch buffet there will be free time to stroll through Ironstone's beautiful buildings and gardens, explore the history museum and, of course, sample some of the award winning wines in the tasting room. You may even see local children on the lawns engaged in a spirited Easter egg hunt! The drive there and back through the foothills and quaint gold rush towns is relaxing and equally beautiful. **\$147**



Wildflowers and Roses

At the Eleven Roses Ranch

Thursday, April 16

In April there is an explosion of flowers in the little valley that is the 1895 homestead of Eleven Roses Ranch near Clear Lake. A wagon ride through the valley accompanies a chuckwagon BBQ. There is also time to walk around and take some pictures of the flowers and animals or just sit and enjoy the beautiful setting with your friends. Stop briefly at Granzella's in Williams before returning to Sacramento. **\$153**

The Last (Potluck) Supper

Featuring the Church Basement Ladies at the Fallon Theatre

Saturday, April 18

The ladies are back in the kitchen again preparing for the church's Centennial Celebration. Based on the characters from *Growing Up Lutheran*, join us for an afternoon of heartwarming humor and nostalgia as the ladies handle challenges with grace, and a few crazy antics. Lunch is included at the City Hotel prior to the 2pm matinee. **\$121**

Book of Mormon

At the Golden Gate Theatre

Sunday, April 19

The *Book of Mormon* follows the story of two missionaries who are sent from Salt Lake City to a remote Ugandan Village. Their tasks are to introduce and ultimately convert the Ugandan people over to Mormonism. After opening on Broadway, this show won nine Tony Awards in 2012. This show contains **very strong adult language**. This trip will include snack box onboard the coach, orchestra seating for the 1pm matinee, dinner on your own at Pier 39 following the show and return to Sacramento. **\$225**

Joy Luck Club

CATS production at Nevada Theatre

Sunday, April 26

CATS, the Community Asian Theatre of the Sierra presents Amy Tan's bestselling story this spring. A tale of four Chinese mothers and their American daughters, this play follows the interconnected stories, the relationships and people who complicate

their lives. The story takes place in both China and San Francisco from the early 20th century to 1987. Lunch is included in Grass Valley prior to the matinee. **\$109**

The Band's Visit

At the Golden Gate Theatre

Wednesday, May 27

In this joyously offbeat story, set in a town that's way off the beaten path, an Egyptian band gets lost, arriving out of the blue into an isolated hamlet in Israel's Negev Desert. Winner of 10 Tony Awards, including Best Musical; and a Grammy Award winner for Best Musical Theatre Album, *The Band's Visit* presents beautiful music and a story about strangers bringing a town to life in unexpected ways. Our Wednesday departure includes a snack box on board the coach, orchestra seating at the 2pm matinee, and dinner on your own at Pier 39 after the show. **\$167**

The Mean Girls

At the Golden Gate Theatre

Wednesday, July 1

Direct from Broadway, this hilarious (and perhaps somewhat cheesy) musical about teenage girls in suburban Illinois comes to San Francisco. Written by Tina Fey ("30 Rock") this coming-of-age story is filled with energy, wicked good fun, and inside-jokery as Cady Heron learns to navigate the jungle that is her new home. *Mean Girls*, spiced with poignant humor, gets to the heart of what it means to be a true friend, a worthy nemesis, and most of all, a human being. Our Wednesday departure includes a snack box on board the coach, orchestra seating at the 2pm matinee, and dinner on your own at Pier 39 after the show. **\$193**

Frida Kahlo, Judy Chicago, and Bouquets to Art

de Young Museum in San Francisco

Tuesday, June 2

A diversity of artistic exhibits, style, and expression come together for a triumvirate day sure to appeal to a variety of tastes and interests. The day begins with "*Frida Kahlo: Appearances Can Be Deceiving*." Recognized worldwide for her self-portraits, she is equally known for Mexican inspired

works, and as the wife of artist Diego Rivera. The second special exhibit is "*Judy Chicago: A Retrospective*." American born, she is known for large art pieces and images that examine the role of women in history and culture. An audio is included for the two exhibits. Complete your day with the popular and annual "*Bouquets to Art*." Inspired by pieces of the de Young's permanent collection, floral designers imaginatively highlight and bring life to these works with their own masterpieces of flowers and foliage. Lunch is on your own in the museum café. **\$121**

Ernani

San Francisco War Memorial Opera House

Sunday, June 7

With music by renowned composer Giuseppe Verdi, this tale of love and defiance is both thrilling and adventurous. Set in 16th century Spain, Ernani is a deposed nobleman living on the run as a bandit. When two powerful men seek to make a prize of his lover, Ernani hatches a plot to rescue her as well as free his country of political oppression. "Can an outlawed love win?" is answered in dramatic and grande opera style. Your choice of seating is in the side sections of the Orchestra or the Dress Circle. (Be advised there are no handrails for aide in Dress Circle.) An early stop is included at Fisherman's Wharf for no-host lunch prior to the 2pm matinee.

Orchestra – \$184 Dress Circle – \$196

San Francisco's Barbary Coast

Monday, June 29

Born during the California Gold Rush of 1849, the area of San Francisco referred to as the "Barbary Coast" was a district of saloons, clubs, bars, and brothels. With a rapid influx of treasure seekers, it took on a resemblance the Wild West with graft, gambling and lawlessness. Passing of time and government regulation has now converted these once corrupt areas to popular destinations of Chinatown and North Beach. Join guide Craig Smith as we tour, **walk**, and explore its past and present including the Ferry Building, History of Gold Museum, and Wells Fargo History Museum.



A family-style lunch is included at Originals Joe's Restaurant in North Beach. **\$153**

My Fair Lady

Golden Gate Theater, San Francisco

Wednesday, August 12

Fresh from Lincoln Center Theater Productions, that brought you *The King & I* and *South Pacific*, comes a new production of Lerner & Loewe's *My Fair Lady*. Director Bartlett Sher's revival production flips the typical perspective from Professor Henry Higgins transforming street urchin Eliza Doolittle to that of a woman hell-bent on improving her own circumstances.

Wednesday trip includes snack box served onboard the coach prior to the 2pm matinee, orchestra seating, Pier 39 for dinner on your own before returning to Sacramento. **\$182**

Harry Potter and the Cursed Child

Curran Theater, San Francisco

Sunday August 23, 1pm & 6:30pm,

Harry Potter and the Cursed Child is the eighth story in the Harry Potter series and

the first official Harry Potter story to be presented on stage. *Harry Potter and the Cursed Child* opened in 2016 in London and on Broadway in April 2018. It was the most awarded show of that season having won 25 awards including 6 Tony Awards. This story is written in two parts and takes place with Harry now an employee of the Ministry of Magic, a husband and father of three school age children. There are some amazing surprises in this show (but JK Rowling has secured a promise from me not to reveal anything until you have seen the show. Honest!). This Sunday trip includes a snack box on the way down to San Francisco for Part One at 1pm, early dinner during the intermission followed by Part Two at 6:30pm. The coach will return to Sacramento at the end of Part Two. Everyone is invited to wear all or some of their Harry Potter apparel and accessories. And don't forget to bring along your wands! The more the merrier; there will be many there wearing their Slytherin scarf or Gryffindor robe or even bringing their owl. **\$393**

A New Teaser and Updates from the Catalog...

At **Sports Leisure Vacations** we have always listened to our Travel Club Members. When you see a "bucket list" destination listed on these pages, and ask to be placed on the **Priority Notification List**, you are literally casting a vote for that tour idea. If interest is sufficient, we will move forward in planning the trip. Below is a brief update on some trips teased in the 2020 Dream Book; and **Scott** has a new twist on Branson and the Ozarks.

Ramona is in the process of booking the **Haida Gwaii** experience for the summer of 2021. The **Circle BC** trip isn't coming to fruition in 2020 as the logistics just didn't come together. **Michael** will soon have space confirmed on a **European River Cruise** for late Spring 2021. **Mark** is still thinking about the **Alaska Marine Highway** for 2021; and **Clayton** is getting excited about **Italy Cooks**.

Hidden Gems of the Ozark Mountains

A fall foliage tour with Branson entertainment

5 days October 2020 or 2021

Scott would love to show you why he loves the Ozarks. Enjoy four nights at the **Hilton Hotel** located in the heart of historic downtown Branson with shops and restaurants nearby. Attractions will include an excursion along Lost Canyon at the Top of the Rock with breathtaking views of **Table Rock Lake**, The Museum of Ancient Ozarks, and the Dogwood Canyon Nature Preserve. Visit **Silver Dollar City** during the **Craft Days and Pumpkin Nights** so that you can enjoy all the crafts, musical shows and the thousands of illuminated pumpkin displays located throughout this beautiful entertainment village. Take a cave tram tour in the second largest cavern in the country at **Fantastic Caverns**. And of course we have to see some entertainment during our stay including the most magnificent production of "*Noah*" at the **Sight and Sound Theater**, as well as **several other shows TBA**.

Distinctly Napa

Wine and Culinary Treats with a bit of history

2 Days • April 13-14

On this overnight trip travel to nearby Napa Valley in the comfort of our specially outfitted motorcoach. We will depart Sacramento in time for an included lunch at **Ristorante Allegria** in downtown Napa. The restaurant is located in an old bank building, circa 1916, featuring 35 foot ceilings. The atmosphere is perfect for an elegant meal; and setting the stage for your afternoon. Following lunch, a local historian/guide provides a bit of Napa history on a tour of the city (some walking involved). Our hotel for the night, **The Napa River Inn** is centrally located in downtown Napa where world class restaurants and shopping abound. You have the evening free to explore and dine at your leisure. The Oxbow Market, a **Sports Leisure** favorite is a short, easy walk from the hotel.

Rise and shine! "What's for breakfast?" You can have your continental breakfast delivered to your room, or go downstairs and dine-in at Sweetie Pies. "Ready for today's adventure? Let's go!" The **Castello di Amorosa** is described as "an authentically-styled 13th century Tuscan castle winery in the Napa Valley". After a guided tour of the castle enjoy a family style lunch in the Great Hall, paired with a selection of three premium wines. Return to Sacramento taking the scenic Hwy 128 along Lake Berryessa and Putah Creek.

This tour will include three meals (1 continental breakfast, 2 lunches), a guided tour, wine tasting, and fabulous accommodations. As this is an overnigher, the coach will be picking up from our convenient locations in Sacramento. **Please note that this trip does include two walking tours, sometimes over uneven pavement and cobblestones.** 800/900 Gold Passport Points.

\$760 p.p./dbl.occ., \$895 single

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The Sound of Music in Leavenworth

Take the Train to Washington's Little Bavaria
4 Days • July 14-17

One of our most popular getaways is back! It has a little bit of everything: live theatre, stunning outdoor views, a train through beautiful country, and the old world charm of Bavaria without a long plane ride!

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

2. Tour the Rocky Reach Dam and learn of the immense power of the mighty Columbia River before visiting the museum highlighting the history and ecology of the area. Lunch is included today at a place as known for their homemade pies as their delicious made-from-scratch food! You have the option to visit Ohme Gardens, situated on top of a large bluff overlooking the Columbia River or spend the afternoon in town browsing the many shops. This evening, *The Music Man* is performed under the stars at Hatchery Park. **(FB,L)**

3. Surrounded by orchards in the heart of the Wenatchee Valley, the community of Cashmere is the home of Liberty Orchards, makers of "Aplets and Cotlets," the fruit and nut confections. Enjoy complimentary samples, time for shopping and tour the factory. Learn the history of the region on a docent-guided tour of the Cashmere Pioneer Village and Museum. Back in Leavenworth, enjoy lunch at your leisure and an optional walking tour of historic downtown. Dinner is included at King Ludwig's German Restaurant, served family-style, prior to tonight's performance of the popular musical *The Sound of Music*. Performed outdoors with the mountains of the Wenatchee Forest in the background, you'll feel like you're in



the hills of Switzerland with the Von Trapp Family! **(FB,D)**

4. Bid farewell to Leavenworth and begin your journey westward with lunch in the small town of Snohomish. Conclude your visit to the *Evergreen State* with a stop at the Boeing Museum of Flight. A return flight from Seattle returns you home in the early evening. **(FB,L)**

The tour will include door-to-door airport service, roundtrip air, deluxe motorcoach service, passage aboard Amtrak's *Empire Builder*, accommodations, all attractions and shows listed, 7 meals (3FB,3L,1D), and the services of a **Sports Leisure Vacations** Tour Director. 1850/2050 Gold Passport Points

\$1810 p.p./dbl.occ., \$2035 single
Save \$50 by Tuesday, February 11

San Juan Island Explorer Cruise

Take in the beautiful Pacific Northwest with two nights in Friday Harbor.

4 Days • August 4-7



- Two days aboard a private nature cruise
- View marine life, birds, lighthouses and hidden coves
- Tour upscale Roche Harbor and stunning Sucia Island State Park
- Evening accommodations in Friday Harbor and Mukilteo
- 9 meals: 3 full breakfasts, 4 lunches, 2 dinners
- Roundtrip air to/from Seattle
- Door-to-door airport transportation
- 2300/2600 Gold Passport Points

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

2. After breakfast at your hotel sail through the San Juan Channel to the exclusive Roche Harbor Resort. A walking tour of the resort grounds will inform you of the

history of the area and give you a taste of the posh life. Enjoy whimsical and elaborate art installations at the San Juan Sculpture Park, the largest in the Pacific Northwest. A decadent cracked Dungeness crab lunch is served back on the ship. There are non-seafood options for you landlubbers. Arrive back to Friday Harbor with time to enjoy the town before a waterside dinner. **(FB,L,D)**

3. Sucia Island State Park situated at the very top of the archipelago is your first landing today. The reefs and broken shoreline form a geological folding of the earth's crust and has brought many interesting marine fossils to the surface. Lunch is served right on the beach! Join a short hike with a naturalist to learn about the geology and view the stunning shoreline. Sail past uninhabited islands back to Bellingham and travel to Mukilteo. Tonight's accommodations are waterfront, and Ivar's, a Pacific Northwest favorite, is serving up local fare right next door for dinner on your own. **Silver Cloud Inn (FB,L)**

4. Enjoy a leisurely morning sipping your coffee watching the Washington State Ferries come and go. Stop in Snohomish for lunch with time to browse the town's many eclectic boutiques and antique shops before catching an early evening flight home. **(FB,L)**

\$2260 p.p./dbl.occ., \$2590 single
Save \$75 by Tuesday, February 11

Mamma Mia! at Lake Tahoe

Presented by The Lake Tahoe Shakespeare Festival

2 days • August 9-10



The Tony and Grammy nominated musical *Mamma Mia!* is coming to the shores of beautiful Lake Tahoe. This sunny, funny tale of a wedding on a tiny Greek island is inspired by the music of the Swedish pop sensation ABBA. Sing along with hits like "Dancing Queen," "Super Trouper" "Mamma Mia" and more!

A mid-day motorcoach departure gets us to South Lake Tahoe just in time to check into our hotel for the night, the **Lake Tahoe Resort**. We will walk over to Harrah's for



dinner at the Forest Buffet before heading up the west side of the Lake to Sand Harbor for the performance of *Mamma Mia!*

The next morning, our hotel offers a full breakfast buffet for you to enjoy. After breakfast, we travel to Zephyr Cove and board the *Dixie II* paddle wheeler for a cruise on the largest fresh water lake in the Sierra Nevada. A light (deli) buffet lunch is included onboard. You can opt out of the cruise and see if Lady Luck is on your side this morning or enjoy some time exploring the many different shops in the resort-like setting of the South Shore. We depart for Sacramento in early afternoon.

This overnight package includes deluxe motorcoach transportation, three meals (1FB,1L,1D), resort accommodations, all attractions and activities indicated and the services of a **Sports Leisure** Tour Director. 650/700 Gold Passport Points

\$615 p.p/dbl.occ., \$695 single
Save \$20 by Tuesday, February 11

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

3 Days • September 11-13



1. Our signature “door to door service” picks you up from your home and delivers you to the *Sports Leisure Vacation* office. Sleep in; we depart Sacramento at 12 noon with an arrival in Reno at 3pm. Light refreshments will be served on the coach. Your accommodations are located in the heart of “The Biggest Little City” and connected to the Eldorado and Circus

Circus hotels. Your evening is at your leisure.

Silver Legacy – 2 nights

2. This morning is balloon mass ascension! You will have Cloud 9 VIP Club seating which includes heated indoor/outdoor seating on the field, a catered breakfast, a special addition champagne glass and a hosted bar with champagne, mimosas and Bloody Mary's. During the morning there will also be time to shop along Balloon Boulevard. Travel to Virginia City for the 61st annual Camel & Ostrich Races. Watch jockeys perched on their beasts maneuver the track while the audience cheer! **(B,L)**

3. Check out of the Silver Legacy at noon and arrive back in Sacramento at 3pm. This package includes door-to-door service, deluxe motorcoach transportation, all attractions listed above. Balloon events may be cancelled due to bad weather. 1000/1100 Gold Passport Points

\$960 p.p/dbl.occ., \$1090 single
Save \$30 by Tuesday, February 11

New England Fall Foliage Spectacular

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

8 Days • October 4-11



★ Highlights ★

- Visit three New England states
- NH: Canterbury Shaker Village and Saint-Gaudens National Historic Site
- VT: Shelburne Museum, Trapp Family Lodge and Ben & Jerry's
- 3 nights in lakeside cabins on Lake Champlain

- NY: Lake Placid Olympic sites, Ft. Ticonderoga, Ausable Chasm, John Brown Farm
- 2 nights in Lake Placid
- 15 meals: 7 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 6 dinners
- Door-to-door service
- R/T air into Manchester/out of Albany*

1. The spectacular begins with a flight to Manchester, NH. **Holiday Inn**

2. Your thirst for New England will be immediately quenched with a visit to Canterbury Shaker Village, a Nat'l Historic Landmark preserving 25 buildings dating to the 18th and 19th Centuries, all filled with the stunning craftsmanship and handiwork of the original inhabitants. In the afternoon explore the home and gardens of Augustus Saint-Gaudens, America's foremost sculptor. Located on the Vermont shore of Lake Champlain, Basin Harbor features a historic lodge surrounded by 74 individual cabins offering quaint, but elegant accommodations immersed in nature and peaceful tranquility. Don't forget your flashlight! **Basin Harbor Club – 3 nights (FB,D)**

3. Take a leisurely morning to sleep in or explore Basin Harbor's miles of trails. In the afternoon visit Shelburne Museum. Known as New England's Smithsonian, “the Shel” offers an collection of American art and exhibits displayed in one of 39 repurposed and restored historical homes and buildings. At nearby Shelburne Vineyard taste the bounty of the local grape harvest before heading to dinner at a local sugarhouse where every course includes maple! **(FB,D)**

4. Another leisurely morning precedes heading out to nibble your way across Vermont! Visit a cider mill for lunch where everything is homemade, then pay tribute to the state's favorite sons, Ben and Jerry, with a guided tour of their ice cream-making empire. Onward to Stowe and the Trapp Family Lodge to learn the inspiring story of what happened after *The Sound of Music* for the beloved musical family from Austria. Back at Basin Harbor, the best has definitely been saved for last – a chef-designed four-course gourmet dinner! **(FB,L,D)**

5. In nearby Burlington launch on a narrated cruise of Lake Champlain, nestled between the (hopefully) colorful Adirondack



Yes, that is a rider atop the ostrich, camel and zebra. This is a very “unpredictable race!”

and Green Mountains. At Ausable Chasm in New York State, you'll see a sandstone gorge called the Grand Canyon of the Adirondacks. Open since 1870, explore the famous depths of the chasm while viewing waterfalls and unique rock formations from sturdy bridges, walkways, stairs and vistas. Onward to Lake Placid. **High Peaks Resort – 2 nights (FB,D)**

6. A guided tour focuses on the 1932 and 1980 Olympic Games hosted here with visits to competition sites and the Winter Olympic Museum. Nearby is the home and grave of abolitionist John Brown where you'll learn of a man who became martyr for the liberation of Southern slaves in 1859. **(FB,D)**

7. After a visit to Natural Stone Bridge and Cave – the largest marble cave in the US – it's time to nibble your way across New York. Visit with cheese makers and a family who still operates a meat smokehouse built by their grandfather in 1946 en route to Ft. Ticonderoga. Here you'll step back in time as costumed interpreters serve you the same meal enjoyed by British soldiers stationed there in 1774. **(FB,D)**

8. The drive to Albany, NY, for lunch and your return flight bring the fall foliage spectacular to a happy end. **(FB,L)**

***Tour Planner's Note:** This vacation was included on the Teaser pages of our 2020 Dream Book and already has a healthy list of interested travelers. The tour is now fully planned, but air prices offered by United, Delta and others into this region are currently cost-prohibitive. We feel we must wait until Southwest Airlines opens up their schedules for Manchester and Albany – usually six months before travel dates. This means we may not have the final price for this tour until April. Please add or reaffirm your name on the **Priority Notification List**.

The Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta

Featuring reserved upgraded seating in the Chasers Lounge and Gondola Club

5 Days • October 6-10

★ Highlights ★

- 3 balloon events: Balloon Glow, Special Shapes and Mass Ascension
- Ride the Sandia Peak Aerial Tram

- Upgraded seating in the Chasers Lounge & Gondola Club
- Tour the Turquoise Museum Mansion
- Rio Grande Arts and Crafts Festival
- Door to door airport transportation
- R/T air to / from Albuquerque
- 8 meals: 4 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 1 dinner
- 2550/2850 Gold Passport Points

1. Arrive in Albuquerque and enjoy lunch and a group before checking into your hotel.

Albuquerque Marriott – 4 nights (L)

2. The Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta with over 600 balloons is the largest ballooning event on earth. We have upgraded your experience this morning to the Chasers Club Lounge which offers private seating on the field. Travel on the famous Sandia Peak Aerial Tramway. Enjoy the view and lunch on top of the mountain at Ten 3. This afternoon visit Old Town for shopping or head back to the hotel. **(B,L)**

3. This morning we are watching the balloons from another private venue on the other side of the balloon field the Gondola Club. Today is Special Shapes Day! This is a very popular ascension with approximately 100 special shape balloons. You might see Darth Vader and Yoda, a flying cow, maybe Smokey Bear, just to name a few. Take a docent tour of the Abruzzo Balloon Museum and learn about hot air and gas balloons from the first flight in 1783 to the present. **(B)**

4. Tour the Turquoise Museum which is housed in a mansion full of antiques; one of Albuquerque new top attractions, a must see! Tonight we re-group for the Fiesta's "Glowdeo" a static display of the Special Shape balloons. Dinner will be held in the private Gondola Club with live entertainment and an open bar. Following dinner is the spectacular afterglow fireworks show! (Weather permitting, high winds could possible cancel any events) **(B,L,D)**

5. After a sleep in morning attend the Rio Grande Arts & Crafts Festival. 200 fine artists and craftspeople from throughout the U.S. come together each year for two weekends. Take a break from shopping and enjoy ongoing live entertainment, a food court and specialty food booths before heading to the airport for our flight home. **(B)**

\$2545 p.p/dbl.occ., \$2835 single

Save \$75 by Tuesday, February 11

Spectacular Sedona

Four nights at the Hilton Sedona Resort

5 days • November 1-5



★ 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

1. Fly direct on Southwest Airlines to Phoenix. Enjoy a lavish brunch at the Wrigley mansion. Dine in the breathtaking landmark constructed by chewing gum personality William Wrigley Jr. before arriving at the red rocks of Sedona. Your hotel has beautiful indoor and outdoor public spaces and your spacious hotel room has a separate living room. **Hilton Sedona – 4 nights (BR)**

2. Start off today with a Trolley tour to the Chapel of the Holy Cross and the Mexican style Village of Tlaquepaque. This afternoon you may choose to browse the shops in uptown or for (extra cost), an off road jeep tour into the wilderness. A letter describing the options and pricing will be sent closer to departure. We will all meet tonight for a Mexican dinner. **(FB,D)**

3. At the Copper Museum learn why Arizona is nicknamed the Copper State, during your tour that combines history and stunning artifacts. Visit the historic copper mining town of Jerome. Once known as the wickedest town in the west; now it is a bustling artistic community. Board the Verde Valley Railroad on a fall foliage canyon tour. Gaze at the brilliant blue skies, red rock cliffs with amber, and gold Cottonwood and Sycamore trees along the Verde River. **(FB,L)**

4. Head north up scenic Oak Creek Canyon hoping to catch some fall colors making for a spectacular drive along the river with towering red rock views. In Flagstaff enjoy lunch with entertainment as your waiters and waitresses with serenade you while you dine. Get back to Sedona late afternoon. **(FB,L)**

5. Travel back to Phoenix this morning for your flight home. **(FB)**

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

Save \$75 by Tuesday, February 11



The Tour Calendar *(Previously Announced)*

Take the Snow Train to Reno

Ride the California Zephyr through the Sierra Nevada

2 Days • February 18-19

NEW DATE
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We have added a third departure! Your journey over the mountains begins from one of our convenient pickups and Amtrak's *California Zephyr* departs from Roseville. Experience a High Sierra winter wonderland as the train climbs through the mountains, providing magnificent winter vistas.

On the train, enjoy relaxing views from your seat or from the domed observation car. A box lunch is included for you to take on the train so you won't miss the scenery! Your accommodations are at the **Silver Legacy Casino/Resort**. Enjoy a free morning at leisure on the second day before returning home by motorcoach.

The package includes one-way rail passage on Amtrak's *California Zephyr*, a boxed lunch, hotel accommodations, casino bonuses, and return transportation. 350/400 Gold Passport Points

\$320 p.p./dbl.occ., \$355 single

Add door-to-door service for \$109 p.p.

Tucson – A Gem of the Southwest

Featuring the Loews Ventana Canyon Resort

5 Days • March 10-14

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★ Highlights ★

- Culinary tour and fine dining experiences
- Kartchner Caverns State Park
- Mission San Xavier del Bac
- Garden Tour at Tohono Chul Park
- Tour the DeGrazia Gallery In The Sun
- 4 meals: enjoy lunch together each day
- Door-to-door service
- Roundtrip airfare to/from Tucson
- 2300/2700 Gold Passport Points

\$2290 p.p./dbl.occ., \$2685 single

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Early Payment Discounts**

St. Patrick's Day in New Orleans

Featuring the Irish Club Parade

5 Days • March 15-19

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This vacation was first announced in the March/April 2019 newsletter. Seldom has a trip sold out so fast – 60 spots on two separate departures gone in a matter of hours! But SEVEN cancellations in the past couple of weeks have opened up space for you if you act quickly. Join Clayton and Chris, our resident Southern gentlemen, on this visit to New Orleans over St. Patrick's Day. This fun and festive holiday (decidedly more family-friendly than Mardi Gras) features the lighted Irish Club Parade that snakes its way through the city at dusk on the 17th. Accommodations are in the heart of downtown at the Sheraton Hotel, just across Canal Street from the famed French Quarter. Eight meals include dinners at Court of Two Sisters and the NOLA School of Cooking, lunch at famed Antoine's and breakfast at Brennan's. There will even be beignets served up hot and fresh at Café du Monde. Touring includes a guided drive through the Garden District, and visits to the National WWII Museum, City Park and one of their unique above-ground cemeteries. Join us and *laissez les bon temps roulerles!*

\$2210 p.p./dbl.occ., \$2465 single

NYC – Behind Broadway and The Bronx

Times Square, two Broadway shows and a night at Carnegie Hall

6 Days • April 24-29

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★ Highlights ★

- 5 nights at the Marriott Marquis Times Square, in the heart of the city
- 2 included nights of theater (*Diana!*) and one show 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 a theater reviewer
- A Day in The Bronx – taste the real "Little Italy," meet the FDNY and NYPD with stops at a fire station and police precinct
- A Day Downtown – stroll Wall Street, 9/11 Memorial/Museum/Observation Deck (all 3 experiences included)
- Free day to visit Ellis and Liberty Islands; optional visit to Grand Central Station
- 6 meals: 3 lunches, 3 dinners
- Door-to-door airport service
- Roundtrip airfare to/from NYC
- 4200/4750 Gold Passport Points

\$4160 p.p./dbl.occ., \$4705 single

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Celebrate with Broadway stars at the New York Pops Birthday Gala at Carnegie Hall

Beautiful Bodega Bay and The Coast

Featuring the Sonoma Coastline

3 Days • April 26-28

★ Highlights ★

- Relax in comfort and enjoy the hospitality of Bodega Bay Lodge & Spa, overlooking Dorian 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

This leisurely visit to the coast allows you time to sit back and enjoy springtime on the coast. 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

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Pathways of Patriots

Featuring the Virginia International Tattoo, a colorful display of pageantry and music

7 Days • April 27 – May 3

- 2 nights Prince William County – Manassas National Battlefield, Ben Lomond Historic Site, Occoquan, Effingham Manor Winery
- Quantico National Cemetery, Museum and US Marine Base
- Richmond – Statehouse, American Civil War Museum, CSA White House
- Colonial Williamsburg
- 2 nights Norfolk – Virginia International Tattoo, NATOfest Parade of Nations
- 12 meals: daily breakfast, 3 lunches, 3 dinners
- Door-to-door airport transportation
- Roundtrip airfare to Dulles/from Norfolk
- 3300/3750 Gold Passport Points

Join **Clayton** as you step back to a tumultuous time in our nation's history. As you visit the many Civil War sites, battlefields and historic sites of Virginia, it is a time of reflection on the formation of our country. It

all comes together with a Parade of Nations and an evening of music at the Virginia International Tattoo.

\$3285 p.p./dbl.occ., \$3725 single

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Springtime in Yosemite

Giant Sequoias, waterfalls and spring flowers

3 Days • May 12-14

★ Highlights ★

- 2 nights at the Rush Creek Lodge, just outside the park
- Free time to visit Yosemite Falls, the Ansel Adams Gallery, and the Yosemite Museum
- Guided tour highlighting the history and points of interest throughout the valley
- 3 meals: 2 lunches, 1 dinner
- Deluxe motorcoach transportation
- Door-to-door service
- 1500/1800 Gold Passport Points

Springtime is the optimum season to view Yosemite's magnificent waterfalls and get a peek at its display of spring flowers. On your full day in the park, the morning will consist of a fully narrated tour to discover the history, geology and people of Yosemite. The afternoon is your time to explore the valley as you wish. Perhaps a walk out to

Mirror Lake, or time at the museum and Ansel Adams gallery. In the evening, return to your mountain resort.

During our time in the park, visit the Giant Sequoia trees area around the newly restored Mariposa Grove (weather and conditions permitting). This area has undergone major reconstruction.

While we will be entering and exiting the park several times, we are confident you are going to love the improved accommodations: Rush Creek Lodge, located just one mile from the Big Oak Flat entrance to Yosemite National Park on Highway 120. It features a contemporary, rustic lodge inspired by the breathtaking nature surrounding its 20-acre wooded hillside setting. While not inside the park, its location provides an opportunity to enjoy both the park and the serenity of the lodge in comfort and away from the crowds. If you have stayed in the park over the past few years you are aware its motel rooms have become a little tired.

\$1465 p.p./dbl.occ., \$1770 single

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PASSPORT INFORMATION

Your passport must be valid for at least six months past the end date of your tour.



Living History performers literally walk you through the history of Colonial Williamsburg





"Oh Canada Eh?" performers will have you laughing with them in this lighthearted show

Niagara Falls, Naturally Awesome!

A million dollar view, your room overlooks The Falls

5 Days • May 25-29

★ Highlights ★

- 4 nights Embassy Suites Fallsview – premium views of Niagara Falls – daily breakfast & evening cocktails included
- Take a *Journey Behind the Falls* & sail to the base of Horseshoe Falls
- Enjoy the hilarious *Oh Canada Eh?* Dinner Show, IMAX Niagara Presentation & Daredevil Museum, ride the Whirlpool Aero Cars
- Stroll the boutiques of Niagara-on-the-Lake; visit the Niagara Botanical Gardens & Butterfly Conservatory
- Sample "ice wine," an uniquely Niagara Region product
- Visit the Welland Canal, a shipping lane connecting Lake Ontario & Lake Erie
- 8 meals: 4 full breakfasts, 1 lunch, 3 dinners
- Door-to-door service
- Roundtrip airfare to/from Buffalo
- 2550/ 2800 Gold Passport Points

\$2515 p.p./dbl.occ., \$2765 single

This vacation requires a valid passport!

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**NEW DATE
ADDED**

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Walla Walla and Pendleton

Lewis & Clark, Oregon's Cowboy Country, the Columbia River

5 Days • June 1-5

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★ Highlights ★

- At Sacagawea State Park and Patit Creek, a living history guide brings you back to the days of Lewis & Clark
- Walk on a piece of the Oregon Trail
- Unique cider/chocolate and local wine tasting
- Makers Tour in Pendleton – hats, saddles, boots
- 2 nights each – Walla Walla & Pendleton
- Learn about CBDs, the new hemp/ cannabis-based pain med
- Lunch at the Columbia Gorge Hotel – 11 meals: 4 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 3 dinners
- 2150/2350 Gold Passport Points

Enjoy a collage of experiences on this two-state vacation to eastern Oregon and Washington. This is where the Corps of Lewis and Clark walked on their return to Missouri. Today, it's a land of cowboys and wineries, flanked by a majestic river, beckoning the visitor to learn about its colorful history and pleasant small towns. (This was originally a Mystery Tour itinerary in May of 2019. Because it was so highly rated, it returns to the schedule.)

\$2120 p.p./dbl.occ., \$2335 single

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A Connoisseur's Tour through Holland, Belgium and France

For aficionados of history, art, architecture... and fried potatoes!

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11 Days • June 5-15

★ Highlights ★

- Holland: 3 nights Haarlem; visit Amsterdam (Rijksmuseum), Zaanse Schans, Volendam and Delft
 - Belgium: 2 nights Bruges; visit Antwerp and Ghent
 - France: 1 night Arras, 3 nights Paris; visit the Louvre and Musée de Orsay
 - All well-located 4-star hotels
 - 16 meals include full breakfast daily and a farewell dinner cruise on the *Bateaux Mouches*
 - Door-to-door airport service
 - Roundtrip airfare to Amsterdam/from Paris
 - 5650/6150 Gold Passport Points
- Join us on this three-country sojourn focused on the finer things in life. You'll explore some of the world's greatest art museums filled with priceless treasures, see architectural masterpieces from windmills to grand cathedrals, cruise the canals of Amsterdam and the River Seine . . . there's even a museum devoted to the French fry – what's not to love about that! Single space is filled, but there is room for couples and traveling pairs. If you've ever dreamed of



Join **Clayton** and visit the iconic windmills of Holland dotting the landscape near Zaanse Schans



spending springtime in Paris, don't let this opportunity get away!

\$5650 p.p./dbl.occ., \$6105 single

This vacation requires a valid passport!

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Falling for Boise

Featuring Shoshone Falls in the Snake River Canyon

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4 Days • June 6-9

★ Highlights ★

- 2-nights at the upscale Inn at 500 Capitol
- Culinary and history walking tour of Boise
- Tour of the Basque Museum
- Visit Shoshone Falls
- Roundtrip air to/from Boise
- 7 meals: 3 full breakfasts, 3 lunches, 1 dinner
- Door-to-door airport service
- 2000/2250 Gold Passport Points

\$1960 p.p./dbl.occ., \$2240 single

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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. **Baylight Transportation Services** 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.

Ferries, Islands and Towns of Old Cape Cod... and Pilgrims in Plymouth!

Commemorate the 400th anniversary of the Pilgrims' arrival

8 Days • June 12-19

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★ Highlights ★

- 2 nights Plymouth, 2 nights Provincetown, overnight Hyannis, 2 nights Nantucket
- Guided Tours of Plymouth and Plimoth Plantation, Provincetown, Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket; Cape Cod National Seashore
- Ferry rides from Boston to Provincetown, Hyannis – Martha's Vineyard – Nantucket – Hyannis
- Tour Boston, ride the famous Swan Boats on Boston Common
- Sand dune excursion and Trolley tour of Provincetown with colorful theatrical entertainment
- 15 meals: breakfast daily, 2 lunches, 6 dinners
- Door-to-door airport service
- Roundtrip airfare to/from Boston
- 4250/4900 Gold Passport Points

\$4245 p.p./dbl.occ., \$4880 single

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Cruise Norway and the North Cape

"Voyage of the Midnight Sun"

17 Days • July 3-19

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The *Nieuw Statendam* typically carries 2600 guests. **Holland America's** signature experiences cover arts, culinary delights, history and culture at each port with shore excursions ranging in levels of activity.

The flight from California to Amsterdam takes a full day, arriving the following



Picturesque villages tucked into dramatic fjords await you in Norway and along the North Cape

morning. A city tour and lunch ease the transition into the European culture; visit the Rijksmuseum, one of the world's foremost museums dedicated to Dutch arts and history. As you sail out of Amsterdam the next day, journey north to the land of the midnight sun, stunning fjords and vistas, and charming Viking villages.

In the shadow of snowy peaks and stunning blue-green fjords, **Eidfjord** is considered to be one of the most beautiful villages in Norway. **Hardangerfjord** is the fourth-longest fjord in the world and plunges down almost a half mile at its deepest point. Take in the best of the landscape as you sail toward the ever-imposing mountains of Hardangervidda National Park. Waterfalls, and shoreline villages dot the journey.

This package includes the services of a **Sports Leisure Tour Director**, door-to-door service, roundtrip airfare to/from Amsterdam, one night's accommodations and local touring in Amsterdam.

Inside Cabins start at:

\$6108 p.p./dbl.occ., \$8417 single

Outside Cabins start at:

\$6810 p.p./dbl.occ., \$9715 single

Prices based on estimated air.

Gold Passport Points based on cabin.

This vacation requires a valid passport!

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Lassen Volcanic National Park

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Featuring rivers, lakes and waterfalls

3 Days • July 8-10

★ Highlights ★

- Stay at Redding's newest hotel located on the banks of the Sacramento River
- Travel along the scenic Volcanic National Highway, picnic lunch at Manzanita Lake
- 4 meals: 3 lunches, 1 dinner
- Door-to-door service
- Motorcoach transportation
- 1200/1400 Gold Passport Points

A deep winter snow-pack altered our 2019 visit to Lassen Volcanic National Park yet we still enjoyed the beauty of the mountains, the power of the waterfalls, and peacefulness of the lakes. We return this year, in the hopes that the roads will be clear of snow.

\$1180 p.p./dbl.occ., \$1390 single

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Sports Leisure travelers create a living portrait at Laguna Pageant. Can you stand still for 90 seconds?

Laguna Beach and The Pageant of the Masters

3 Days • July 26-28 or Aug. 23-25

★ Highlights ★

- Excellently located reserved loge seating in outdoor amphitheatre
- Behind-the-scenes presentation about the workings of the pageant
- Champagne brunch while cruising beautiful Newport Harbor
- Morning visit to Balboa, a popular 19th century vacation destination
- Dinner at Terra Restaurant overlooks the Festival of Arts
- 3 meals: 1 brunch, 1 lunch, 1 dinner
- Door-to-door service
- Roundtrip airfare to/from Southern California
- Motorcoach transfers and the services of your **Sports Leisure Vacations** Tour Director
- 1600/1800 Gold Passport Points

One of the world's most unique festivals, *The Pageant of the Masters* captivates and entertains audiences with a show hard to explain. Celebrating its 87th year of production, experience well-known paintings and sculpture as they come to life in a live two hour performance accompanied by a full orchestra.

\$1590 p.p. /dbl.occ. \$1795 single

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The Magnificent Mendocino Coast

Featuring Noyo Harbor, Ft. Bragg and the historic Skunk Train

4 Days • September 8-11

Our lodging for **two nights** will be overlooking Noyo Harbor at the familiar **Harbor Lite Lodge**. In the early morning, as you enjoy your first cup of coffee, watch as the fishing fleet heads out for the day. In the evenings, enjoy the fresh catch of the day as we dine at some of the area's oldest and finest establishments.

This tour includes door-to-door service, motorcoach transportation, accommo-



Join **Mark** on a trip to the Columbia Gorge – with culinary delights, beautiful scenery and historic sites

datations, all attractions as listed in the catalog, 9 meals (3B,4L,2D), and the services of a **Sports Leisure Vacations** Tour Director. 1500/1750 Gold Passport Points

\$1490 p.p./dbl.occ., \$1725 single

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Capitol Reef National Park and Monument Valley

Featuring three nights at the new Dwellings Resort in Bluff Utah

6 Days • September 13-18



- Tour Monument Valley with a Navajo guide
- Explore both the Valley of the Gods and Capitol Reef National Park in a 4x4 jeep
- Stand in four states at once at the Four Corners Monument
- Roundtrip air to Durango/from Salt Lake City, door-to-door airport service
- 12 meals: 5 breakfasts, 5 lunches, 2 dinners
- 3300/3700 Gold Passport Points

\$3280 p.p./dbl.occ., \$3685 single

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The Historic Columbia Gorge Hotel

On the banks of the Columbia River, on the Oregon-Washington border, sits a wonderful old hotel

4 Days • September 2020

★ Highlights ★

- 3 nights at the Columbia Gorge Hotel
- Breakfast each morning in the hotel



- dining room, 8 included meals (3 full breakfasts, 3 lunches, 2 dinners)
- Daily excursions featuring the Maryhill Museum and Winery, the Hood River Valley and a cruise on the river, Multnomah Falls
- Ride the Mount Hood Railroad to Parkdale
- Hotel History Talk – learn about the people who have visited, when the hotel was built (1921) and about the early settlers
- Visit the Vancouver Farmer's Market
- Door-to-door service

Mark meets with the hotel on Jan. 16th.

Pricing will be available Feb 1st.

Those on the Priority Notification List will receive a notice.

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Bonjour, La Belle Quebec!

Featuring Canadian Thanksgiving Day and fall colors



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8 Days • September 24 – October 1

Its geography, history and culture give Québec a most unique identity. With fall colors ablaze, experience the warmth and authenticity of a Canadian Thanksgiving, Québécois style!

- 2 nights in a French Bed & Breakfast with home cooked meals
- Brilliant fall colors in the beautiful Charlevoix Region
- Enjoy a Thanksgiving Dinner with a French flair
- 2 nights 4-star accommodations in Québec City
- Visit Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré Basilica & Montmorency Falls
- Tour Montreal, including Notre Dame Basilica
- 15 meals: 7 full breakfasts, 4 lunches, 4 dinners
- Door-to-door service
- Roundtrip airfare to/from Montreal
- 4250/4750 Gold Passport Points

\$4220 p.p./dbl.occ., \$4710 single

This vacation requires a valid passport!

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Experience the majesty of the iconic grizzly in her natural habitat catching salmon

British Columbia Bears and Wildlife

Featuring Knights Inlet Lodge and Grizzly Bears

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6 Days • October 2-7

★ Highlights ★

- 3 nights at the Knight Inlet remote floating wilderness lodge in a comfortable room with private washroom and shower
- 2 full days of guided wildlife viewing, including watching Grizzly Bears from nearby viewing platforms
- Marine wildlife excursions as weather allows
- Seaplane to/from Campbell River
- 12 meals: daily breakfast, 4 lunches, 3 dinners
- Door-to-door airport service
- Roundtrip air to Campbell River/from Vancouver
- 6550/8000 Gold Passport Points

One of Sports Leisure's most outstanding adventures! The Knight Inlet Lodge is a remote floating lodge in the wilderness, accessible only by seaplane or boat; and many activities include climbing into marine vessels or walking on uneven surfaces. For these reasons, you must be in stable physical condition, with good mobility. We do not recommend this tour for travelers with moderate to serious mobility issues.

If you have questions or concerns, talk with **Ramona** before booking. Due to limited services in the remote areas we will be visiting, and the modes of transportation,

you must be prepared to handle your own luggage at the airports and hotels.

\$6520 p.p./dbl.occ., \$8000 single

This vacation requires a valid passport!

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

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

5 Days • September 29 – October 3

★ 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

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

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Relax on Catalina Island

Enjoy three nights in Avalon

4 Days • October 18-21

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★ Highlights ★

- 3 nights at the Pavilion Lodge
- Sunday Brunch at Long Beach's elegant *Queen Mary*,
- Be whisked away across "26 miles across the sea" on the high-speed *Catalina Express*
- *Twilight in the Casino* tour features wine and cheese on the balcony
- Explore the island with a scenic guided tour and special "undersea" experience
- 6 meals: 3 full breakfasts, 1 brunch, 1 lunch, 1 dinner
- Door-to-door service
- Roundtrip airfare to/from Long Beach
- 1950/2350 Gold Passport Points

\$1935 p.p./dbl.occ., \$2320 single

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EARLY PAYMENT DISCOUNT COUPON

Early Registration Payment Discounts listed here expire on **Tuesday, February 11th**; 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 (less \$20 administrative 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. Within the time limits noted above, restrictions on refunds apply. See the **Special Vacation Notes & Information** brochure for complete details.

May – Springtime in Yosemite – **Save \$20**

Jun. – Old Cape Cod... and Pilgrims in Plymouth! – **Save \$60**

Jul – Sound of Music in Leavenworth – **Save \$50**

Jul. – Cruise Norway and the North Cape – **Save \$100**

Aug. – San Juan Island Explorer Cruise **Save \$75**

Aug. – Mamma Mia! At Lake Tahoe – **Save \$20**

Sep. – Reno Balloon and Virginia City Camel Races – **Save \$30**

Sep. – The Magnificent Mendocino Coast – **Save \$25**

Sep. – US 50, The Lincoln Highway – **Save \$25**

Oct. – Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta – **Save \$75**

Oct. – British Columbia Bears and Wildlife – **Save \$100**

Nov. – Spectacular Sedona – **Save \$75**

OFFICE HOURS:

9:00am – 4:30pm MON. thru FRI.

Closed weekends and major holidays

CLOSED TUES. 12:00pm – 1:15pm

VALUABLE COUPON

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

Valid only when used with Early Payment Di\$counts. **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)

Snow Train – Mark	Old West Mtn Mystery
Nebraska	Cruising St. Lawrence
Carolina Coast	Michigan
Mystery to TalkAbout	Nat'l Treasure
Skagit Valley Tulips	Tennessee
Newfoundland	Santa Fe
Hwy 101 – OR Coast	Moab
Puget Sound	Maine

Limited Space (10 or fewer seats)

St. Pat's in NOLA (6)	Niagara Falls (3)
Fixin' Up Texas (1)	Walla Walla (6)
Central Coast (3)	Boise (9)
Bodega Bay (6)	Laguna Pageant (8)
VA – Patriots (9)	Capitol Reef (6)

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